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1. Practice area: BPPS	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 7 to: 11 December	
3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping	4. Clients UNDP CO – Napoleon Navarro (DCD), Chhum Sovanny (??), Moeko Saito-Jensen (Programme Analyst), Ngin Navirak (SGP NC)  PMU – HE Chea Sam Ang (NPD), Anupam Bhatia (CTA), Sovanna Nhem (Manager), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator)
5. Purpose of mission To support the review of the draft CBR+ Country Plan during the national validation workshop and CBR+ NSC meeting, and facilitate the Gender Group meeting	6. Documents, materials, resources
7. Mission members Celina Yong	8. Costs UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

*9.a Background*

In August 2014, the REDD+ Taskforce in Cambodia established a small and time-bound Gender Group with two functions: 1) to build awareness about gender and women’s empowerment concepts and issues among members of the REDD+ Taskforce, Consultation Group and Technical Teams; and 2) to advise on gender in components of the National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) and subsequent implementation guidelines as they are prepared. In total, there are 4 members of the Cambodia REDD+ Gender Group, who come from the following four related institutions: Forestry Administration (FA) (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries); Fisheries Administration (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries); Ministry of Environment (MoE); and Ministry of Women’s Affairs (MoWA).

Cambodia is one of six pilot countries for Community-Based REDD+ (CBR+), a collaboration between UN-REDD Programme and the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP). CBR+ is introduced for the main objective of enabling local communities to contribute to the national development of REDD+. In September 2014, the CBR+ National Steering Committee (NSC) selected the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) to further develop the Country Plan (CP), based on a zero draft initially developed by the UNDP/UN-REDD and SGP. In November 2014, RUPP conducted 3 regional consultations, and 3 meetings with community-based organisations: community fisheries (CFi), community forestry (CF), and community protected areas (CPA). A national validation workshop was held on 8 December 2014, followed by the CBR+ NSC meeting on 11 December, both in Phnom Penh.

*9.b Main Findings*

- CBR+
  - Since the CP is the cornerstone document for the disbursement of CBR+ grants, the CBR+ NSC selected RUPP based on a belief that the academic institution would be able to produce a strong document that is premised on broad-based, robust participatory methodologies. The resulting draft CP, however, was relatively weak, with little indication of how the results would contribute and enhance the national objectives of REDD+, and broader national development goals.
  - The CBR+ NSC approved a no-cost 6-week extension, ending 31 January 2015 for RUPP’s contract. To ensure the CP is strategically positioned to deliver clear impacts to the communities and national REDD+ policies, they strongly requested the institution to undertake further consultations with key REDD+ experts. The revised draft will be presented to the NSC, at a meeting tentatively scheduled for end of January 2015.

- During the national validation workshop, community-based organisations (CBOs) made a strong case for them to receive the grants, vis-à-vis NGOs. Based on SGP's experience, CBOs will require more capacity building and continuous support during the duration of the grant.
- It was proposed that a separate grant proposal template be developed for CBOs. It is meant to be simpler, contains more visual cues, and be easier to monitor.
- A two-day capacity development workshop for NGOs and CBOs is expected to take place in February, coinciding with the call for proposals, subject to the approval of the CP. Between 12 to 15 grants will be selected by the NSC before the end of March 2015.
- Gender Group
  - Following from the gender mainstreaming training workshop in November, GG members from FA and MoWA revised the key messages and outline of the presentation for awareness raising. A draft presentation will be prepared by the member from MoWA and circulated for comments by end of December.
  - Theorising that the GG is additional responsibility, member from FA proposed to invite each agency represented in the GG to nominate 2 alternate members. This was seen as a possible solution to encourage participation from Fisheries Administration and MoE. The meeting however, recognised the importance of demonstrating their contribution before requesting for alternates, followed by ensuring consistent communication between the nominated and alternate members.

9.d Expected Outputs

- Checklist with key questions to guide review of the draft NRS
- CBR+ grant proposal template for CBOs

10. Key counterparts

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11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Develop checklist to help guide review of draft NRS	Beth	End December
Develop and circulate draft CBR+ grant proposal template for CBOs	Ngin Navirak	January 2015

12. Distribution list

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