

19 June 2012

Mr. Syed Mahmood Nasir

Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment

Government of Pakistan

**Subject: Request for UN-REDD Programme targeted support for national REDD+ readiness**

I am writing in response to your request for Targeted Support “Developing Options for Addressing Social Impacts of REDD+”, received 20 March 2012. As you know, Targeted Support addresses specific technical and capacity needs of UN-REDD partner countries as part of the UN-REDD Programme’s “Support to National REDD+ Actions – Global Programme 2011-2015”. While your request is consistent with the programme, unfortunately we do not have sufficient funds this year to meet all requests. I am sorry to inform you that we are currently not able to support Pakistan’s request.

I sincerely apologise for the time it has taken to respond to your request. It has taken some time to establish procedures for prioritizing Targeted Support and to review the requests we have received. I hope we will be able to revisit your request in 2013, pending the availability of sufficient funds in next year’s budget.

Please continue to engage with Mr. Timothy Boyle, UNDP Regional Technical Advisor for REDD+, as UNDP remains committed to the successful implementation of the Government of Pakistan’s REDD+ readiness efforts. We are at your disposal for policy and technical advice as part of the UN-REDD Programme.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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