

REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING (with semi-annual update)

COUNTRY: GUYANA

PERIOD: January to July, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

SUMMARY:

Background

The Ministry of Natural Resources is the Executing Agency for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Project. The Ministry has put in place robust institutional arrangements to support transparency, accountability and inclusivity in the project's execution. The Ministry continues to work in close association with the Guyana Forestry Commission, which has oversight for implementing and sustaining key technical aspects of REDD+ activities in Guyana to ensure the success of the FCPF Support for REDD+ Readiness Process, as well as all relevant stakeholders.

Summary of Progress

Project Execution Unit

- Additions to the existing Project Execution Unit were made during the reporting period.
- The PEU hired an Accounting/Administrative Officer in April 2017 and a Procurement Specialist in June, 2017.
- TOR for a Public Relations Officer was prepared and No Objection has been given by the IDB. The Ministry has advertised in local newspapers and the closing date for CVs was June 30, 2017. Interviews and selection of candidate will follow.

Project Steering Committee

- The Project Steering Committee formed during this reporting period comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Toshias Council, North Rupununi District Development Board, National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organizations, Amerindian Peoples Association, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences-University of Guyana, Guyana Forestry Commission, Office of Climate Change, Forest Producers Association, Transparency International Guyana, Red Thread and Caribbean Youth Environment Network.
- The PSC has had three meetings to date; 1st PSC meeting - 19th & 20th January, 2017, GFC Boardroom, 2nd PSC meeting – 3rd March, 2017, GFC Boardroom, 3rd PSC meeting – 20th April, 2017, Regency Hotel and is scheduled to meet again on the 20th July, 2017.

National REDD Working Group

- The first NRWG Meeting was held the 20th April, 2017. It was attended by stakeholders from all sectors, inclusive of the indigenous peoples, academia, civil society, NGOs and private sector.

Annual Operations

Activities accomplished under the AOP (**Component 1**) for this reporting period are;

- **Procurement of Consultant for the Development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) for REDD+ Implementation in Guyana**
 - Procurement activity ongoing. Evaluation report for Technical proposal submitted to the IDB and NPTAB
- **Procurement of Consulting Firm for Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+ & Readiness Activities in Guyana**
 - Procurement activity ongoing. Evaluation report for Technical proposal submitted to the IDB and NPTAB
- **Consultants to provide institutional strengthening and capacity building for Indigenous NGOs and NTC**
 - Procurement activity ongoing. Twelve (12) EOIs received. Short being prepared.

- **Price Comparison Procurement Document for Purchase of Motor Vehicle**

- Procurement activity completed. Vehicle delivered.

Activities accomplished under the AOP **(Component 2)** for this reporting period are;

- **Consultant to Develop REDD+ Strategy Options and SESA**

- Procurement activity ongoing. Fifteen (15) EOIs received. Short list and Evaluation report prepared and submitted to the IDB for approval

- **Communication Link Established with Other Countries to enable the sharing of ideas and Lessons Learned**

- Knowledge sharing trip to Guatemala planned for August, 2017 for members of the Project Execution Unit and Project Steering Committee

Activities accomplished under the AOP **(Component 3)** for this reporting period are;

- **Consultant to undertake National Survey of Perception of REDD+**

- Procurement activity ongoing. Expression of Interest advertised on UNDB website and locally.

Additional activities accomplished:

- The Procurement Plan and Financial Plan have been updated
- The Project Execution Unit had requested a Project Extension (up to December 2019)
- Consultations and Community outreach with stakeholders commenced during this reporting period and will continue throughout the year

Key Next Steps

Those outlined for Year 1 are:

COMPONENT 1: Country Organisation and Consultations for REDD+ Readiness

- Output 1: Functioning REDD+ Secretariat established
- Output 2: Functional NRWG established and operational **(ongoing)**
- Output 3: National Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) developed and established **(ongoing)**
- Output 4: Communication and Outreach Action Plan developed and Participatory Mechanisms in place and operational **(ongoing)**

COMPONENT 2: REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework

- Output 5: REDD+ Strategy Option paper approved by sectoral stakeholders and by relevant Ministries and Commissions **(ongoing)**
- Output 6: Analysis of the Investments necessary to Implement REDD+ undertaken **(ongoing)**
- Output 7: Number of REDD+ pilot projects designed and implemented defining carbon rights, benefit sharing mechanism, financing, procedures for official approvals **(ongoing)**
- Output 8: Number of Studies (including Trade Off Analysis), Workshops and Study Tours conducted
- Output 9: Training sessions performed on the interpretation and implementation of natural resources legislation, policy and guidelines
- Output 10: Communication Link Established with Other Countries to enable the sharing of ideas and Lessons Learned **(ongoing)**
- Output 11: Analysis of land tenure and carbon ownership to inform the allocation of benefits and rights
- Output 13: SESA Social and Environmental Studies and Report **(ongoing)**
- Output 14: Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Developed **(ongoing)**

COMPONENT 3: Monitoring and Evaluation of Readiness activities

- Output 16: Finalize Monitoring Framework

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

These activities were non-FCPF financed.

Monitoring Reporting Verification System (MRVs) for the period January to July 2017

The GFC commenced work on exploration of options for continued forest change monitoring under a “non-REDD+ payment” scenario. The first option considered was the use of freely available Landsat 30m resolution imagery. Using this option meant that the GFC had to assess the resources available and determine the best way to go about tracking change and what could be mapped. Based on the quality of the imagery available, it was decided that it would be best to only map deforestation areas and Shifting Agriculture areas that were 1 ha and above.

The imagery was used to assess forest change for the assessment year 2015. Preliminary results have indicated that with Landsat imagery even though it tends to overestimate large areas of change, it is still possible that it may miss those areas that are around 1ha, especially since with Landsat imagery the mapping scale is increased from 1:8,000 to 1:15,000 to accommodate for the coarser pixel size. Further, for the period, there was no supplementary sources of imagery used; i.e. solely Landsat 7 & 8 imagery were used. This lends to the high possibility of areas going undetected since it is a known fact that Guyana is very cloudy and also that Landsat 7 has issues with missing data. Field data collection was conducted in order to continue to update forest biomass and carbon stock data.

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):	
<u>Source:</u> nil	<u>Amount provided:</u>
<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>
<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>
Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of activities relevant to ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):	
<u>Source:</u> n/a	<u>Amount provided:</u>
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Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.A):

Provide examples of how IPs and CSOs are represented in institutional arrangements for REDD at the national level.

1. The formation of the Project Steering Committee. It comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Tshaos Council, North Rupununi District Development Board, National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organizations, Amerindian Peoples Association, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences-University of Guyana, Guyana Forestry Commission, Office of Climate Change, Forest Producers Association, Transparency International Guyana, Red Thread and Caribbean Youth Environment Network.
2. The first NRWG Meeting was held the 20th April, 2017. It was attended by stakeholders from all sectors, inclusive of the indigenous peoples, academia, civil society, NGOs and private sector. Approximately 30 representatives attended the first NRWG meeting.
3. In recognition of the importance of indigenous involvement in the Guyana –FCPF REDD+ Readiness Process, the Project Execution Unit (PEU) in collaboration with the Project Steering Committee held Consultation Sessions within Indigenous communities during the period May-June, 2017, in the North and Central Rupununi. This will be continued for the year. These sessions were aimed at enhancing stakeholder's understanding of the FCPF REDD+ Readiness Process. Presentations were done on the FCPF Project along with a project update. There were approximately 100 representatives from various indigenous communities in region 9.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is aware of the importance of ensuring increasingly greater impact of stakeholder engagement processes, and will actively continue field programmes that will also include other forest dependent communities.

Examples of stakeholder engagement platforms in country which meet regularly to discuss and provide inputs to the REDD+ readiness process (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):

<u>Frequency:</u> Monthly	<p><u>FCPF Project Steering Committee</u></p> <p>Began its duties in January, 2017. The primary function of the Project Steering Committee is to oversee the development and implementation of REDD+ readiness activities detailed in the Technical Cooperation Agreement for the project: Support for REDD+ Readiness Process in Guyana. The Steering Committee will monitor and review the status of the components of the project, as well as provide oversight of project deliverables.</p>
<u>Frequency:</u> Quarterly	<p><u>Green Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee</u></p> <p>In recognition of the need for an inclusive and participatory approach to national development His Excellency President David Granger has commissioned the Green Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (GMSSC). The GMSSC serves as an integral stakeholder mechanism for the elaboration and monitoring of the Green State Development Strategy (GSDS) while addressing matters related to the agreement between Norway and Guyana.</p> <p>The GMSSC is mandated to provide guidance on plans and proposals related to the development of the GSDS along with implementation activities which may include actions from under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS). The committee will also oversee the progress under all national Agreements especially the Memorandum of Understanding between Guyana-Norway. Finally it provides guidance and oversight in the planning and execution of ongoing national stakeholder consultations to mitigate the need and use of ad hoc consultative platforms. Representatives come from the private sector, public sector, the opposition and civil society actors.</p>
<u>Frequency:</u> Quarterly	<p><u>MRVS Steering Committee</u></p> <p>Convened to oversee the development and implementation of Guyana's Monitoring Reporting & Verification System. The Steering Committee will monitor and review the status of various aspects of the MRVS development, as well as provide oversight of project deliverables. As a related Objective, the Steering Committee will be responsible for providing a mechanism to support the boarder objectives of land use and land management (including within forest areas), in Guyana.</p> <p>Minutes can be accessed through the following link: http://www.forestry.gov.gy/publications.html</p> <p>While the MRVS component is not financed by the FCPF there is commitment from the Ministry and the GFC to engage stakeholders in all REDD+ activities. Hence its addition in this section</p>

Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.

The PEU partnered with the North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB) and the Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG) to organise the community outreach project where REDD+ was discussed and issues clarified.

Number and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are:

Underway:

1. Application for candidacy for The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).
2. Negotiations with EU FLEGT with the aim of entering into a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA)

Please describe these policy reforms:

EITI

The overall goal of EITI to achieve good governance of natural resources will aid in Guyana's compliance with REDD+ standards. The Cooperative Republic of Guyana is not a member of EITI as of 15th March, 2017. However, it must be praised for intensifying its efforts, in recent years, to satisfy EITI candidate sign-up requirements. The country announced its commitment to implement the EITI since May 2010. Guyana and EITI signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2012, per which Guyana will be assisted with its preparation of EITI candidacy. Progress for this reporting period are as follows;

1. A National Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator have been appointed.
2. A Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) was formally established in February 2017, with a total of twelve members. Each of the three sectors nominated four (4) members and each member has an alternate. The TOR and workplan have been finalized.
3. The MNR in collaboration with the MSG are reviewing the initial candidate application.
4. Barring any unforeseen obstacles, The Cooperative Republic of Guyana can become an EITI candidate before the end of 2017.

EUFLEGT

In March 2012, the Governments of Guyana and the European Union announced the decision to enter into formal negotiations on a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA). The VPA is the mechanism under FLEGT that outlined the ambits of the trade and forest governance agreement that Guyana and the EU jointly agree to. There have been four negotiation meetings to date between the EU and the GoG: December 2012, July 2013, April 2015 and March 2016. The 5th Negotiation is to be held in Brussels in 2017. Progress for this reporting period are as follows;

- The 4th round of national consultation was conducted on January 30th – February 16th 2017 with three teams comprising members of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG), FLEGT Secretariat, and representatives from the Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) and National Insurance Scheme (NIS). A total of twenty four (24) one day sessions were conducted with the aims of providing a detailed update of the FLEGT process in Guyana, and fostering open-dialogue on the newer versions of Annexes II, Annex V and Annex VIII. These sessions used a more focused approach; targeting stakeholders directly involved in logging and discussing how the VPA addresses or creates a platform for discussing key issues relating to Land Tenure, Stakeholder obligations, transparency and communication, inter-agency collaboration, and independent auditing. A total of 786 persons participated during the consultation, with representation from more than 154 different stakeholder groups (primarily comprising Amerindian villages/communities and logging associations).
- The NTWG has begun using Radio Lethem (95.1) and Radio Paiwomak in Annai (97.1) to stream live consultation sessions through the airwaves, and provide regular updates of the VPA process.
- All completed Annexes as well as the stakeholder feedback matrix are being updated based on the information received during the latest round of consultations.

Design of national REDD+ Strategies addresses indicators for enhancement of livelihoods of local communities and for biodiversity conservation (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):

Provide examples of how national REDD Strategies address livelihoods of local communities and biodiversity conservation.

Green State Development Strategy

The framework document for Guyana's development along a 'green' pathway has been finalised. The document, which is titled 'Framework of the Guyana Green State Development Strategy and Financing Mechanisms' is intended to provide guidance on the prioritised areas to be developed in the Green State Development Strategy (GSDS). It lays out the elements to be examined and consulted on during the course of the development of that policy document.

Notably, this document represents a roadmap for Guyana's development along a reduced emissions pathway and builds on the successes of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) and several other national documents such as the Nationally Determined Contributions, Climate Resilience Strategy Action Plan (CRSAP), Draft National Energy Policy, and National Adaptation Strategy for the Agriculture Sector (2009 -2018).

Nationwide consultations and stakeholders' feedback for 2017 have begun. These will guide the development of the seven major themes of the strategy. These include: green inclusive, structural transformation; sustainable management of natural resources; transition towards renewable energy; resilient infrastructure and spatial development; human development and wellbeing; governance and institutional foundations; and international cooperation, trade and investment.

3. PROGRESS AT R-PP sub component level

3.1. REDD Readiness Progress

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.):

Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

At the time of this assessment, the activities outlined in the R-PP are at varying stages of implementation. The Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) outlines the pathways for the completion of the remaining work under these activities. The report includes recommendations for further work to be considered to fulfil the requirements of the assessment framework. The table below summarises the achievements by readiness sub-component using the FCPF Reporting Format for FCPF Financed components.

Progress and achievements financed by FCPF grant only

Components	Sub-components	Overall Achievement
1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Further development required
	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Further development required
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Further development required
	2c. Implementation Framework	Further development required
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Further development required

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)

Components	Sub-components	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes
	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	No
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
	2c. Implementation Framework	Yes
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		No
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No

Level of overall achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.b.):

Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement ¹ :	Tracking ² :
Grievance & Redress Mechanism (GRM)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expressions of Interest closing date 10th January, 2017 Six (6) EOIs received Short list and Evaluation report prepared and submitted to the IDB for approval Evaluation report approved Request For Proposals document submitted to IDB for approval and No Objection to RFP received Shortlisted firms invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals (Closing date 23rd May, 2017) Bids opened No Objection to Evaluation Team received from IDB and NPTAB Evaluation report for Technical proposal submitted to the IDB and NPTAB 	<p><i>Please explain why:</i> Procurement process ongoing</p>
Communication & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expressions of Interest closing date 10th January, 2017 Fifteen (15) EOIs received Short list and Evaluation report prepared and submitted to the IDB for approval Evaluation report approved Request For Proposals document submitted to IDB for approval and No Objection to RFP received Shortlisted firms invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals (Closing date 23rd May, 2017) Bids opened No Objection to Evaluation Team received from IDB and NPTAB Evaluation report for Technical proposal submitted to the IDB and NPTAB 	
Strategic Environmental & Social Assessment (SESA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of TOR for No Objection to IDB No Objection approved Submission of Expression of Interest to IDB for No Objection No Objection to EOI received Expressions of Interest closing date June 14th, 2017 	






Strategic Environmental & Social Assessment (SESA)	6. Fifteen (15) EOIs received 7. Short list and Evaluation report prepared and submitted to the IDB for approval	
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¹ Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, on their Supplementary Grant Agreement for an additional grant of up to \$5 million. For instance, under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.4 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+






² The level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved RF grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale "Non Applicable" can be selected.

This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework






Degree of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component and sub-component (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.c.).
Countries are expected to rate progress toward the implementation of R-PP sub-component only once a year, as part of the reporting submitted by August 15th each year






	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements <i>Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies</i> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism	Support the establishment of a functional REDD Secretariat	A Project Execution Unit has been established under the Ministry of Natural Resources to aid in the implementation of FCPF REDD+ activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The PEU consists of a Project Coordinator, Project Assistant, Accounting/Administrative Officer and a Procurement Specialist. – TOR for a Public Relations Officer and No Objection has been given by the IDB. The Ministry has advertised in local newspapers and the closing date for CVs was June 30, 2017. Interviews and selection of candidate will follow. 			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
		Support the operationalization of the National REDD+ Working Group (NRWG)	REDD Secretariat established within GFC to execute key technical aspects of REDD+. Forest Area Assessment Unit established within the REDD Secretariat to conduct annual measurement and monitoring of deforestation and forest degradation. Project Steering Committee has been identified. It comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Toshias Council, North Rupununi District Development Board, National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organizations, Amerindian Peoples Association, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences-University of Guyana, Guyana Forestry Commission, Office of Climate Change, Forest Producers Association, Transparency International Guyana, Red Thread and Caribbean Youth Environment Network. The Project Steering Committee has had three meetings to date.	Please explain why:		
		Development and establishment of a national conflict resolution strategy	The first NRWG Meeting was held the 20th April, 2017. It was attended by stakeholders from all sectors, inclusive of the indigenous peoples, academia, civil society, NGOs and private sector. Procurement activities for the Grievance and Redress Mechanism for REDD+ continues. Contract expected to be signed by end of August 2017.			






³ The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth colour scale 'Non Applicable' can






	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
	Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach <i>Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes</i>	Development of a Communication and Outreach Strategy and Action Plan Development of Communication and Outreach Material and conduct National Consultation and Outreach Activities Dissemination of materials for consultations through various media	Procurement activities for the Consulting Firm for Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+ & Readiness Activities in Guyana is ongoing. Evaluation of Technical and Financial proposals are being completed. Contracted expected to be awarded by end of August 2017.			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				Please explain why:		






be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
	Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options <i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> <i>(i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</i>	Identify/Design REDD + Strategy Options Design and implementation of REDD+ Pilot projects Examine/Assess REDD + Strategy Options	Procurement activities for the REDD+ Strategy Options has commenced. The PEU has prepared the Evaluation Report for the Expressions of Interest submitted. Awaiting No Objection to the shortlist to invited firms to submit their Technical and Financial Proposals.			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				Please explain why: Procurement will continue. Contract award is expected in October, 2017		

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
	Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework <i>Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</i> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> <i>(i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations ; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities</i>	Legislation and Regulations Guidelines for Implementation Benefit Sharing Mechanism National REDD Registry and System Monitoring	No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				<i>Please explain why:</i> During the reporting period MNR was working on drafting the TOR to be submitted for approval		






	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
	Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts <i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> <i>(i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i>	Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment (SESA) Execution of relevant technical studies and assessments	Procurement activities for the Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment (SESA) has commenced. The PEU has prepared the Evaluation Report for the Expressions of Interest submitted. Awaiting No Objection to the shortlist to invited firms to submit their Technical and Financial Proposals.			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				Please explain why: Procurement will continue. Contract award is expected in October, 2017		

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Disbursement for the period January to July, 2017 is US \$489,798		Please select your rating:
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 x More than 40% variance
		 Non Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Disbursement for the period January to July, 2017 is US \$489,798		Please select your rating:
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 x More than 40% variance
		 Non Applicable

3.2. Engagement of stakeholders within the approach to REDD+

Examples of actions/activities where IPs, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.a.):	
Action/activity:	<p>National REDD Working Group Meeting</p> <p>The Ministry of Natural Resources, Project Execution Unit held the first NRWG Meeting on the 20th April, 2017. The meeting saw approximately thirty (30) stakeholders from a broad spectrum of stakeholders groups including the National Tshao Council (NTC), Indigenous Advocacy Groups, Civil Society, Private Sector, Natural Resource Agencies, Academia and Non-Governmental Organisations. The specific objectives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand The FCPF Project and the role of the NRWG 2. To discuss REDD+ and the REDD Secretariat 3. To present the Project Steering Committee and discuss Its roles and relationship with the NRWG 4. FCPF Work Plan and Project Update

FCPF Outreach at the North Rupununi District Development Board Meeting (18th-20th May, 2017) The PEU was invited by the NRDDDB to make a FCPF presentation to all Toshaos, village council members and youths on the FCPF Project. The meeting saw approximately seventy (70) representatives from the North Rupununi villages. The specific objectives were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the FCPF Project (background on REDD+ and the FCPF process) 2. To present a Project Update 3. Discussions with indigenous peoples on their expectations and what the project will deliver 					
FCPF Outreach at the Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG) Meeting with Partners The PEU was invited by the KMCRG to make a FCPF presentation to all Toshaos, village council members on the FCPF Project. The meeting saw approximately twenty five (25) representatives from the surrounding villages. The specific objectives were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the FCPF Project (background on REDD+ and the FCPF process) 2. To present a Project Update 3. Discussions with indigenous peoples on their expectations and what the project will deliver 					
Number of IP and REDD country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):					
<u>Please list the training conducted:</u> No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	# of participants # of men / # of women <u># of Men:</u> <u># of Women:</u>			<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>
					
					
				X	Not yet demonstrating progress
					

3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:	
<u>No</u>	NA

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:
Overall number by product: NA
<u># of Men:</u> NA
<u># of Women:</u> NA

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?		
<u>No:</u>	List the South-South learning activities:	<u># of men:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)- <u># of women:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
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4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative – The Ministry of Natural Resources is now the executing agency for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project in Guyana, leaving the Guyana Forestry Commission as the implementing agency for REDD+ activities. The Ministry and the Guyana Forestry Commission continue to work closely to plan and execute REDD+ activities. However, given the change of executing agency there have been some delays in the execution of project activities. 2. Perceptions of Stakeholder Groups - The PEU during this reporting period highlighted challenges directly related to the stakeholder consultation/inception workshop. The FCPF process was a continuation of the LCDS (a national initiative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FCPF process was primarily focused on Indigenous people • The lack of trust among all stakeholder groups • Tying the FCPF process to finding resolution of indigenous land tenure, exclusive rights to natural resource use • Expectations that available funds are exclusively for the benefit of Indigenous communities <p>– These perceptions are being continuously clarified by the Project Execution Unit through stakeholder engagement.</p>

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder Participation is key to the FCPF process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for a clear communications strategy and the dissemination of information • To ensure that all forest dependent communities take ownership of the FCPF process for its success • The importance of human capacity building to ensure the sustaining of community development activities beyond the life of the project. • The need to ensure the integration of the FCPF outcomes into Guyana's Green Economy National Policy strategy
