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National Programme Semi-Annual Update Cambodia

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1. National Programme Status

1.1 National Programme Identification

Please identify the National Programme by completing the information requested below. The Government Counterpart and the designated National Programme focal points of the participating UN organisations will also provide their electronic signature below, prior to submission to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat.

Country: Cambodia
Title of programme:
UN-REDD National Programme

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Implementing partners:

- Forestry Administration (FA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP), Ministry of Environment (MoE)
- Fishery Administration (FiA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

1.2 Monitoring Framework

Outcome 1: Effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the Roadmap principles

Progress towards outcome: Significant progress has been made on Outcome 1: The Taskforce has been formed with representatives from key ministries and began the first of its regular meetings in November 2013. Activities of the Taskforce include national technical meetings, seminars, workshops, and forums on increased understanding of REDD+ and contribute to development of a REDD+ framework. The Taskforce has also been involved with REDD+ strategy development and has organized five meetings on REDD+ strategy development. In addition a study tour for Taskforce members was arranged to REDD+ projects in Vietnam to enable them to gain an improved understanding of different approaches to REDD+ and to enhance their capacity.

A Voluntary Facilitation Committee was formed to support selection of members to the Consultation Group and 18 members was elected by each of the nine constituencies at a national workshop held in August 2013. A special process for IP representative selection was conducted in 15 provinces with each province sending its representative for final selection at the National level. Following the selection, all Consultation Group members, including IP representatives, have been provided training on REDD+ concepts and six meetings have been organized to on eliciting inputs to the REDD+ framework development. In addition Consultation Group members have facilitated consultative meetings on REDD+ Benefit sharing and Safeguards at the provincial level jointly with the Technical Teams.

All the four Technical Teams were established in 2013 and have been functioning since early 2014. All these Teams have been provided with technical orientation and concepts on REDD+ that are relevant to their tasks and roles. The Safeguards and Demonstration Technical teams have made a field visit to a REDD+ pilot project to enhance orientation on practical implementation. Each team is now adept at managing its team meetings, workplan and contributes to technical elements of the National REDD+ strategy.

The Cambodia REDD+ Website was launched in May 2013 and a Communication Strategy has been developed and approved. A Photo Contest and Concert was organized in December 2013 at which event REDD+ extension materials were distributed. A review group was established to review existing communication material on REDD+ in order to identify gaps, and make recommendations for improvements. A survey among stakeholders on their level of awareness of REDD+ was undertaken. The UN-REDD programme activities and its achievements have been uploaded in the UN-REDD workspace. REDD+ outreach material such as: a video on introduction to REDD+; REDD+ glossary; booklet on COP decisions; brochure on REDD; and, five editions of the REDD+ Cambodia quarterly newsletter in English and Khmer has been produced.

Eight training events on REDD+ concepts have been organized for the Consultation Group, Technical Teams, Indigenous Peoples, and representatives of Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, Community Protected Areas, NGOs and staff from key forestry sector institutions. These events were attended by 333 participants. Ten pool trainers were selected and facilitated training at the provincial level.

Expected Results (Output 1.1): Taskforce officially established

Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of 2013, the TF has met on at least on 2 occasions and has established rules of procedure and working process. 2. By the end of the Programme, the TF has made policy decisions related to key elements of a national REDD+ system, including a safeguards system, BDS, NFMS, etc. 3. The Consultation Group is formed by the end of August 2013. 4. By the end of the Programme, all members of the Consultation Group consider that the TF has taken account of advice from the Consultation Group. 5. All Technical Teams are established by the end of September, 2013. 6. By the end of the Programme, all TTs have provided regular technical advice to the TF/CG.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - Only interim Taskforce, no Consultation Group or Technical Teams were established
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	
Expected annual Target: Regular Taskforce monthly meetings (3 meetings per quarter). Training of Taskforce (1 training per year.)	Achievement of Annual Target Three Taskforce meetings were held in the last six months. Taskforce agenda included review of progress of REDD+ Implementation and an assessment of progress including review of workplans. The Taskforce also provided inputs to the National REDD+ Strategy, Forest Definition, and National Forest Monitoring System. The Taskforce has recommended a further study to refine the REDD+ Fund Mechanism Option. The Task force also initiated a process of strengthening and mainstreaming gender aspects in the REDD+ process by setting up a REDD+ Gender Group. A concept note, Terms of Reference, and workplan has been approved. A study tour of the Taskforce was organized in January 2014 to Vietnam to share experiences related to the REDD+ Readiness Preparation process.
Expected Results (Output 1.2): Support to National REDD+ Readiness process	
Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All TF, CG and TT meetings are organized effectively and efficiently. 2. By the end of the Programme, at least 80% of the members of the TF, CG and TTs confirm satisfaction with the role played by the Secretariat. 3. By the end of the Programme, other initiatives (e.g., Cam-REDD, LEAF) confirm that the Secretariat has supported the broader REDD+ readiness process in Cambodia.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - Secretariat formed but the staffing is not complete by beginning of 2013; - No national REDD+ readiness bodies established at the beginning of 2013.
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	

<p>Expected annual Target</p> <p>Effective operations of Secretariat.</p> <p>Regular meetings of PEB.</p> <p>International capacity building for Secretariat and Technical Teams.</p> <p>Training for Secretariat and technical teams.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target</p> <p>Secretariat has regularly coordinated for the implementation of UN-REDD programme activities and other REDD+ supported frameworks in Cambodia. The 4 REDD+ Technical Team (Benefit Sharing, Safeguards, Demonstration and MRV) meetings were regularly organized to review workplan and activities for their team contribution to the development of Cambodia National REDD+ Strategy.</p> <p>As defined in the ToR of the PEB, the 7th PEB meeting was held in April 2014. The PEB approved the annual work plans and budget for the UN-REDD and the FCPF projects. The PEB also approved the revised structure for the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat and FCPF project.</p> <p>Two senior staff of the Forestry Administration were supported to attend the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network – Forestry and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC) Policy Exchange conference that was held in January 2014 in Australia and New Zealand. One senior staff of GDANCP was provided support to attend the Climate Change and Sustainable Development and Natural Resource Management and Forestry Workshop that was held in March 2014 in Belgium. The project also supported the participation of one FA and one RTS support staff to attend the conference on Women’s Inclusion for Sustainable Forest and Climate Change: What works? In March 2014 in Thailand.</p> <p>Field visit to Seima REDD+ pilot project was organized for Safeguards and Demonstration teams to enhance capacity of the team on field implementation.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 1.3): Stakeholders are engaged in the REDD+ Readiness process</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<p>1. A survey conducted near the end of the Programme reveals that, averaged across nine stakeholder groups¹, at least 67% of members of stakeholder groups represented on the CG confirm that their views on policy decisions considered by the Taskforce are effectively communicated to the Taskforce.</p>
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No effective stakeholder engagement at the beginning of the programme; considerable investment in CG selection during the first 18 months of the programme.
<p style="text-align: center;">Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</p>	

¹ The nine stakeholder groups are: Academia, Private Sector, International NGOs, National NGOs, CSOs, IPs, Community Forests, Community Fisheries, Community Protected Areas

<p>Expected annual Target Support to civil society groups to engage on specific technical area.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Three Consultation Group meetings were held during the last six months. Agenda items in the meetings included agreement on roles and responsibilities of the CG and on information flow and feedback mechanisms with the nine constituent groups. The Consultation Group reviewed outputs from the Taskforce and provided inputs as appropriate. Twelve Consultation Group members have been nominated and are regular participants in Technical Team meetings. All the 18 members attended the national meeting on REDD+ Benefit Sharing and three CG members are part of the Benefit Sharing Technical Team. Three CG members were active participants in the ten provincial level consultations held on Benefit sharing through March-April 2014. In addition six CG members have been nominated to the Safeguards and Demonstration Technical Teams and participated in the study tour to Seima REDD+ pilot project in May 2014.</p> <p>A major new development is the establishment of a “gender team”, whose mandate includes capacity building of the Taskforce, Consultation Group, and Technical Teams, and review of components of the National REDD+ Strategy as it emerges. A request for Targeted Support to cover the costs of the gender team has been approved.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 1.4): Stakeholders provided with access to information on REDD+ and the National REDD+ Readiness process</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<p>1. A survey conducted near the end of the Programme reveals that all members of the CG confirm that they have access to the necessary information on REDD+. A survey conducted near the end of the Programme reveals that, averaged across nine stakeholder groups, at least 67% of members of stakeholder groups represented on the CG are able to outline key features of REDD+.</p>
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - Information available assumed to be minimal at start of the programme; a survey at the CG selection workshop will establish level of awareness.</p>
<p>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</p>	

Expected annual Target	Achievement of Annual Target
Maintenance of website.	Target achieved. The Cambodia REDD+ Website is updated regularly. The UN-REDD programme activities and its achievements have been uploaded to the UN-REDD workspace.
Development of consultation and participation plan.	To strengthen awareness raising and enhance participation a Consultation and Participation Plan has been developed. A follow up workshop on Awareness Raising and the Consultation and Participation Plan has been planned.
Development of awareness raising materials, tools, and outreach.	The Communication Strategy for Cambodia REDD+ programme was finalized. Three editions of the REDD+ Newsletter were published. A booklet that summarizes COP decisions was produced, and, a REDD+ glossary is being translated to Khmer. To elicit feedback of the four Technical Teams to drafts of REDD+ extension material a two-day workshop was organized in July 2014. This forum brought together all the Technical Teams, selected INGOs, FA and GDANCP and secretariat staff. The feedback on planned multi-media extension material that includes posters, brochures, video, TV, and radio programmes will enable production of quality and relevant products for dissemination to stakeholders.
Awareness raising events for key groups within government and outside.	Two National training events and six Provincial training events on REDD+ concepts were organized with a total of 333 participants from the REDD+ Consultation Group, REDD+ Technical Teams, Indigenous Peoples, Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, Community Protected Areas, INGOs and Government staff. Ten pool trainers were selected and facilitated six training events on REDD+ at the provincial level.
Outcome 2: Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework.	
<p>Progress towards outcome: The three agencies of FA, GDANCP, and FiA have been involved in activities to identify relevant contributions to REDD+ implementation. The FA is implementing the project titled: Building the Awareness and Support of REDD+ among Forest-Dependent Communities in Siem Reap Province: Community level workshops were organized to present and share experiences and lessons learned from the field visit to Oddar Meanchey REDD+ project. A consultancy report on the results from the study tour and workshop has been submitted.</p> <p>The GDANCP is responsible for the project titled: Development of National Protected Areas Strategy Management Plan. Two national consultants and one international consultant have been recruited. Field assessments and sub-national consultative meetings on the current status and management of protected areas were conducted in June 2014 to protected areas in Northeast and Southwest regions.</p> <p>The FiA leads the project titled Conservation and Reforestation of Flooded Forest and Mangroves for Carbon emission prevention: Volunteers to protect flooded forests and mangroves conducted Regular patrols. Communities have been provided with technical assistance to produce seedlings for flooded forest and mangrove plantation. Local communities and local authorities have become aware of the role of flooded forest and mangrove in Carbon emission and retention. A five year implementation plan will be developed; deforested areas will be reforested, and, effective management system will be established</p>	

A planning workshop on Valuation of Forest Ecosystems and Costs and Benefits from REDD+ implementation in Cambodia was organized in April 2014 and had 33 participants. Reports on Valuation of Forest Ecosystem and Costs and Benefits from REDD+ Implementation in Cambodia and workshop proceeding have been produced. Multiple activities related to valuation and cost and benefits have been combined as one activity under Costs and Benefits of REDD+. A concept note on this activity was developed and two national consultants are being recruited for these activities with technical assistance from WCMC and UNEP.

The Benefit Sharing technical team in 10 provinces organized a one-day provincial consultative meeting on Benefit Sharing. A total of 516 participants from the provincial authority, Technical departments, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, ELCs and INGOs were invited to these consultations. Reports on these provincial meeting have been submitted to the RTS. A final report on REDD+ Benefit Sharing is being produced.

A report on the Assessment of Existing fund mechanisms was translated and shared with relevant institutions for comments. Summary findings of this assessment were presented at the fifth Taskforce meeting. The Taskforce has endorsed a further study to refine a proposal for REDD+ Fund. The concept notes for further development of a proposal for a National REDD+ Fund and ToR for national consultant were developed and UNDP global and regional advisors are providing technical assistance.

Building on the findings and recommendations of the REDD+ scoping mission in January 2013, a concept note for Design of a REDD+ grievance mechanism for Cambodia has been developed. A call for consultants is being announced.

A Preliminary Review of Safeguards for REDD+ in Cambodia has been undertaken and translated into Khmer .concept note for four Regional consultative meetings on Safeguards Preliminary Review was developed and a national consultant has been recruited. The consultations will be held through July-August 2014.

The Taskforce has endorsed the development of the National REDD+ strategy. A consultant has been recruited, workplan and timeline for developing the strategy has been endorsed and the broad content has been shared for inputs with technical teams and related professionals.

Expected Results (Output 2.1): Development of individual REDD+ strategies and implementation modalities

Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By June 2014, draft strategy proposals have been developed for forests under the administration of FA, GDANCP, and FiA 2. By the end of the programme, these draft strategies have been adopted and incorporated into an initial draft of a National REDD+ Strategy 3. A survey conducted near the end of the programme reveals that at least 50% of professional staff of FA, GDANCP, and FiA considers that their agencies have adequate capacities to plan and implement REDD+ actions.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> Draft REDD+ Strategy in Roadmap
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	

<p>Expected annual Target Support to the Implementation of the NFP: Capacity building for community forest networks.</p> <p>Development of National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan.</p> <p>Investigation on how the REDD+ can Support management of flooded forests and mangrove Areas managed by Fisheries Administration under the Strategic Planning Framework on Fisheries.</p> <p>Support to national strategy development: outline of National REDD+ Strategy.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target The FA is implementing the project titled: Building the Awareness and Support of REDD+ among Forest-Dependent Communities in Siem Reap Province: Community level workshops were organized to present and share experiences and lessons learned from the field visit to Oddar Meanchey REDD+ project. A consultancy report on the results from the study tour and workshop has been submitted. A Baseline survey on the awareness level of stakeholders has been undertaken. Consultative meetings to discuss REDD+ institutional arrangements and other issues were held. A consultative meeting was held with relevant stakeholders and a report was developed. The initiative was extended to 30 September 2014. Key outputs for this no-cost extension include: Production of e extension materials, report of the outcome of the validation meeting with communities, proceeding of the workshop on lessons learned, draft policy notes, and a project terminal report.</p> <p>GDANCP is responsible for the project titled: Development of National Protected Areas Strategy Management Plan. Two national consultants and one international consultant have been recruited. Field assessments and sub-national consultative meetings on the current status and management of protected areas were conducted in June 2014 to protected areas in Northeast and Southwest regions.</p> <p>The FiA leads the project titled Conservation and Reforestation of Flooded Forest and Mangroves for Carbon emission prevention: Volunteers to protect flooded forests and mangroves conducted Regular patrols. Communities have been provided with technical assistance to produce seedlings for flooded forest and mangrove plantation. Local communities and local authorities have become aware of the role of flooded forest and mangrove in Carbon emission and retention. A five-year implementation plan will be developed; deforested areas will be reforested, and, effective management system will be established.</p> <p>The Taskforce has endorsed the development of the National REDD+ strategy. A consultant has been recruited, workplan and timeline for developing the strategy has been endorsed and the broad content has been shared for inputs with technical teams and related professionals.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 2.2): Evaluation of co-benefits</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By September 2014, 50% of professional staff of FA, GDANCP, and FiA is able to describe the relative values of forests under different management regimes. 2. By June 2014, 75% of key decision makers in line agencies and all members of the TF and CG are able to give an estimate of the costs of implementing REDD+ activities versus other land use options.
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> UNEP-WCMC co-benefits report</p>
<p>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</p>	

<p>Expected annual Target Initial analysis of valuation of the multiple benefits of standing forests under the management strategies.</p> <p>Further valuation analysis and economic assessment of local benefits and cost of REDD+ implementation.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target</p> <p>A planning workshop on Valuation of Forest Ecosystems and Costs and Benefits from REDD+ implementation in Cambodia was organized in April 2014 and had 33 participants.. Reports on Valuation of Forest Ecosystem and Costs and Benefits from REDD+ Implementation in Cambodia and workshop proceeding have been produced. Multiple activities related to valuation and cost and benefits have been combined as one activity under Costs and Benefits of REDD+.. A concept note on this activity was developed and two national consultants are being recruited for these activities with technical assistance from WCMC and UNEP.</p> <p>A follow-on activity has been initiated, aiming for further study on the valuation of forests under different management regimes, along with estimates of the costs of implementing REDD+ activities versus other land use options. Concept note of this activity has been developed and two national consultants are being recruited and will be provided with technical assistance from WCMC and UNEP.</p> <p>An internal project planning meeting was held at UNEP-WCMC, work plans developed, and staff assigned to the work. To initiate project activity UNEP-WCMC staff then had a meeting in Cambridge with a university researcher working on REDD+ in Cambodia to discuss the literature available on implementation and opportunity costs. Simultaneously, work has been initiated on a GIS tool to explore costs and benefits in more detail (i.e. spatially), in two provinces in Cambodia.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 2.3): REDD+ Funding Mechanisms and Revenue-sharing</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of 2013, a policy brief on revenue sharing and benefit distribution has been approved by the TF. 2. By March 2014, options for revenue sharing and benefit distribution have been produced for broad consultation. 3. By the end of the Programme, proposals for revenue sharing and benefit distribution have been produced based on results of broad stakeholder consultation.
<p>Baseline:</p>	<p>Baseline for all indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefit distribution process identified in existing pilot projects.
<p>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</p>	

<p>Expected annual Target Assessment of existing benefit sharing models including initial proposals for benefit sharing approaches.</p> <p>Sub-national consultation on BDS options.</p> <p>Development of preferred options - with relevance to NFP and Protected Area planning.</p> <p>Assessment of existing funding mechanisms within Cambodia and potential for use within the framework for REDD+.</p> <p>Development of framework for implementation of fund mechanisms.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target A National meeting on assessment of existing benefit sharing distribution models used in Cambodia and in other countries was organized in February 2014. The 47 participants represented the Taskforce, Forestry Administration, GDANCP, Fisheries Administration, Consultation Group, Ministries of Interior, Rural Development, Mines and Energy, Economy and Finance and Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, UN Agencies, and Development Partners.</p> <p>The Benefit Sharing technical team organized provincial consultative meetings on Benefit Sharing in 10 provinces. A total of 516 participants from provincial authorities, technical departments, Indigenous Peoples, communities, ELCs and INGOs were invited for these consultations. Reports on provincial consultative meetings were submitted to RTS. Final report on REDD+ Benefit Sharing is being produced.</p> <p>A concept note and ToR for the development of preferred options for benefit sharing has been developed and approved. A national consultant has been contracted by the Secretariat. Consultation meeting at sub national level planned to start from late February 2014.</p> <p>An assessment of existing fund mechanisms in Cambodia was conducted. A national meeting to discuss the results was organized in January 2014 with 55 participants from the Taskforce, Consultation Group, UN Agencies, Development Partners, GDANCP, Forestry Administration, Fisheries Administration, MoI, MRD, MME, MEF and MLMUC. The report on the Assessment of Existing fund mechanisms was translated and shared with relevant institutions for comments. Summary findings of this assessment were presented at the fifth Taskforce meeting.</p> <p>The Taskforce has endorsed a further study to refine a proposal for REDD+ Fund. The concept note for further development of a proposal for a National REDD+ Fund and ToR for national consultant was developed and UNDP global and regional advisors are providing technical assistance.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 2.5): Policy and legal development for the National REDD+ implementation framework (Note: This Output has been dropped)</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<p>1. ..</p>
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u></p>
<p>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</p>	
<p>Expected annual Target Assessment of options for linking subnational and national implementation (legal aspects) and conflict management and resolution mechanisms.</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Building on the findings and recommendations of the REDD+ grievance-scoping mission in January 2013, a concept note for Design of a REDD+ grievance mechanism for Cambodia has been developed. A call for consultants is being announced.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 2.6): Safeguards and monitoring of multiple-benefits</p>	

Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of 2013, initial proposals for key elements/ principles to be included for a nationally appropriate system of safeguards have been produced. 2. By April 2014, a revised proposal for key elements/principles to be included for a nationally appropriate system of safeguards has been produced, incorporating feedback from broad stakeholder consultation. 3. By August 2014, initial proposals for key measures and indicators for assessing and monitoring the statuses of selected elements/principles under safeguards have been produced. 4. By the end of the Programme, the TF has approved a nationally appropriate system of safeguards.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No national REDD+ safeguards; Monitoring systems in place in some forested landscapes
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	
Expected annual Target Initial assessment of REDD+ safeguards at project and National level compared with existing frameworks for socio-economic and environmental safeguards and monitoring in Cambodia. Development of proposed approach to safeguards.	Achievement of Annual Target Preliminary Review of Safeguards for REDD+ in Cambodia that included a review of global requirements, existing Cambodian legal documents, experiences from Indonesia and Vietnam, and from two pilot projects in Cambodia was undertaken. This document has been produced and translated into Khmer. Concept note for four Regional consultative meetings on the Safeguards Preliminary Review was developed and a national consultant has been recruited. The consultations will be held during July-August 2014.
Outcome 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels	
Progress towards outcome: The Technical Team was only established at the end of the year and did not have any meeting during 2013. One of the three supported pilot projects (Oddar Meanchey) had verified CO2 credits for sale at the end of the year and received Triple Gold from the VCS and CCBD, while Seima REDD+ project conducted FPIC process and moved towards validation also under VCS and CCBD. The work on developing sub national approach to REDD+ was started but did not produce any tangible output to date.	
Expected Results (Output 3.1): Development of National REDD+ project guidelines and approval of funding for demonstration sites	
Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of 2013, an analysis of options to integrate sub-national approaches within a national REDD+ system has been completed 2. By June 2014, a broad-based consultation process has identified potential options to guide implementation 3. By the end of the Programme, the TF has approved REDD+ implementation guidelines, including for sub-national implementation.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No REDD+ implementation guidelines exist.
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	

Expected annual Target Effective operation of Pilot Projects and Subnational Approach Technical Team.	Achievement of Annual Target The first Technical Team meeting was held in January 2014. A Team leader was selected and designated. Four Technical Team meetings were organized. A Study tour was organized for the Safeguards Technical Team to Seima REDD+ pilot project in May 2014.
Expected Results (Output 3.2): Pilot project activities	
Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of 2013, at least 5 Policy briefs have been produced through demonstration projects; and have been reviewed, or are under review by TTs. 2. By the end of the Programme, the TF has approved at least 6 Policy Briefs or methodologies developed by demonstration projects through UN-REDD Programme funding.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - Several NGO-driven demonstration projects are under implementation and are designed to generate lessons on REDD+ readiness.
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	
Expected annual Target No target	Achievement of Annual Target N/A
Outcome 4: Design of a Monitoring System and REL framework and capacity for implementation.	
Significant progress has been made towards outcome 4 'Design of a Monitoring System and REL framework and capacity for implementation' to build the capacity and system to monitor and report on land use change and GHG emissions in the forestry sector. Available map classification systems have been analyzed (10+ systems) and legends of key national legends have been translated to facilitate harmonization. A legend for comparison of past cover changes and advice on a national classification system has been proposed. The National Forest Inventory has been designed from the ground up, taking stock of stakeholder experiences, and inventory data collected from the project/subnational level. Subsequently the NFI field manual has been developed and field tested. The collected inventory data is used to develop emission factors. An inventory of available Remote sensing data has been conducted. Available remote sensing data has been collected and reviewed to facilitate preparation of a consistent land use change series, and complete the developed NFMS monitoring platform. The MRV/REL technical team was established at the end of 2013 and the first meeting was organized in January 2014. The MRV/REL Technical team has presented a proposal for forest definition to the REDD+ taskforce. Awareness and capacity was built toward National MRV system and realization of the differences to a project based REDD+ reporting/MRV system and GHG reporting guidelines.	
Expected Results (Output 4.1): Establishment National MRV/REL Technical Team and build appropriate national capacity	
Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By June 2014 assessment of Institutional arrangement and staff capacity has been completed. 2. By June 2014 MRV/REL Technical Team brought forward at least three proposals to TF for decisions required to establish the national forest monitoring system. 3. By end of the programme institutional arrangement and key professional staff of FA, GDANCP, and FiA have clear understanding of the different MRV components, and institutional roles and responsibilities.
Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	<u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No MRV/REL Technical team and national REDD+ MRV/REL coordinating mechanisms
Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	

<p>Expected annual Target Regular meetings of MRV/REL Technical Team Including provision of Technical support and advice (including international MRV/REL expert for two years)</p> <p>Determine appropriate institutions and their roles in the MRV system, Training and capacity needs assessments</p> <p>Trainings on MRV and IPCC guidelines, National Forest Inventories, Remote sensing and satellite monitoring systems</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Regular meetings on MRV were organized since the first meeting in January 2014. Specific technical support was provided to develop components necessary for the national REDD+ strategy, a national forest reference emission level, and a robust national forest monitoring system. The NFMS and a proposal on national forest definition as well as data to be used for historic information have been presented to the taskforce for consideration.</p> <p>An initial proposal for institutional arrangements has been drafted to facilitate the development of the GHG inventory for the forest sector. The questionnaire for capacity and needs assessment has been developed but is undergoing review by the MRV/REL technical team members.</p> <p>Training on GHG guidelines was provided to MRV/REL technical team to facilitate comparing the different reporting guidelines. A schedule has been developed to train the member of the technical team in the use of IPCC 2006 guidelines. The on-the-job training will be provided from August to September 2014. Two field sampling and one data interpretation training were provided during the period of development of the NFI field manual (January-March 2014).</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 4.2): Develop Cambodia Monitoring system plan</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By June 2014 recommendations have been provided to establish and decide on National forest definition, land-use classes, carbon pools and reference period 2. By end of the programme zero-forest map has been developed
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No National forest definition and classification</p>
<p>Expected annual Target Review national forest definitions in the NFP and for the CDM and provide recommendations for revisions as appropriate</p> <p>Determine national forest definitions, land-use classes, carbon pools and reference period to be used</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Existing national forest definitions and international requirements have been reviewed and discussed with the MRV/REL technical team. The MRV/REL technical has presented their proposal of a forest (land use) definition to the REDD+ taskforce.</p> <p>Legends from most recent available maps from 3 different sources (FA, MoE, FAO) were translated to LCCS, on the basis of a comparison a harmonized legend has been developed. Report including the legend proposal has been finalized.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 4.3): Review of forest cover assessments to provide REDD+ activity data and design the satellite forest monitoring system</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By June 2014 web-based satellite monitoring system developed By the end of the programme web based satellite monitoring system includes data on past and current forest cover changes
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - Current forest cover assessments, limited accessibility of data</p>

<p>Expected annual Target Develop the platform for monitoring natural resources and particularly REDD+ activity</p> <p>Analysis of past and current forest cover change</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Available data has been catalogued, a structure of web platform and a test version of satellite forest monitoring system web platform have been developed.</p> <p>Consensus reached on development of a land use and land use change map series (production and improvement of existing maps) jointly with the Forestry Administration, the JICA technical advisory team (CAM-REDD) and the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute of Japan (FFPRI). This activity is planned for the period Jul. 2014 to Mar. 2015. Color balance cloud-free (<5%) Mosaic prepared for the year 2013/2014 as basis for base map development for the year 2013.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 4.4): Design of a National Forest Inventory to develop emission and removal factors for REDD+ related activities</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By end of 2013 a national forest inventory has been designed. 2. By June 2014 existing carbon stock and emission data and has been identified and catalogued in a database, data to be shared on web platform is identified 3. By the end of the programme existing emission factors and inventory data is accessible through web-based platform
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No Existing National Forest Inventory and comprehensive database of existing emission factors</p>
<p>Expected annual Target Design multi-purpose National Forest Inventory and assess costs of implementation</p> <p>Collect and harmonize existing forest inventory data, Emission factor assessment based on existing data</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target Several training and meeting have been conducted. The design of the multi-purpose National Forest Inventory is developed and was presented during a national consultation December 2013. Comments have been included, and field manual and field forms have been developed. The field manual and field form have been testes in 6 different forest types. A core team has been capacitated. The team has received a first training in the analysis of the field data. Concept notes are prepared to complement National Forest Inventory Design and Field Manual with modules on detailed protocols to perform measurements (Eg soil sampling, chosen tools to use).</p> <p>Additional data from Flora and Fauna International (FFI) has been collected. The collected data is being analyzed in order to develop country specific biomass estimates and emission factors. A concept Note and Letter of Agreement to develop area specific allometric equations and emission factors for inundated forests have been prepared.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 4.5): Support the development of a REDD+ related GHG Reporting System</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By June 2014 Data sharing procedure between institutions and archiving system developed to ensure data access for the LULUCF GHG inventory 2. By the end of the programme MRV/REL TT and relevant institutions have participated in preparing interim GHG inventory for the LULUCF sector
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - INC and draft SNC</p>

PROGRAMME OUTCOME	UN	Amount	IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS
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<p>Expected annual Target Combine activity and forest carbon stock data</p> <p>Establish central database of all information on forest monitoring, and MRV</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target The members of the MRV/REL Technical team participated in a GHG Inventory training to compare the advantages and disadvantages of the different IPCC guidelines; to be prepared for the future the decision was made to use 2006 IPCC guidelines for GHG training sessions in the Agriculture Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector. GDANCP/MOE will take the lead in training the member in the GHG inventory preparation for the AFOLU sector. Three tentative dates have been selected (August-October) to provide on-the job training. The training and parallel work on the preparation should result in an interim AFOLU GHG inventory report. A national consultant to develop the database with all information has been contracted.</p>
<p>Expected Results (Output 4.6): Support the development of Cambodia RL/REL framework</p>	
<p>Indicators:</p>	<p>1. By June 2014 data drivers of deforestation and forest degradation has been collated, national circumstances and land-use and forest policy and governance have been assessed</p> <p>2. By the end of the programme the preliminary design of the REL framework and REL/RL baseline have been developed</p>
<p>Baseline: Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme</p>	<p><u>Baseline for all indicators:</u> - No existing National REL/RL baseline</p>
<p>Expected annual Target Collate data on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation</p>	<p>Achievement of Annual Target A National workshop (FA, MOE, UN-REDD, USAID, JICA, FFPRI) was organized in March 2014 on Identifying Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Cambodia. The workshop has been followed by a Study on existing data of Driver Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation. The report is expected to be completed in the third quarter to address comments made to the draft report.</p>

1.3 Financial Information

	ORGANISATION	Transferred by MPTF to Programme	Cumulative Expenditures up to 30 June 2014		
			Commitments	Disbursements	Total Expenditures
			(A)	(B)	(C)
Outcome 1: Effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the Roadmap principles.	FAO	\$55,000.00	\$3,655.82	\$41,409.61	\$45,065.43
	UNDP	\$935,000.00	\$0	\$1,023,203.33	\$1,023,203.33
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Sub-total Outcome 1:		\$990,000.00	\$9,935	\$1,068,268.76	\$1,078,203.76
Outcome 2: Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework.	FAO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
	UNDP	\$515,000.00	\$0	\$330,889.95	\$330,889.95
	UNEP	\$140,000.00	\$80,000	\$60,000	\$140,000.00
Sub-total Outcome 2:		\$655,000.00	\$80,000	\$390,889.95	\$470,889.95
Outcome 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels.	FAO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
	UNDP	\$0.00	\$0	\$46,942.03	\$46,942.03
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Sub-total Outcome 3:		\$0.00	\$0	\$46,942.03	\$46,942.03
Outcome 4: Design of a Monitoring System and REL framework and capacity for implementation.	FAO	\$1,160,000.00	\$123,880.47	\$417,955.98	\$541,836.45
	UNDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Sub-total Outcome 4:		\$1,160,000.00	\$621,420.85	\$538,579.15	\$1,160,000.00
GMS(7%)	FAO	\$85,050.00	\$0	\$32,155.59	\$32,155.59
GMS(7%)	UNDP	\$101,500.00	\$0	\$78,074.5	\$78,074.5
GMS(7%)	UNEP	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00		\$9,800.00
	FAO (Total):	\$1,300,050.00	\$127,536.29	\$491,521.18	\$619,057.47
	UNDP (Total):	\$1,551,500.00	\$0	\$1,479,109.81	\$1,479,109.81
	UNEP (Total):	\$149,800.00	\$89,800	\$60,000	\$149,800.00
	Grand TOTAL:	\$3,001,350.00	\$217,336.29	\$2,030,630.99	\$2,247,967.28

2. National Programme Progress

2.1 Narrative on Progress, Difficulties and Contingency Measures

2.1.1 Please provide a brief overall assessment of the extent to which the National Programme is progressing in relation to expected outcomes and outputs. Please provide examples if relevant (600 words).

The period January-June 2014 has been productive and made a significant contribution to achieving the planned outcomes and outputs. Overall the programme has made good progress, especially on Outcomes 1 and 2, and steps are being taken to complete activities within the planned schedule.

Outcome 1

The Taskforce has been active and has met regularly to approve workplans, and review implementation. The Taskforce has continued to provide advice on the National REDD+ Strategy and forest definition. The four Technical Teams on Benefit Sharing, Safeguards and MRV have been active through regular meetings, and providing inputs to ToRs, research frameworks, and participation in national and provincial consultations. A major new development is the establishment of a “gender team”, whose mandate includes capacity building of the Taskforce, Consultation Group, and Technical Teams, and review of components of the National REDD+ Strategy as it emerges.

Regular PEB meetings have been held and have provided policy guidance. Field visits to enhance capacity have been organized within Cambodia, and also to Vietnam. Four regional workshops on Safeguards have been planned and a technical paper that has reviewed national and international safeguard mechanisms is being finalized. Significant progress has been made in enhancing stakeholder engagement by organizing meetings with the Consultation Group and the finalization of a Consultation and Participation Plan. A Communications Strategy has been finalized, three editions of the newsletter produced and several other multi-media products that includes posters brochures, video, TV, and radio programmes are under different stages of production.

Outcome 2

The FCPF inception workshop was organized in March 2014 and the PEB provided approval for workplans and budgets for UN-REDD and FCPF in 2014 that are harmonized. A new REDD+ Technical Specialist, National Project Advisor, and, Project Assistant have been recruited.

FA, GDANCP, and FiA continue to implement field-based projects related to community forestry, protected areas, and mangrove forests to support the process of formulation of a draft National REDD+ Strategy. Two consultants have been recruited to guide the process of strategy formulation, and the draft is expected by the end of December, 2014.

A concept note on building on earlier work on Costs and Benefits has been developed and two national consultants are being recruited with technical assistance from WCMC and UNEP. The National meeting on assessment of existing benefit sharing distribution models used in Cambodia and in other countries was held in February 2014. These were followed by ten provincial consultative meetings and a technical paper on Safeguards is being finalized. An assessment of existing fund mechanisms has been undertaken and further work is being commissioned to refine this assessment for consideration of the Taskforce.

Outcome 3

Four meetings of the Demonstration Technical Team have been held and a study tour was organized for the Safeguards Technical Team to the Seima REDD+ pilot project in May 2014. The Wildlife

Conservation Society continues to implement site-based activities as the basis for learning lessons to be integrated into the National REDD+ Strategy.

Outcome 4

The MRV/REL technical team has been very active and has held on average two meetings per month. The members of the MRV/REL Technical Team (TT) participated in a GHG Inventory training to compare the advantages and disadvantages of the different IPCC guidelines; while Non-annex 1 countries are only obliged to report using the IPCC 1996 guidelines, the decision and request was made to use 2006 IPCC guidelines for GHG inventory training sessions on the Agriculture Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector. As AFOLU includes the agriculture sector, the MRV/REL technical team members are exploring the possibility invite a member of the General Department of Agriculture as additional member to the MRV/REL TT. The period January to June 2014 covered many discussions and as the nominated members of the technical team have different levels of capacity and understanding of REDD+ components; it included a capacity building trajectory. During the period January to June 2014, the MRV technical team has agreed on the years to be used to assess historic emission development, and agreed on proposal for the forest (land use) definition to be submitted to the REDD+ taskforce. The new definition has been presented to the Taskforce. An initial REL is expected in the first half of 2015 following preparation of a roadmap by the end of 2014.

Methodical and operational consensus was reached between UN-REDD, the Forestry Administration (FA), the JICA technical advisory team (CAM-REDD) and the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute of Japan (FFPRI) on production and improvement of existing maps jointly with the Forestry Administration (FA).

Following the National Forest Inventory (NFI) design proposal that has been presented December 2013, a field manual and inventory record sheets have been developed. The field manual has been tested in during two field trainings covering 6 different forest types in areas under responsibility of the relevant line agencies (FA, FiA, MoE). After the field practice the team received a training in the analysis and interpretation methods of the field data. Collected data used for the development of the NFI is undergoing further analyses to develop country specific biomass estimates and emission factors. A concept Note and Letter of Agreement to develop area specific allometric equations and emission factors for inundated forests have been prepared. An article on NFI Field manual development and training has been drafted and will be posted on the UN-REDD website.

A national workshop (FA, MOE, UN-REDD, USAID, JICA, FFPRI) was organized in March 2014 on Identifying Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Cambodia. Subsequently a study on existing data of Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation is being implemented. The draft has been produced and circulated with the relevant institutes, due to some requests for revision the completion of the report has been delayed and the follow-up study to quantify the key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation has been postponed until the third quarter.

2.1.2 Please provide a brief overall assessment of any measures taken to ensure the sustainability of the National Programme results during the reporting period. Please provide examples if relevant, these can include the establishment of REDD+ institutions expected to outlive the programme, regulations, or capacities that will remain in place after the completion of the programme. (250 words)

Senior staff from the two implementing partners, FA and GDANCP, continue to provide leadership to the National REDD+ Taskforce. The implementing partners have also contributed staff time to Secretariat management, and to the four Technical Teams. REDD+ is increasingly reflected in discussions at all levels amongst the forestry institutions, including the National Forestry Programme

2010-2029. The FCPF project will contribute to sustaining the results achieved through UN-REDD. These are all indicators of sustainability in the forestry sector in Cambodia.

3. Government Counterpart Information

The aim of this section is to allow the Government Counterpart to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complementary information to Section 1-4 which are filled out by the three participating UN organizations.

Comments by the Government Counterpart:

The period under reporting has implemented recommendations of the mid-term review and many national and provincial consultations, workshops, Technical Team meetings, and study tours have been organized. In addition concept notes and ToRs were finalized to initiate research and assessment of issues that would contribute to the REDD+ framework. A timeline of the National REDD+ Strategy document has been finalized and the first draft is expected to be ready by December 2014.

Demonstration activities in the field need to be strengthened and the MRV preparation requires an effective and revised work plan. The Taskforce will examine challenges related to these activities and take appropriate steps to ensure timely completion.

4. Other stakeholders (non-government) Information

The aim of this section is to allow non-Government stakeholders to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complimentary information to Section 1-4 which are filled out by the three participating UN organizations. Please request a summary from existing stakeholder committees or platforms.

Comments by other stakeholders (non-government):

Consultation Group:

The Consultation Group (CG) consists of 18 members, representing 9 different non-governmental stakeholder groups, ranging from academic institutions, NGOs, and local community to private sector.

Representatives from the CG have been actively involved in a number of processes supported by the UN-REDD Programme. For example, one CSO and one Indigenous Peoples' representative sit on the Project Executive Board, giving them an opportunity to participate and contribute to decision making. Since early 2014, representatives from the CG have also participated actively in all four Technical Teams, established within the REDD+ Cambodia Programme with support from UN-REDD.

While the existing mechanisms give non-governmental stakeholders the opportunities to participate very actively in the development of REDD+ in Cambodia, members of the CG would like to stress two important issues.

Firstly, additional support, both finance and technical, is required to ensure that the CG is able to function effectively and to strengthen communication between CG members and their constituents, as the current arrangement does not well function. Secondly, the process of formulation of the National REDD+ Strategy has been initiated, it is particularly important that the CG and the stakeholder groups it represents are given ample opportunity to contribute to chapters of the Strategy and to comment on the drafts. This is particularly the case for sensitive topics such as Safeguards (including FPIC) and benefit distribution.

The CG welcomes new initiatives under the UN-REDD Programme to support active and effective stakeholder engagement, including the financial support for CG to function properly, the establishment of a gender team and the design of an intensive awareness raising programme for Indigenous Peoples and local communities. We encourage the UN-REDD to ensure these initiatives are pursued actively, and to extend the awareness raising to other grassroots groups such as community management networks. We also encourage the programme to ensure that the proposed new awareness raising materials such as videos and posters are produced and utilized as soon as possible. We humbly request that the UN-REDD to help intervene the

decisions and proposals proposed by the CG be taken into serious consideration by the Royal Government of Cambodia and concerned agencies for real and effective implementation. This action will ensure the continuation and proper function of CG in support to REDD+ programme in Cambodia if the CG is not considered as a nominal body.