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1. Practice area: BDP/EEG	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: 28 to: 30 May	
3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping	4. Clients UNDP CO – Moeko Saito-Jensen  PMU – HE Chea Sam Ang (National Programme Director), Tim Boyle (Interim CTA), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Heang Thy (Communications Officer)
5. Purpose of mission To assist the RTS to ensure the CG functions effectively; to initiate nominations from CG members representing CSO and IP to be CBR+ NSC members; and to support the development of a Gender Team Action Plan.	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*

The REDD+ Consultation Group (CG), established through a self-selection process in August 2013, was designed as a platform to represent and provide civil society input to the REDD+ Taskforce (TF) in the development and implementation of a national REDD+ strategy. It has faced challenges in galvanising collective feedback from each of the stakeholder groups, thereby impairing its ability to provide substantive feedback to the TF. Progress has been made in developing a Consultation and Participation Plan that includes information flow and feedback mechanisms for each of these groups.

Cambodia is one of the pilot countries for Community-Based REDD+ (CBR+). Among the first steps is the formation of a CBR+ national Steering Committee (NSC) that will consist of a representative each from government agencies, CSO and IP.

The TF has agreed to establish a Gender Team, and work is underway to finalise a concept note that includes an action plan.

*9.b Main Findings*

- CG
  - The 6<sup>th</sup> CG meeting on 30 May finally saw CG members starting to provide substantive comments to the TF’s upcoming meeting on 6 June 2014. However, there are still challenges ensuring these comments are representative of each constituents. Nonetheless, there was consensus to test the proposed information flow and feedback mechanisms, starting with a smaller group to be expanded to each full constituents in the near future. The REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (RTS) will review the budget to identify available funds to support the operational costs of the CG.
  - The Chair of the CG will submit a formal request to the NPD, requesting for incentives for the executive members of the CG: Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary, as well as CG members. This was to recognise the roles and responsibilities of the CG.
  - The CG deliberated and agreed on the contents of a handbook of internal rules and responsibilities.
  
- CBR+ NSC members
  - Upon discussion between the IP CG members, Chheut Chhorn agreed to be a NSC member.
  - Va Moeurn, as a national NGO (NNGO) representative, will coordinate a discussion between NNGO and CSO members to select a suitable member. However, most of the members of these 2 stakeholder groups are currently recipients of SGP grants, and may not wish to take on this position as it bars their organisations from submitting grant proposals for CBR+.
  - SGP and the Programme should explore alternative options in case this poses a great challenge.

- Gender Team Action Plan
  - A revised draft of the concept note and action plan will be submitted to the NPD in time for the TF meeting on 6 June.
  - One of the additional activities proposed for the Gender Team is to review the monitoring, evaluating and reporting frameworks of the Programme and FCPF to strengthen gender components and women's inclusion.
- IP PEB representative
  - Nok Ven made a series of statements related to IP during the 7<sup>th</sup> PEB meeting. The meeting had requested him to submit these statements formally in writing in order for the Secretariat to prepare an official response.
  - To date, and in spite of repeated requests, these statements have not been submitted. Furthermore, he has informally requested the Secretariat to help him write these statements, a request which has been turned down, and should continue to be so.
  - The NPD had agreed to Nok Ven's request for support in conducting awareness raising for the IPs and strengthen existing IP networks. With the help of the Secretariat, he will prepare a concept note to submit to the NPD for approval.

*9.c Bilateral Discussions*

- Moeko Saito-Jensen, CO and Ngin Navirak, SGP
  - Mutually agreed that the CBR+ Action Plan can draw up preferential criteria for women, IP and forest-dependent communities to submit their grant proposals.
  - Highlighted it is possible for SGP to work closely with communities to either prepare or strengthen a proposal for submission. However, these communities often possess low capacity to manage the process from design to implementation to monitoring.
  - While MoE had nominated a representative for the NSC, the Forestry Administration (FA) is still deciding between 2 potential representatives. Navirak will follow up personally with FA.
- Sokchea, RECOFTC Cambodia
  - Requested RECOFTC Cambodia to revise Consultation and Participation Plan to reflect feedback/views from the CG meeting. This should include a flowchart of how the IF&FM process run for the CG overall, and for each of the 9 stakeholder groups.
  - Databases for each of the constituents should be finalized and be divided into 'Who they know and can start contacting immediately for feedback', and 'Remaining members that need to be gradually included in the IF & FM process'.
  - Submit a financial report of expenditure.

*9.d Expected Outputs*

- Finalised handbook of internal rules and responsibilities for the CG;
- Endorsed concept note with action plan for the Gender Team; and
- CBR+ NSC members to guide the CBR+ process.

10. Key counterparts

- UNDP CO – Moeko Saito Jensen, Ngin Navirak
- PMU – HE Chea Sam Ang (NPD), Tim Boyle (Interim CTA), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Thy Heang (Communications Officer)

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Prepare a response to IP PEB member statements	Celina/Heang/Kimhy	2 weeks after receiving written statements
Review IP awareness raising concept note	Celina	1 week upon receiving concept note
Prepare short brief on REDD+ priority areas for CBR+ Action Plan	Celina / Moeko	13 June

12. Distribution list

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