

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC6.
- \$200K FCPF Formulation Grant is signed and disbursed as of 2010
- R- PP presented and approved in June 2011
- R- PP Revised and submitted to the FCPF in accordance with the PC 9 resolution
- FCPF Readiness Grant in preparation (grant agreement to be signed, fiduciary arrangements to be finalized, WB due diligence ongoing, R-PP Assessment Note prepared; Grant expected to be signed in June-July 2012)

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- A National REDD + Technical Working Group established to play a technical advisory role for the National Climate Change Steering Committee. This Group liaise directly with the Advisor to the president on Climate Change and energy
- A National Climate Change Steering Committee lunched by the President of the Republic of Liberia. The Terms of Reference have been developed and approved.
- The National Climate Change Secretariat Administrative Coordination has been recruited to facilitate implementation of R-PP activities, with office at the Ministry of States & Presidential Affairs
- The REDD+ consultation & Participation Task Forces established (C&P Taskforce), and provide expertise and oversight on communication, outreach and public participation.
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3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Regional dialogue and information sharing workshops REDD+ held in 15 counties was organized during the R-PP formulation phase
- A National REDD+ Stakeholder awareness and Consultations Workshop started in 2009 as part of consultations on the National Climate Change Response Strategy
- Three National Civil Society Dialogue Workshops held with representative from all civil society groups including NGO, academia, media, youth groups, women group
- Nationwide radio campaign for REDD+ and R-PP awareness raising – Dissemination of REDD+ and R-PP (FCPF) information in both Liberian English and translated into 16 local Liberia languages, and broadcast via 54 local radio stations nation- wide
- Five R-PP multi-stakeholder proposal writing team meetings organized participants
- A Stakeholder Consultation and Participation (C&P) Plan was designed and implemented in the formulation phase.
- A national validation workshop was held in March 2011.
- RTWG developed a national REDD+ and climate change website, Communication materials (brochures) were prepared before the consultations.
- A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed.
- A communication strategy on REDD developed.
- Gender and Climate Change information sharing and plan of action workshop held with participant from both

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rural and national women groups and structures.

- Information sharing and sensitization workshops continued.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Forest re-assessment and sectoral reform proposed
- Candidate strategies, their objectives and expected outcomes are described in the R-PP. Next steps will be to evaluate and monitor outcomes of early action testing followed by scaling up of measures deemed successful.
- The RPP provide overview of strategy option in energy, agriculture and forestry sectors
- A low carbon development strategy paper completed.

5. Implementation Framework

- R- PP implementation option developed which highlight an acceptable procedure of transparency, conflict resolution and grievance management
- A proposed plan suggested up to 2015 and beyond 2013.

6. SESA

- Draft ToRs for SESA were prepared and included in the R-PP.
- Draft Road-map for the implementation SESA developed
- The assessment of social and environmental considerations will be integrated with REDD readiness and the C&P Taskforce to lead SESA process being finalised

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- ToRs for developing Reference Scenario prepared.
- Data needs and availability of support to develop a Reference scenario and the Monitoring system has been identified.

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8. MRV

- Discussions currently ongoing on how best to develop an effective MRV system using fund allocated from other government ministry and agencies activities budget.
- Supports are been source to enhance capability within the forestry sector in Liberia to carry our forest resource assessment and monitoring in support of REDD+ efforts.
- Preliminary analysis of concession areas and possible overlaps with Agricultural/Mining concessions was undertaken with support from ESA. This work will be enhanced with support from FCPF grant to include forest cover mapping of the country.
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9. Other

- Negotiation and discussions have commenced with local development partners in sourcing support the implementation of specific components and activities within the RPP.
- A REDD+ and R- PP awareness and information sharing process was organized with key government ministries, Land Commission and National Legislature
- CARE USA through CCBA has provide funding support to start discussion on establishing a National REDD+ SES Standard Committee
- Discussions are ongoing to ensure synergies between the other funding sources and the FCPF grant.
- Information sharing and sensitization of communities continued.