

# **PGA for REDD+ in Vietnam: Its relevance and process – a brief reminder**

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# What is the PGA for REDD+?

## Aim:

The PGA approach aims to **provide robust governance data** on a set of agreed governance priorities

## Process:

Through an inclusive process from the onset, key stakeholders are involved in

- Analyzing the governance situation relevant to REDD+ to identify shortcomings and gaps
- Prioritizing areas of key concern
- Providing recommendations on how risks, shortcomings and gaps can be mitigated
- The decision making around developing the indicator set and data collection methods
- Validation of data



# Defining governance in REDD+

There are many definitions of governance, however, our understanding is the following:

**Governance is the system of values, policies, and institutions by which a society manages its affairs.**

In the REDD+ context this involves among others:

- **Stakeholder participation and consultation** in REDD+ planning and implementation
- **Transparency and access to relevant information** on REDD+ systems (revenue management, benefit distribution systems, MRV and conflict resolution)
- **Government coordination** in REDD+ planning and implementation (between different levels of government, clarity on roles/ mandates/ responsibilities, cross-sectoral coordination etc.)
- **Legislative reform and enforcement** (e.g. land tenure and anti-corruption measures)



# What is the added value of a PGA for REDD+?

Our experience from other PGA pilots demonstrate that through an inclusive process from the onset:

- the findings, results and information produced is seen as more **credible and robust** by the different target groups and key stakeholders
- **ownership** to this information is created

Both the credibility and ownership to the PGA data and results are important for appropriate **improvements** and **governance reform** to take place.



## Relevance:

### How can the PGA data be used once available?



**Government actors** may use the PGA data as:

- Getting baseline data of the governance situation to track further progress
- Basis/ evidence for decision making on key priorities – either thematically (e.g. addressing corruption risks, land tenure or other), geographically (which district/ province face the most pressing challenges) or both.
- Basis/ evidence for further planning for improvements and reform
- Reporting back to the UNFCCC on governance safeguards

**Civil society actors/ local communities** may use the PGA data as:

- Basis/ evidence for their **advocacy and lobbying**

# PGA for REDD+ in Vietnam: Progress



- 6/3/2012: National kick off workshop
- 21 – 23/11/2012: South – South exchange: Exchange knowledge to PGA Vietnam based on PGA Indonesia experiences
- 11/2012 – 3/2013: Stage 1 of the PGA: Institutional and Context Analysis
  - 12 – 24/12/2012: Field work
  - 6/3/2013: Provincial consultation workshop
- 16 – 17/4/2013: Developing an Indicator Set and Data collection tools for the PGA for REDD+ in Vietnam

# PGA for REDD+ in Vietnam: Way forward



- QIII/2013: Expand the indicator set and data collection tools
- QIV/2013: Data collection
- Capacity building based on PGA results



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