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AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, MINING, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT 2011

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	Country Office:	Zambia					
	Executing/Coordinating Agency	MTENR					
	Implementing Agency	Forestry Department/MTENR					
	Project Title Project No. ZMB10/00077050	United Nations Collaborative Programme for Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD)					
	Programme Brief description	<p>Deforestation and forest degradation comprise a large proportion (approximately one fifth) of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has adopted the REDD+ mechanism in the Cancun agreements. The development is now on its way to provide financial incentives for the reduction of such emissions. REDD+ includes Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (initially referred to as REDD) as well as: i) conservation of forests; ii) sustainable management of forests; and iii) the enhancement of forest carbon stocks.</p> <p>The primary drivers of deforestation and forest degradation need to be addressed in order to ensure the success of National REDD+ programme. In Zambia, these drivers vary across regions and include <i>inter alia</i>: i) charcoal and wood fuel use (for domestic, commercial and industrial uses); ii) timber production; and iii) unsustainable agricultural methods and other land use practices. Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation are a result of a complex set of underlying causes that are primarily caused by past and current development processes. These underlying causes cut across numerous sectors (e.g. energy, forestry, agriculture, land and water). In order to address them and thereby to facilitate the realisation of REDD+, the entire mode of development within Zambia will need to be altered. Both the supply and demand for wood and non-wood forest products will, for example, need to be addressed simultaneously.</p> <p>Programme Goal: To prepare Zambian institutions and stakeholders for effective nationwide implementation of the REDD+ mechanism.</p> <p>Programme Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Build institutional and stakeholder capacity to implement REDD+ ii. Develop an enabling policy environment for REDD+ iii. Develop REDD+ benefit-sharing models iv. Develop a national Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for REDD+ <p>Joint Programme Outcomes:</p> <p>Outcome 1: Capacity to manage REDD+ Readiness strengthened Outcome 2: Broad-based stakeholder support for REDD+ established Outcome 3: National governance framework and institutional capacities for the implementation of REDD+ strengthened Outcome 4: National REDD+ strategies identified Outcome 5: MRV capacity to implement REDD+ strengthened Outcome 6: Assessment of Reference Emission Level (REL) and Reference Level (RL) undertaken</p>					

1: Capacity to manage REDD+ Readiness strengthened

Stakeholder analysis for REDD+ (Activity 1.1)

- a. Stakeholder
- b. Institutional
- c. Capacity needs identified

2. Identification of current initiatives related to REDD+ [Activity 1.4]

Outcome 2: Broad-based stakeholder support for REDD+ established

3. Awareness raising and Capacity Development for stakeholder [Activity 2.1.1 (v) Provincial and District level stakeholders]

Outcome 3: National governance framework and institutional capacities for the implementation of REDD+ strengthened

4. National REDD+ Strategy development (Activity 3.2)
a. Develop framework and Roadmap

Outcome 4: National REDD+ strategies identified

5. Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, identified and documented (Activity 4.1.1)

Outcome 5: MRV capacity to implement REDD+ strengthened

6. Literature review on Integration of REDD+ and ILUA forest Inventory (Activity 5.1.1)

Outcome 6: Assessment of Reference Emission Level (REL) and Reference Level (RL)

7. No activity for 3RD Quarter planned

Planned Activities

Substantive Reporting

Summary of Planned Priority Activities

Awareness raising and training event

- a. Consultancy on stakeholder analysis
- b. Communication materials in place
- c. Consultancy on best practices to enhance sustainable forest management and REDD+
- d. Consultancy on Preliminary study on Drivers of deforestation and potential for REDD+
- e. Finalise ToRs and recruitments of
 - Technical advisor (intd)
 - MRV Facilitator (intd)
 - Communication consultant
 - Programme Associate (Admin assistant)
- f. Refine ToRs of the REDD+ Coordinating Unit
- g. Formalize the Steering Committee and Multi-sectoral Committee

Outcome 1

- a) Consultancy on REDD+ Stakeholders Analysis and engagement plan was advertised and recruited conducted. Nine consultants were recruited to cover 9 provinces.
- b) Consultancy on forest management best Practices was recruited. Niras was selected to conduct the study
- c) MRV Technical Adviser was recruited during the period under review and will soon be arriving in Zambia.

Outcome 2

Accomplishments

- a) As part of raising awareness, presentations were made at various meeting including at the UNZA student Environmental Association, Community Based Natural resource Management Forum annual review meeting, Zambia National Climate Change Network. A Civil Society consultative meeting was held on the 5th October at Kingfisher Hotel and Resorts. The meeting aimed at identifying civil society representatives in the REDD+ readiness process.

Outcome 3

The Strategy framework was not prepared as it is dependent on the outcome of the consultancies on Drivers of Deforestation, Stakeholder Analysis and Forest Management best Practices

Outcome 4

The Consultancy on Drivers of Deforestation and Potential for REDD+ in Zambia was advertised and recruited. The Copperbelt University was selected to undertake the assignment.

Outcome 5

- I. Three short term consultancy have been recruited to undertake the following assisgmt:
 - a) Consolidate and document forestry research publications, past forest management plans and reports
 - b) Consolidate digital information of forest, agriculture, energy
 - c) Identify GIS requirements for Provinces
 - d) Basic REDD training Manual
- II. Two members of staff attended the MRV and National Forest Inventory Training Workshop which was held at Morogoro University in Tanzania
- III. One staff attended the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and REDD+ Capacity building Workshop in Cape Town, South Africa

Outcome 6

No activity for the quarter

Challenges

1. **Attachment of Staff:** The three members of staff attached to the programme were officially attached to the programme and this is expected to enhance the operations of the Coordination Unit.
2. **Delay in the establishment of the Steering Committee and Multi-sectoral committee.** The Ministry has been abolished and this has affected the process of formalization of the Joint Steering Committee. However, appointments of Focal point persons from key institutions like Agriculture, Energy, Finance, local government and Community Development has been processed.
3. **Linkages and coordination among UN-REDD, ILUA, CCFU and ENRMMP:** The Ministry prepared a Concept on the harmonization/integration of the four (4) programmes. However, the senior management had not yet approved the concept by the end of third quarter.
4. It must be noted that the Ministry has been abolished and the function have been split between Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and Tourism, and that of Ministry of Local Government, Housing, Early Child Education and Environmental Protection. This may result in some adjustments in administration of programmes in the Ministry. .