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1. Practice area: BPPS

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 29 to: 30 January

3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping

4. Clients

UNDP CO – Napoleon Navarro (DCD), Chhum Sovanny (Programme Analyst), Moeko Saito-Jensen (Programme Analyst), Ngim 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 approval of the CBR+ Country Plan during the CBR+ NSC 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

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. RUPP has revised the CP based on feedback from NSC members. The CBR+ NSC meeting on 30 January approved the revised CP.

9.b Main Findings

- CBR+
 - CBR+ NSC approved the revised CP with the following key conditions:
 - Add a risk log; and
 - Revise indicators of all outcomes to link better with REDD+ policies, in order to inform and influence national policy processes.
 - NSC members were keen to ensure CBR+ lessons and challenges are reflected in the national REDD+ strategy and its implementation. This was a response to initial concern that the draft national REDD+ strategy has proceeded prior to CBR+.
 - In an effort to ensure stronger linkage between CBR+ and the national REDD+ programme, NSC members requested the Programme to provide training prior to the selection of CBR+ proposals. In a separate discussion, Chun Delux was identified as a potential resource, given his role in developing the draft national REDD+ strategy.
 - Once the grants are selected, the grantees should be introduced to Cambodia REDD+ program communications materials and their key messages, to be conducted by the Communications Officer in the PMU.
 - Upcoming plans for CBR+ are:
 - Disseminate call for proposals for CBR+ grants (1st week of February);
 - Conduct stakeholder workshops to local NGOs, CBOs, IP to disseminate CBR+ CP and provide proposal writing training (2nd week of February);
 - Deadline for CBR+ proposal submission (28 February);
 - Shortlist of CBR+ proposal (1st week of March);

- Approval of shortlist (2nd week of March);
- CBR+ project field and desk appraisals (2nd to 3rd week of March);
- Approve CBR+ projects (4th week of March);
- CBR+ MoA signing (4th week of March – 1st week of April);
- Orientation for CBR+ grantees (1st week of April);
- Implementation of CBR+ (2nd to 3rd week of April);
- CBR+ monitoring and evaluation (June to December 2015)

- Other issues

- To clarify the next steps for work on GRM, it was agreed with Moeko that regional and global colleagues will develop the initial concept note, with work plan for 2015. In subsequent discussions with the CTA, he stated his hesitation to the viability of drafting and testing prakas, but agreed to provide his comments to the concept note.
- Regarding disbursing cash advance for training events funded by 2 TS, CO procurement unit will consider advice from Dina. Since the vacancy for a financial and procurement officer has not been filled, it was discussed to seek permission from the Nhem Sovanna for the assistant financial and procurement officer to allocate his time for financially-related work.

9.d Expected Outputs

- Edited CBR+ CP
- Concept note for GRM

10. Key counterparts

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11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Edit revised CBR+ CP based on NSC's comments	Celina	Upon availability of final CBR+ CP
Develop concept note for GRM	Celina and Jen Laughlin	End of February 2015

12. Distribution list

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