



# **Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report Template**

**COUNTRY:** Suriname  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** July 2017 – June 2018

v. 2018



## FCPF Readiness Fund: REDD+ Country Participant Annual Progress Report

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> July** every year.

## SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- For example, strategy / policy drafting, stakeholder consultation events, capacity building / training, awareness raising initiatives
- Please be as specific as possible, e.g. name, date and number of participants in consultation events (sex disaggregated, if available), name of policy being drafted, institutions involved in policy drafting

Suriname's R-PP was approved by the FCPF in 2013 and the country is currently in its REDD+ Readiness phase. The FCPF Mid-Term Review (MTR) was conducted in Q4 2017, with a request for additional funding submitted in October 2017. Approval of MTR and request of additional funding was received in December 2017. Further consultations and discussions on the REDD+ National Vision and Strategy have commenced in the reporting period. In short, the following progress has been made in the reporting period:

#### Stakeholder Consultation, Participation and Outreach:

##### **Consultation, participation and Outreach related to the National REDD+ strategy, SESA and ESMF**

- The formulation of the draft National REDD+ Strategy included an extensive multi-stakeholder engagement process. After the first national workshop in May 2017 with a large number of stakeholders from all REDD+ relevant stakeholder groups, indigenous and tribal peoples (ITP) consultations and surveys were conducted by Tropenbos International Suriname and the Government of Suriname (GoS) between May – October 2017. All the 10 different indigenous and non-indigenous tribal groups were consulted, about 675 persons. Information gained from the national workshop and ITP consultations were used in the development of Suriname's REDD+ Strategy and in the process of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA). Important insights into social and environmental considerations were incorporated directly into the draft National REDD+ Strategy in the form of social and environmental considerations for the different measures. Parallel to the SESA consultation, follow-up consultations were conducted with different stakeholders, including, among others, counterpart group, key

government stakeholders, key non-government stakeholders, technical experts. After the final draft of the National REDD+ Strategy was submitted by the consultant in November 2017, PMU continued consultations with various stakeholders, including the GoS, platforms for ITPs, University of Suriname, Major Group Collective “Children and Youth”, mining sector. A total number of 223 persons (63 male, 160 female) have been consulted additionally by the PMU on the draft National REDD+ Strategy, the SESA and the development of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). The feedback received from stakeholders during these additional consultation rounds have been included in the draft National REDD+ Strategy.

#### **Consultation, participation and Outreach related to the FREL**

The formulation of the Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) also included a multi-stakeholder engagement process:

- A total number of 116 people (49 male, 67 female) participated in the FREL validation workshop on December 15th, 2017.
- Presentation for the Office of the President on December 12th, 2017
- Technical work session with key actors on December 5th, 2017
- Presentation to the Permanent Secretaries from the different Ministries on September 6th 2017
- Presentation and discussion during REDD+ Project Board Meeting on August 11th, 2017

#### **Consultation, participation and outreach related to NFMS**

- The Land Use Land Cover map for 2015 has been produced by an interdepartmental informal technical platform, with representatives from different ministries and other governmental and/ or academic organisations. Sessions were held with this platform: a Session on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> (16 participants), Oct 11<sup>th</sup> (17 participants), Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (14 participants), Wrap up on Oct 18th (11 participants)
- To make the Land Use Land Cover map a national product, consultation were also held within the districts: Saramacca (25 persons), Nickerie (31 persons), Marowijne (20 persons), Commewijne (18 persons), Brokopondo (20 persons), Paramaribo (25 persons), Wanica (26 persons); Para (29 persons), Sipaliwini (28 persons), Coronie (15 persons)
- Finally a workshop was held to validate the Land Use Land Cover map (ca. 50 participants)
- Five sessions with private forest sector companies on the design of the Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname (in total 25 men and 5 women were consulted during 5 sessions on different technical topics)
- Workshop on the design of the Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname held on June 6th (112 participants)
- Internal SBB sessions on the design of the Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname held on June 7th (81 participants)

#### **General outreach for the forest-based communities**

- A total of 18 community REDD+ information sharing sessions have been organized throughout the year to include the engagement of ITPs in the REDD+ process. During these sessions local communities of 83 ITP- communities were reached (68 non-indigenous tribal; 15 indigenous) with a total participation of 726 persons (358 male; 368 female). Out of the 83 ITP-communities, 68 were non-indigenous tribal communities with a participation of 492 persons (245 female; 247 male). The total of 15 reached indigenous communities included a participation of 234 persons (111 male; 123 female).
- During the reporting period 3 teambuilding and capacity building sessions were organized for the REDD+ Assistants Collective (RAC), representing Indigenous and non-indigenous Tribal Communities for sharing the REDD+ information to their communities. The sessions were organized during October 2017; February 2018 and April 2018, consisting of a total of 9 training days. Training topics included MRV, REDD+ refreshment courses, work plan designing. The work contract of the RAC has been extended till December 2018.

#### **General outreach for partner institutions**

- General REDD+ information sessions (walk-in-school) were organized throughout the year for different stakeholders, including the Government of Suriname (GoS), children and youth, local authorities. During the reporting period 16 walk-in-school sessions were organized, with a total of 330 participants (135 male; 195 female).
- In Sept. 2017, six Permanent Secretaries of the different ministries visited a REDD+ retreat organized by the REDD+ PMU. REDD+ information sessions were held for the participants. The delegation also visited a local tribal community, hosted by a REDD+ Assistant of that area, who elaborated on the role of the REDD+ Assistants within the Suriname REDD+ Program.

#### **Outreach for the general public**

- Public outreach and awareness raising activities have been organized. Children’s outreach activities on World Forest Day (March 21st, 2018) and World Environment Day (4- 7 June, 2018) were organized for schools in Paramaribo

and Commewijne, reaching 215 schoolchildren. Between 4- 6 June, 2018 information sessions on climate change were organized for children of the Hinterland of Suriname, namely the Boven-Suriname Area, reaching 219 school children. During an open day for the Boy Scouts of Suriname in July 2017, information on forests, environment and REDD+ was provided to the participating Boy Scouts.

- Production of communication material, including newsletters, brochures, posters, calendar. A video-film on stakeholder Engagement in the REDD+ process was produced and broadcasted through national television stations.
- An extensive newspaper article titled “The Suriname REDD+ Programme” prepared jointly by the REDD+ PMU and a journalist was published in Dec 2017 in the most read daily local newspaper *De Ware Tijd* and online: [Het Suriname REDD+ Programma - DWTonline.com](http://www.dwtonline.com/paramaribo-post/2018/01/02/wi-na-busi/) <http://www.dwtonline.com/paramaribo-post/2018/01/02/wi-na-busi/>
- Public outreach through internet: the REDD+ project website: <http://www.surinameredd.org> and social media outreach through the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/reddplussuriname/> and the geospatial Gateway: <http://www.gonini.org/portal/>

#### **Outreach for international audience**

- Suriname participated at the UNFCCC COP23 in Nov 2017. Suriname hosted a side event, including a presentation titled “Promoting Sustainable Development with REDD+ as a financing mechanism” followed by a panel discussion where also an FCPF representative participated.
- REDD+ PMU organized an exhibition at COP23 to promote Suriname’s status as most forested country in the world and to share information on the Suriname REDD+ Program and our efforts towards forest conservation. A total of over 300 participants from 77 countries visited the Suriname exhibition booth.

#### Formulation of REDD+ National Vision and Strategy (NS):

The REDD+ PMU worked in close collaboration with the consultancy team to finalize a draft version of the NS. Based on the feedback from stakeholder consultations listed above, a final draft of the NS was submitted in November 2017 by the consultant. From November 2017 – May 2018, REDD+ PMU consulted additional groups of stakeholders, including the REDD+ Project Board, the mining sector, the University of Suriname, the platforms for the Indigenous and the Tribal people, the Major Group Collective “Children and Youth”. Presentations of the content of the NS were held for the staff of the Environmental Coordinating Unit of the Cabinet of the President. The relevant feedback received from these stakeholders were reviewed and addressed in the draft National Strategy. The draft NS is subject to a last consultation round with key stakeholders (private timber sector, the Social Economic Council (SER), the Council of Ministers (RvM) and the Parliamentary Commission on Environment and Climate Change. After these sessions and in close collaboration with the GoS, a validation workshop is envisioned for the second semester of 2018 to finalize the National REDD+ Strategy.

#### Finalizing the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for REDD+ implementation.

A preliminary assessment of benefits and risks of REDD+ related policies and measures (PAMs) was carried out in parallel with the process of developing the National REDD+ Strategy. The results are available in the Report of the SESA and the ESMF. The draft of the SESA and ESMF is completed in November 2017 and is subject to validation by national stakeholders in the same validation workshop as the National REDD+ Strategy.

#### Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL):

Suriname’s first FREL was prepared by the technical REDD+ team based at the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control in close collaboration with NIMOS/ REDD+ PMU and the GoS. After incorporation of the comments into the report, the first draft was formally submitted to the UNFCCC on 8 January 2018, [https://redd.unfccc.int/files/2018\\_frel\\_submission\\_suriname.pdf](https://redd.unfccc.int/files/2018_frel_submission_suriname.pdf). After a technical assessment by the UNFCCC, the received comments were addressed in the final report of the FREL, which was submitted to the UNFCCC in May 2018.

#### National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS):

The Coordinating Unit for the NFMS is based within the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB). A National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) is up and running and was constantly being improved during the reporting period. An update on the different components of the NFMS is provided below:

#### **Satellite Land Monitoring System:**

- Deforestation map for 2015-2016 has been updated;
- Gonini geoportal was updated on a regular basis by the national REDD+ team and a new version of the geoportal was launched;
- Preparation of a Land Use Land Cover map for 2015 based on the forest cover basemap of 2000 and the deforestation maps between 2000 and 2015;

- Finalisation of the technical report on the deforestation and land use/over monitoring for the period 2000-2015;
- Update of map of deforestation due to gold mining 2014-2015 for the Guiana Shield;
- Worked on the shapefile layer of villages in collaboration with the Ministry of Regional Development;
- Started with the establishment of a mangrove forest cover baseline and historical assessment.

Within the operations of the SLMS, an informal network of multidisciplinary experts from the different national institutions is consulted on a regular basis, and actively involved in the production of these maps and products.

### **Near Real Time Monitoring System**

Daily checking of Sentinel-2 satellite images on logging activities outside of areas with permission for logging. When new unplanned activities are detected, a field crew goes to the field to stop the activities.

### **Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname**

An update of the ongoing log tracking system is currently being established, using new technology, parallel with a number of capacity building activities. It will be established as a participative tool, useful for the private and public sector and for communities with a community forest license.

The main improvements of this system will be:

- Improved services for the private sector
- Indicators for sustainable forest management (SFM) will be included and used as a tool to measure carbon emissions related to logging during operational checks, and will also be used as a tool to promote SFM.
- Improved detection and registration of illegal logging activities. (one of the areas of further improvements within the FREL)

This system will strengthen the institutional framework for the implementation of REDD+ in Suriname and support the forest sector on a long run to implement the National REDD+ Strategy.

### **Community-based monitoring**

Project was formulated and approved by FAO to adjust the SFISS to make it useful for forest-based communities. This will be carried out over the coming year.

### **National Forest Inventory**

The mangrove forest monitoring program was initiated. As part of this program, preparations were made for inventory that will take place in the mangrove forest in the coming period.

### **Reporting**

Planning for how the data generated by the NFMS will be brought together with other data, resulting in harmonized reporting formats.

#### *Development of a Safeguards Information System for Suriname (SIS):*

A Terms of Reference for the development of Suriname's SIS was drafted and the RFP was advertised during April and first week of May, 2018. The SIS procurement selection committee evaluated the technical and financial proposals and sent its evaluation report to REDD+ Management & Supervision. The contract negotiations has already started and are expected to be concluded in July 2018, after which the development of the SIS will commence.

#### *Developing a Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM):*

Terms of References for hiring an international and a national consultant to develop Suriname's FGRM as part of the REDD+ Institutional arrangements were finalized. In the first quarter of 2018 an international and a national consultant were contracted by the UNDP. Consultants submitted their work plan and have started with the assignment. The first mission of the international consultant is planned during July, 9 – 16, 2018.

#### *Finalize Study on Economic Innovative Opportunity (IEO)*

The contract with the consortium of consultants in charge of conducting the IEO-study expired in March 2017. In spite of several inquiries by REDD+ PMU to the consultants on the status of the draft report and a possible extension of the contract, the consultants failed to comment. As REDD+ PMU was also not satisfied with the execution of the work, as per July 25, 2017, formal notice was sent to the consultant of termination of the contract. In mutual consent with the consultant the contract was terminated.

In close collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, the existing ToR was reviewed and adjusted and the RFP was advertised during April 2018. Since not enough responsive bids were received, the procurement selection committee advised for re-advertisement and, additionally, sending the RFP directly to shortlisted potential bidders. The bidding was open till July 4th, 2018.

A Review of the land tenure and natural resources legal framework was conducted and the findings were incorporated in the draft National REDD+ Vision and Strategy. A separate report of this review was drafted and submitted in final draft in Feb 2018 by the consultant.

South South Collaboration:

- During the period 19 – 21 March, 2018, at the invitation of the NIMOS/ REDD+ PMU, a delegation responsible for the REDD+ Readiness process in Guyana, visited Suriname. The Guyanese delegation consisted of representatives of the FCPF Project in Guyana, REDD Secretariat, Indigenous Peoples' Representative on FCPF Project Steering Committee and the implementing partner (the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)). During this 3 days experience sharing event, Suriname and Guyana shared experience and knowledge about the progress of their respective REDD+ Project. Main topics included community engagement, sustainable timber exploitation and measuring, reporting and verification (MRV).
- Active participation of the SBB within the regional process of harmonization of NFI within the Amazon Region, participation to regional workshops: <http://www.monitoreoforestal.gob.mx/ii-reunion-expertos-proceso-armonizacion-los-inventarios-forestales-nacionales-amazonia-mesoamerica/>; <http://www.monitoreoforestal.gob.mx/reunion-manaos-inf/>
- Active participation of the SBB within the context of ACTO in forest monitoring related projects. Finalization of the project “*Forest monitoring in the Amazon region*” (researches have been carried out, national deforestation data has been delivered as an input for regional maps of 2016)
- Initiation of an exchange with Guyana Forestry Commission, the Brazilian Forest Services (SFB and IBAMA) and the French Forest Service (ONF)

Supporting/strengthening national non- Indigenous Tribal Peoples platform: the platform for *non-Indigenous Tribal peoples*, KAMPOS, submitted its activities for capacity building of KAMPOS for coordination and engagement into REDD+ The contract for support from the REDD+ Program was drafted and signed on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The first tranche of the budget has been transferred to KAMPOS in June 2018. Planned activities, also including consultation sessions of KAMPOS with the different tribes are currently being carried out.

The Mid Term Progress Report (MTR) was submitted to the FCPF in November 2017. The MTR assessed the progress achieved in those activities that are financed by the FCPF grant and recommended that additional funds of USD 2.65M were needed under the current REDD+ project to allow full execution of the REDD+ activities.

Revision Project Document: In Jan. 2018 the FCPF Participant Committee (PC23) approved Suriname's Request for Additional Funding, allocating an additional US\$2.65 million to Suriname to continue with its REDD+ readiness process. In order to access the funds, a substantive revision of the UNDP FCPF project needs to be undertaken. In May 2018 a consultant was contracted by the UNDP to lead the revision of the project document. The final draft of the revision of the PRODOC is expected to be completed in August 2018.

## 2. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related achievements in your country during the last year?

- For example, x number of individuals attended REDD+ consultations (sex disaggregated, if available), national REDD+ strategy was finalised, government formally adopted national REDD+ related policy/s, NFMS was established, partnership agreement with private sector association signed

Stakeholder Consultation, Participation and Outreach:

- The REDD+ Communications Strategy 2018 was completed in May 2018, containing the communication objectives, target audiences, key messages and communications activities with regard to REDD+ external communications approach during the year.
- 16 walk-in-school information sessions were organized, with an attendance of 330 Individuals (135 male; 195 female)
- 18 information sharing sessions for ITP-communities were organized, reaching 83 communities, reaching 726 individuals (358 male; 368 female)
- A total number of 116 people (49 male, 67 female) participated in the FREL validation workshop on December 15th, 2017.
- The formulation of the draft National REDD+ Strategy included an extensive multi-stakeholder engagement process, also including ITP consultation of all 10 ITP groups with a total of 675 persons. Ongoing additional consultation

rounds conducted by the PMU with several key stakeholder groups included -up till now- 223 participants (63 male; 160 female).

- Public outreach activities have been organized for children during environmental days (World Forest Day 2018 and World Environment Day 2018) in both Paramaribo and the Hinterland, reaching 434 schoolchildren.
- Consultation participation and outreach related to NFMS- see Section A.

Strengthening of national Indigenous and non-Indigenous Tribal Peoples Platform:

- In Aug. 2017, REDD+ has provided resources to the platform of Indigenous communities (VIDS) to co-finance organizing their internal board election.
- The platform of non- Indigenous Tribal communities (KAMPOS) was supported with financial resources enabling the staffing, implementation of activities and formalization of KAMPOS. With regard to this, a contract for support to the capacity building was signed between NIMOS- KAMPOS in May 2018. To support the institutionalization of KAMPOS REDD+ also provided office equipment.

Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL):

- The first version of the FREL was submitted to the UNFCCC in January 2018.
- After incorporation of the comments from the Technical Assessment Team of the UNFCCC, the modified version of the FREL was submitted in June 2018.

Completion of the following REDD+ related studies and strategies:

- Draft of National REDD+ Vision and Strategy finalized.

The first draft of the National REDD+ Vision and Strategy was submitted in September 2017 by the consultancy firm that was hired to work on it in collaboration with the national REDD+ team (PMU and SBB). The draft was discussed with key stakeholders and their feedback was incorporated in the final draft, delivered by the consultant in November 2017. Next step planned was the validation workshop with all stakeholders to approve the draft strategy in Nov/Dec. 2017. However, since some important groups (e.g. mining sector, platforms for Indigenous and Tribal Peoples), were not directly consulted an additional round of consultations with these groups were included. These consultations are taking place from November 2017 up till now. Some consultations are yet to be held and the validation workshop is expected to take place during the second semester of 2018.

- Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) completed.

Final draft of the SESA and the ESMF were submitted in November 2017 by the consultant. Validation of these draft reports will be done during the validation workshop of the National REDD+ Vision and Strategy.

- Draft National REDD+ Financial Strategy completed.

The final draft was submitted in November 2017 by the consultant. Feedback from key stakeholders, also including the GoS, is included in the final draft.

- Draft Land Tenure Land Right Study completed.

The final draft was completed in March 2018. The findings of this review are already incorporated in the draft National REDD+ Vision and Strategy.

- Draft future deforestation scenarios completed

Parallel on the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, the NFMS unit has been working on future deforestation scenarios. This has been done in a close collaboration with the Planning Office and the technical interdepartmental group. The future simulation of land use changes is a useful tool to locate policies, actions and measures (PAMs) for every region with certainty of deforestation. Depending of the sector that is involved in the cause of deforestation, PAMs were developed and incorporated in the draft National REDD+ Strategy. Logging concessions, land use planning, agriculture and mining are identified as sectors for implementing the PAMs, which can be located according to the potential drivers of deforestation found for every region with the weights of evidence analysis. Protected areas were also identified as another PAM, which could be useful to control the deforestation process in some areas with high certainty of deforestation.

National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS):

- Proposed design for Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname (SFISS) finalized in close collaboration with the private forest sector.

- Gonini Geoportal updated to a new version, including a possibility to send feedback, to measure distances and areas, uploading own geographic formats and a translation to Dutch, English and Sranan Tongo.
- Deforestation maps updated for 2016
- Estimation of emission factors due to logging- in the first half of 2017 field data was collected at 10 location including different management types, forest types, logging intensities. Based on these field data an estimation was made of the Emission Factors.
- Production of a Land Use Land Cover map for 2015- this provides a basis for land use planning- To make this map, the local authorities were actively involved through sessions within the districts.
- Production of an updated village layer in close collaboration with the ministry of Regional Development
- Work plan for mangrove monitoring (including the satellite land monitoring component and the national forest inventory component)

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

- For example, lack of engagement from key stakeholders, political barriers, limited funding

- Lack of implementing capacity within the REDD+ PMU. The PMU was not fully staffed in July 2017. As of Aug. 2017 a Project Coordinator was contracted. During most of 2017 the communications position was not filled. The current Communications Officer (CO), who was contracted as per mid- March 2018, has accepted another position as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. NIMOS managed to fill in this position with a new CO, who started mid-June. The position of M&E Officer is still vacant and needs to be filled in.
- Although the PMU organized high-level engagement activities and meetings with high-level policy makers during the last year (e.g. REDD+ Retreat with Permanent Secretaries of Ministries; REDD+ presentations for the Cabinet of the President), further strengthening of the political support towards the REDD+ project is needed. Planned upcoming activities that can improve the political support include, among others, REDD+ presentations and discussions for the Commission Environment and Climate Change of the Parliament; the Council of Ministers, the Social Economic Council and other high-level policy makers.
- Lack of organization and representation within different groups of the Major Groups Collective (MGC), e.g. Children and Youth, Business and Entrepreneurship, Women, leading to challenges for PMU to further communicate the REDD+ message to the specific MGC-groups. Although communication with these MGC-groups have been intensified during the last year by REDD+ PMU, most MGC- representatives are not actively involved in the REDD+ program and do not understand their role in the REDD+ Program. In 2018 PMU has planned targeted activities towards these MGC-groups, e.g. group presentations on REDD+, consultation sessions of the draft National REDD+ Strategy.
- Communication of the objectives of the REDD+ project and the benefits of REDD+ for the sustainable development of Suriname towards the general public and targeted audiences needs to be improved. The planned information sharing sessions for the ITPs and the walk-in-school sessions in the next year, as well as the recent hiring of a full-time Communications Officer, will improve reaching the stakeholder engagement and communication goals.
- Finalizing the Study on Economic Innovative Opportunity (IEO) has been a challenge during the reporting period. As the REDD+ PMU was not content with the work of the hired consultant the contract was terminated in July 2017. Re-advertisement in April 2018 did not result in responsive bids. To finalize this study, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, shortlisted potential bidders were contacted directly during the next re-advertisement of June 2018. With these efforts REDD+ PMU hopes to be able to contract a capable consultant to finalize the study on IEO.
- Aiming that REDD+ will support to a transitional process in the role forest can/could play in the Sustainable Development of the country, institutional strengthening and internalizing all the established systems (NFMS, SIS, ESMF, SESA, REDD+ Registry) within the existing institutions is crucial for the sustainability of this program. This requires a change in the national institutional structures, which is a slow process and will be a key component of the formulation of the Project Document for the extension.

### 4. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver during the next year?

- For example, hold x consultation events, submission of R-Package to the PC, finalisation of SIS, commission research into REDD+ strategy options



- High-level engagement (e.g. Cabinet of the President/ Coordinating unit Environment); Council of Ministers, Parliament, Social Economic Council) to endorse the draft National Vision and Strategy (June – Sep 2018). Consultation sessions are planned with the private timber sector, the Social Economic Council (SER), the Council of Ministers (RvM) and the Parliamentary Commission on Environment and Climate Change.
- After the last round of consultation sessions and in close collaboration with the GoS a validation workshop will be organized in the second semester of 2018 to present the final National REDD+ Strategy.
- Revision of the Project Document: In July 2018 the international consultant will be in Suriname for interviews with the different stakeholders. The first draft of the revised PRODOC will be submitted by the consultant by the end of July 2018. The final draft is expected to be completed in August 2018.
- The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) will be presented during the same validation workshop as the National REDD+ Strategy.
- Development of Suriname's Safeguards Information System (SIS)- 2018-2019.
- Development of the Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM) - 2018
- Development of REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism - 2019
- Implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)- 2019
- Organizing International High Forest Cover and Low Deforestation (HFLD) Resource Mobilization International Conference (Feb/ Mar. 2019)
- Participation at the UNFCCC COP24, with the focus on mobilizing and securing potential REDD+ related finances through meetings with potential funding partners and organizing/ participating in outreach/ branding activities (COP24 side events: fairs / presentations/discussions) (Dec. 2018)
- Establishment of the National REDD+ Registry (2019)
- Finalizing study on Innovative Economic Opportunities (2018)
- Continued stakeholder engagement activities - Information sharing and consultation.
- Capacity building/ consultation RAC: each quarter the RAC is planned to have a teambuilding/ capacity building session. The next session will be in July 2018. During their presence in Paramaribo, the RAC will be consulted with regard to the development of the FGRM and the revision of the Project Document.
- Project Board Meeting in October. 2018, which will be important for validating the revision of the Project Document. Project Board Meeting in February 2019 for approval of the work plan/ budget 2019.
- Establishment of REDD+ Steering Committee (2019)
- Stakeholder engagement and outreach activities through walk-in-school sessions, information session for ITPs and general public outreach and awareness activities.
- South South Collaboration: A learning mission of the Suriname REDD+ team to Guyana is planned for 2019.
- Receive and respond to the Technical Assessment Report for the FREL from the UNFCCC, which will be published before the end of 2018.

#### **NFMS- further strengthening of the NFMS an its subsystems:**

- Within the **Satellite Land Monitoring System** yearly updates on the deforestation and biannual updates of the post deforestation land use/land cover will be provided (maps for 2017 will be finalized soon) . A baseline mangrove forest cover and a historical assessment of the changes within this cover will be prepared. Regular updates on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation will be prepared and shared to [www.gonini.org](http://www.gonini.org). Where possible, more research.
- **Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname (SFISS)** will be developed to strengthen the registration of legal and illegal logs, making it possible to report separately on both components. The development of the SFISS includes the revision and improvement of the current procedures in a collaborative manner (private and public sector), a training component, and the construction of a new database accompanied with relevant front-end applications. Within the SFISS, which will be operational by the end of 2018, impact indicators that are easy to measure will be added to the daily control that the SBB forest guards are carrying out. This will provide more information on the difference in impact between different management types, and will be used as a day-to-day instrument to guide the sector towards sustainable forest management. This new information can also improve the estimations provided in the FREL and the LogTracking database of the SBB will be strengthened through the same project, which will result in a lower uncertainty related to timber extraction.
- **Near Real Time Monitoring (NRTM) system:** This currently semi-operational system provides alerts on unplanned activities. The feedback mechanism related to unplanned logging will be integrated within the SFISS, improving the detection of illegal logging activities. Additionally the NRTM system will be extended for mangrove forest monitoring and could be easily expanded for unplanned mining activities. .
- Development of a cost-efficient **National Forest Inventory** design with statistical estimation procedures (including a Carbon Inventory but also information on the co-benefits of REDD+ and for the production sectors). The NFI in the mangrove forest will be carried out throughout this year.
- **Reporting:** Building one harmonized NFMS database, which provides up-to-date reports of emissions for UNFCCC GHG inventory including solid calculation methods of uncertainties, but also for reporting on criteria and indicators

for e.g. CBD, FRA, ITTO. This includes methods to calculate the emission factors related to the conversion from forest land to a land use type with remaining biomass (such as agriculture, pasture)

- Further strengthening of capacity to report on the emissions caused by forest degradation through field based measurements but also through spatially explicit methods.

## SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

### 5. Please provide your own assessment of national progress against all REDD+ readiness sub-components:

(Indicator OV.1.B: 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:

Complete	The sub-component has been completed
	Significant progress
	Progressing well, further development required
	Further development required
	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)
<b>R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation</b>		
<b>Sub-component 1a:</b> National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Complete	<p>During the reporting period, two vacant positions within the REDD+ PMU were filled, the positions of Project Coordinator and Communications Officer. The contracts of the PMU staff: were extended till Dec. 2018.</p> <p>Two Project Board Meetings (Aug. 2017; Feb. 2018) were held. Activities related to capacity building of the REDD+ Assistants (RAC- representatives of different ITP tribes), were organized in Oct. 2017, Feb. 2018, and April 2018, with a total of 9 training days. The contracts of REDD+ Assistants (17) with National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname (NIMOS) were extended till Dec. 2018.</p> <p>With regards to training of staff: a UNDP Level 3 procurement training was completed (April .2018) for PMU, NIMOS and other key stakeholders.</p> <p>The HACT audit was completed in March 2018.</p>
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	N/A	
<b>Sub-component 1b:</b> Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	<p>The REDD+ Communications Strategy for the periods Q 4 2017 and the year 2018 were developed.</p> <p>Consultation and participation activities were planned and executed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 walk-in-school information sessions were organized, with an attendance of 330 Individuals (135 male; 195 female)</li> <li>• 18 information sharing sessions for ITP-communities were organized, reaching 83 communities, reaching 726 individuals (358 male; 368 female)</li> <li>• Additional Consultation/ information sessions on the draft National REDD+ Strategy; Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA); Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) with key stakeholder groups included -up till now- 223 participants (63 male; 160 female).</li> </ul>
	x	
	N/A	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National REDD+ Strategy community sessions with ITPs organized by external consultant, included all 10 ITP groups with 675 participants.</li> <li>Consultation participation and outreach related to NFMS- see Section A.</li> </ul> <p>Supporting communication material were developed: brochure and factsheet on the draft National REDD+ Strategy; folders; video production on stakeholder engagement; 2 x posters on “What is REDD”+ and “REDD+ and Climate Change”, 3 posters on community consultations w.r.t. the draft National REDD+ Strategy designed; 3 editions of the REDD+ Newsletter (July 2017, Jan. 2018; June 2018); REDD+ promotional material; a REDD+ Calendar 2018; 5 posters on general environmental themes, including climate change, plastic pollution.</p> <p>Public information and outreach activities were implemented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadcasting of REDD+ videos through national television.</li> <li>Broadcasting of REDD+ message through community radios</li> <li>5 x documents (Corruption Risk Assessment; Drivers for Deforestation, Stakeholder engagement strategy, Technical Report State of the Art Study best estimates for emission factors and carbon stocks for Suriname) were published and distributed to relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>Continuous update of public outreach through internet: the REDD+ project website: <a href="http://www.surinameredd.org">http://www.surinameredd.org</a> and social media outreach through the Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/reddplussuriname/">https://www.facebook.com/reddplussuriname/</a> and the geospatial Gateway: <a href="http://www.gonini.org/portal/">http://www.gonini.org/portal/</a></li> <li>Media exposure: through release of press releases and publication of an extensive newspaper article titled “The Suriname REDD+ Programme” <a href="http://www.dwtonline.com/paramaribo-post/2018/01/02/wi-na-busi/">Het Suriname REDD+ Programma - DWTonline.com</a></li> </ul>
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**R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation**

<b>Sub-component 2a:</b> Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete		A review of the land tenure and natural resources legal framework was conducted in 2017. The final draft of report was completed in Mar. 2018. Findings of the review were incorporated in the National REDD+ Strategy. The report on the Corruption Risk Assessment for Suriname, which was published in English, was translated to Dutch. Background study on Innovative Economic Opportunities (IEO) scheduled to be finalized in 2018.
		x	
	N/A		
<b>Sub-component 2b:</b> REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete		The final draft of the National REDD+ Vision and Strategy was completed by the consultant in November 2017. The formulation of the National REDD+ Strategy included an extensive multi-stakeholder engagement process. However, some key groups indicated the need for more consultations.
		x	

	N/A		Therefore, the Project Management Unit included an additional stakeholder consultation round with various groups, including the GoS, platforms for ITPs, University of Suriname, and mining sector. The draft REDD+ Strategy is expected to be validated in 2018.
<b>Sub-component 2c:</b> Implementation Framework	Complete		See 2b- As part of the development of the National REDD+ Strategy an Implementation Framework has been developed and discussed with stakeholders.
		x	
	N/A		
<b>Sub-component 2d:</b> Social and Environmental Impacts	Complete		A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) was conducted, accompanying the development of the REDD+ National REDD+ Strategy and incorporated in the National REDD+ Strategy in the form of social and environmental considerations for the different measures. . The final report was completed by the consultant in November 2017.
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	N/A		
<b>R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</b>			
<b>Component 3:</b> Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Complete	x	FREL was submitted to the UNFCCC on January 8th, there was an interaction with the Technical Assessment Team, where 39 technical issues were raised. Based on these issues and on the call held with the TA-team, a new version of the FREL was developed and submitted to UNFCCC at the beginning of June.
	N/A		
<b>R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards</b>			
<b>Sub-component 4a:</b> National Forest Monitoring System	Complete		<p>The NFMS is developed as an internalized national system, and requires the implementation of a capacity strengthening program. The NFMS is conceptualized as a system composed of integrated subsystems, and the development of each of these systems includes strengthening national capacities and capabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Satellite Land Monitoring System is fully operational and monitoring outputs are being delivered. An informal interdepartmental working group, composed of technical experts from the different national institutions plays a very active role in this system. All data is shared through the online geoportal <a href="http://www.gonini.org">www.gonini.org</a> which is managed by national experts trained through the REDD+ program.</li> <li>- The National Forest Inventory needs more attention and will be further developed (currently focussing on mangroves)</li> <li>- The Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname will be strengthened, working towards a system to improve the registration of timber production, and include impact factors (e.g. emissions) within the operational controls</li> <li>- Near Real Time Monitoring system is operational, but will be further expanded with a mangrove and an unplanned mining component</li> <li>- The Reporting component will be further strengthened</li> </ul>
		x	
	N/A		

			- Community Based Monitoring is cross-cutting with all other components, and will be simultaneously developed, in a close collaboration with partner organisations.
<b>Sub-component 4b:</b> Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	Complete		Development of a Safeguards Information System for Suriname (SIS): currently the procurement process to contract a consultant is being conducted. The development of the SIS is expected to start in July 2018 and completed in Q1 of 2019. The Terms of Reference for development of a REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism is currently being developed.
		x	
	N/A		

## SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

**6. 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)

Yes	
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(delete as appropriate)

**If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:**

The policy lines and measures in the draft National REDD+ Strategy that explicitly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods are:

**Policy line: Support existing, alternative and additional sustainable livelihoods and diversification of the economy on national and local levels including the interior**

*Measure 1: Promotion of non-timber forest products (NTFP) with a view to providing alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities*

*Measure 2: Promotion of nature tourism with a view to provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities and aid in the diversification of the economy*

*Measure 3: Provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities through the promotion of medicinal plants*

*Measure 4: Provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities through the promotion of agroforestry practices*

*Measure 5: Support education and training opportunities in forest-based communities in the interior*

**Policy line: Participatory community development**

*Measure 1: Promote democratic management of community forests/HKV's and an equitable allocation of benefits among all the members of the community*

**7. 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)

Yes	
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(delete as appropriate)



## SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

**10. 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
The FCPF's support has had a <b>central influence</b> on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes					X
The FCPF's support has <b>improved the quality</b> of our national REDD+ systems and processes					X
The FCPF's support has <b>improved national capacities</b> to develop and deliver REDD+ projects					X
The FCPF's support has <b>helped to ensure substantive involvement of multiple stakeholders</b> (including women, IPs, CSOs and local communities in our national REDD+ systems and processes					X

**Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:**

**11. 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
We <b>regularly access</b> FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>relevant</b> to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>sufficient</b> to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
The FCPF <b>website</b> is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information				X	

**Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:**

## SECTION F: FINAL COMMENTS

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

