

**UN-REDD**  
PROGRAMME



# National Programmes Semi- Annual Update Report -

## Nigeria

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UN-REDD Programme

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# 1. National Programme Status

## 1.1 National Programme Identification

Country: **Nigeria**  
Title of programme:  
**Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme**

**Date of signature<sup>1</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Date of first transfer of funds<sup>2</sup>: September 2012**  
**End date according to National Programme Document: February 2015**  
**No-cost extension requested<sup>3</sup>: No.**

### **Implementing partners<sup>4</sup>:**

Federal Ministry of Environment (Abuja)  
Forestry Commission, Cross River State (Calabar)

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<sup>1</sup> Last signature on the National Programme Document

<sup>2</sup> As reflected on the MPTF Office Gateway <http://mptf.undp.org>

<sup>3</sup> If yes, please provide new end date

<sup>4</sup> Those organizations either sub-contracted by the Project Management Unit or those organizations officially identified in the National Programme Document as responsible for implementing a defined aspect of the project. Do not include the participating UN Organizations unless Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) is being applied.

## 1.2 Monitoring Framework

<b>Outcome 1: Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level</b>	
<b>Progress towards outcome:</b> Institutional and technical capacities are growing, albeit slower than anticipated.	
<b>Expected Results: (Output 1.1): The REDD+ Secretariat is effective at coordinating REDD+ readiness nationwide</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Increased legal mandate & institutional recognition of REDD+ in Nigeria
<b>Baseline:</b>	No official REDD+ legal endorsement or mandate, weak REDD+ structures
<b>Progress against target:</b> The UN-REDD Nigeria programme steering committee had a crucial meeting in May, that served to discuss some of the operational bottlenecks that constrained implementation. A refined and more realist work plan was prepared. The National REDD+ Secretariat enhanced collaboration planning with the Department of Climate Change, and a new initiative (Nigeria REDD+ and Climate Diplomacy Initiative) was crafted jointly. FCPF funding was secured.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Key personnel recruited and in place. Team retreat organized to ensure coordinated vision & functioning.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> A new arrangement for recruitments was agreed during the reporting period. Federal and CRS teams show a solid collaborative spirit, holding regularly meetings and visits. Team retreat now scheduled for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014, once all personnel is on board.
<b>Expected Results (Output 1.2): Stakeholder engagement and public awareness on REDD+ enhanced</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Federal multi-stakeholder REDD+ cluster (to sustain the REDD+ process at federal level)
<b>Baseline:</b>	The REDD+ constituency at federal level is relatively small, with minimal capacities and no regular stakeholder engagement structures in place.
<b>Progress against target:</b> Federal-level stakeholders have participated in consultations for the R-PP document.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Stakeholder exchange meetings; training of journalists; guidelines for stakeholder engagement	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Moderate advancement. There is need to coalesce a multi-stakeholder platform at national level to clarify confusions on REDD+ from the international arena – this was retained a priority for 2014. A specific multi-stakeholder dialogue for FCPF funding was completed in May 2014. An agreement was reached with the national coordination to establish a communication platform in view of enhancing the profile and visibility of the REDD+ process in Nigeria nationally and internationally. Work will start in the next semester.
<b>Expected Results (Output 1.3): Policy, legal and institutional arrangements for REDD+ established</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Policy and legal context for a REDD+ mechanism
<b>Baseline:</b>	No policy or legal framework for text exists or has been assessed
<b>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period):</b> A policy note for REDD+ is drafted. A new Nigeria REDD+ & Climate Diplomacy initiative has been crafted, and is being ready for launching.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Policy Note for REDD+ adopted. Nigeria REDD+ & Climate Diplomacy Initiative ongoing.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target:</b> The Policy Note is drafted (and a UN-REDD expert mission is being planned for legal and policy review of this note). The diplomacy initiative has been designed and agreed in country.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 1.4): Nigeria's international engagement on REDD+ enhanced</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Task force for REDD+ negotiations
<b>Baseline:</b>	No task force for REDD+ negotiations; country has a limited number of officials that understand/follow REDD+ negotiations
<b>Progress against target:</b> . The new Nigeria REDD+ & Climate Diplomacy initiative (blending outputs 1.3 and 1.4) has been crafted, and is being ready for launching	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Undertake exploratory phase of an ECOWAS REDD+ Initiative. Support training & capacity building on climate negotiations (Nigerian task-force for UNFCCC)	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Dialogue with ECOWASA launched. Diplomacy initiative crafted.

<b>Outcome 2: Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared</b>	
<b>Progress towards outcome:</b> Moderate progress. An R-PP was drafted and approved internationally, with additional funding, but framework not fully designed.	
<b>Expected Results (Output 2.1): National REDD+ challenges &amp; potentials assessed</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	National assessment of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
<b>Baseline:</b>	In-depth understanding of deforestation drivers across Nigeria is weak (some studies exist, but there is insufficient depth as required for REDD+)
<b>Progress against target:</b> Notable progress was made in the non-spatial analysis of deforestation with the use of past “wall-to-wall” land use datasets, including land use change dynamics with flux diagrams showing land use change transitions between land use types. A spatially-explicit proposal was developed for Cross-River State as follow-up to this activity, and is being implemented in output 3.4. When completed, the study will shed more light on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Nigeria.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Undertake a non-spatial assessment of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> A review was undertaken in 2013 on this topic, and this enabled to quantify past land use change dynamics for the entire country as well as per region (High Forest Zone, Guinea Savannah Zone and Sudan and Sahel zones). Past deforestation trends were modeled based on identified “wall-to-wall” datasets. As follow up, ToR have been produced for further field study to update historical information, to be commissioned to a consultancy firm.
<b>Expected Results (Output 2.2): National MRV framework designed</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	GHG reporting to UNFCCC
<b>Baseline:</b>	GHG not reported with quality; weak national capacities on GHG reporting
<b>Progress against target (see below)</b>	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Ongoing support and training by national MRV expert, and FAO UN-REDD team	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Technical support is continuously provided to the National MRV Expert by the UN REDD Forestry Officer (LTO) based in RAF, Accra (Ghana); unfortunately, the Expert resigned last June 2014. The position has been re-advertised and short-listing is just done.
<b>Expected Results (Output 2.3): A Preliminary National Strategy for expanding REDD+ across Nigeria's states built</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Understanding of differential conditions, options & challenges for REDD+ among different states
<b>Baseline:</b>	<b>No systematic analysis exists for REDD+ across Nigeria</b>
<b>Progress against target:</b> Nigeria successfully drafted and submitted its R-PP to the FCPF, receiving an overall positive ranking by the FCPF's international Technical Assessment Panel as well as by the FCPF's Participants Committee in December 2013.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Support to drafting of R-PP. Definition of criteria for engaging in a REDD+ process. Design of a "package" of financing options for REDD.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Nigeria engaged well with the FCPF and secured financing from the FCPF (confirmed at the FCPF's administrative board in July 2014) – this will allow to expand REDD+ across new states in Nigeria.

<b>Outcome 3: Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened</b>	
<b>Progress towards outcome:</b> Institutional and technical capacities are being notably strengthened in Cross River State.	
<b>Expected Results ( Output 3.1):</b> CRS REDD+ Unit fully functional and effective	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Scope of REDD+ team in CRS
<b>Baseline:</b>	CRSFC has a REDD+ unit, but the team is reduced in size and skills
<b>Progress against target:</b>	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Recruitments completed and fully operational.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target:</b> The national professionals are all recruited and active. The international-level advisor was under final stages of recruitment at the end of the reporting period. The CRS/FC received UNDP training and is now familiarized with UN operations for the implementation of the programme, thus able to use national implementation modalities.
<b>Expected Results (Output 3.2):</b> CRS stakeholders, with emphasis on forest communities, trained & engaged on REDD+	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Stakeholder exchanges on REDD+ related issues involving community and local stakeholders
<b>Baseline:</b>	Few initiatives exist, yet they are dispersed, with no guidelines and no funding for community REDD+ projects and for REDD+ pilots
<b>Progress against target:</b> Nigeria actively lobbied at the global level for the new Community-Based REDD+ initiative of the UN-REDD Programme (CBR+), and subsequently was successfully retained as one of the 6 world pilots for the CBR+. The CBR+ will provide US\$ 800,000 in grants for community and local projects for REDD+.	
<b>Expected annual Target:</b> REDD+ process' database; CRS Stakeholder Forum on REDD+ meeting; information & communication materials; progress on PGA/REDD+; mobilizing CBR+ initiative	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> UN-REDD guidelines for stakeholder engagement were further disseminated. The Participatory Governance Assessment for REDD+ (PGA/REDD+) held critical meetings and is advancing well and timely. The CBR+ initiative was successfully mobilized in Nigeria and it is being designed.
<b>Expected Results (Output 3.3):</b> CRS REDD+ Strategy is constructed	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Assessments and consultations conducted for constructing a REDD+ strategy
<b>Baseline:</b>	No assessments available (except a Preliminary Assessment prepared for the formulation); need of consultations & field surveys
<b>Progress against target:</b> N/A – setting up the programme coordination structures and personnel was required first; some dialogue events were held.	
<b>Expected annual Target:</b> Advance assessments to prepare the basis for REDD+ strategic options in CRS.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Some discussions held (but progress awaiting recruitment of international advisor, who is meant to lead this complex work).
<b>Expected Results (Output 3.4):</b> CRS Forest monitoring system operational	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Forest Monitoring system for CRS
<b>Baseline:</b>	No forest monitoring system in place
<b>Progress against target:</b> Progress was made towards the achievement of this target including backstopping work, training workshop on forest monitoring and MRV, the completion and furnishing of the Remote Sensing/GIS Laboratory, and the initiation of procurement RS/GIS equipment (Hardware and Software).	

<p><b>Expected annual Target</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing support and training by national MRV expert, and FAO UN-REDD team.</li> <li>• Procure GIS laboratory &amp; full equipment for forest inventory &amp; monitoring.</li> <li>• Conduct a spatially explicit analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation</li> <li>• Provide capacity building on remote-sensing as well as on forest monitoring systems, in collaboration with INPE training centre in Belem, Brazil (at both federal government and CRS levels).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Achievement of Annual Target</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular backstopping and technical support is being provided to MRV Expert by the UN REDD Forestry officer, based at the FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF), until his resignation in June 2014 – a replacement is ongoing.</li> <li>• The Remote Sensing/GIS laboratory construction has been completed, including its equipment with furniture, and electrical installations. The procurement of RS/GIS equipment is ongoing.</li> <li>• A spatially explicit study is being implemented by NASRDA (Nigerian Space Agency). Preliminary work on image pre-processing and identification of deforestation “hotspots”, field work on ground-truthing, and social survey (including focused group interviews), supervised classification, analysis and production of draft report have taken place. The final report will be officially submitted by end of August for review.</li> <li>• First Training workshop on Forest Monitoring and MRV successfully took place in January 2014 (with 49 participants drawn from the CRSFC, National REDD+ Coordination Unit in Abuja, Federal Forestry Department, research communities, academia, NGOs focused on conservation and other key stake-holders – most attendees were technical staff in the area of forestry, remote sensing and GIS). Training included practical work on GIS using Open Source QuantumGIS and field data collection for carbon stock estimation and calculation of Emission Factors. The INPE Training is envisaged for later stages of the project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outcome 4: REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State</b></p>	
<p><b>Progress towards outcome:</b> N/A – This outcome is meant to advance towards the end of the programme's implementation.</p>	
<p><b>Expected Results (Output 4.1): REDD+ experimental initiatives in the state well coordinated &amp; supported</b></p>	
<p><b>Indicators:</b></p>	<p><b>Guidance for REDD+ pilots and initiatives</b></p>
<p><b>Baseline:</b></p>	<p>No technical guidance for REDD+ exists</p>
<p><b>Progress against target:: N/A</b></p>	
<p><b>Expected annual Target</b> N/A – this will apply later on in implementation.</p>	<p><b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Engagement advancing for the 3 initial “pilots” in CRS, which will provide an experimental basis for REDD. The CBR+ initiative has been secured for CRS.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results (Output 4.2): REDD+ investments enabled [REDD+ phase 2 triggered]</b></p>	
<p><b>Indicators:</b></p>	<p>Finance mobilised for forest investments in CRS.</p>
<p><b>Baseline:</b></p>	<p>Minimal REDD+ finance available, forest investments hard to mobilise.</p>
<p><b>Progress against target : N/A</b></p>	
<p><b>Expected annual Target:</b> Design and commission study on the Valuation of forest ecosystem services to the CRS economy and potential to move towards a green economy</p>	<p><b>Achievement of Annual Target:</b> ToR of the study under design between UNEP experts and the CRS REDD+ team.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results (Output 4.3): CRS established as a centre of excellence &amp; learning on REDD+</b></p>	
<p><b>Indicators:</b></p>	<p>Visits of states across Nigeria to Cross River State to learn from their REDD+ and climate policies and actions.</p>
<p><b>Baseline:</b></p>	<p>Cross River State is known for its environmental commitment, yet learning visits from other states have been minimal</p>
<p><b>Progress against target: N/A</b></p>	
<p><b>Expected annual target</b> Capacity building and mapping of multiple benefits of REDD+ in CRS</p>	<p><b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Joint planning with CRS completed (work on the ground will effectively start in the next semester). This followed the successful training and awareness raising workshop on safeguards and multiple benefits spatial analysis held in Calabar in November 2013 and attended by thirty participants from civil society, academic and federal and state government officials.</p>

### 1.3 Financial Information

Programme Outcome (Reference: National Programme Document)	Particip. UN Org.	Approved Budget / Amount Transferred (USD) A	Cumulative Expenditures as of 30 June 2014			
			Commitments B	Disbursements C	Total Expenditures (B+C) D	% Delivery (total expenditure/Budget) D/A
<b>Outcome 1 Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level</b>	FAO	-	-	-	-	-
	UNDP	645,000	0	542,382.40	542,382.40	84
	UNEP	80,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Outcome 1</b>		<b>725,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>542,382.40</b>	<b>542,382.40</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Outcome 2 Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared</b>	FAO	395,000	0	66,597.52	66,597.52	17
	UNDP	90,000	0	25,645.32	25,645.32	29
	UNEP	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total Outcome 2</b>		<b>485,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92,242.84</b>	<b>92,242.84</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Outcome 3 Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened</b>	FAO	662,000	0	137,671.28	137,671.28	21
	UNDP	953,318	0	0	0	0
	UNEP	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total Outcome 3</b>		<b>1,615,318</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137,671.28</b>	<b>137,671.28</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Outcome 4 REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State</b>	FAO	-	-	-	-	-
	UNDP	555,000	0	51,243.07	51,243.07	9
	UNEP	358,000	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	25
<b>Sub-total Outcome 4</b>		<b>913,000</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	<b>51,243.07</b>	<b>141,243.07</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Programme cost per Agency (all outcomes):</b>	FAO	1,057,000	0	204,268.80	204,268.80	19
	UNDP	2,243,318	0	619,270.79	619,270.79	28
	UNEP	438,000	90,000.00	0	90,000.00	21
<b>Total Indirect Support Cost (7%)</b>	FAO	73,990	0	14,298.81	14,298.81	19
	UNDP	157,032	0	4,459.08	4,459.08	3
	UNEP	30,660	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total (total Programme + indirect support cost)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	<b>842,297.48</b>	<b>932,297.48</b>	<b>23</b>

## 2. National Programme Progress

### 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 National Programme experienced a notable delay in 2013. A number of measures were taken and implementation in 2014 is so far much smoother. A key programme steering committee was held in the current reporting period, and it served to review the level of ambition, the scope of major work streams and the personnel needed. This has increased the level of national appropriation. The two final, pending key recruitments are progressing well. Substantive advancement was achieved in the overall REDD+ readiness planning of Nigeria (outcome 2), as a REDD+ Readiness Plan (known as R-PP) was formulated and validated by stakeholders, then reviewed and confirmed by the World Bank's FCPF. This secured about US\$ 3.8 million for REDD+ readiness for Nigeria (which will complement well the initial UN-REDD support). The CRS REDD+ team is fully in place and already organizing key dialogue exercises on REDD+. A new *Nigeria REDD+ & Climate Diplomacy Initiative* has been crafted and is ready to initiative – it will blend outputs 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4, easing synergies and helping reach impact in an efficient and timely manner in relation to outcome 1.

### 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)

The Programme Steering Committee meeting held during the reporting period was successful in addressing some of the implementation bottlenecks and the issues around country implementation modalities. A refined and more realist work plan and budget was agreed. The Terms of Reference of the pending recruitments were refined to better suit the current implementation status and needs. The training provided to the national team on national implementation modalities for UN funding was successful and enabled both the Federal Government and the CRS Forestry Commission to implement the UN-REDD activities by themselves.

## 3. Government Counterpart Information

The programme has enhanced implementation pace in 2014, notably after the programme steering committee meeting held during the current reporting period served to clarify operational modalities – to ensure national appropriation – and to simplify the focus. UN-REDD has been a catalyst for preparing an R-PP document and, accordingly, mobilise World Bank funding for REDD+. Nigeria looks forward to the implementation of the new *REDD+ and Climate Diplomacy initiative* that has been crafted during this reporting period. Nigeria has already started to design the *Community Based REDD+ initiative* (CBR+), for which the country is one of the 6 world pilots.

- National Secretariat for REDD+

## 4. Other stakeholders (non-government) Information

Civil society in Nigeria and, in particular, the environmental NGOs and community-based grassroots organizations have high expectations from UN-REDD. The selection of Nigeria as beneficiary and pilot country for the *Community Based REDD+ initiative* (CBR+) was positively received, and initial working meetings to design CBR+ in Nigeria were held during the reporting period. There is still urgent need to mobilise NGOs from local to national levels, including representatives of forest communities, to scale up the public sensitization on REDD+, in view of some confusing messages against REDD+ by actors with vested interests. The PGA initiative advances well and in an inclusive manner.

- NGOCE, as non-governmental representative at the UN-REDD Nigeria Programme Steering Committee