

Community Based REDD+

The creation of “bottom-up” activities and ideas to inform and feed into national REDD+ processes

CBR+

Programme Highlights

Goal: Bring resources and capacity to communities, empowering them to define their own engagement in national REDD+ readiness activities and to pilot methodologies and approaches that could inform national REDD+ readiness processes.

Objectives:

- Support the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples, communities and civil society in national-level processes related to climate change mitigation, including supporting communities to determine whether and how they see themselves engaging in REDD+;
- Build the capacity and awareness of communities to engage in REDD+ activities and processes;
- Facilitate the integration of community-based activities, knowledge and ideas into national REDD+ processes; and
- Develop and share knowledge and lessons learned from community-based experiences to inform national and international REDD+ policies and practice.

Beneficiaries: Stakeholders, including indigenous organizations, local communities and NGOs/CSOs.

Challenges:

- Stakeholders, including indigenous organizations, local communities and NGOs, may not fully engage in CBR+ especially if their awareness of REDD+ is low. Furthermore, many indigenous peoples and forest-dependent communities have strong concerns over the potential negative consequences that REDD+ activities could have on local rights, lands and livelihoods if incorrectly designed or deployed.
- A lack of buy-in into the concept of REDD+ may prevent some communities from engaging in CBR+.
- Potential difficulties in working directly with civil society organizations (e.g. NGOs and indigenous or community-based organizations) that have low technical and management capacities and may have difficulty formulating, preparing and implementing project proposals effectively.

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Community-Based REDD+ is a joint initiative of the UN-REDD Programme and the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP). It builds on UN-REDD's technical expertise and National Programmes, and on SGP's effective mechanism for delivering funds directly to the local level. CBR+ will activate and support community-based action and build capacities to improve implementation of REDD+ readiness.

