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Knowledge Exchange Day  
Session 7: Social Inclusion and REDD+

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San Jose, Costa Rica

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# Background information on REDD+ Gender Group



In August 2014, the REDD+ Taskforce in Cambodia established this small and time-bound Gender Group. The group consists of 4 members & alternates, who come from the following four related institutions:

- Forestry Administration (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries);
- Fisheries Administration (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries);
- Ministry of Environment;
- Ministry of Women's Affairs.

After having delivered the outputs described below, it is currently planned to disband the Gender Group at the end of December 2015.



# Rationale for Creating the Gender Group



Gender Group was formed to help:

- Address barriers that prevented government institutions to effectively implement Cambodia's gender-related policies in forestry and other natural resources management sectors.
- Implement some key recommendations from an assessment undertaken in 2013 by the UN-REDD Programme, USAID LEAF and WOCAN on women's inclusion in REDD+.
- Address these identified gender gaps and barriers in a cost-effective and efficient manner within Cambodia's REDD+ work.



# Outputs



Under the management of the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (RTS), the outputs of the Gender Group focus on the following:

- Build awareness about gender and women's empowerment concepts and issues among members of the Taskforce, Consultation Group and Technical Teams; and
- Advise on gender in components of the National REDD+ Strategy and subsequent implementation guidelines as they are prepared.



# Supportive Frameworks



At the request of the Gender Group, supportive tools and processes have also been undertaken to help guide their work. For example:

- Internal capacity training on gender and REDD+: In November 2014, an internal training was given to them to build their capacity on the intersection of gender equality, women's empowerment and REDD+
- Development of a Gender Checklist: UN-REDD regional and global teams developed a gender checklist to be used as a tool, to help guide the Gender Groups' review of draft National REDD+ Strategy
  - Gender Group shared and tested the Gender Checklist with the Consultation Group and Technical Teams during the gender and REDD+ workshops



# Progress & Key Results



ATLAS Activity	Key Outputs/Results	Progress to date (by the end of Q3 2015)
<b>Activity 9 – Gender and Women’s participation</b>	v Women are effectively included into management of REDD+ Readiness process.	<p>§ GG was formed in August 2014 with 4 people from FA, MoE, MoWA, FiA</p> <p>§ GG alternates has been provided later (8 people/2 from each) to support GG</p> <p>§ GG organised 7 meetings and many discussions since established</p> <p>§ GG received training on Gender Concepts and REDD+ in November 2014</p> <p>§ GG provided training on Gender Concepts and REDD+ to Technical Teams in April and to Consultation Group in May 2015</p> <p>§ During the training, Gender Checklist was tested to verify gender issues in the draft NRS</p> <p>§ GG meeting to review and comment on NRS version 4 was conducted in September and during this meeting Gender Checklist final version was also used</p> <p>§ Formal letter from GG with enclosed list of comments has been send Taskforce.</p>

# Next Steps



As the Gender Group was created to be a time-bound entity, next steps now being explored on how to further promote gender in REDD+. Options under consideration include:

- Extend the mandate of the Gender Group beyond 2015, and review its membership and either maintain its government-only membership or expand to include civil society members
- Add gender experts and/or a representative from a women's or gender focused IP and/or civil society organization to the Consultation Group
- Advocate for the Ministry of Women Affairs to be a member of the REDD+ Taskforce or an equivalent decision-making body





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**Thank you so much for attention**

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