

UN-REDD
PROGRAMME



Semi-Annual Report 2012 Cambodia Programme

July 2012

1. National Programme Status

1.1 National Programme Identification

Please identify the National Programme by completing the information requested below. The Government Counterpart and the designated National Programme focal points of the participating UN organisations will also provide their electronic signature below, prior to submission to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat.

Country: Title of programme: Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme	Date of signature¹: 8. August 2011 Date of first transfer of funds²: 11. August 2011 End date according to National Programme Document: August 2013 No-cost extension requested³: N/A
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Implementing partners⁴:

- Forestry Administration (FA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP), Ministry of Environment (MoE)
- Fishery Administration (FiA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

The financial information reported should include indirect costs, M&E and other associated costs.

Financial Summary (USD) ⁵			
UN Agency	Approved Programme Budget ⁶	Amount transferred ⁷	Cummulative Expenditures up to 30 June 2012 ⁸
FAO	USD 1,300,050.00	USD 1,300,050.00	USD 7,736.00
UNDP	USD 1,551,500.00	USD 1,551,500.00	USD 84,943.26
UNEP	USD 149,800.00	USD 149,800.00	USD 0.00
Total	USD 3,001,350.00	USD 3,001,350.00	USD 92,679.26

Electronic signatures by the designated UN organization ⁹			Electronic signature by the Government Counterpart
FAO	UNDP	UNEP	
			
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¹ Last signature on the National Programme Document

² As reflected on the MPTF Office Gateway <http://mptf.undp.org>

³ If yes, please provide new end date

⁴ Those organizations either sub-contracted by the Project Management Unit or those organizations officially identified in the National Programme Document as responsible for implementing a defined aspect of the project. Do not include the participating UN Organizations unless Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) is being applied.

⁵ Use Anglophone standards for all figures

⁶ The total budget for the entire duration of the Programme, as specified in the signed Submission Form and National Programme Document. This information is available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY: <http://mptf.undp.org>

⁷ Amount transferred to the participating UN Organization from the UN-REDD Multi-Partner Trust Fund. This information is available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY: <http://mptf.undp.org>

⁸ The sum of commitments and disbursement

⁹ Each UN organisation is to nominate one or more focal points to sign the report. Please refer to the *UN-REDD Programme Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Framework* document for further guidance

1.2 Monitoring Framework

The table below requests reporting on cumulative achievements (against the expected targets in the Monitoring Framework included in the National Programme Document) and achievements gained in the reporting period (against the expected targets in the annual work plan). If there is no data to be reported in the reporting period, please mark N/A. Please add additional rows as needed. For information on means of verification, responsibilities and risk and assumptions, please refer to the Monitoring Framework in the National Programme Document.

Expected Results (Outcome or Output)	Indicators *	Baseline *	Overall progress (Cumulative achievements)		Progress Against Annual Targets (Achievements gained in the reporting period)	
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1.1 National REDD+ Readiness Coordination Mechanism established	- multi-agency Taskforce approved - Taskforce TOR agreed	- Interim Taskforce - No approved TOR	- By 7/2011 a multi-agency Taskforce is approved - By 7/2011 a draft Taskforce TOR is agreed	The Programme document was signed in August 2011. Since then the 3 government agencies (FA, FiA, GDANCP) with support from the 3 UN Agencies are meeting regularly to implement the programme	1.1a Taskforce Established 1.1b Regular Taskforce meetings held - 3 per quarter 1.1c Training of Taskforce	1.1a A request for nominations of the REDD+ Taskforce members has been issued from the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries. 1.1b N/A(planned for Q3-4) 1.1c N/A (planned for Q3)
1.2 Support to National REDD+ Readiness process	- Taskforce Secretariat established - REDD+ Advisory Group formed -capacity building exercises carried out	- No secretariat - No Advisory group	- By 7/2011 a Taskforce Secretariat is formed - By 7/2011 a REDD+ Advisory Group is formed -By mid-2013 capacity building exercises have been carried out with Taskforce, secretariat and government agencies	The Inception Workshop, a three-day event to launch the Programme, was held in November 2011. The Government (MoE and MAFF) nominated the members of the Taskforce Secretariat in November 2011. The first PEB meeting was held on 7th June 2012 where the PEB ToR and the Annual Workplan were approved and subsequently signed.	1.2a Establishment of Secretariat 1.2b Quarterly running costs of Secretariat 1.2c Finance and procurement training for secretariat 1.2d Regular meetings of PEB 1.2e Travel for Secretariat and Technical Teams 1.2f Training for Secretariat and technical teams	1.2a/b The process of recruiting 5 Secretariat supporting staff members (Communication Officer, Admin and Finance Assistant, Programme Coordinator, Technical Specialist, Finance and Procurement Officer) under UNDP contracts started in May and the selected candidates are going to start working at the Secretariat from mid July 2012. 1.2c Initial introduction to procurement provided by UNDP in late June 2012. Once the new Finance and Procurement officer will be in place, more tailored and detailed trainings will be provided.

* Please note that the information in these columns come from the original Project Document. The information will be updated once the inception report is approved.

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						1.2d The first PEB meeting took place in June 2012 and the PEB ToR and Annual Workplan were approved. The next PEB meetings are scheduled for October and December 2012. 1.2e/f N/A (planned for Q3-4)
1.3 Stakeholders are engaged in the REDD+ Readiness process	- consultation events - Minutes of consultations - consultation program for the national REDD+ strategy	- Consultation Plan prepared - 4 National Consultation Events	- At least 12 consultation events per year - Minutes show that consultations follow the principles in the Roadmap - By 1/2012 a consultation program for the national REDD+ strategy has been developed	In February 2012 an Initial Workshop was held with key CSOs and IP Representatives to Identify the Process of Selection of Representatives that will sit on key bodies within the Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme (PEB and Consultation Group) are expected to be selected during the next workshop in August/September 2012.	1.3a Identification of Civil Society and IP representatives for bodies 1.3b Support to CF and CPA networks 1.3c Support to civil society groups to engage on specific technical areas	1.3a The identification of representatives from civil society (CSOs) and indigenous peoples (IPs) for the consultation group and PEB has been initiated during an initial workshop held on the 2nd of February 2012. Preparation for a 3-day workshop has been started in collaboration with NGOs and it is expected that by the next PEB meeting in October 2012 CSOs and IP representatives will be selected to sit on this body. 1.3b/c N/A (planned for Q3-4)
1.4 Stakeholders provided with access to information on REDD+ and the National REDD+ Readiness process	- REDD+ information and dissemination website - awareness raising plan - local communication tools - awareness	- Baseline: Khmer 101-103 awareness-raising materials available - No website	- By 10/2011 a REDD+ information and dissemination website had been created - By 10/2011 an awareness raising plan has been developed - By 1/2012 local communication tools have been developed - At least 12 awareness raising events by mid-2013	The website development has been moved to 07/2012 when there will be a Communication Officer that can provide regular update. 2 events were organized so far to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to gain information on the programme and planned activities (including Inception workshop). Information was also circulated in the national newspapers and the internet. Information on the programme was	1.4a Establishment and maintenance of website 1.4b Development of consultation and participation plan 1.4c Capacity building and awareness raising process including: - Training for Government at National level - Training of CS groups at national level	1.4a The bidding process for Website is ongoing (June 2012). The company is expected to set up the website in Q3. The regular update of the website will be performed by the Communication Officer (recruited in July 2012). 1.4b A Draft Consultation and Participation plan has been developed as part of the Inception report – this will be further reviewed and developed. 1.4c/d N/A (planned for Q3-4)

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	raising events			also presented at the informal NGO network meeting in November 2011. A number of individual meetings were held with key development partners to ensure that they were aware of the programme and what initial activities were to be conducted. 4 Articles in local newspaper, a news story on UNDP website and an equity weekly TV magazine have provided updates and information on REDD+ demonstration sites (in particular Oddar Meanchey).	- Training of trainers - Support to training process at subnational level 1.4d Regular (quarterly) meetings of the consultation group	
2.1 Development of individual REDD+ strategies and implementation modalities	- specific REDD+ strategies have been developed for FA, FiA and GDANCP - Capacity building activities for each agency	- Draft REDD+ Strategy in Roadmap	- By mid-2013 line agency specific REDD+ strategies have been developed for FA, FiA and GDANCP - By mid-2013 at least four Capacity building activities being carried out for each agency	- By mid-2013 evaluation reports are available for four large forested landscapes in the country - By mid-2013 information is available on local opportunity costs of REDD+ versus other livelihood options	2.1a Finalisation of Cambodia R-PP 2.1b Support to the Implementation of the NFP Analysis of how REDD+ can be integrated into the NFP 2.1c Development of National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan 2.1d Investigation on how the REDD+ can Support management of flooded forests and mangrove Areas managed by Fisheries Administration under the Strategic Planning Framework on Fisheries 2.1e Support to national strategy Development to address drivers from outside the forest sector	2.1a/b/c/d/e N/A (planned for Q3-4)

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2.2 Evaluation of multiple benefits	- evaluation reports - information available on local opportunity costs of REDD+ versus other livelihood options	- UNEP-WCMC multiple-benefits report Sustainable financing of protected areas in Cambodia: Phnom Aural and Phnom Samkos wildlife sanctuaries report by IIED (2008), as well as earlier EEPSEA and other publications.	- By mid-2013 evaluation reports are available for four large forested landscapes in the country - By mid-2013 information is available on local opportunity costs of REDD+ versus other livelihood options	N/A	2.2 a Review of existing work on valuation of multiple benefits and local costs and benefits of REDD+ in Cambodia and a review of local organizations with the capacity to take such work further. 2.2b Workshop on Valuation of the multiple benefits and local costs and benefits of REDD+ to develop work plan for 2012 and 2013	2.2a/b N/A (planned for Q3)
2.3 REDD+ Benefit Sharing and Fund Management	- Benefits Sharing Technical Team formed - analysis report of benefit sharing arrangements - consultation on different sharing mechanisms - analysis report of legal mechanisms - Fund established	- existing pilot projects - No funds exist	- By 10/2011 a Benefits Sharing Technical Team is formed - By mid-2013 an analysis of possible benefit sharing arrangements is complete - By mid-2013 consultation on different sharing mechanisms is complete - By 10/2012 an analysis of legal mechanisms is complete - By mid-2013 at least one Fund has been established	N/A, The establishment of the Technical Teams has been delayed to end of 2012.	2.3a Establishment and functioning of a Finance and Benefit sharing technical team 2.3b Assessment of existing benefit sharing and fund management models in Cambodia and international best practice	2.3 a/b/ N/A (planned for Q4)
2.4 (former 2.4 integrated)	- analysis report of national and subnational	- Only REDD regulation is Circular #699	- By 7/2012 an analysis of national and subnational implementation is complete	N/A	2.4a Assessment of options for linking subnational and national implementation	2.4a/b N/A (planned for Q4)

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with 2.3) Policy and legal development for the National REDD+ implementation framework	implementation - SESA framework developed - National REDD+ policy and/or regulations developed		- By 7/2012 SESA framework has been developed - By mid-2013 National REDD+ policy and/or regulations have been developed - By mid-2013 nationally-appropriate safeguards have been prepared - By mid-2013 indicators to monitor multiple-benefits have been prepared		2.4b Support to development of National REDD+ Registry	
2.4 (formerly 2.5) Safeguards and monitoring of multiple-benefits	- safeguards prepared - indicators to monitor multiple-benefits prepared	- No national REDD+ safeguards, - Monitoring systems in place in some forested landscapes		N/A	2.5a Establishment and operations of a Multiple Benefits and Safeguards Technical Team 2.5b Assessment of International Safeguards when compared to national safeguards	2.5a N/A (planned for Q3-4) 2.5b N/A (planned for Q4)
3.1 Development of National REDD+ project guidelines and approval of funding for demonstration sites	- REDD+ Projects Team established - number of project grants approved	- in the project document, 2 demonstration activities are recognized.	- By 7/2011 REDD+ Projects Team established - By 7/2011 at least two project grants have been approved	National REDD+ pilot project guideline were developed and two demonstration projects, identified in the project document, have submitted proposals and received funds to support progress towards project completion. The second Tranche payment is expected to occur in July 2012 (for Pact/Oddar Meanchey) and December 2012 (for WCS/Seima).	3.1a Establishment of Pilot Projects and Subnational Approach Technical Team 3.1b Support to development of subnational activities: - Designation of Protection forests - Consultation with Provincial governors - Demarcation of Protected areas	3.1a N/A (planned for Q3-4) 3.1b N/A (planned for Q4)
3.2 Pilot project	- number of pilot projects	- no sales of carbon credits	- By end of 2012 4 pilot projects are supported	Benefit sharing report has been developed by PACT.	3.2a Second Round of small grants issued	3.2a N/A (planned for Q3)

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activities	supported - number of projects making sales on the voluntary carbon market		- By mid-2012 at least 2 projects are making sales on the voluntary carbon market			
4.1 Establishments National MRV/REL Technical Team and build appropriate national capacity	- national MRV/REL Technical Team established - MRV/REL expert in place - number of training courses on MRV/REL held.	- Limited knowledge in Gov on REDD+, reporting requirements, IPCC and MRV -No MRV/REL Technical Team -No training on MRV/REL -No MRV international expert in Cambodia	By 1/2012 the national MRV/REL Technical Team is established. - By 5/2012 MRV/REL expert is in place - By mid-2013 at least five training courses on MRV/REL have been held.	The MRV/REL Technical Team was informally formed and weekly MRV meetings are organized. The recruitment procedure for the MRV experts is under finalization. One MRV/REL training was organized One national consultation on National Forest Inventory was organized. One MRV consultation was organized.	4.1.a Regular meetings of MRV/REL Technical Team 4.1.b Provision of Technical support and advice (including international MRV/REL expert for two years) 4.1.c Determine appropriate institutions and their roles in the MRV system 4.1.d Training and capacity needs assessments 4.1.e- Trainings on MRV and IPCC guidelines, National Forest Inventories, Remote sensing and satellite monitoring systems	4.1.a Weekly meetings are organized; 4.1.b One international expert is providing support and coordination of MRV activities; 4.1.c N/A (planned for Q4) 4.1.d Two national consultants were hired, one is working on the assessment of the capacities for the Ministry of Environment, the second the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery. (training planned for Q4) 4.1.e One consultation on National Forest Inventory was organized. One MRV consultation was organized.
4.2 Develop Cambodia Monitoring system plan	- Analysis of existing forest monitoring system, forest definition, forest stratification and design of forest monitoring system are	- Principles for a Monitoring system plan in Section 6 of the Roadmap.	- Analysis of existing forest monitoring system, forest definition, forest stratification and design of forest monitoring system are provided. -Trainings on national forest definition, forest monitoring system, and forest stratification -National consultation and	The activity 4.2.a. was delayed and limits the implementation of the other activities. However, one international consultant was hired to work on the national forest definition and forest classification. The work is progressing but very limitedly because existing data are not available. Trainings in forest monitoring will start in October.	4.2.a Review monitoring system needs and programs in other countries 4.2.b Review national forest definitions in the NFP and for the CDM and provide recommendations for revisions as appropriate. 4.2.c Determine national forest	4.2.a Tenders were received but rejected because considered as not appropriate. A second call for tenders was made and the terms of reference were modified. 4.2.b One international consultant was hired. 4.2.c/d N/A (planned for Q3-4)

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	provided. -Trainings on national forest definition, forest monitoring system, and forest stratification -National consultation and decisions on national forest definition, forest stratification and forest monitoring system.		decisions on national forest definition, forest stratification and forest monitoring system.		definitions, land-use classes, carbon pools and reference period to be used 4.2.d - Determine the appropriate forest monitoring system to be used 4.2.e - The development of the zero forest map is initiated	4.2.e N/A (planned for next year)
4.3 Review of forest cover assessments to provide REDD+ activity data and design the satellite forest monitoring system	-Training on satellite image interpretation, zero map development. -Platform for forest monitoring	- Current forest cover assessments	-Training on satellite image interpretation, zero map development. -Platform for forest monitoring	The land cover products were collected. Training programmes on remote sensing started. The activities are implemented in coordination with DANIDA and JICA in order to avoid overlap and duplication.	4.3.a Analysis on the accessibility of satellite and aerial imageries for detection of past, present and future forest cover change 4.3.b Training on satellite monitoring system 4.3.c Training on image interpretation. 4.3.e Design the forest monitoring system for REDD+ activities and participatory forest monitoring 4.3.g Analysis of past and current	4.3.a Tenders were received but rejected because considered as not appropriate. A second call for tenders was made and the terms of reference were modified. 4.3.b N/A (planned for Q4); 4.3.c This activity was postponed to not overlap with the activities implemented by DANIDA and JICA; 4.3.e N/A 4.3.g N/A N/A (planned for Q3-4)

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					forest cover change	
4.4 Design of a National Forest Inventory to develop emission and removal factors for REDD+ related activities	- Training on emission factors, and advanced database management. -Database with harmonized existing data. -Method to assess emission factors.	- Principles for a Monitoring system plan in Section 6 of the Roadmap	- Training on emission factors, and advanced database management. -Database with harmonized existing data. -Method to assess emission factors.	The draft database is currently under development. The database for the plant species and allometric equations was developed.	4.4.b Collect and harmonise existing forest inventory data 4.4.c Inventory of the existing allometric equations to estimate biomass and carbon stocks from tree measurements 4.4.g Create central database of all information on forest carbon stocks	4.4.b N/A (planned for Q4) 4.4.c The database was developed. The report is progressing. 4.4.g The structure of the database is currently being developed.
4.5 Support the development of a REDD+ related GHG Reporting System	Existing data are collected and evaluated.	Only the Department of Climate Change have capacity for GHG reporting.	Existing data are collected and evaluated.	Existing software and training documents for GHG inventory are collected.	4.5.c - Central database of all information on forest monitoring, and MRV (including database for tree species identification) 4.5.e - QA & QC, archiving system and maintenance	4.5.c The database is under development (planned for Q3/4) but the data have not yet available. 4.5.e Delayed because data are not available.
4.6 Support the development of Cambodia RL/REL framework	-Trainings on REL/RL -Report on drivers of deforestation	- Draft report on the Assessment of Land-use, Forest Policy and Governance	-Trainings on REL/RL -Report on drivers of deforestation	N/A	4.6.c - Revision and finalization of the land-use, forest policy and governance report	4.6.c N/A (planned for Q4)

1.3 Financial Information

In the table below, please provide up-to-date information on activities completed based on the Results Framework included in the signed National Programme Document; as well as financial data on planned, committed and disbursed funds. The table requests information on the cumulative financial progress of the National Programme implementation at the end of the reporting period (including all cumulative yearly disbursements). Please add additional rows as needed.

Definitions of financial categories:

- *Commitments*: Includes all amount committed to date. Commitment is the amount for which legally binding contracts have been signed and entered into the Agencies' financial systems, including multi-year commitments which may be disbursed in future years.
- *Disbursement*: Amount paid to a vendor or entity for goods received, work completed, and/or services rendered (does not include un-liquidated obligations)
- *Expenditures*: Total of commitments plus disbursements

PROGRAMME OUTCOME	UN ORGANISATION	IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS			
		Amount Transferred by MPTF to Programme (A)	Cumulative Expenditures up to 30 June 2012		
			Commitments (B)	Disbursements (C)	Total Expenditures (D) B + C
Outcome 1: Effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the Roadmap principles.	FAO	\$55,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
	UNDP	\$895,000.00	\$0	\$29,483.02	\$29,483.02
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total Outcome 1:		\$950,000.00	\$0	\$29,483.02	\$29,483.02
Outcome 2: Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework.	FAO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	UNDP	\$455,000.00	\$0	\$52,100.44	\$52,100.44
	UNEP	\$140,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total Outcome 2:		\$595,000.00	\$0	\$52,100.44	\$52,100.44
Outcome 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels.	FAO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		Amount Transferred by MPTF to Programme (A)	Cumulative Expenditures up to 30 June 2012		
			Commitments (B)	Disbursements (C)	Total Expenditures (D) B + C
	UNDP	\$100,000.00	\$0	\$3,359.8	\$3,359.8
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total Outcome 3:		\$100,000.00	\$0	\$3,359.8	\$3,359.8
Outcome 4: Design of a Monitoring System and REL framework and capacity for implementation.	FAO	\$1,160,000.00	\$0	\$7,736.00	\$7,736.00
	UNDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	UNEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total Outcome 4:		\$1,160,000.00	\$0	\$7,736.00	\$7,736.00
GSM (7%)	FAO	\$85,050.00			
GSM (7%)	UNDP	\$101,500.00			
GSM (7%)	UNEP	\$9,800.00			
FAO (Total):		\$1,300,050.00	\$0	\$7,736.00	\$7,736.00
UNDP (Total):		\$1,551,500.00	\$0	\$84,943.26	\$84,943.26
UNEP (Total):		\$149,800.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grand TOTAL:		USD 3,001,350.00	\$0	\$92,679.26	\$92,679.26

1.3.1 Co-financing

If additional resources (direct co-financing) are provided to the activities supported by the UN-REDD National Programme, please fill in the table below:

Sources of co-financing ¹⁰	Name of co-financer	Type of co-financing ¹¹	Amount (US\$)
Multilateral agency	FAO	Cash	US\$ 305,000
Multilateral agency	UNDP (TRAC Fund)	Cash	US\$ 500,000

1.3.2 Additional finance for national REDD+ efforts catalyzed by the National Programme

Name of financer	Description	Amount (US\$)

2. National Programme Progress

The questions in section two are intended to capture advancements and challenges that the National Programme has faced during the reporting period. It also aims to collect information on inter-agency coordination, ownership and development effectiveness, and communication. Please provide your answers after each question.

2.1 Narrative on Progress, Difficulties and Contingency Measures

The questions below ask for a brief narrative describing progress on the implementation of activities, generation of outputs and attainment of outcomes. It also asks for a description of internal and external challenges to National Programme implementation, as well as the contingency actions planned to overcome them.

2.1.1 Please provide a brief overall assessment of the extent to which the National Programme is progressing in relation to expected outcomes and outputs. Please provide examples if relevant (600 words).

The Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme remains a complex programme with regard to coordination due to the engagement of 2 Ministries (Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) and 3 Agencies within those Ministries (Forestry Administration, General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection and Fishery Administration). All Agencies are essential to the effective development of a national approach to REDD+. As under Cambodian law (and as outlined in the NPD) they are responsible for the different national forested areas. Challenges of coordination and a shift in Government staff from those involved in programme design have resulted in delays in implementation as some details of programme design were renegotiated. Important steps have, however, been taken regarding the definition and creation of the programme governing bodies. The members of the REDD + Taskforce Secretariat have been meeting regularly since April 2012 (5 meetings). During May and June 2012 four new Secretariat support staff members (Communication Officer, Programme Admin and Finance Assistant, Programme Coordinator, Finance and Procurement Officer) were recruited. They will start working from mid July 2012. Their support will help to increase the speed of activities implementation. Both international experts' recruitments under UNDP and FAO are ongoing. Three

¹⁰ Indicate if the source of co-financing is from: Bilateral aid agency, foundation, local government, national government, civil society organizations, other multilateral agency, private sector, or others.

¹¹ Indicate if co-financing is in-kind or cash.

consultants were hired by FAO, two started working on the assessment of the capacities for the MoE and MAFF and one started reviewing national forest definitions in the National Forest P and for the CDM and provide recommendations for revisions as appropriate.

The Secretariat developed the 2nd and 3rd Quarterly Work plans and their accompanying documents. In February 2012 a Civil Society workshop was also organized to provide further information on the Cambodia UN-REDD National Programme and to start the identification of civil society and indigenous peoples' representatives for the Programme Executive Board and Consultation Group. A request for opening a bank account for the Taskforce Secretariat was signed at the end of June. Both FA and GDANCP staff are signatories to this bank account, which will serve as the central account for the Secretariat. In June 2012, the 1st Programme Executive Board (PEB) meeting was held where the PEB ToR and Annual Workplan were approved. Finally, the REDD + Taskforce members are in the process of being nominated by the respective government agencies. It is expected to meet the first time in August. The MRV capacity building activities started. An MRV technical team has been informally developed and weekly MRV meetings are organized.

2.1.2 Please provide a brief overall assessment of any measures taken to ensure the sustainability of the National Programme results during the reporting period. Please provide examples if relevant. (250 words)

Both the Start-Up Advisor and the UN Agencies focal points have been working closely with the Taskforce Secretariat members to develop ToRs, Workplans and organize the first workshops and meetings. The procurement of items will also be directly made by the Taskforce Secretariat through the newly opened bank account. Initial support on the procedures will be offered by the UNDP staff and the new recruited officers. Although this process is time demanding, it is crucial for ensuring that the government agencies have a clear understanding on the Programme and thus grant long-term ownership. Capacity building sessions, field visits and trainings on technical and administrative aspects will remain a focus for the second half of 2012 when all the members of the Secretariat will be in place.

2.1.3 If there are difficulties in the implementation of the National Programme, what are the main causes of these difficulties? Please check the most suitable option.

- ☐ UN agency Coordination
- ☒ Coordination with Government
- ☒ Coordination within the Government
- ☒ Administrative (Procurement, etc) /Financial (management of funds, availability, budget revision, etc)
- ☒ Management: 1. Activity and output management
- ☐ Management: 2. Governance/Decision making (Programme Management Committee/National Steering Committee)
- ☐ Accountability
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ National Programme design
- ☒ External to the National Programme (risks and assumptions, elections, natural disaster, social unrest)

2.1.4 If boxes are checked under 2.1.3, please briefly describe any current *internal* difficulties¹² the National Programme is facing in relation to the implementation of the activities outlined in the National Programme Document. (200 words)

As described earlier the presence of three national implementing agencies (FA and FiA under Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and GDANCP under Ministry of Environment) and their different capacities and interests requires a greater level of consultation and discussion on key decisions as well as tailored operating procedures. For example, several discussions and meetings were required to

¹² Difficulties confronted by the team directly involved in the implementation of the National Programme

agree on quarterly work plans and the procurement of items as well as the modalities for opening the bank account. However, so far commonly agreed solutions have been found and the encountered difficulties did not represent a significant challenge to the success of the programme, rather they represent a need to move in a more measured way.

2.1.5 If boxes are checked under 2.1.3, please briefly describe any current *external* difficulties¹³ (not caused by the National Programme) that delay or impede the quality of implementation. (200 words)

A number of local newspaper articles have been published on the development of a military camp within one of the pilot sites. This does not directly affect the delivery of the specific grant deliverables but does present challenges to the public perception of REDD+ and its long term viability.

2.1.6 Please, briefly explain the actions that are or will be taken to eliminate or manage the difficulties (internal and external referred to in question 2.1.3 and 2.1.4) described in the previous sections. (250 words)

Once the Taskforce Secretariat is fully staffed it is planned to intensify the frequency of regular meetings. These meetings will help to ensure that key staff agrees with the management arrangements being established for the Programme. The Programme Coordinator will play a critical role within this, supporting coordination of meetings and facilitating the process of activity approval and development. A capacity building plan is being developed under UNDP for the implementing partners so as to make sure they are fully aware of financial, auditing, procurement process to manage their Programme budget. The Finance and Procurement Officer will also help in providing trainings to Taskforce Secretariat members. The new Secretariat staff members under UN-REDD, in particular the Programme Coordinator, represent neutral partners within the Secretariat and therefore can be effective in facilitating agreements processes.

The scheduling of two PEB meetings prior to the end of 2012 will also help to maintain momentum behind the programme with each meeting able to provide objectives to be achieved by the next meeting. The need for senior representation and the nominations of alternates in the PEB meetings has been discussed and agreed during the 1st PEB meeting. A similar principle will be introduced for other bodies, in order to not slow down the decisions processes in case of absences.

2.2 Inter-Agency Coordination

The aim of the questions below is to collect relevant information on how the National Programme is contributing to inter-agency work and “Delivering as One”.

2.2.1 Is the National Programme in coherence with the UN Country Programme or other donor assistance framework approved by the Government?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please explain:

2.2.2 What types of coordination mechanisms and decisions have been taken to ensure joint delivery? Please reflect on the questions above and add any other relevant comments and examples if you consider it necessary:

Common UN-REDD Format workplan have been used from which Agency specific workplans and budgets are created. A joint Monitoring and Assurance plan has been developed to coordinate UNDP and FAO activities at the country level and to reduce time constraints on the Taskforce Secretariat. In addition, The involvement of the UN RC in several activities related the National Programme such as

¹³ Difficulties confronted by the team caused by factors outside of the National Programme

his presence in the 1st PEB meeting and the visit to one REDD+ pilot site have contributed to show UN delivering as one.

2.2.3 Are the recommendations of the HACT assessment being applied in the implementation of the National Programme by the three participating UN organisation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please explain, including which recommendations from the HACT assessment have or have not been applied:

2.3 Ownership¹⁴ and Development Effectiveness

The questions below seeks to gather relevant information on how the National Programme is putting into practice the principles of aid effectiveness through strong national ownership, alignment and harmonization of procedures and mutual accountability.

2.3.1 Do government and other national implementation partners have ownership of the implementation of activities and the delivery of outputs?

☐ No ☒ Some ☐ Yes

Please explain:

As the Programme is at its early stage, governance body for the programme are not fully operational yet, and ownership has not been fully taken by the Government. However ongoing close consultations with national partners has been undertaken within the existing bodies (PEB, Secretariat and bilateral meetings) to ensure their full involvement in implementation of activities and delivery.

2.3.2 Are the UN-REDD Programme's Guidelines for Stakeholder Engagement and Operational Guidance Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest Dependent Communities been applied in the National Programme process?

☒ No ☐ Partially ☐ Fully

Please explain, including if level of consultation varies between non-government stakeholders:

As the Programme is at its early stage, full operational procedures have not been developed, yet. However, continued effort is being made to ensure that all activities will conform to the UN-REDD Programme guidelines.

2.3.3 What kind of decisions and activities are non-government stakeholders involved in?

☐ Policy/decision making
☐ Management: ☐ Budget ☐ Procurement ☐ Service provision
☐ Other, please specify

Please explain, including if level of involvement varies between non-government stakeholders:

The preparation for the selection of the representatives from civil society and indigenous peoples to sit on the PEB and Consultation Group has started in late June. It is expected that they can provide input on Programme activities from next PEB meeting (October 2012). In addition the technical working groups will provide a forum for providing their feedbacks.

2.3.4 Based on your previous answers, briefly describe the current situation of the government and non-government stakeholders in relation to ownership and accountability¹⁵ of the National Programme. Please provide some examples.

¹⁴ Ownership refers to countries exercising effective leadership over their REDD+ policies and strategies, and co-ordination of actions.

¹⁵ Accountability: Acknowledgment and assumption of responsibility for actions, products, decisions, and policies and encompassing the obligation to report, explain and be answerable for resulting consequences.

Once the representatives will be selected and all bodies will be fully operational the Programme accountability and transparency will be increased as there will be a clear process through which decisions are made.

3. Government Counterpart Information

The aim of this section is to allow the Government Counterpart to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complimentary information to Section 1-2 which are filled out by the three participating UN organizations.

Comments by the Government Counterpart:

The Ministries remain fully committed to the UN-REDD Programme as part of the national readiness process. The REDD+ is a complex issue that require engagement from several stakeholders and work for coordination across government agencies. For this reason we consider important to develop strong foundations and understanding for the Programme. On this purpose we are looking forward to receive the last nominations to the interagency Taskforce that will be a key to ensure coordination. We are also looking forward to start working with the new recruited support staff for the Secretariat. With these bodies fully functional we will be better prepared to implement the activities according to the workplan.

4. Other stakeholders (non-government) Information

The aim of this section is to allow non-Government stakeholders to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complimentary information to Section 1-2 which are filled out by the three participating UN organizations. Please request a summary from existing stakeholder committees or platforms.

Comments by other stakeholders (non-government):

N/A since the Programme is at its early stage and no stakeholder platform exists yet.