

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



REQUEST FOR TARGETED SUPPORT¹

Coordinated approaches for designing and implementing a nationally-appropriate REDD+ Strategy

I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST	
Main objective	The activities included in this request are designed to provide Nepal with a comprehensive set of approaches to designing and implementing a nationally-appropriate REDD+ Strategy. The request builds on both the work done under the ongoing FPCF programme and the UN-REDD TS activities supported by UNDP in 2013 on identification of drivers and design of REDD+ finance mechanism. When completed, these activities will provide Nepal with a set of methodologies to identify and assess REDD+ strategic options for Policies and Measures, to monitor their implementation and performance, and to link this performance to a national REDD+ finance mechanism.
Main results expected	Five result areas are envisaged: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National REDD+ Strategy options identified which are effective in addressing drivers and causes of deforestation and forest degradation through a cross-sectoral approach (led by UNDP); 2. Potential options for effective, equitable, and transparent management of REDD+ finance assessed (led by UNDP); 3. Methodology to determine the national value of forest ecosystem services and an experimental ecosystems accounts mechanism for forests developed (led by UNEP); 4. Approaches for monitoring the implementation and performance of REDD+ Policies and Measures using proxy

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The requests for targeted support should be presented in coordination with the teams of the participating UN organizations (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) and the Resident Coordinator.

It is recommended that the UN-REDD Country Focal Point submits the request. The request should be sent to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (E-mail: un-redd@un-redd.org).

² The work areas are: Measurement Reporting Verification (MRV), Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, Multiple Benefits, Benefit Distribution, Green Economy.



	<p>indicators developed and tested (led by FAO)</p> <p>5. Policies, Laws, Regulations (PLR) and institutions in the context of those required for REDD+ implementation analysed, and approaches to fill the identified gaps identified</p>
Total amount requested (US\$)	779,000
Related Work Area ² as defined in the <u>UN-REDD Programme Strategy 2011-2015</u>	<p>Result Area One: UN-REDD Work Area 2 (National REDD+ governance)</p> <p>Result Area Two: UN-REDD Work Area 5 (Transparent, Equitable and Accountable Management)</p> <p>Result Area Three: UN-REDD Work Area 4 (Multiple Benefits)</p> <p>Result Area Four: UN-REDD Work Area 1 (MRV and Monitoring)</p> <p>Result Area Five: UN-REDD Work Area 2 (National REDD+ governance)</p>
Planned period of implementation	May 2014 – April 2015
Please select below type of funding as appropriate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for funding for REDD + activities implemented in support of existing UN-REDD National Programmes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for funding for REDD+ activities complementary to other nationally-defined REDD+ activities (national strategies, RPP and/or bilaterally funded REDD+ activities) or for initiation of REDD+ activities. (The country has no UN-REDD National Programme.	



II. BACKGROUND²

The 2012-2013 UN-REDD Targeted Support on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and REDD+ fund management successfully advanced knowledge and instigated cross-sectoral dialogues on strategy options for addressing drivers of land cover change and potential options for REDD+ fund management at a national level.

The process of dialogue on these two critical issues needs to continue in order to reach consensus on specific REDD+ actions that are socially, economically and environmentally viable, and on REDD+ fund management arrangements that can effectively, efficiently and equitably incentivise the implementation of the REDD+ actions nationally and sub-nationally.

This second proposed phase of Targeted Support will follow directly on from the first phase by addressing the same strategic elements of REDD+ readiness for Nepal. i.e. :

1. Increase the effectiveness of National REDD+ Strategy options in addressing drivers and causes of deforestation and forest degradation through a cross-sectoral approach; and
2. Increase an understanding of potential options for effective, equitable, and transparent management of REDD+ finance.

It will also address three further elements of REDD+ Readiness as follows:

3. Determine the national value of forest ecosystem services and develop an experimental ecosystems accounts mechanism for forests
4. Develop and test approaches for monitoring the implementation and performance of REDD+ Policies and Measures using proxy indicators
5. Review and analyse Policies, Laws, Regulations (PLR) and institutions in the context of those required for REDD+ implementation, and recommend approaches to fill the identified gaps

The 2014 Targeted Support will directly contribute to addressing critical knowledge and capacity gaps described in the Mid-term Report to the FCPF, in order to complete the National REDD+ Strategy process in Nepal. It is designed as an integrated programme of activities which provides Nepal with a package of approaches for designing and implementing a national REDD+ strategy; from identifying drivers, to identifying strategic options, to performance-based monitoring of these options, and finally linking the indicators used in monitoring to a system for management of REDD+ finance. A PLR and institutional review will provide the basis for a programme of legal preparedness so that Nepal's system of governance is suited for implementation of a REDD+ strategy based on these approaches.

These activities will be designed and monitored by the multi-stakeholder institutions that have already been developed and made operational through the FCPF programme. They will draw on the technical support of all three UN-REDD agencies. A coordinator and support staff will be hired with TS funds, working with and based in the REDD Cell of the Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, to manage TS activities on behalf of all three agencies.

² Depending on the phase of the country in its REDD+ efforts, some of these details are relevant. Others may be too detailed and can be further elaborated if the request is approved.

III. SUMMARIZED WORKPLAN WITH BUDGET AND TIMELINE

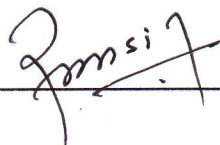
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Description of planned outputs and activities	Amount (US\$)	Implementation period (from month /year to month/year)
<p>1. REDD+ Strategy Options,</p> <p><u>Specific Outputs:</u> Building on the findings of the drivers of D&D study and stakeholder consultation processes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of political economy of policies and institutions in REDD+ (feasibility, cross-sectoral consistency and integration of potential REDD+ policies and measures), and - Recommendations on the viability and impact of strategic options 	150,000	<p>May 2014– April 2015</p> <p>Led by UNDP</p>
<p>2. REDD+ Fund Management at the National Level,</p> <p><u>Specific Outputs:</u> Building on the findings of the REDD+ fund management study and stakeholder consultation processes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of identified fund management modalities and alignment with the existing legislations and institutional structure, the National Climate Change Policy, Climate Change Fund, UNFCCC guidance, WB Carbon Fund and national REDD+ implementation modalities (i.e., sub-national jurisdictional approach in Terai Arc Landscape), and - Identification of key institutions and non-government actors and assessing their strengths and weaknesses in administering and participation in fund management, and development of a capacity development framework/programme. 	175,000	<p>May 2014– April 2015</p> <p>Led by UNDP</p>
<p>3. Natural Capital Accounting for Forestry Sector in Nepal</p> <p><u>Specific Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A compilation of relevant documents regarding the role of forests in a green economy and the catalytic role of REDD+ for achieving a green economy transition, including investment opportunities, job creation and livelihood improvements in Nepal. 	220,000	<p>May 2014 – April 2015</p> <p>Led by UNEP</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An annotated table of contents for the national valuation report for Nepal. - Physical and monetary Accounts for Forest - Workshops to engage stakeholders, raise capacity and share findings of the work. 		
<p>4. Monitoring of PAMs using Proxy Indicators,</p> <p><u>Specific Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring protocols developed for a selection of potential Policies and Measures pre-identified through multi-stakeholder process, using proxy indicators - Monitoring methodologies tested in multiple locations across the country, using participatory techniques, in accordance with FPIC principles 	125,000	June 2014– April 2015 Led by FAO
<p>5. PLR and Institutional Review,</p> <p><u>Specific Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of the PLRs and institutional frameworks pertaining to REDD+ - Recommendations on legal capacity improvement and areas for legal, regulatory and institutional reforms based on a participative, consultative process 	59,000	May – December 2014 Led by FAO
<p>An additional amount of <u>US\$ 50,000</u> is also requested for the coordination of the Targeted Support activities. A TS activity coordinator will be recruited to be based in the REDD Cell. This coordinator will assist in the management of TS activities bon behalf of UNDP, UNEP and FAO in Nepal to ensure harmonized support by the UN-REDD Programme</p>	50,000	April 2014 – April 2015
Total amount requested (US\$)		.. 779,000

IV. UN-REDD COUNTY FOCAL POINT (name and title):³	Resham Bahadur Dangi
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