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I. PURPOSE

The UNREDD Programme – Tanzania Quick-Start Initiative will strengthen Tanzania's readiness for REDD as a component of the Government's evolving REDD Strategy, and is integrated with other REDD activities in the country. The initiative supports:

UNDAF Outcome 1: Increased access to sustainable income opportunities, productive employment and food security in rural areas; and

UNDAF Outcome 2: Increased access to quality basic social services for all by focusing on the poor and most vulnerable.

The Initiative is also an integral part of the ONE-UN Programme in Tanzania and the Joint Programme on Environment, which has the objective of '*Increasing Funding for Environment Management from International Environment Funding Mechanisms with a focus on Climate Change and natural resource management*'. The programme will have the following outcomes:

Outcome 1: National governance framework and institutional capacities strengthened for REDD (led by UNDP):

Outcome 2: Increased capacity for capturing REDD elements within National Monitoring, Assessment, Reporting and Verification Systems (led by FAO and UNEP):

Outcome 3: Improved capacities to manage REDD and provide other forest ecosystem services at district and local levels (led by UNDP): and

Outcome 4: Broad based stakeholder support for REDD in Tanzania (led by UNEP and UNDP).

The main Implementing Partner for the UN agencies for this initiative is the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), in particular the Forest and Beekeeping Division (FBD) within MNRT. Other key partners include the Vice-President's Office (VPO), which holds responsibility for all climate change initiatives in Tanzania, and other agencies, in particular those represented in the National REDD Task Force.

II. RESOURCES

Outcomes	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
National governance framework and institutional capacities strengthened for REDD (led by UNDP)		1,650,000		1,650,000

Increased capacity for capturing REDD elements within National Monitoring, Assessment, Reporting and Verification Systems (led by FAO and UNEP)	1,400,000			1,400,000
Improved capacities to manage REDD and provide other forest ecosystem services at district and local levels (led by UNDP)		550,000		550,000
Broad based stakeholder support for REDD in Tanzania (led by UNEP and UNDP)		200,000	200,000	400,000
Indirect Support costs	98,000	168,000	14,000	280,000
Total Resources	1,498,000	2,568,000	214,000	4,280,000

III. RESULTS

Management arrangements

- The first half of the reporting period was the inception phase of the UN-REDD Programme – Tanzania Quick Start Initiative. An inception mission involving counterparts and stakeholders was undertaken from 25-29th January, with an inception workshop on 29th January. Details about the inception process were provided with the semi-annual report January – June 2010. In the second half of 2010 a number of key activities were initiated.
- In accordance with the Programme Document, a Programme Coordination and Management Group (PCMG) was established and the PCMG held 3 meetings in 2010. The first meeting was held in conjunction with the inception workshop on 27-28 January 2010. The second PCMG meeting took place during a UN-REDD mission to Dar es Salaam from 3 to 7 May 2010. The third meeting of the PCMG was held on 1 October 2010. On this occasion, the PCMG approved the Annual Work Plan 2010 for the UNREDD – Tanzania Programme (Attachment 1).
- During 2010, UNDP initiated and conducted a micro-management assessment of the financial management procedures at MNRT. The assessment concluded that the level of risk relating to both (1) Capacity to manage the UN Agency funded programme and (2) Financial Management Capacity for Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, is HIGH. UNDP is preparing an action plan aiming to
 - build MNRT's capacity in the area of financial management; and
 - ensure that UN financial management standards will be maintained throughout implementation of the UNREDD Programme.

For the time being, UN agencies are disbursing funds directly, on request and in coordination with MNRT. No funds have been transferred to MNRT.

- The main Implementing Partner for the UN agencies for this initiative is the Forest and Beekeeping Division (FBD) at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT). The REDD unit at FBD is in charge of the UNREDD – Tanzania Programme as well as other REDD initiatives at MNRT.
 - In the third quarter of 2010, the REDD unit held 3 meetings to plan and agree on objectives, resource management and implementation procedures for activities under the UNREDD Programme. Several initiatives were brought on the way as a result of these meetings (details to follow).
 - No further planning meetings were held in the fourth quarter of 2010, mainly due to travel and other requirements of FBD staff. However, in order to allow timely implementation of the UNREDD Programme in Tanzania it will be essential to return to the practice of holding regular, ideally fortnightly, meetings of the REDD unit. MNRT/FBD is responsible to call and arrange for these meetings to take place.
- The UNREDD – Tanzania Programme recruited a Programme Coordinator, an MRV expert and a Project Assistant and was fully staffed by November 2010.
- The UNREDD Programme is working closely with the National REDD Task Force and other organisations and institutions working on REDD+ in Tanzania. The UNREDD work programme was presented to and discussed with the National REDD Task Force in May 2010 and all activities are being coordinated closely with the Task Force.

Outcome I: National governance framework and institutional capacities strengthened for REDD

Several consultancies have been initiated to address Outcome I:

- Professor Munishi has been hired to conduct a consultancy on 'Forest Management Practices suitable for REDD+'. The objective of this assignment is to provide the UN-REDD Programme and other parties interested in REDD+ with a better understanding of the potential and suitability of different forest management practices for the implementation of REDD+ initiatives in Tanzania. An inception meeting was held on 14 December. The consultancy is expected to conclude in February 2011.
- Camco have been awarded a consulting contract to prepare and conduct training on REDD+ for staff of the MNRT. Two separate trainings will be held, the first one for staff from MNRT headquarters and selected staff from other Ministries, the second one for staff based at regional and district MNRT offices. The training sessions will also be used to analyse how REDD+ will impact on MNRT and how the Ministry will have to prepare for its role in a REDD+ scheme. It is expected that the training sessions will be held in February 2011.
- On 22-25 November, the UN-REDD Programme in Tanzania teamed up with the World Bank Institute (WBI), the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), and the ASB-Partnership at the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) to deliver a training

workshop on the opportunity cost of REDD+. Participants from 9 African countries that are either members of the FCPF and/or the UNREDD-Programme, attended the training which was held for the first time in this form.

The UN-REDD Programme in Tanzania plans to continue the work on opportunity cost and the development of REDD+ cost curves in the country. Consultations are being held to prepare a consultancy to further establish data availability and requirements in Tanzania and to develop a methodology that allows estimating the cost of REDD+ in Tanzania.

- The UNREDD – Tanzania Programme facilitated participation of staff from MNRT in a training workshop on social impact assessment for forest carbon projects co-hosted by TFCG, Forest Trends and CARE in Zanzibar on 11-15 October 2010.

Outcome II: Increased capacity for capturing REDD elements within national Monitoring, Assessment, Reporting and Verification

Building a national MRV system requires close cooperation between the UNREDD – Tanzania Programme and the National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment of Tanzania (NAFORMA) Programme. To a large extent, the UNREDD Programme will build on the data to be collected by NAFORMA. Activities implemented so far reflect the close cooperation between the two programmes:

- Two training workshops for FBD Mapping Unit Staff were held jointly by the UNREDD program, NAFORMA and FAO:
 1. A general Remote Sensing training workshop, funded by the UNREDD Program, was held in Morogoro on 6-9 September.
 2. A co-funded workshop on Open Source Remote Sensing software was held on 20-24 September in Dar es Salaam.
- ToRs have been developed for a consultancy to facilitate establishment of a clearing house, collection of literature and data and link this information to the National Forest and Beekeeping Database (NAFOBEDA). This consultancy is to be advertised soon so the activity can take place in the first quarter of 2011.
- The UNREDD-Tanzania Programme funded refurbishment of a building for establishment of a GIS Laboratory on MNRT premises. The building will also provide office space for the future mapping unit at MNRT, which is being developed jointly by NAFORMA and the UNREDD Programme and which will be a central part of the national MRV system.
- The UNREDD – Tanzania Programme contributed to the recruitment of a national mapping consultant by NAFORMA and ToRs for the consultant were developed jointly. The consultant will oversee and advice on the mapping works that will be done jointly by NAFORMA and UNREDD.
- The UNREDD - Tanzania Programme has contributed to the establishment of a National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCCM) by hosting a workshop of the MRV

Technical Working Group of the REDD Task Force on 16/17 December 2010, to review a proposal for the establishment of the NCMC. Other partners supporting establishment of the NCMC include the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

Outcome III: Improved capacity to manage REDD and provide other forest ecosystem services at district and local levels

- Activities under this Outcome aim at piloting REDD implementation and testing payment distribution options. Since there are several REDD pilot projects already underway in Tanzania, the UNREDD team assesses the status of these projects with a view to adding value to these projects. Tentatively, the view is that value could be added through the development of information sharing and shared learning mechanisms.
- ToRs have been drafted for consultancies on 'Assessment of how REDD management could fit into District and Village Land Use planning' and 'Best practice in existing village governance systems as mechanisms for implementing REDD'. These are processed through government systems.

Outcome IV: Broad based stakeholder support for REDD in Tanzania

- Activities to address Outcome IV will include a consultancy for the development of training and awareness raising measures for REDD+, and further support aiming to improve the capacity of the MNRT publicity, information and outreach areas on REDD+. ToRs for this consultancy have been prepared and are being processed through the MNRT.
- The UNREDD program provided support for participation of one member of the National REDD Task Force at COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico.

IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

The UNREDD-Tanzania Programme was designed for a 2-year period, from 10/2009 until 9/2011; however, implementation commenced only in 7/2010 with the arrival of key programme staff. Therefore, the Programme will request a no-cost extension until June 2012 which brings the full implementation period back to the original 2 years.

Another reason for this extension request is that implementation of the UNREDD – Tanzania Programme is closely linked with other REDD processes in Tanzania. Several activities will be based on the work of the various REDD pilot projects in the country. These projects also commenced only in 2010 and needed time to establish their own implementation mechanisms and processes. Therefore, some activities involving pilot projects, e.g. the piloting of implementation mechanisms and testing of payment mechanisms, can only be planned in detail from 2011. The testing and piloting will require at least one year.

V. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION

Participating UN and other organisations	Total Transferred Up to 31 December 2010	Cumulative Up to 31 December 2010 ¹ ACTUALS	
		Commitments *	Disbursements **
FAO	1,498,000	0	39,000
UNDP	2,568,000	145,337	89,717
UNEP	214,000	0	0
UNDP CO Tanzania ²	151,209 ¹	0	151,209
FCPF / WBI ³	73,381	0	73,381
Total		145,337	353,307

¹ These numbers are tentative. The UNDP and FAO Country Offices will consolidate budgets in March 2011 and then provide accurate figures.

² UNDP Country Office Tanzania provided TRAC funding for UNREDD activities before UNREDD funds were available in the country.

³ FCPF/WBI-contribution to UNREDD-Tanzania at a co-hosted regional training workshop on "Opportunity cost of REDD+" held in Arusha, Tanzania, in November 2010.