



Request for 2014 Targeted Support

Country: Mongolia

Prepared by: Ministry of Environment and Green Development, Mongolia

I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Main objective

The objective of this Targeted Support is to initiate the implementation of Mongolia's National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, while the funding request for a full-size UN-REDD National Programme is currently being prepared for submission to the UN-REDD Policy Board in June. Given that Mongolia's UN-REDD National Programme will not be operational until early 2015, this Targeted Support is therefore to maintain the current momentum towards the REDD+ readiness in the country, and to ensure the on-going efforts of the relevant national institutions and development partners are well coordinated to contribute to developing capacities for REDD+.

The proposed Targeted Support will also build on the outcomes of the previous support through UNDP in identifying options for mainstreaming financing for sustainable forest management into sectoral budgets. The Targeted support will help enable continued capacity development for strategic policy formulation and implementation and ensure national ownership of the REDD+ Roadmap process in Mongolia.

Main results expected

Two specific activities under the Roadmap have been identified as priorities, as their early start would benefit other activities in the Roadmap by building necessary bases for initiating them. The two activities to be implemented through this second-phase of the Targeted Support are described below.

1. Roadmap Activity 2a.1

Identify and analyse the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (D&D). This will include a review and further in-depth analysis of the provisional list of drivers listed in Component 2 of the Roadmap.

Description: Several studies on drivers of D&D already exist, but an understanding of underlying causes and their complex relations from the socio-political and -economic, biophysical and technological perspectives is still lacking in order to identify specific policies and measures to effectively address the drivers of D&D. The Targeted Support will therefore enable review and consolidation of existing studies on drivers of D&D and a political economy analysis of drivers of D&D to identify underlying causes and their relations from policy and practice levels. This will provide the necessary base for identifying policy, regulatory and incentive options for addressing those causes.

Output: This Targeted Support will directly contribute to the delivery of Roadmap Output 2a through identification of options for addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

Requested Budget: **US\$ 120,000**

2. Roadmap Activity 2c.1 -2

- *Mobilize stakeholders and design the capacity assessment;*

- *Conduct the Capacity Needs Assessment (and implement recommendations)*

Description: The previous Targeted Support on mainstreaming financing for sustainable forest management (SFM) developed an action plan to increase cross-sectoral efforts in SFM. One of the key recommendations points to the importance of recognizing divergent sectoral interests in forest resources and seeking common interests that might exist through SFM as a basis for cross-sectoral capacity development. Through the Targeted Support, a series of cross-sectoral dialogued will be facilitated on different thematic issues related to SFM and REDD+ that cut across various sectoral interests (e.g., economic opportunities, links to green economy, fiscal decentralization, corruption, REDD+ finance management, nature conservation and ecosystems, social justice, forest fires and pest control, politics of land use and forest inventory, etc.) to help find common ground between sectors through SFM and REDD+.

Output: This Targeted Support will directly contribute to the delivery of Roadmap Output 2c.1 and 2 through identification and implementation of actions to develop cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration for REDD+.

Requested Budget: **US\$ 80,000**

3. **Additional amount of US\$ 20,000 is also requested for the implementation and coordination of the Targeted Support activities.** A national coordinator for the Targeted Support will be recruited to help implement the above described activities in coordination with other Targeted Support activities provided by FAO and UNEP and support the preparation and initiation of Mongolia's UN-REDD a National Programme. Additional \$20,000 will be requested through a separate TS proposal to UNEP to recruit support staff to assist the national coordinator and to cover running costs associated with the implementation and coordination of the TS activities.

Total amount requested (US\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1: US\$ 120,000 • Activity 2: US\$ 80,000 • Direct management & Coordination Cost: US \$20,000 <hr/> <p>Total: US\$ 220,000</p>
Related Work Area ² as defined in the <u>UN-REDD Programme Strategy 2011-2015</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1: 2.2 national REDD+ strategy; 2.6 corruption • Activity 2 : 2.1 ICA; 5.1 support to capture co-benefits • Direct management and coordination: 2.2 national REDD+ strategy
Planned period of implementation	May 2014 till March 2015

Please select below type of funding as appropriate

- Request for funding for REDD + activities implemented in support of existing UN-REDD National Programmes.
- Request for funding for REDD+ activities complementary to other nationally-defined REDD+ activities (national strategies, RPP and/or bilaterally funded REDD+ activities) or for initiation of REDD+ activities. (The country has no UN-REDD National Programme.

REQUEST FOR TARGETED SUPPORT¹

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Studies on Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation and REDD+ Fund Management

II. BACKGROUND²

Examples of relevant content:

- Rationale for the needed support (it should represent additional and specific contribution to national REDD+ efforts with a view to fill gaps or to leverage other activities).
- What is the expected contribution of this targeted support to national REDD+ efforts.
- If the country has a UN-REDD National Programme, describe how the requested support is needed to fill gaps / be complementary to the already received funding for the National Programme.
- Status of REDD+ readiness in the country.
- How is the targeted support consistent with the objectives of the UN-REDD Programme.
- Any known funding from other sources for REDD-related activities in the country.
- Any co-funding for the planned activities within this proposal.
- Principal implementing institutions and partner institutions for the planned activities in the request.
- How it is foreseen that environmental and social safeguards will be secured, such as indigenous peoples and civil society participation, as applicable.
- Any needs for in-kind support such as knowledge, capacity building or technical information needs.

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In addition, to ensure effective implementation and coordination of the proposed Targeted Support activities with the relevant on-going efforts of the national institutions and development partners, an additional amount is added to establish a small implementation and coordination unit dedicated to manage this Targeted Support in Mongolia.

III. SUMMARIZED WORKPLAN WITH BUDGET AND TIMELINE

¹ It is voluntary to use this form in the application process for UN-REDD Programme targeted support. If the country prefers using its own document, this form can be used as guidance on the content that is needed. See also guidance in the [Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support](#).

The requests for targeted support should be presented in coordination with the teams of the participating UN organizations (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) and the Resident Coordinator.

It is recommended that the UN-REDD Country Focal Point submits the request. The request should be sent to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (E-mail: un-redd@un-redd.org).

² The work areas are: Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV), Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, Multiple Benefits, Transparency & Accountability, Green Economy.

² Depending on the phase of the country in its REDD+ efforts, some of these details are relevant. Others may be too detailed and can be further elaborated if the request is approved.

(Please expand space as needed. Alternatively, add Annex with workplan, budget and timeline)

Description of planned outputs and activities	Amount (US\$)	Implementation period (from month /year to month/year)
Activity 1: review and collate existing studies on drivers of D&D and undertake a in depth political economy analysis of drivers of D&D to identify underlying causes at the policy and practice levels.	US\$ 120,000	July 2014 – Dec 2014
Activity 2: facilitate a series of cross-sectoral dialogue on different thematic issues related to SFM and REDD+ that cut across sectors	US\$ 80,000	May 2014 till March 2015
Implementation and coordination of Targeted Support	US\$ 20,000	May 2014 till March 2015
Total amount requested (US\$)		US\$ 220,000

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