
Summary Progress and achievements in 2013

This summary provides a brief overview of the achievements and progress by the UN-REDD Programme in 2013.

Outcome 1:

Output 1.1: The Taskforce has been formally established on 26 February 2013, eight months later than the original target. ToRs of Taskforce has been included in the Prakas (decision). The first and second Taskforce meetings were held and ToRs of four Technical Teams were approved in the first meeting. MoI, MIMÉ and FiA have nominated technical staff to join the Technical Teams and nomination technical staff from FA, GDANCP, MRD, MEF and MLUMC is in process.

Output 1.2: The Taskforce Secretariat was established in July 2012, one month behind target. It has organised 15 RTS meetings and the fourth, fifth and sixth PEB meeting. New revised indicators for result framework have developed and approved. Technical government officers were supported to attend regional workshops and key officers were supported to attend Policy Board meeting, SBSTA38th and COP19th. To tackle problems on decision and management arrangement, a mid-term review took place in May. Following on this MoE formed Protected Areas – REDD team (PA-REDD) in order to re-position REDD+ team from MoE and, a UN-REDD SOP was approved and applied with record keeping the compliance.

Outputs 1.3: Self-selection processes to form the Cambodia REDD+ Consultation Group (CG) was conducted. The CG was formed in a national workshop with eighteen members from nine stakeholder groups. Follow forming CG organised 3 meetings to develop ToR/Internal Rules and nominate thirteen members to join the four REDD+ Technical Teams. A study tour on Stakeholder Engagement and Communication was organised for three days from 30 Oct to 1 Nov for delegations from Myanmar, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan PNG and UN-REDD regional.

Outputs 1.4: The Cambodia REDD+ Website was launched in May and REDD+ information is being access. Communication team meetings were organised to collect and review REDD+ information materials and REDD+ glossaries have been drafted. The 1st and 2nd Cambodia REDD+ newsletters were published and circulated to target audiences. REDD+ Photo Contest and Concert will be held on 14 December. Curriculum and materials for REDD+ Awareness Raising training were developed and the first awareness training at national level will be held from 16 to 19 December.

Outcome 2:

Output 2.1: As part of capacity building and training to ministries (Act: 2.1a) a full day seminar on international negotiations under the UNFCCC was organized for key government officials and NGOs involved in REDD+ took place in Phnom Penh on 23 May and a second full day seminar is being planned for 19th December. The Cambodia R-PP(FCPF REDD+ Readiness project) was finalized and waiting for signature (Act: 2.1b). In order to support implementing agencies to development of individual REDD+ strategies and implementation modalities (Act: 2.1c, 2.1d, 2.1e) funding agreements were made with FA, GDANCP and FiA as reference to the approved concepts notes. Advances have been released to FiA and FA for launching project and implementing their project activities. Procurement process for national and international consultants for FA are finalized while GDANCP are in process.

Output 2.2: UNEP's Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) was signed on 20 July. The concepts note for activity 2.2a (1: Workshop on valuation of standing forests in Cambodia and 2: Valuation of multiple

benefits of standing forests under the management strategies) and ToRs for consultant were developed and approved. Procurement process for national consultant to organize the workshop (first activity) is in process. Concept notes and Tor for activity 2.2b (Scoping and evaluation of REDD+ activities) has been developed and Concept notes and Tor for activity 2.2c (Economic assessment of the potential local costs and benefits of implementing REDD+ activities in Cambodia) has also been developed.

Outputs 2.3 and 2.4: The two outputs were combined during the Inception Workshop and approved by PEB2. The concepts note and ToRs of consultants for the activity 2.3b (Assessment of existing benefit sharing models used in Cambodia and other parts of the world relevant for REDD+ in Cambodia) 2.3c (Consultation on results from the assessment) and 2.3d (Development of preferred options for benefit sharing) has been developed and approved and international and national consultants have been hired and work plan for the assignment has been submitted. Concept note and ToR for an assessment of existing fund mechanisms under Cambodian Law (Act: 2.3e) has developed and approved and international consultant has been hired and the work plan have been submitted for approval.

Output 2.5: This output was dropped as a result of a decision at PEB 4, but one significant result was achieved before it was dropped, namely an assessment of options for establishment of a REDD+ grievance mechanism.

Output 2.6: Technical assistance for this output has been supported by the experiences UNDP programme analyst and Cam-REDD officer. The concepts notes for activity 2.6b (Initial assessment of REDD+ safeguards at project and national level compared with existing frameworks for socio-economic and environmental safeguards and monitoring in Cambodia) and activity 2.6d (Development of a proposed approach to safeguards) were developed and approved. Development of safeguard technical paper has been progressed on UNFCCC safeguards principles and comparison of global safeguards (UN-REDD, WB, CCBA and CI). For next part of this paper like is in progress. The target delivery of this paper is 28 February 2014.

Outcome 3:

Output 3.1: Although the REDD+ projects and subnational approach Technical Team has not yet been formed due the delay in establishment of the TF, priority areas have been identified and processes for scaling up from project to sub-national approach initiated.

Output 3.2: Support to REDD+ pilot projects was achieved. Sales of carbon credits have not yet occurred for a variety of reasons.

Outcome 4

Output 4.1: The ToR for the MRV Technical team has been approved in the first taskforce meeting. MoI, MIME and FiA have nominated technical staff to join the MRV Technical Team and nomination of technical staff from FA, GDANCP, MRD, MEF and MLUMC is in process. Development of a joint training programme with JICA has been prepared; and design of national forest inventory will be ready by End of December.

Output 4.2: Progress has been made to develop Cambodia Monitoring system. A report on the existing national and subnational classification is available. A consultant has been hired to harmonize current legends for comparison and advice. Discussions were initiated but national forest definition, land classification system and carbon pools to be considered are not defined yet due to the delay in operationalizing the technical team.

Output 4.3: Substantial progress has been made to design the satellite forest monitoring system. Training on forest monitoring system by INPE, Brazil has been completed, and a national consultation has been undertaken. The report on inventory of existing satellite and aerial imageries is under final revision. Available Remote sensing and GIS data has been compiled, and a test version of satellite forest monitoring system web platform has been developed.

Output 4.4: Substantial progress has been made to design the National Forest Inventory (NFI) to develop emission and removal factors for REDD+ related activities. Report and database existing allometric equations are available. Accessible forest inventory data have been stored in the REDD+ secretariat, analysis is ongoing. NFI Design will be presented 1st half of December 2013, and targeted delivery of the NFI field manual is End of February 2014.

Output 4.5: There has been moderate progress towards indicators in the results framework; a training workshop on GHG Inventory was conducted. Recommendations are provided to establish adequate institutional arrangements and data sharing agreements required for implementation of the GHG reporting system.

Output 4.6: There has been little progress towards indicators in the results framework, although key drivers of deforestation have been indicated, TORs have been developed and data of existing REDD+ initiatives has been collected to develop the National RL/REL framework.