

## **REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet**

**COUNTRY: Lao PDR**

**June, 2012**

### **1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant**

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC7 (November, 2010), a revised version of the R-PP was submitted to the FCPF Secretariat in February 2011
- Lao PDR selected as a FIP (Forest Investment Program) pilot country. An investment plan was developed and endorsed by the FIP sub-committee (January 2012).
- \$200K FCPF Formulation Grant was requested by the Government, signed in October 2009, and is mostly disbursed.
- World Bank due diligence is ongoing. Expected date for grant signature is fall 2012.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) was created in June 2011. The mandate of MONRE in the context REDD+ is still being clarified relative to the responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The capacity of MAF-Dept of Forestry and MONRE will need strengthening especially since weaknesses are being created in the process of partitioning DOF into two departments in MAF and MONRE. Lack of clarity of institutional mandates is delaying the processing of the FCPF grant financing by the World Bank.

### **2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements**

**No further development since the preparation of the Readiness Preparation Proposal assessment**

### **3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication**

**No further development since the preparation of the Readiness Preparation Proposal assessment**

### **4. REDD Strategy Preparation**

**No further development since the preparation of the Readiness Preparation Proposal assessment**

### **5. Implementation Framework**

**No further development since the preparation of the Readiness Preparation Proposal assessment**

### **6. SESA**

**TORs are being prepared by the Government and will be consulted (dates tbd)**

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### **7. Development of a Reference Scenario**

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### **8. MRV**

- Bi-lateral development partners, notably GIZ, SNV, JICA, and Finland, continue to assist the Lao Government in building capacity in forest monitoring, forest mapping, and community-based approaches for carbon mapping. Lao PDR is part of the USAID-funded LEAF program (Lowering Emissions in Asia's Forests), which is building capacity and strengthening regional collaboration in forest monitoring and the piloting of techniques that can be applied in the national REDD+ readiness process. The Lao LEAF inception workshop took place in June 2012.

### **9. Other**