

# **REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet**

**COUNTRY: CAMBODIA**

**October 2012**

## **1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant**

- Cambodia has requested the United Nations Development Programme to act as Delivery Partner.
- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC3 (March 2011).
- Both the R-PP and UN-REDD National Programme document were prepared on the basis of a REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, and interventions in each document were harmonized to ensure collaboration in the provision of REDD+ readiness support. Subsequently the Government of Japan also provided funding for implementation of Roadmap elements not covered by UN-REDD or the FCPF.
- UNDP undertook a mission in late August to initiate its due diligence process, including the application of UNDP's Environmental and Social Screening process. Preparation of the R-PP Assessment Note has commenced.

## **2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements**

- The National REDD+ Task Force was established in August, 2012 and held its first meeting in September 2012. The Taskforce consists of senior officials from the Forestry Administration, Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Administration, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, and Ministry of Rural Development. The mandate of the Taskforce is to guide all REDD+ readiness activities in Cambodia
- The work of the Taskforce is supported by a Taskforce Secretariat, consisting of officials seconded from Forestry Administration and Ministry of Environment, and staff hired with funding from UN-REDD.
- Implementation of a comprehensive process of self-selection among CSOs and Indigenous Peoples' organizations was undertaken throughout 2012, culminating in the selection of representatives to participate in the UN-REDD Programme Executive Board, which is anticipated to constitute the FCPF Steering Committee (see below).

## **3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication**

- Most of the engagement processes have revolved around the selection of CSO and Indigenous Peoples' representatives to sit on the UN-REDD Programme Executive Board (PEB).
- An initial meeting was held in February, 2012, to discuss how to select CSO and IP representatives, and was combined with a workshop to raise awareness on REDD+.
- An NGO Forum meets regularly to share information on REDD+ readiness, and has organized provincial awareness raising workshops which have also served to disseminate information on the CSO and IP engagement and representative selection process.
- A three-day workshop was held at the end of September during which CSO groups and Indigenous Peoples' organizations selected representatives based on criteria developed over a period of 7 months and nominations received from throughout the country.
- Preparations are complete to prepare a Khmer language version of the Global Canopy Programme's REDD+ introductory video; production is expected to be completed by mid November.

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### **4. REDD Strategy Preparation**

- The REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, prepared in 2010, remains the basis for planning and coordination of all interventions on REDD+ readiness, including the formulation of a National REDD+ Strategy.
- Development of National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan is being initiated.
- Development of strategies for other forest types (production forest, flooded forests and mangrove areas) will be initiated early in 2013.
- The REDD+ Readiness Roadmap was well referenced in Cambodia's report for Rio+20 and can also be linked to Cambodia's Green Growth Roadmap, prepared with support from UN DESA

### **5. Implementation Framework**

- Free, prior and informed consent has been applied at one demonstration project site; lessons will be used to develop national guidelines.
- A preliminary study has been undertaken on issues to be addressed in the design of a benefit-/revenue-sharing mechanism from REDD+ revenue.
- A Technical Working Group on benefit sharing will be established in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012.
- Mapping of multiple forest benefits has been undertaken to facilitate REDD+ planning and integration of REDD+ with socio-economic development planning.

### **6. SESA**

- UNDP's social and environmental screening tool has been used to identify potential social and environmental risks
- ToRs for SESA have been drafted.
- Validation workshop for SESA TOR to be held upon initial disbursement of the R-PP Implementation Grant.
- TOR have been adjusted to reflect latest developments on mainstreaming SESA with other R-PP activities.
- The SESA will aim to identify and integrate the key environmental, social, legal and policy dimensions into the REDD + Strategy

### **7. Development of a Reference Scenario**

- Data available: satellite imagery and permanent plot data from 1998, 2004 and 2010.
- Reference scenario would be a combination of historical data and future projections
- Preliminary training activities in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012.

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### **8. MRV**

- The MRV system will be based on assessment of forest area change through the use of both satellite imagery to estimate forest cover and field research on carbon pools in different forest types as well as through ground truthing and surveys. .
- MRV Roadmap under development with inputs from a newly-established MRV/REL Technical Team and local and international experts.
- A training workshop was held in September 2012, for governmental officers, NGO practitioners, representatives from community organisations, members of academia and the research community, representatives from advocacy groups, students, social and rural extension workers, journalists, and private sector entrepreneurs to enhance understanding on the REDD+ mechanism, including the design of a forest monitoring system for REDD+

### **9. Other**

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