



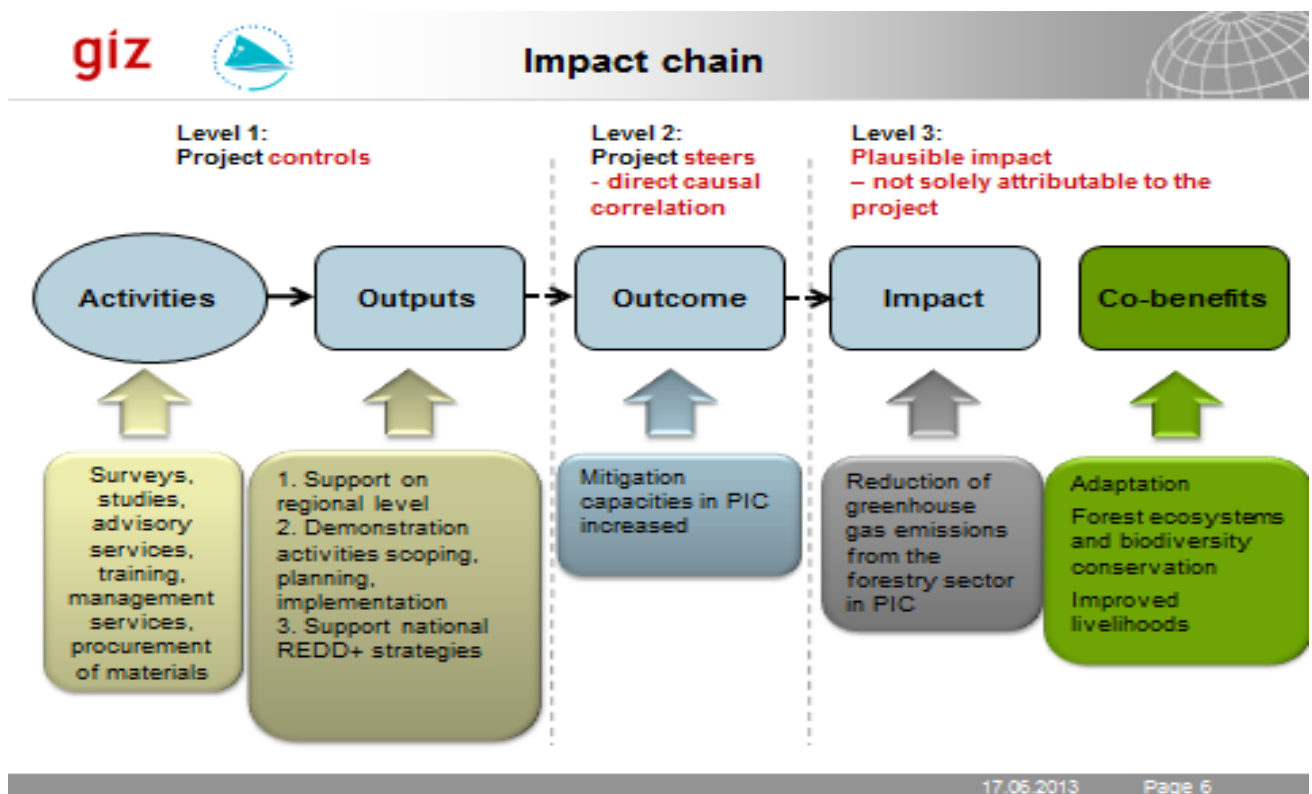
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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME- Sub-Office, Solomon Islands			<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mission Report</h2> <p>Course Title: SPC/GIZ Regional REDD+ Exchange and Planning Workshop Dates: 3-5 June 2013 Venue: Novotel Hotel, Lami, Fiji <i>(Course Title, Dates and Venue)</i></p>
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From: (Inclusive Travel Dates) To: 3 rd – 8 th June 2013			Other mission members: Gloria Suluia
<p><u>Objective of the Workshop:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current work program for the SPC-GIZ Pacific Regional Project on Climate Protection through Forest Conservation. 2. Exchange of knowledge and lessons learned for National REDD+ Readiness Programmes 3. Develop and Design follow on project for the SPC-GIZ Regional REDD+ Programme. 			
<p><u>Purpose/Objective of Mission:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SOI UNREDD Programme present its current progress and lessons learned from its implementation. 2. Discussion of the potential for collaboration and strengthening coordination at the national level on the UNREDD Programme and SPC-GIZ REDD+ related activities. 3. Provide inputs in the development of a follow on project for the SPC-GIZ regional REDD+ Project. 4. Further consultations with regional organisations such SPC, SOPAC and SPREP on REDD+ and Climate Change activities in the country and the broader pacific region. 			
<p><u>Workshop Outcomes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All countries are at different phases in their REDD+ Readiness Process 2. Addressing land issues and carbon rights remains important for REDD+ in many of the pacific island countries in particular in Melanesia. 3. Coordination at the national level with relevant agencies remains an important component of the REDD+ Readiness process. 			



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4. Solomon Islands needs to undertake national driven pilot activities for REDD+ with a view of bringing reform to the forestry sector and increasing its sustainable development credentials.
5. The “Climate Protection through Forest Conservation in Pacific Island Countries” has three main components, namely: the Pacific Regional REDD+ Policy Framework, the REDD+ information and support platform and the REDD+ readiness implementation in the Melanesian countries, including Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
6. SPC-GIZ project has the potential to make an impact in the country using the national guidelines developed under the UNREDD Programme.
7. Established important network with regional people/organizations working on similar programme/projects within the region.
8. Development of draft activities for a follow on project for the SPC-GIZ Regional REDD+ Programme.
9. The following is the impact chain for SP-GIZ REDD+ Regional Initiative.



Lessons Learned

1. The need for a coordinated approach by international, regional and national agencies in the implementation of REDD+ activities.
2. Empowering the national government to enable it effectively participate in REDD+ activity both at the national and community level. Training and awareness activities need to be organized for respective government agencies.
3. The need for a national approach in undertaking REDD+ Pilot activities in Solomon Islands.
4. The potential for REDD+ to drive a sustainable forestry sector in Solomon Islands.
5. The SPC-GIZ regional project needs to be coordinated through the relevant government agencies through a formalized partnership process.



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6. Solomon Islands National REDD+ Roadmap needs to reflect the Pacific Regional REDD+ Policy Framework.
7. The need to regulate the use of forest carbon rights whilst enabling the customary landowners to benefit from the programme while maintaining the nature of their customary land tenure and traditional connection with the land.
8. The sharing of expertise, information and lessons learned which can be facilitated through a regional agency like SPC.
9. The need to have a clear definition of forest carbon stocks and the link to the rights associated with the resources that store the carbon and the land where those resources reside.

Best Practices Learned

1. UNREDD Programme to provide updated information to the SPC-GIZ Regional Programme to strengthen information sharing and collaboration.
2. Government commitment to the REDD+ Programme needs to be tangible to sustain its continuity.
3. National Coordination of REDD+ activities need to be strengthened where NGOs are involved to ensure that there is a harmonized understanding and needed capacity are being developed.

Next Steps/Action Plan

1. Draft activities developed during the workshop for a follow on project for the SPC-GIZ Regional REDD+ Programme will be tabled for endorsement at an upcoming high level meeting scheduled for September 2013.
2. Ongoing collaboration with SPC/GIZ on the future management of the SOI UN REDD website particularly after the life of the project.

Distribution List

Any Other Comments

I (Gloria Suluia) wish to sincerely thank the UNDP Sub-Office Management team particularly my supervisor, Mr Jude Devesi, for providing me with the opportunity to attend this regional REDD workshop. Grateful for the opportunity to learn more about REDD+.

Signature:

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