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Overall comments:

The final evaluation (Ver. April 2013) shows the adequate assessments on the performance and results of Phase I of the UN-REDD Viet Nam Programme. The evaluation team has applied the standard methodology during the mission, such as: reviewing literature, interviewing relevant stakeholders and debriefing in Hanoi after the field trip.

Recommendations are useful for Viet Nam and other REDD countries. It is particularly important as Viet Nam is going to commence implementation of Phase 2 of the Programme.

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1:	Government response	Key follow up actions	Responsible party
Viet Nam is not REDD+ ready	Continuing institutional and technical building from central to local level; Expanding pilot area to more than 10 provinces in the period of 2013-2015; Provincial REDD+ Steering Committee in pilot provinces will be established	BDS, MRV, Safeguards, network, sub-technical working group	Government, UNDP, FAO, UNEP, other relevant parties

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2:	Government response	Key follow up actions	Responsible party
“Demand driven” implementation rather than setting overall budget for each partner for the full life of the Programme (fund for specific activities for one or two years).	Yes, collaboration among Gov., 3 UN agencies to find out mechanism Need flexibility among 3 UN partners	Making annual working plan	Government, FAO, UNDP, UNEP
One voice from the three UN organizations	Necessity to coordinate activities as well as financial management mechanism	Dedication of 3 UN agencies to the issue	UNDP, FAO, UNEP
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3:	Government response	Key follow up actions	Responsible party
VRO proactively reach out to a wide range of stakeholders	Yes, it does and going to improve the capacity	Collaborating with partners (national and international)	VRO
Avoid using jargon during implementing REDD+	Yes	Localization of the terminology	VRO, UN-REDD Programme and other REDD+ projects
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4:	Government response	Key follow up actions	Responsible party
The risks inherent to piloting REDD+	There are certain risks when implementing REDD+ because of the ongoing international negotiation process, lack of clarity regarding mechanism to address technical and financial issues, high	Considering scope and scale of FPIC when piloting Following and participating in negotiation process	UN-REDD Programme, GoV., other REDD+ projects

	expectations on the part of stakeholders, particularly from poor villagers.	on REDD+	
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 5:	Government response	Key follow up actions	Responsible party
Address regional leakage issues through a discrete regional initiative	Yes, but may be not enough	Each REDD+ country needs put this issue into the National REDD+ Strategy; Collaboration among the countries on forestry, biodiversity conservation and environment protection issues.	GoV, UN-REDD Regional Programme
Country-led REDD readiness processes	Yes, Viet Nam solely defines the rationale and scope for national REDD+ activities		
Avoid misunderstanding between National REDD+ Programme and UN-REDD Programme	This was not clear defined and understood among the local people but also at times among certain levels of the central government.	Clear communication activities	VRO, UN-REDD Programme