



CAMBODIA UN-REDD NATIONAL PROGRAMME AND FCPF PROJECT

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Summary Progress in Q2-2014

National Coordination

The fifth Taskforce meeting was organized to discuss the topics such as workplan and chapters for National REDD+ Strategy, REDD+ Coordination Mechanism in Cambodia, further study on REDD+ Fund Management Mechanism, Satellite Land Monitoring System and National Forest Definition and the establishment of REDD+ Gender Group. Following the Taskforce decision, Concept note, ToR and workplan of Gender Group for REDD+ have been drafted and processed for approval.

The secretariat meetings were organized regularly to review progress and provide coordination and assistance to programme activities and other REDD+ initiatives. The seventh PEB meeting was held on 3rd April 2014. Minutes and supporting documents of the 7th PEB meeting were prepared, shared with PEB member for feedback, and the final versions were sent the PEB members. Concept note for the eighth PEB meeting has been prepared and approved. The 4 REDD+ Technical Teams (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. A Study tour was organized for Safeguards and Demonstration Technical Teams to Seima REDD+ pilot project. 10 provincial consultative meetings on Benefit Sharing were organized by the Benefit sharing technical team.

The sixth CG meetings was organized to discuss topics including: Review comment of CG on the REDD+ options, Review Roles and Responsibilities of CG, Review agenda of Taskforce meeting, Information flow and Feedback Mechanism from RTS to CG and CG to their constituents. CG members attended Technical Team meetings, participated in the study tour to Seima REDD+ pilot project, joined and facilitated consultative meetings on Benefit Sharing in provinces.

Training and awareness raising

The REDD+ website has been updated regularly. The UN-REDD programme activities and its achievements have been uploaded in the UN-REDD workspace. The fifth REDD+ Newsletter has been developed. Summary COP decision booklet and REDD+ glossary have been in process for translation. REDD+ communication extension materials (misperception about REDD+, Videos, Posters and TV/radio programmes) were drafted. All 4 REDD+ technical teams, secretariat staff and Relevant NGOs have been invited to join REDD+ communication extension Materials Review meeting that will be held on 09th-10th July 2014 in Preah Sihanouk province.

RECOFTC has submitted its final deliverable related to the work on Awareness Raising including Training Report and Consultation and Participation plan. The study tour for Taskforce and the 8 training events were organized. A Total of 333 participants from REDD+ Consultation Group, REDD+ Technical Team, Indigenous Peoples, Community Forestry, Community Fisheries, Community Protected Areas, NGOs and Government officers received training workshop on REDD+ concept. The 10 pool trainers were selected and the 6 provincial training events on REDD+ were jointly facilitated by the 10 pool trainers. Technical review and clearance on this deliverable has been in the process for final payment and termination of this service contract.

Elements for the National REDD+ Strategy

The FA led the project called *Building the Awareness and Support of REDD+ among the Forest-Dependent Communities in Siem Reap province*: Communal workshops were organized to present and share the experience and lessons learned from field visit to Oddar Meanchey REDD+ project. A consultancy report on the results from the study tour and workshop were submitted. The agreement of the FA to support this project was amended for no-cost extension to 30 September 2014. Key outputs for this no-cost extension including: Reproduce extension materials and extension, Report of the outcome of the validation meeting with communities, Report of the proceeding of the workshop on lesson learned, Draft policy notes and Project terminal report.

The GDANCP led the project called *Development of National Protected Areas Strategy Management Plan*. It has recruited two national consultants and one international consultant. Consultancy workplan for Development of National Protected Areas Strategy Management Plan was submitted and presented to relevant people in GDANCP/MoE for comments and feedback. Field assessments and sub-national consultative meetings on the current status and management of protected areas were conducted in June to protected areas in Northeast and Southwest regions.

The FiA led the project called *Conservation and reforestation of Flooded Forest and Mangrove to involve in Carbon emission prevention and Carbon stock*: Patrolling was regularly conducted by voluntary patrollers to protect flooded forests and mangroves. Communities have been provided with technical assistance to produce seedlings for flooded forest and mangrove planting. The agreement of the FiA supported fund project was amended for no-cost extension to 30 November 2014. Key outputs for this no-cost extension including: Local communities and local authorities be aware on roles of flooded forest and mangrove in Carbon emission and absorption, 5 year implementation plan developed, Flooded forest and mangrove reforested in where previously cleared, and Effective management system evaluated.

Concept note of National REDD+ Strategy Development and ToR of consultant have been developed and approved. National Consultant has been recruited. Draft chapters, relevant people involved and calendar for National REDD+ Strategy development were presented to the fifth Taskforce meeting. [This activity will be covered by FCPF project.](#)

The planning workshop on Valuation of Forest Ecosystem and Costs and Benefits from Implementing REDD+ in Cambodia was organized on the 1st April 2014 with total 33 participants attended. The reports on Valuation of Forest Ecosystem and Costs and Benefits from Implementing REDD+ in Cambodia and workshop proceeding were produced and submitted.

2.2b, 2.2c, 2.2d activities have been combined as one activity called Costs and Benefits of REDD+. This new activity facilitates a further study on the values of forests under different management regimes, along with estimates of the costs of implementing REDD+ activities versus other land use

options. A concept note of this activity was developed and two national consultants were selected for these activities with technical assistance from a WCMC expert and UNEP regional coordinator.

One day provincial consultative meeting on Benefit sharing were organized by the Benefit sharing technical team in 10 provinces. A total of 516 participants from provincial authority, Technical departments, Indigenous People, Communities, ELCs and INGOs were invited for these consultations. Report on provincial consultative meeting was submitted to RTS. Final report on REDD+ Benefit Sharing has been produced by the consultants.

The report on the Assessment of Existing fund mechanisms was translated and shared with relevant institutions for comments. Summary findings of this assessment of Existing fund mechanisms were presented at the fifth Taskforce meeting. Taskforce has endorsed a further study to develop a proposal for REDD+ Fund. The concept note for further development of a proposal for a National REDD+ Fund and ToR for national consultant were developed and UNDP global and regional advisors had been in charge with technical assistance. [Budget for this activity will be covered by FCPF project.](#)

Building on the findings and recommendations of UN-REDD supported fund for REDD+ grievance scoping mission in January 2013, a concept note of Design of REDD+ grievance mechanisms for Cambodia was developed. This activity aims to explore the potential procedures and supports for local government to request and receive dispute resolution assistance from provincial and national level. [This activity will be covered cost by FCPF project.](#)

Preliminary Review of Safeguards for REDD+ in Cambodia has been produced and translated into Khmer version. Concept note for 4 Regional consultative meetings on this Safeguards Preliminary Review was developed and a national consultant has been recruited. The first one day consultative meeting will be on 15th July 2014 in Kratie province.

MRV/REL

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; Non-annex 1 countries are only obliged to report using the IPCC 1996 guidelines, however 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. As AFOLU includes the agriculture sector, MRV/REL technical team members are exploring the possibility to invite a member of the General department of Agriculture to the MRV/REL TT. 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.

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 maps jointly with the Forestry Administration). Maps of the dates will be prepared using a consistent classification. It includes 1) the translation into a consistent legend and addition of non-forest area information to the verified FA 2005 forest cover map, adding non-forest area information, 2) verification and revision of the currently not verified 2010 FA forest cover map using high resolution imagery, and logical checking 3) the development of a 2013/2014 base map from the ground up. Each institute will have specific roles (eg FAO will be responsible for the classification, FFPRI for the segmentation for the 2013/2014 base map), FA will provide overall coordination. A proposal land classification legend

prepared based on review of existing classification systems and high and mid-resolution data. The legend will be discussed with relevant institutions during Land Cover Classification training July 2014

An article on NFI Field manual training has been drafted and will be posted on the UN-REDD website. 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). The document that describes the analysis of existing inventory data to develop country specific biomass estimates and emission factors is under preparation. A concept Note and Letter of Agreement to develop area specific allometric equations and emission factors for inundated forests have been prepared.