

REDD+ COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING

COUNTRY: Pakistan

PERIOD: July 2015- June 2016

Background:

Islamic Republic of Pakistan was selected as a REDD+ Country participant. The participant Committee through its Resolution PC/16/2013/8 decided to allocate grant funding to Pakistan to enable it to move ahead with preparation for readiness. The grant agreement was signed on May 04, 2015. The REDD+ Preparation project intends to achieve the following objectives;

- (i) Development of the National REDD+ strategy and its implementation framework;
- (ii) Establishment of REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangements for REDD+ implementation in Pakistan;
- (iii) Assessment of land use, land use change and drivers contributing to overall emissions in Forests, forest law, policy and governance;
- (iv) Designing of Pakistan's Forests RELs/ RLs, SIS, MBIGS and monitoring system for REDD+;
- (iv) Piloting of REDD+;
- (v) Programme monitoring and evaluation framework and documentation of best practices;
- (vi) Assessment of social and environmental impact and
- (viii) Capacity building, outreach and awareness raising.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Pakistan has started implementation of the R-PP in May 2015. This progress report highlights financed activities pertaining to institutional arrangements only,

SUMMARY:

- Government of Pakistan designated Inspector General (Forest) in the Ministry of Climate Change as the national focal point for REDD+ implementation in Pakistan. The process of establishing of the REDD+ office has been initiated.
- As a first step of establishing an office the National REDD+ Coordinator has been brought on board.
- After a slight delay due the initial guidance received was not in accordance to the standing procedures of the State Bank of Pakistan the account is operational.
- To house the REDD+ Office, dedicated office space acquired and REDD+ Office operationalized
- ToRs for various positions were developed and shared with the Technical Team Leader of the World Bank.
- Expressions of Interests (EOIs) were invited from individual experts. Following the shortlisting process, technical experts/ warm bodies are on board.
- Procurement plan has been revised and has been approved at the World Bank's end.
- Process of procurement of non-consulting goods and services initiated.
- Expression of Interest (EOI) to engage National and International Firms advertised, shortlisting and No Objection Letter (NOL) from WB solicited
- No Objection Letter (NOL) for Request for Proposal (RFP) solicited from the World Bank.
- Letters of Invitation / Request for Proposals (LOI / RFPs) issued to shortlisted firms for developing
 - Feedback Grievance Redressal Mechanism, Safeguard Information System issued to short listed firms.
 - National REDD+ strategy and its implementation framework;
 - National Forest Monitoring System, Forests RELs/RLs, SIS, MBIGS and monitoring system for REDD+
- Evaluation of Technical proposals in final stages
- ToRs of REDD+ working groups revised in the context of changed focus and case sent for approval of the competent authority

Highlights of next steps in following period

- Completion of procurement non-consulting goods and services
- Completion of evaluation of technical proposals and send for the Banks review and NOL
- Evaluate financial proposals
- Developing draft contract
- Negotiations and signing of contract with successful bidder
- Meetings of the REDD+ Working Groups
- Initiate process of awareness and outreach.
- Dialogues with provinces and territories to establish provincial grievance and implementation unit by respective provinces
- One day provincial consultative workshops for formation of provincial coordination committees
- Organize meeting of the national steering committee

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention “does not apply – n/a”.

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.): N/A	
<u>Source:</u> n/a	<u>Amount provided:</u> n/a
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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.): N/A	
<u>Source:</u> n/a	<u>Amount provided:</u> n/a
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Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.A):

The Notified National Steering committee comprises of Public Sector stakeholders at the National Level, Provincial Public sector representative, International and National Civil Society Organizations, Donors, Lawyer and Academia. There are four Working Groups (WGs) of REDD+ mandated to compile and deliver information on REDD+ in close consultation of the stakeholders. Three meetings of the NSC and six meetings of the Working Group have been held.

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.):

<p><u>Frequency:</u> 2 meetings of each working group have been held since their formation inspite of NFMS&FREL working group for which six meetings have been held</p>	<p>4 Working Groups (WGs) have been launched at the workshop on 21 February 2013. These WGs are mandated to compile and deliver information on the following: (i) Governance and Management of REDD+; (ii) Stakeholders' Engagement and Safeguards; (iii) National Forest Monitoring System and FREL/FRL; and (iv) Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation.</p> <p>At provincial levels, respective governments have also designated provincial focal points that frequently coordinate with the federal government through NFP on all matters related to REDD+ implementation.</p>
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Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.

Upon finalizing the contracts with international firms/consortiums meetings and consultations shall be organised at various levels to garner the buy in and enhance ownership of the process of stakeholders.

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: The draft National Forest Policy has been formulated and is under the process of finalization

Completed: The National Climate Change Policy 2012

Please describe these policy reforms:

Forestry governance in the Indo Pak sub-continent has a long history since the late 19th century with the appointment of the first Inspector General Forests in 1896. Historically, Forestry remained a provincial subject even after independence of Pakistan. In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973, Forestry is purely a provincial subject.

Within the National Climate Change Policy there is a provision “to prepare the framework for a national REDD strategy on priority basis and ensure its implementation in accordance with international conventions/ processes”; and “to Develop the legal and institutional framework for improved forest management, investment clearly specifying rights to REDD+ credits”.

Carbon stored in forests has emerged as a new commodity under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to which Pakistan is also a Party. REDD+ (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation) under the Convention has to be dealt at the national level. This new draft policy is the first of its kind in Pakistan that responds to the National Commitments under the UNFCCC. The policy reflects that in Phase-I of REDD+ that Pakistan shall prepare a REDD+ national strategy, national forest monitoring system, national forest reference emission level and a national system of safeguard with the assistance of World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and United Nations REDD+ Programme.

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.

At this stage of the project “does not apply - n/a”

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.): up to 300 words, if applicable

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

Component 1: Organize and Consult

After the adoption of Cancun Agreement in 2010, Government of Pakistan took several measures to implement this agreement including organization of several workshops for awareness raising, training and consultations about REDD+ and Cancun Agreement at the national, provincial and district levels in 2011 and 2012. The REDD+ stakeholders at federal, provincial and local levels in government and civil society organizations actively participated in the training and capacity building programme undertaken by federal government.

At federal level, a National Steering Committee on REDD+ was constituted in 2011 under the chairmanship of the Secretary Climate Change with due representation of all national and provincial stakeholders. Three meetings of the NSC have been convened.

A process of REDD+ Roadmap was initiated by the NFP in technical collaboration with ICIMOD and WWF in 2012. A validation workshop of the road map was conducted.

During the roadmap preparation, four technical Working Groups (WGs) were constituted to compile and deliver information/ data on the following REDD+ pre-requisites: (i) Governance and Management of REDD+; (ii) Stakeholders' Engagement and Safeguards; (iii) National Forest Monitoring System and MRV; and (iv) Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation were constituted in 2013. Six meetings of these working groups have been convened.

At provincial levels, respective governments have also designated provincial focal points. Some provinces/Territories have also established full-fledged REDD+ Implementation Cells.

















National REDD+ Coordinator, GIS Expert, NFI expert, procurement specialist and finance manager has been hired for National REDD+ Office. Establishing of office and hiring of consulting firms for the key elements of RPP has been initiated.

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	YES
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	YES
	2c. Implementation Framework	YES
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	YES
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	YES
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	YES

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.):
















<u>Planned Milestones:</u>	<u>Level of Achievement¹:</u>	<u>Tracking²:</u>										
Hiring of National REDD+ Coordinator		<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>A single milestone was envisaged. Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>		Significant progress		Progressing well, further development required		Further development required		Not yet demonstrating progress		Non Applicable
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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> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (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</i>	Hiring of National REDD+ Coordinator	Warm bodies on board 			Significant progress
		Hiring of GIS/MRV Expert				Progressing well, further development required
		Hiring of NFI Expert				Further development required
		Hiring of Finance Manger				Not yet demonstrating progress
		Hiring of Procurement Specialist				Non Applicable











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 color scale 'Non Applicable' can 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		
	<p>Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>				<i>Significant progress</i>
					<i>Progressing well, further development required</i>
					<i>Further development required</i>
					<i>Not yet demonstrating progress</i>
					<i>Non Applicable</i>
				<p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>	








	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	<p>Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</p> <p><i>Purpose: identification of key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv) actions plans to address natural resource right, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy</i></p>	<u>Inviting EOI</u>				Significant progress
		<u>Shortlisting of Firms</u>				Progressing well, further development required
		<u>Sending RFP and LOI</u>				Further development required
		<u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u>				Not yet demonstrating progress
						
<p>Please explain why:</p> <p>Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>						







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	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) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</i>	<u>Inviting EOI</u>			Significant progress
	<u>Shortlisting of Firms</u>			Progressing well, further development required
	<u>Sending RFP and LOI</u>			Further development
	<u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u>			Not yet demonstrating progress
				Non Applicable
<i>Please explain why:</i> Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period				







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	Planned milestones	Achievements												
<p>Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework</p> <p><i>Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (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></p>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Further development</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>		Significant progress		Progressing well, further development required		Further development		Not yet demonstrating progress		Non Applicable	
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Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)	
	Planned milestones	Achievements		
<p>Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts</p> <p><i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i></p>	<u>Inviting EOI</u>			Significant progress
	<u>Shortlisting of Firms</u>			Progressing well, further development required
	<u>Sending RFP and LOI</u>			Further development
	<u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u>			Not yet demonstrating progress
	<u>Evaluation of Financial Proposals</u>			Non Applicable

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)			
		Planned milestones	Achievements				
R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels <i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i> <i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines</i>					Significant progress	
		<u>Inviting EOI</u>					Progressing well, further development required
		<u>Shortlisting of Firms</u>					
		<u>Sending RFP and LOI</u>					Further development
		<u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u>					Not yet demonstrating progress
		<u>Evaluation of Financial Proposals</u>					Non Applicable
And explain why: Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period							

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	<p>Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System</p> <p><i>Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests</i></p>	<p><u>Inviting EOI</u></p> <p><u>Shortlisting of Firms</u></p> <p><u>Sending RFP and LOI</u></p> <p><u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u></p>	<p> <i>The planned milestones have been achieved during the reporting period.</i></p>			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
<p>And explain why:</p> <p>Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>						






Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)	
	Planned milestones	Achievements		
<p>Subcomponent 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</p> <p><i>Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards</i></p>	<u>Inviting EOI</u>	<p> MBIG and Safeguards are part of developing FGRM, ESMF and SESA and SIS. The planned milestones have been achieved during the reporting period.</p>		Significant progress
	<u>Shortlisting of Firms</u>			Progressing well, further development required
	<u>Sending RFP and LOI</u>			Further development
	<u>Evaluation Technical Proposals</u>			Not yet demonstrating progress
				Non Applicable
			<p>And explain why: Planning has commenced after the current reporting period therefore further milestones shall be set and shall be reported in the next reporting period</p>	

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
RF Grant - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 More than 40% variance
		 Non Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Total Budget in R-PP - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements (including other funding sources and FCPF Readiness Grant)		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 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:	Describe IP, CSO, and local community participation: Not applicable at this stage of the project N/A

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>	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	<u># of participants # of men / # of women</u>		<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>
Not applicable at this stage of the project N/A				
				
				
				<i>Non Applicable</i>

3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:	
<u>Yes/No:</u> NO	<u>Please provide the list of published REDD+ knowledge products, if any during reporting period :</u>

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

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

4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

The procedural delays are not in control of the management and its impact on the delivery of outputs is negative at times. An example is the approval of the R-PP, followed by assessment mission and the gap between signing the Grant Agreement.

The expectations from the R-PP are very high however the commitment is not commensurate.

Following dual procedures results in delays in implementation.

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learned since the beginning of the readiness process. It is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learned, analysis documents developed, and/or experiences made in dealing with issues of particular interest to REDD+.

Due to unforeseen procedural issues in the hiring of the consulting team and establishment of project office anticipated targets are delayed therefore modest targets need to be set in the initial stages of the implementation of the R-PP.