



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country
Participants Progress Report
THAILAND
Period: August 2018 – June 2019



FCPF Readiness Fund: REDD+ Country Participant Annual Progress Report THAILAND Period from August 2018-June 2019

About this document

This template is for use by Readiness Fund (RF) REDD+ Country Participants to report their annual progress on REDD+ readiness activities in general, and on FCPF-supported activities in particular. The data provided through these reports represents a central information source for measuring progress against the FCPF's expected results and performance indicators, as articulated within the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework.

Report preparation

Reports cover progress through 30th June of each year.

When preparing the report, RF REDD+ Country Participants should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD+ (component 6 of the R-PP) and should consult members of the national REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated, with any divergent views recorded as appropriate. Detailed, indicator-by-indicator definitions and reporting guidance are provided within the FCPF M&E Framework (<https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/monitoring-and-evaluation-0>).

Reporting schedule

Completed reports should be submitted to the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) by **15th July** every year.

SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. In brief, what were the main REDD+ readiness-related activities and achievements delivered within your country during the last year?

The FCPF Grant for REDD+ Readiness Preparation for Thailand has been effective from 17 June 2016 (the Grant Agreement signed) and will terminate on 30 June 2020. The Readiness Preparation for Thailand was consist of 4 components and during the reporting period, some key progresses can be described as follows:

1.1 Component 1: Support readiness organization and consultation.

Achievements:

1. Two hundred representatives from the upper and lower Northern, Central, Western and Eastern and North-eastern regions were trained on REDD+ framework in February 2019, March 2019 and July 2019.
2. Establishment of the REDD+ regional offices in the north eastern, the lower north, the southern region and Central, Western and Eastern Region and establishment of seven forest and climate change education and action centres in 5 regions.

3. Sharing information and knowledge on REDD+ Framework to relate stakeholder at the eight forest and Climate Change education and action centres in 5 regions.
4. Two south-south knowledge exchange visits on REDD+ implementation were conducted in Indonesia and Vietnam with participation of 28 DNP staff, 4 representatives from the National Strategy committee and associated working groups.
5. Two DNP staffs were supported to participate in a knowledge exchange workshop on FREL/FRL development in India.
6. A Develop Communications Strategy and Assess Information and Media Products for Thailand REDD+ is in the process for negotiate and sign contract with the Firm in June 2019. The contract was signed on 5 July 2019.
7. A Technical Working Groups on National REDD+ strategy and SESA was established, and revise the technical working groups on Forest Reference level/Forest Reference Emission level and MRV.
8. The annual PSC meeting for FCPF Thailand conducted on 18 January 2019.
9. The World Bank mission for FCPF were conducted on 21 – 25 January 2019 and 10 -13 June 2019 accordingly.

1.2 Component 2: REDD+ strategy Preparation

The National REDD+ strategy and Strategic Environment and Social Assessment for the REDD+

Mechanism in Thailand was sign on June 12, 2019. The contract period of 12 months and terminate on 11 June 2020. The kick off meeting of this activity was held on 5 July 2019 and DNP work closely with the consultants to ensure that activities will be on track and completed on time without delay.

1.3 Component 3: Forest Monitoring and Emissions.

Activities under this component support the development of a reference emission level ("REL") and monitoring, reporting and verification system ("MRV"), including supporting the establishment of a REL. Develop models for emissions estimations; supporting the technical design and proposal for enhancing the national forest inventory and monitoring system to support REDD+; compiling, analysing and disseminating information on the latest national forest inventory; and providing training to government officials and other stakeholders in MRV and software programming.

Progress under component 3 includes

- DNP signed agreement with FAO for "Technical Assistance for the Development of REDD+MRV system and Forest Reference Level for Thailand" on 11 September 2018 and the terminated date on 30 September 2019.
- Hiring two Remote Sensing and GIS officers to support DNP with data processing completed.
- The REDD+ Forest Reference Level (FRL) capacity Building workshop for Thailand was held on 21 – 23 November 2018.
- The technical mission on the review of National Forest Inventory methodology and the enhancement of the THAIFORM for five Thai Officials, 10 -12 December 2018 at FAO HQ, Rome. The topics and discussions covered during the mission were 1) THAIFORM and potential improvements, 2) Allometric equations, 3) Introduction to OpenForis Collect, and 4) OpenForis Collect Mobile and Calc. The follow activities will be 1) to finalize list of Allometric Equations, 2) the Concept Note for additional tree measurements and 3) to complete conversion of THAIFORM to OpenForis Collect.
- The training on System for Earth Observation Data Access, Processing and Analysis for Land Monitoring (SEPAL) for 15 related Thai Staff, on 26 – 28 December 2018

- The team meeting for FAO-FCPF Thailand project between DNP and FAO to agree on the new work plan and budget on 15 January 2019 at DNP.
- The meeting on Allometric Equation testing by using the Biomass Tree Measurement method, as well as the coordination meetings with possible partners in the activities was done at DNP. On 21 -22 February 2019, and early March 2019 for Partner meeting such as Kasetsart University, RFD. And the FAO and DNP collect the additional data for emission factor and Allometric Equation development/revise in the field
- The Follow-up FRL workshop involving all key stakeholders of Thai REDD+ program was conducted in Kanchanaburi from 25 – 27 February 2019. All key stakeholders reached consensus on the key decisions required for FRL development, including forest definition and classifications, reference period, mapping unit and score regarding gases, carbon pools and REDD+ activities.
- The consultation meeting for project update and FCPF Thailand Partner side event at the Asia-Pacific Forestry Week was conducted on 1 April 2019 at DNP and DNP staff participate to present some results in this activity in the event in South Korea.
- The regular meeting and work sessions with DNP staff was conducted roughly once a week on the GIS and Remote Sensing topics.
- Regular consultation on the national definitions for parameters related to Activity Data for REDD+ and the assessment of existing land and forest cover maps have been conducted between FAO and related Thai agencies such as DNP, RFD, LDD, GISTDA and Forestry Faculty of KU. The ground-truth missions in both Kanchanaburi and Tak provinces were planned for the month of April. An initial forest map of the year 2017-2018 has been created in March 2019.
- The progress report on FRL and National Forest Monitoring System from FAO was submitted and review by the FRL/FREL and MRV technical Working group on 31 May 2019.

1.4 Component 4 : Project management, monitoring and evaluation framework.

Activities under this component support the management and coordination of REDD readiness

activities, financial and procurement services, as well as monitoring and coordination of the overall operation.

- Revise the annual budget was approved by the Project Steering Committee and WB has no objection and in the process for revise the annual work plan and budget due to extend the project terminate date to 30 June 2020. (formal date will be 30 November 2019)
- The revised procurement plan was submitted and TTL has no objection.
- The project Operation officer was signed and begin work on 1 October 2018

2. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related challenges and/or problems during the last year?

- Government agencies do not cooperate and coordinate activities effectively,
- Political barriers, Many policies and National Plan were created to support REDD+ activities and forest management implementation but it still lack and insufficient to provide support in the implementing stage.
- Changing the internal institutional arrangement and decision making,

- The project cannot recruit for the technical, Financial and Accountant Assistants to support the implementing the activities. Due to delay in recruitment for individual consultant, the project has insufficient staff to hold all the activities and preparing the technical and financial report on time.
- The project implementation is delay due to insufficient of resources including human resources to support implementation and only few staff can write and read and clearly understand English language.
- Some Capacity Building and consultation can not looking for the proper participation due to too many meeting and consultation and harvesting period.

3. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver, and achievements anticipated during the next year?

- Submission on FRL to UNFCCC ,
- National Forest Monitoring System and Measurable, Monitoring and Reporting system,
- Complete the National REDD+ strategy,
- Finalisation of Safeguards information System and Social and Environment Strategic Assessment.

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

4. Please provide your own assessment of national progress against all REDD+ readiness sub-components:
(Indicator OV.1B: Number of FCPF supported countries that have in place a National REDD+ Strategy, FREL/FRL, NFMS and SIS; Output 1.3 indicators)

Progress rating key:

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| Complete | The sub-component has been completed |
| Significant progress | Significant progress |
| Progressing well, further development required | Progressing well, further development required |
| Further development required | Further development required |
| Not yet demonstrating progress | Not yet demonstrating progress |
| N/A | The sub-component is not applicable to our process |

| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) | |
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| R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation | | | |
| Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements | Complete | There are many activities were done under this component and has progress for the capacity building and institution arrangement for REDD+ readiness. | |
| | Significant progress | | |
| | Progressing well, further development required | | X |
| | Further development required | | |
| | Not yet demonstrating progress | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach | Complete | Sub-component 1 b is still in the process to analyse the stakeholder and outreach mechanism strategy. In the same time all the progress was done by the government budget such media, website and consultation meeting with the CSOs and other stakeholders. | |
| | Significant progress | | |
| | Progressing well, further development required | | X |
| | Further development required | | |

| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) | |
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| | N/A | | |
| R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation | | | |
| Sub-component 2: REDD+ Strategy | Complete | Component 2 just start to implement in late June 2019 and in the process to review the document, data and other. | |
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| Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance | Complete | | |
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| Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options | Complete | | |
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| Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework | Complete | | |
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| Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts | Complete | | |
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| R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels | | | |
| Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels | Complete | Component 3 was started from September 2018, and the work was progress and expected to finalize within September 2019 | |
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| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) |
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| | N/A | |
| R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards | | |
| Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System | Complete | |
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| | N/A | |
| | | Sub-Component 4 a was include in component 3 and the work was progress and expected to finalize within September 2019 |
| Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards | Complete | |
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| | N/A | |
| | | Sub-component 4b was include in component 2 therefore this component is just start to implement. |

SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

5. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods (e.g. one of your program objective/s is explicitly targeted at livelihoods; your approach to non-carbon benefits explicitly incorporates livelihoods)?

(Indicator 3.2.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods)

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| Yes | No | (delete as appropriate) |
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:

It is still in the process to develop national REDD+ strategy.

6. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity (e.g. one of your program objective/s is explicitly targeted at biodiversity conservation; your approach to non-carbon benefits explicitly incorporates biodiversity conservation)?

(Indicator 3.3.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity)

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| Yes | No | (delete as appropriate) |
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach

It is still in the process to develop national REDD+ strategy.

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SECTION D: FINANCE

(Please complete in US\$ ONLY)

7. Please detail the amount of all finance received in support of development and delivery of your national REDD+ readiness process since the date that your R-PP was signed. Figures should only include secured finance (i.e. fully committed) – ex ante, (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions should not be included: (Indicator 1.B: Amount of finance received to support the REDD+ Readiness process (disaggregated by public, private, grants, loans))

| Amount (US\$) | Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department) | Date committed (MM/YY) | Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate) | Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate) |
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| \$ 3,600,000 | FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant | 06/2016 | Public | Grant |
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| \$ | | | | |

8. Please detail any ex ante (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions that you hope to secure in support of your national REDD+ readiness process:

| Amount (US\$) | Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department) | Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate) | Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate) |
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| \$ 600,000 | Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation | 06/2016 | Public |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |

SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

9. To help build an understanding of the FCPF strengths, weaknesses and contributions to REDD+, please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

(Indicator 4.B: Participant Countries' assessment of FCPF's role within and contribution to national REDD+ processes)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

| | Completely disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Completely agree |
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| The FCPF's support has had a central influence on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes | | | | | X |
| The FCPF's support has improved the quality of our national REDD+ systems and processes | | | | | X |
| The FCPF's support has improved national capacities to develop and deliver REDD+ projects | | | | | X |
| The FCPF's support has helped to ensure substantive involvement of multiple stakeholders (including women, IPs, CSOs and local communities in our national REDD+ systems and processes | | | | X | |

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

10. To help assess the usefulness and application of FCPF knowledge products (publications, seminars, learning events, web resources), please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:
 (Indicator 4.3.a: Extent to which FCPF learning, evidence and knowledge products are used by Participant countries)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

| | Completely disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Completely agree |
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| We regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information | | | X | | |
| FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our REDD+ related information requirements | | | | X | |
| FCPF knowledge products are sufficient to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements | | | | X | |
| The FCPF website is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information | | | | | X |

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

SECTION F: FINAL COMMENTS

11. If appropriate, please provide any further comments or clarifications relating to your work on REDD+ Readiness during the last year:

The issues that we face last year are

- STEP and Client system are not friendly for user and the manual is difficult to understand. It take long time to understand and process the work. This issues also effect on the delay of implement the project.
- Difficult to looking for someone who have knowledge on REDD+ and the FCPF/WB process to work for the R-PP project. The project face to lack of additional staff form the FCPF grant to support to implement the R-PP.
- Lack of formal mechanism to coordinate actions of REDD+ Technical Working Groups; The responsibilities assigned to the members of TWGs, especially the staff from our side the DNP are additional work for their daily work, therefor it is difficult for them to engage effectively.
- Working in two language, to promote national understanding and to meet international requirements, has been a major challenge. It is difficult to looking for he competent translators who understand the technical context, therefore the national technical staff end up spending considerable amounts of time undertaking the translations themselves.