



# The UN-REDD Programme: Semi-Annual Progress Update 2013

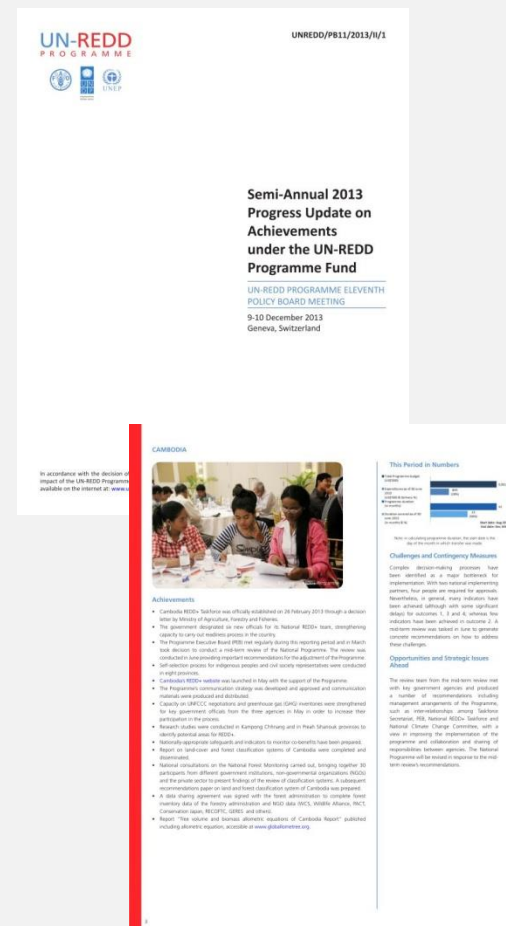
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- Designed to offer:
  - more integrated understanding of delivery modalities
  - support policy development and decision-making
  - lessons learned, challenges and opportunities.
- Use of graphs, tables and pictures for easier and streamlined reading



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- More analytical and less descriptive
- Increased focus on results and achievements
- Progress and achievements at country level

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



Achievements

- Efforts have been made to improve and finalize the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS). Currently, the three main areas of NFMS support (forest inventory, giga inventory and the satellite forest representation system) are making good progress in terms of products developed, technical capacity and human resources.
- The following activities were undertaken for the forest pre-inventory:
  - An international technical adviser was recruited in April 2013 to contribute to the achievement of the pre-inventory in close cooperation with other partners including ICRAF and GPS.
  - A workshop was held to validate the field data collection forms, after which intense preparatory work took place in collaboration with partners from ICRAF, FAO, to pre-test the field inventory in the original forests of Kinshasa and the Beniako province.
  - Specific trainings were conducted for the field teams on GPS, inventory techniques, field aid, logging, and soil sampling. During which 23 technicians were trained.

- Following this preparation, the field activities started in the province of Beniako and the Eastern Province from May 2013. A total of nine thousand 850 acres were measured.
- The field data are being recorded in EMAP's field inventory tool, which has been completed and is now operational with the establishment of a dedicated server for encoding the forest pre-inventory field data.
- The following activities were undertaken for the GIG inventory:
  - Two national consultants were recruited to monitor the GIG inventory activities.
  - A Letter of Agreement, was signed with the Coalition for Northern Nations (CCNN) in April 2013 to support the GIG in Beniako province. A GIG inventory in the LULUKI sector. A training workshop was held in May 2013 in collaboration with CCNN to provide general information on GIG inventory for agriculture, livestock and forestry. (i) assess the existing country data in the LULUKI sector; (ii) introduce funds to facilitate the GIG inventory equipment calibration.
  - The GIG inventory list of the GIG has been established, equipped and is now fully operational.
- The following activities were undertaken for the satellite forest representation system (SFRS):
  - Specific trainings were organized for the four national technicians working on TerraCongo database management, GIS, image treatment.
  - The two national IT technicians supporting the SFRS project were trained in Rome on the administration, management and maintenance of the portal and the OpenFlora tools.
  - A methodology to select reference images and the forest area change was developed and validated using OpenFlora and Google Earth.
  - The national consultants contributed to a publication on the State of the Forests.

## This Period in Numbers



Note: In calculating programme activities, the last day of the day of the month in which forest was measured.

## Challenges and Contingency Measures

Finalize the activities in which FAO supports the government by 31 December

## Targeted Support

- Support to (i) reduce corruption risks in the REDD+ process, (ii) assess gender equity and gender-related issues within the strategic options for REDD+, and (iii) support identification of areas of legal reforms for REDD+ implementation and support (Phase 1) (see Country 2) (approved amount: US\$ 50,000)
- Draft mid-term report with assessment of forestry environmental legal framework related to REDD+ and REDD+ national strategic framework ready for finalization by July 2013. Achievements include:
  - Legal team analysis of seven pillars of REDD+ national framework strategy.
  - Legal diagnosis produced by UNDP/ICRAF.
  - Legal gaps and recommendations regarding REDD+ implementation identified.
  - Legal reforms for support by consultative processes in short term identified.
- Anti-corruption activities passed while priority given to establishment of National Forest Strategy and collaboration increased both regional networks on gender and REDD+, such as Réseau Femmes Africaines pour le Développement Durable (REAFAD) and Réseau des Femmes Africaines pour le Genre (Réseau des Femmes Africaines pour le Genre) (REAFAD), and access to gender expertise improved.

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- Challenges and opportunities by country and by SNA outcome
- Targeted support by outcome and by country
- SNA Annex reporting against monitoring framework with defined parameters at output level



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- Implementation status:
  - 47 Partner Countries
  - 17 National Programmes (4 completed)
  - 3 countries invited to submit NP documents
  - SNA budget revision 2013 approved: CBR+ and additional funds for stakeholder engagement



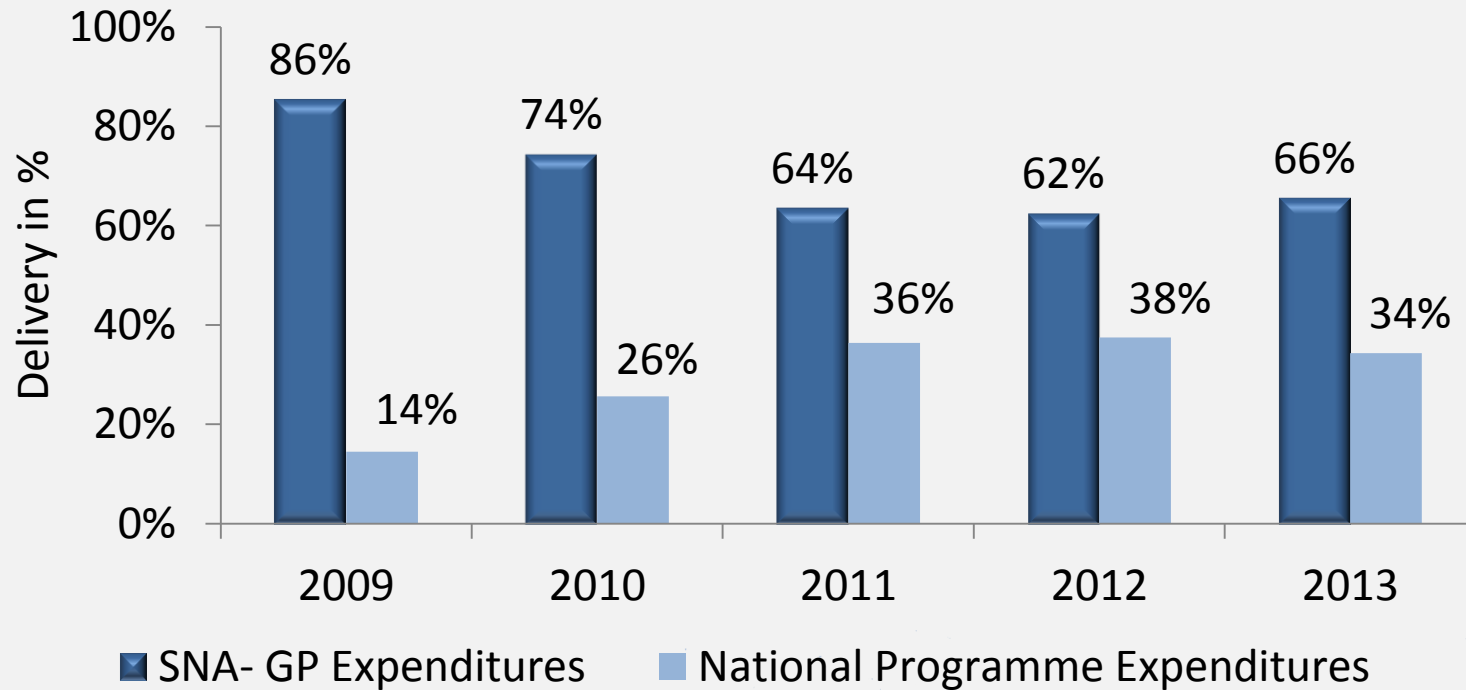
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- Implementation status:
  - US\$ 61.3 million approved to National Programmes and US\$ 31.3 million expenditures
  - US\$ 42 million approved to SNA and US\$ 34.8 million expenditures
    - US\$ 3.2 million approved Targeted Support benefitting 26 countries

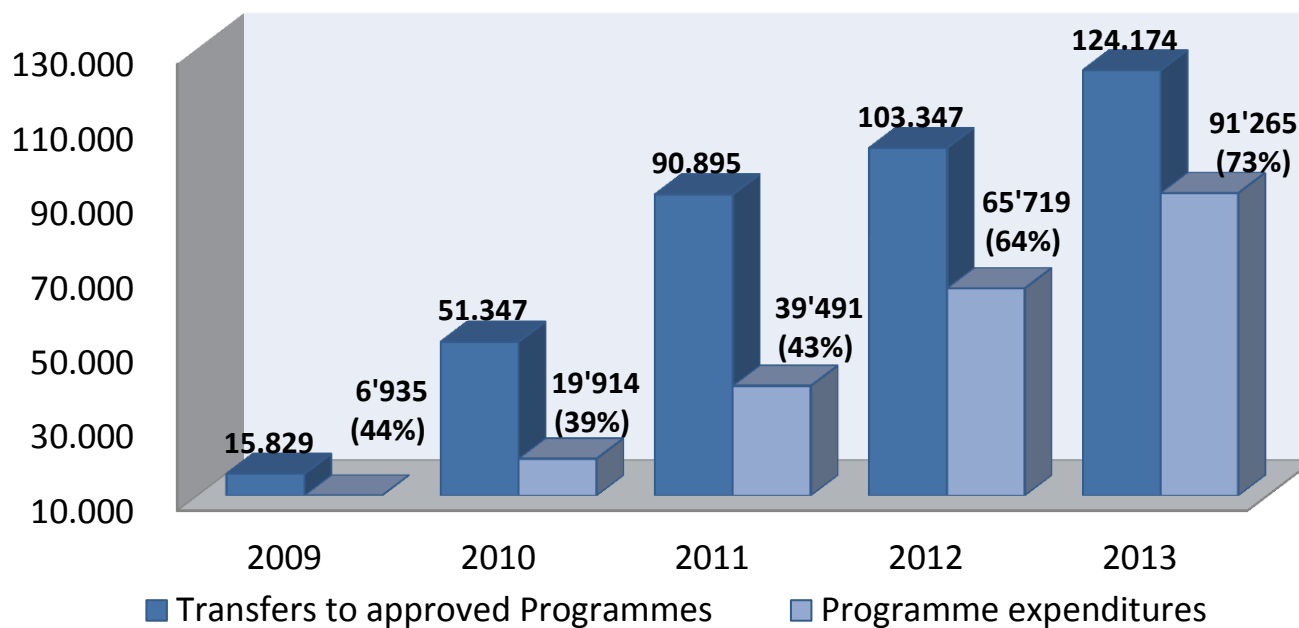


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**National and SNA - GP Programmes proportion of total Programme delivery (%)  
2009 - 30 June 2013**



## Overall Programme Delivery of Funds transferred to National and SNA- GP Programmes: 2009 - 30 June 2013 (in US\$ Thousands)





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## National Programmes - Key Figures

- 17 countries with National Programmes:
  - 2 National Programmes completed operations: Philippines and Tanzania joining Indonesia and Viet Nam as “graduated” countries
  - Final independent evaluations Indonesia and Tanzania completed
  - 1 country with a new National Programme approved: Colombia



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## Summary of achievements Jan-June 2013

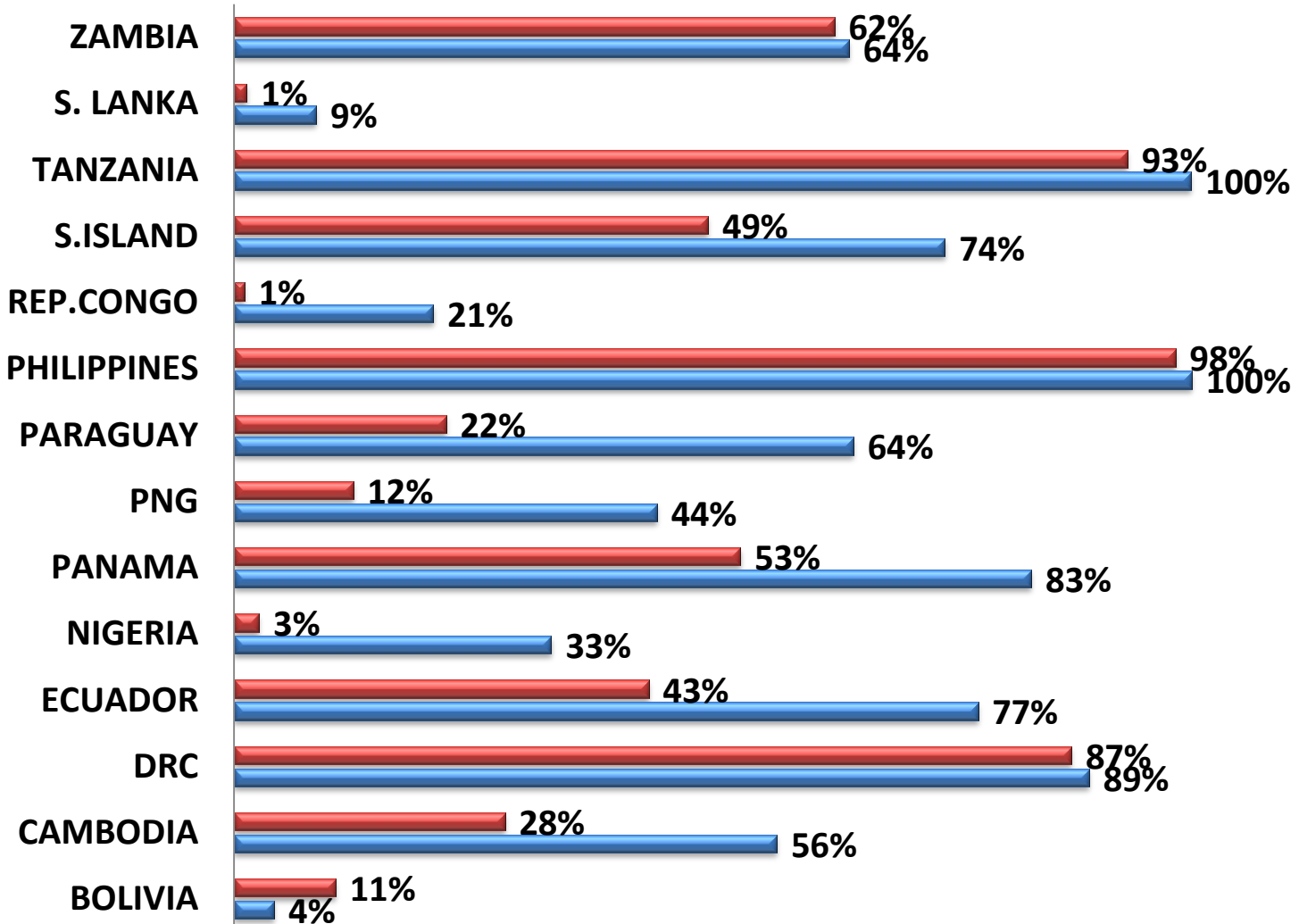
- Strengthened institutional frameworks and governance for REDD+ in Cambodia, ROC, Ecuador, Nigeria, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Tanzania and Zambia
- Stakeholder consultation processes supported in ROC, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zambia, Ecuador and PNG (the last 2 including FPIC)

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## Summary of achievements Jan-June 2013

- ***Capacities enhanced and advancement/completion of national forest monitoring systems, MRV, and RL/REs in Cambodia, Congo, DRC, Ecuador, Panama, PNG, Paraguay, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Zambia***
- ***National safeguard systems and multiple benefit analyses supported in Cambodia, Ecuador, Nigeria, Paraguay, Tanzania and Zambia***

# National Programme Delivery in Relation to Programme Duration



■ Delivery of approved budget as of 30.06.13

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## NPs Challenges and Opportunities

- Bolivia's NP revised and validated in country in March 2013
- Panama's NP investigation and evaluation launched and completed, NP revised in response, and validated by COONAPIP General Assembly



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## NPs Challenges and opportunities

- Enhanced delivery due to corrective measures applied and anticipation of externalities in countries w/delays of implementation (Ecuador, Paraguay, Nigeria, PNG, Zambia)
- Further support to countries that completed NPs when possible → Viet Nam and DRC Tier 2 programmes and targeted support to fill NP gaps or extend support provided to 11 countries with NP.

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## SNA Highlights

- Enhanced understanding/implementation of components of NFMS in countries with NPs and all Partner Countries in Latin America and Caribbean region
- Advanced cooperation with Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE)
- Enhanced cooperation with other initiatives, such as CD-REDD, FAO-MICCA-MAGHG, Silva Carbon and UNDP LECB Project, on capacity building for GHG inventories



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## SNA Highlights

- Finalization of first REDD+ Corruption Risk Assessments at national level in Kenya and the Philippines (10 additional countries)
- Global Expert Consultation on Tenure and REDD+ (Rome, February 2013) and a series of regional capacity building workshops.





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## SNA Highlights

- Guidelines on FPIC and its associated legal companion and an early guidance on grievance finalized
- CBR+ strategy developed in collaboration with GEF Small Grants Programme and allocation of funds approved at PB10
- National and local stakeholder networks and representative mechanisms strengthened in Cambodia, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Ecuador, Honduras, Myanmar, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the Republic of Congo



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## SNA Highlights

- UN-REDD Programme conceptual framework for supporting country approaches to safeguards developed in May 2013
- Technical support and capacity building to development of national safeguards systems undertaken in Argentina, Bhutan, Costa Rica, the DRC, Ecuador, Nigeria, Peru and Viet Nam



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## SNA Highlights

- Policy Briefs on Putting REDD+ Safeguards into Practice and Multiple Benefits
- Global Symposium on REDD+ and Green Economy convened in Indonesia
- In DRC links between REDD+ and Green Economy development goals considered within the country's REDD+ framework strategy and investment plan



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## SNA Highlights

- Innovative knowledge management and communications formats.
- Launch of the Policy Brief on Private Sector Engagement in June 2013 garnered highest social media outreach for the Programme, with 22,000 blog hits and an estimated 200,000 accounts reached via Twitter.



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## SNA Highlights

- Additional resources received - Norway's contribution of US\$ 16.4 million for 2013, enabled activation of new National Programmes and further support to local communities, CSOs and Indigenous Peoples.
- Draft SNA Monitoring Framework at output level developed, and the National Programme monitoring and evaluation framework further refined.
- Terms of reference for the Programme Evaluation developed and a work plan and process approved at the tenth Policy Board Meeting.



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## Challenges and Opportunities

- Rapid growth in the number of countries demonstrates strong interest but also creates challenges in delivery
- External factors affected the implementation of several National Programmes



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