



Workshop Report

Participatory Governance Assessments
Jambi District-Specific Index
17-18/March/2014, Jambi - Indonesia

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1. Background for this meeting

The district-specific index for Jambi is currently underway and will be building on the PGA work to date in Indonesia and the [findings launched in 2013](#). Preliminary discussions took place already in December 2013 on how the findings and recommendations could be followed up at the provincial level – one of which were to utilize a new PGA indicator set and collect province specific information and data which in turn could be used as a basis in Jambi's policy-making related to forest and REDD+ specific governance issues.

2. Objectives and outcomes

The recent workshop in Jambi was organized to raise awareness of the district-specific index to a range of stakeholders and to allow more in-depth discussions around the initiation of the index itself, but also the quality of the collected governance data thus far, as well as a clear plan for how to complete the data set.

3. Participants

In total, over 80 key stakeholders from nine districts in the Jambi Province attended a workshop on the development of the Jambi forest governance index covering all districts in Jambi. The stakeholders represented a broad constituency and were representing District Forest Departments, law enforcement institutions (such as police, attorneys and judges) from the nine different districts, civil society, local community groups and the private sector.

4. Key issues addressed and discussed during the workshop

4.1 Opening remarks session:

From previous discussions and also statements made in the workshop it is evident that the district-specific index enjoys a high level of political support. Ir. Havis Husaini, MM, Assistant to the Jambi Governor, stated in his speech on the opening session of the workshop that "**the Jambi governance index will be instrumental in an improved planning process, in addition to tracking progress or regression in the forest governance area over time.**"

4.2 Links between the larger PGA and the district-specific index in Jambi:

Dr. Abdul Wahib Situmorang is the PGA Project Manager for the larger PGA process in Indonesia and shared insights from this process and emphasized the newly refined PGA indicators, sources of data and provided a preliminary data analysis based on the findings thus far in Jambi. Relating specifically to the newly revised indicators, Dr. Situmorang demonstrated how they would be used in measuring the REDD+ and forest governance over time. The quality of the index result relied on the high level of consultations to get inputs from national, provincial and district level stakeholders across the ten provinces selected for the larger PGA process.

4.3 Group discussions enriching the quality of the data and pointing to relevant data sources:

The workshop allowed the opportunity for group discussions on the indicators and data availability. The first group included representatives from Districts Forest Departments; Kerinci, East Tanjung Timur, West Tanjung Jabung; and forestry special units such as national parks and forest boundary mapping. The second group consisted of law enforcement institutions represented by police, attorneys and judges from nine different districts. The third group included civil society actors, community groups and private sector actors.

Reports from these group discussions confirmed that roughly half of the needed data was available from districts government, while all needed data from law enforcement institutions was available and shared to all participants. With regards to aspects relevant for civil society and local communities, data for indicators under each aspect was discussed and presented in the plenary session. For the private sector, there were separate meetings to measure indicators on gratification and their efforts for improved governance.

Participants agreed to submit the missing data to the organization Walhi Jambi as focal point for this assessment. Mr. Musri Naili, Director of WALHI Jambi expressed that *"the workshop was the first occasion in which such a variety of provincial stakeholders devoted time to jointly discuss the state of forest governance in Jambi in a constructive manner. With all the different views, perceptions and experience existing of what the state of forest governance is and how the shortcomings can be overcome effectively, we agreed that having this index will inform all our efforts by providing robust governance data. The index is not meant for naming and shaming purposes, but rather pulling all our resources together to jointly work towards improvements."*

4.4 Closing remarks

The Head of the Jambi Forest Department stated in his closing remarks that *"this is the right time for us to start improving our forest governance - and it is our joint efforts that will count in ultimately strengthening the four governance aspects we have prioritized as most pressing for our province: namely forest area certainty; fairness over forest resources; forest management transparency; and lastly, law enforcement capacity."*

4 Follow-up and next steps

The workshop was supported jointly by the SIAP (Strengthening Integrity and Accountability Programme) II-USAID and the UN-REDD Programme, and enjoyed expert inputs from key actors who have participated in the overall PGA process in Indonesia over the last couple of years, both from the project management side and the Expert Panel.

The immediate next steps, based on the active group and plenary discussions are to complete the data by asking stakeholders to submit the missing data and have the local Expert Panel analyse the quality of data.

There was an overall agreement that it is realistic to expect the Jambi district-specific index to be complete and available by End of June 2014.

Annexes (hyperlinks)

Final agenda and participants list may be found [here](#)