



Achievements and Lessons Learned under Phase I of the UN-REDD Viet Nam Programme

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Outline

1. Achievements under Phase I
2. Lessons learned under Phase I
3. Recommendations and responses to the final evaluation



Achievements: Outcome 1



- National institutions and capacity
 - REDD+ Network and sub-mechanisms
 - National REDD+ Steering Committee
 - Viet Nam REDD+ Office
 - NRAP (first version)
 - National MRV Framework document (first version)
 - Discussions on Benefit Distribution





Achievements:

Outcome 2

- Capacity building in 2 districts in Lam Dong
 - REDD+ introduced and partially understood
 - Tools developed to assist in mainstreaming of REDD+ into larger development planning
 - PCM piloted and lessons learned
 - Awareness raising on REDD+ at the local level
 - Piloted how to do FPIC





Achievements:

Outcome 3

- Improve knowledge on regional displacement
 - Reviewed “regional displacement of emissions”
 - Align REDD+ strategy with FLEGT, to reduce regional displacement of illegal forest activities
 - GoV signed MoU with Cambodia on cooperation in the forestry sector
 - GoV agreed on a FLEGT Action Plan with Laos in 2012





Lessons learned 1

- Evolution of thinking towards national REDD+
 - Performance-based at the international level; different incentives systems and benefits at the local level
 - Shift from Participatory Carbon Monitoring to Participatory Monitoring
 - Not just MRV, but MRV & Monitoring





Lessons learned 2

- Evolution of understanding what implementing REDD+ at the local level means
 - REDD+ is a new financial mechanism under UNFCCC, which brings with it new concepts, such as RELs and MRV
 - But, particularly at the local level, most of the challenges are the same challenges we face under Sustainable Forest Management and improved land use;
 - Land tenure, Governance, Planning and consultation, Benefit sharing, Monitoring ... But it just needs to be done much better
 - Talking in familiar and non-technical terms facilitates the job!





Lessons learned 3

- Work towards a no regrets-scenario
 - We hope that REDD+ will happen, but we can't be certain
 - We should work on REDD+ readiness so that the efforts are worthwhile, even without REDD+ revenues (no-regret activities)
- Address regional drivers of leakage, not regional leakage of emissions





Phase 1 Evaluation



Recommendations & Responses

1. Adopt more “demand driven” Programme implementation and a relationship of service provider and client between the Programme and national stakeholders
 - *Phase 2 to be delivered through increased consultative processes*
2. Adopt a single focal point for 3 UN organizations to regularly speak with one voice to government counterparts and stakeholders
 - *The Resident Coordinator (RC) for the higher level*
 - *A UN resident focal point is appointed also for working level*



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3. Support national capacity for engaging and coordinating REDD+ participants.
In the process, minimize REDD+ jargon and standard REDD+ messages and methods that may not suit the Viet Nam circumstances.
 - Leverage coordination through the PEB, Network and other mechanisms.
 - Identify NGOs as co-implementing partners.
 - Develop communication strategy and use familiar language

4. Acknowledge and present the risks and benefits of piloting REDD+. Manage expectations in the face of uncertainties.
 - Build capacity on what already exists
 - Communication materials to provide information on opportunities, benefits, costs & risks
 - Create no-regrets options for element of REDD+, and assist government in streamlining this as a principle in its NRAP.



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5. Address regional 'leakage' issues through a separate regional initiative that complements national Programmes and other REDD+ readiness initiatives
 - Partially accepted: In Phase II, "regional 'leakage'" will not be addressed, but regional activities to improve forest governance and prevent/reduce regional displacement of emissions will be addressed

6. Define national REDD+ activities based on drivers of deforestation and degradation. Identify national and local level policies and measures.
 - More detailed and consultative process to take place, based on local conditions and policies, and respecting the rights of local stakeholders to FPIC



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7. Identify where REDD+ can strengthen performance of existing Policies and Measures.
 - Pay careful attention to build on existing national/sub-national policies and measures.

8. Use well designed consultative processes to ensure the validity of intervention logic and broad stakeholder ownership of the Programme.
 - The Outcomes and Outputs of the logical framework were validated through a consultation workshop. To be reviewed in more detail today.



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recommendations & responses

9. Ensure a clear distinction between the national REDD+ programme and the UN-REDD Programme.
 - This lesson was learned by the Programme itself and corrective actions taken. This will continue in Phase II.

10. Apply mandatory requirements of UN such as FPIC, only after consultation with stakeholders; then carefully adapt requirements to local circumstances.
 - S review of the UN-REDD FPIC guidelines to be undertaken





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Thank you

