



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country
Participants Progress Report Template

COUNTRY – VANUATU

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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 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 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

The following main REDD+ readiness related activities were delivered during the last year. They are as follows:

- 1) **Celebration of Vanuatu Forestry Week:** Vanuatu Forestry Week was celebrated throughout the country starting 21st of August 2017 to 25th of August 2017. The CSO Team was the main lead agency in organizing the forestry week. Besides the CSOs, the officers from the Government Departments like Forestry, Agriculture, Livestock, Horticulture, and Environment also took part in the celebration. Students from the nearby schools also took part in the celebration. Local people from various places were encouraged to show-case their products during the forestry week celebration. The Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Fishery Ministry was the Chief Guest on the occasion and he encouraged everybody to take part in the planting as many trees as possible so that all the barren areas are filled up with trees. He also stressed that if someone cuts one tree then, as its replacement, two trees must be planted so that the environment is always green.

- 2) **REDD+ Essay writing Competition amongst the High School Students:** An Essay writing competition was organized by the REDD+ Unit between 11th to 29th September 2017. The main objectives to involve the High School students, from various schools, to participate in essay writing competitions was to:
 - a. Raise awareness amongst the youth groups on REDD+ program including the issues on climate change mitigation/adaptation;
 - b. Raise awareness on the importance of tree planting activities and its importance in ameliorating the local climate;
 - c. Enhance the understanding amongst the youth groups on the importance of conservation of forests and natural resources and sustainable use and management of the forest resources to enhance the carbon stock in the forests.

- 3) **REDD+ CSO Network Meeting in Efate:** A CSO Network consultation Meeting was organized in the Efate island on 21st September 2017. The objective of organizing this Meeting was to (i) provide updates on REDD+ activities to the Executive Members of the CSO and (ii) to discuss the effectiveness of the awareness raising program about REDD+ in the communities and to (iii) get feedbacks on future activities to be implemented in Efate island.

- 4) **Inception Meeting with the newly elected Vanuatu Association of Non Government Organization (VANGO) Board Members:** REDD+ CSO organized an inception Meeting with the newly elected VANGO Board Members on 11th October 2017. Main aims of organizing this meeting was to:
 - a. Introduce CSO's REDD+ activities to the newly elected VANGO Board Members;
 - b. Explore ways and means of getting their support to the work of CSOs in implementing activities;
 - c. Seek support on how VANGO Board could help CSO REDD+ Desk to involve NGOs like Presbyterian Churches, Vanuatu Teachers Unions, and the Rural Training Centers and other CSOs to work together for implementing the REDD+ activities in the field.

- 5) **Participation in Pacific Agriculture Week:** One week program on Pacific Agriculture Week was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Vanuatu from 16th of October 2017 to 20th of October 2017. REDD+ Unit also took part in Pacific Agriculture Week in October 2017. The objective was to share and disseminate information about the REDD+ Project to all the participating countries from the Pacific region. More importantly it was to share the policy brief on (i) Deforestation and Forest Degradation and (ii) the REDD+ Strategy Options that were identified through Analytical Studies. Information in the form of Reports, leaflets, brochures, posters, banners and briefs were displayed and also distributed during the Agriculture Week.

- 6) **Contract signed with Vanuatu Broadcast and Television Corporation:** With the objective to disseminate/share information about REDD+ Program in the country, a Contract Agreement was signed with the Vanuatu Broadcast and Television Corporation (VBTC) on 24th of November 2017. The contract includes three (3) activities to be aired by the VBTC. They are: (a) advertisement jingles @ 2 times a day (b) radio program (once a week) and (c) talk-back-show (once a month). At the moment, this Contract Agreement does not include television services however efforts are being made to include the TV services also so that the viewer numbers could be increased including the increase in coverage.

- 7) **REDD+ Documentary preparation:** REDD+ Unit has conducted video shooting with the objective to produce documentary for the REDD+ activities in Santo during the month of November 2017. The main aim is to profile and show various CSOs present in the islands, and the activities undertaken by the CSOs by participating in the REDD+ activities like forest conservation, sustainable forest management, and tree planting activities. The video shooting covered *Vathe* (a conservation area in Matante), LORU REDD+ site and *Vunausi* Environment Conservation Organization (VECO). Such program will also be carried out in other REDD+ islands as well in the coming months.

- 8) **REDD+ Stakeholder Conference, Santo:** A four-day REDD+ Stakeholder Conference was organized by the REDD+ Unit, from 16th February to 19th February 2018, in the island of Santo. The main objectives of the Conference were to:
- Discuss and update all the REDD+ Stakeholders on the progress of the national and provincial REDD+ activities in Vanuatu;
 - Identify key issues and challenges faced by Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) and Provincial CSO Networks, and to find alternatives to move forward with the activities.

The Conference was attended by all the concerned Forest Officers from the Forest Department, Representatives of the CSOs and PTC Members from all the REDD+ islands. The Conference was also an opportunity for REDD+ stakeholders and Forestry Officials to discuss forestry related issues and activities in the country and ways for moving forward in implementing those activities.

- 9) **National CSO Platform's Executive Members Meeting:** A one-day National CSO Platform Executive Members' Meeting was convened by the REDD+ Unit on 13th of March 2018, to brief the CSO nominees for the CSO Executive Platform. The Executive Members, for the CSO Platform, are elected by the CSOs Representatives. The nominees were briefed on (a) the REDD+ Program (b) National REDD+ Platform (c) REDD+ key messages and (d) roles and responsibilities of the CSO Executive Members.

- 10) **International day of the Forests:** REDD+ Unit, in collaboration with the Forest Department and CSOs celebrated "International day of the forests" on 21st of March 2018. The day was marked with activities like tree plantings by the government offices, local people and the private sectors organizations. The local people and private sector organizations also show-cased their works and products. School children participated in the celebration by organizing quiz competition and tree planting works. This activity is an annual event and the activity was also organized in all five REDD+ islands with the support of CSOs and Forest Department.

- 11) **South-South Cooperation and learning:** A Study tour cum institutional visit was organized for forest, agriculture and livestock officers from 25th April 2018 to 2nd May 2018. Political Advisors to the Ministers were also included in the group so that they could understand the objectives and importance of the REDD+ Program. Further by observing the activities being implemented, they would be able to understand the importance of managing the forest resources sustainably. The participants were taken to PNG where they had the opportunity to observe and study the activities that were undertaken related to National Forest Inventory, MRV, FRL and overall the National Forest Monitoring System.

- 12) **National Tree Planting Day:** The REDD+ Unit, in collaboration with CSO Representatives and Forest Department organized the National Tree Planting day on 21st June 2018. This is an annual event. The day was used for planting trees in the surrounding of offices, empty spaces and school compound including the vacant areas in the Municipality of Port Vila. This activity was also implemented in all five REDD+ islands of Vanuatu with the support of CSOs and the Forest Department. The aim was to disseminate the REDD+ program objectives and also to inculcate tree-planting habit in the empty spaces.

- 13) **Strengthening of the Farmers Associations in the Provinces:** The land (both agriculture as well as forest lands) are owned by the *ni-Vanuatu* people. Before implementing any land related activities the people are required to be consulted and consents obtained from them. The Farmers in the Provinces are organized and Associations are formed so that consultations are done systematically. These Associations need to be further strengthened through workshops, seminars and consultations so that later when the REDD+ activities are implemented they can fully participate in the program. Awareness raising activities like workshops, seminars and trainings were organized in all five REDD+ islands.

14) **Media out-reach on REDD+ program:** Broadcasting and airing of public messages are very important to disseminate the objectives of the REDD+ program. The REDD+ Unit of Vanuatu has procured the services of VBTC and FM Radio for this works. The services provided by them are: (a) Radio program (b) Live talk back show and (c) commercial spots. The activity is implemented periodically throughout the year.

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

The following were the main REDD+ readiness –related achievements during the last year.

- 1) Many rounds of consultations were organized, both at national and provincial levels, by the REDD+ Unit with the support of CSOs and Forest Department.
- 2) The four analytical studies (drivers study on deforestation and forest degradation, strategy option, study on benefits sharing and legal harmonization were completed and finalized by July 2017.
- 3) Policy brief papers on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and Strategy Options were prepared and submitted to the Government for review in August 2017.
- 4) REDD+ Project was restructured to finance the component “Established of the FRL and National Forest Monitoring System”.
- 5) Mid-Term Evaluation conducted and Report submitted to WB in October 2017. Additional financing request was also prepared and submitted to the FCPF along with the MTR Report. Based on the MTR, additional funding was approved by the PC in January 2018.
- 6) Organization of study tour for forest, agriculture and livestock officers in PNG to observe REDD+ readiness activities (especially the National Forest Inventory, MRV and FRL related works) undertaken by them.

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

- 1) Obtaining the imprest money, on time, for implementing the REDD+ activities in the islands was a challenge which also was responsible for delaying the work.
- 2) Limited funding to carry out activities like demonstrations plots to showcase the success stories to the villagers.

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

The following are the main REDD+ readiness related activities that will be delivered during the coming year.

- 1) Hold regular consultations/awareness raising activities with relevant stakeholders at the national and provincial levels
- 2) Hold Technical Committee Meeting regularly including the Meetings with the CSO Platform Members.
- 3) Develop and establish FRL and National Forest Monitoring System in the country.
- 4) Establish database system for forest monitoring.
- 5) Complete the study on SESA and submit the report on SESA and ESMF.
- 6) Conduct study on value chain analysis of non timber forest products.
- 7) Develop and submit R-Package to the PC.
- 8) Prepare National REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu
- 9) Finalization of SIS.

- 10) Production of documentary for prioritized tree species
11) Production of REDD+ extension materials

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:

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| 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) |
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| R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation | | |
| Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements | Complete | Implementation of the REDD+ readiness activities in Vanuatu is progressing well, with significant evidence of government commitment and ownership. The (a) Institutions required to implement REDD+ activities, in future, are in place both at the national and provincial level (b) Information sharing with the stakeholder groups is done through the REDD+ website www.reddplus.vu , literatures, study reports and radio program. Still more needs to be done in the coming years. However work on FRL and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) is scheduled to begin by September 2018 and expected to be completed by January 2020. Report on SESA and ESMF will be completed by June 2019. Drafting process on National REDD+ Strategy will also be started soon. |
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| | X | |
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| | N/A | |
| Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach | Complete | Consultations, trainings and workshops were conducted in all five REDD+ islands. These works are carried out through the (a) Regional Forest Officers and (b) the CSOs representatives in the Provinces. The consultation processes were very effective because there was active participation of the local |
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| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) |
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| | N/A | people including the participation of the Government Departments' representatives like Forest, Agriculture, Livestock, Fishery, Horticulture, Environment, Provincial Government, CSOs/NGOs, youth organizations, women group organizations. During the coming years, the consultations will be tied-up with studies like FRL, MRV and SESA, ESMF. |
| R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation | | |
| Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance | Complete | X |
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| | N/A | |
| <p>The study on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation has been completed. The agents and the underlying causes responsible for deforestation and forest degradation have also been identified and the drivers prioritized.</p> <p>As far as policies are concerned, Vanuatu has very recently developed the National Forest Policy which is in effect from 2013 to 2023. Policy brief on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation has also been developed and submitted to the Government for their perusal.</p> | | |
| Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options | Complete | X |
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| | N/A | |
| <p>Study on the REDD+ Strategy Option has been completed. The report is meant to inform the development of National REDD+ Strategy. Policy brief on the REDD+ Strategy Options has also been prepared and submitted to the Government for perusal.</p> | | |
| Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework | Complete | |
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| | | X |
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| | N/A | |
| <p>Implementation Framework for implementation of REDD+ activities is in place both for national as well as for provincial level. However more needs to be done on this activity. Clear roles and responsibilities needs to be developed and put in place for all the concerned organizations, institutions and also the CSOs and private sectors.</p> | | |
| Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts | Complete | |
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| | N/A | |
| <p>Work on SESA was awarded to the Institute of Applied Sciences of the University of South Pacific, FIJI. However they were not able to do the work as per the TOR. Lots of inconsistencies were found when they presented their inception report especially in the approaches and methodologies. These were pointed out to them for correction. Since the Consultants were not willing to correct the works the contract had to be terminated in consultation with the WB and the Technical Committee and Forest Department.</p> <p>Now the works (TOR) is again advertised and the works will be awarded to another successful bidder.</p> | | |

| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) |
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| | | The work is expected to be completed by June 2019. |
| R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels | | |
| Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels | Complete | |
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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 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards | Complete | |
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| | N/A | |

| Sub-component | Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate) | Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating) |
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| | | <p>However Vanuatu is yet to establish the SIS, FRL and NFMS. Report on Feedbacks and Grievance Redress Mechanism has been completed but it is yet to be fully operationalized.</p> <p>REDD+ Project has planned to conduct value chain analysis of the non timber forest products of Vanuatu in the coming year.</p> |

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)

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| Yes | | (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:

Main aim of the national REDD+ program is to sustain and enhance livelihood of the *ni-Vanuatu* communities who live in the rural areas. The Strategic options studies have also identified many activities which gears towards sustaining and enhancing livelihood of the common people by generating additional income for their households. Protected Area management by involving local communities and generating income, management of non timber forest products, initiating agroforestry system by combining with more promising agriculture and horticulture species are some of the options identified in the strategic options.

The National REDD+ Strategy is yet to be prepared but all these income generating schemes that enhances livelihood would be part of the National REDD+ Strategy. The Report on REDD+ Strategy Option including the Policy brief are available in REDD+ website: [http://: www.reddplus.vu](http://www.reddplus.vu)

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)

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| Yes | | (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

As part of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), biodiversity information system (BIS) will be developed and will form one of the most important components of the NFMS. The NFMS has not yet been

developed for Vanuatu but the incorporation of biodiversity information system including the protocol for monitoring as been adequately covered in the terms of Reference for the development of NFMS.

The institutions responsible for biodiversity information and monitoring, both at national and sub national level will be fully involved while developing the NFMS. The conservation initiatives related to convention of biological diversity already exists in Vanuatu but more work is required to be done to upgrade the capacity of the local staffs for monitoring the biodiversity.

The National REDD+ Strategy has not been drafted but the biodiversity information system including the protocol for monitoring will form part of the National REDD+ Strategy.

SECTION D: FINANCE

8. 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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| USD 3,600,000 | FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant | 04/2015 | Public | Grant |
| USD 2,500,000 | FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant | 05/2018 | Public | Grant |

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| \$ | | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
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| \$ | | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |

9. 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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| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |
| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |

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| \$ | | Public / Private | Grant / Loan / Other |

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 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:

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 |
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| We regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information | | | | | X |
| FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our | | | | | X |

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| REDD+ related information requirements | | | | | |
| 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

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

- a. The National REDD+ Strategy which is in drafting stage will be developed in consultation with all concerned stakeholders. The report will be prepared after in-depth analysis of all relevant studies and report which are prepared with the objectives to inform the National REDD+ Strategy.
- b. The report on SESA and ESMF will be ready by June 2019.
- c. The work on FRL and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) will start from September 2018 and is expected to be completed by January 2020.
- d. Report on FGRM is completed.
- e. Lack of in-house technical Expertise is also posing problem which is delaying the works.
- f. The REDD+ islands being scattered and located very far away therefore conducting consultations and training/workshops is taking lot of time and resources.

ANNEXURE-1**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****1. Does the country have the following in place?**

REDD+ Strategy (yes/No): **No**

Report of Strategy Option is completed. However the Report on National REDD+ Strategy is yet to be prepared. The work will be taken after the (a) FRL (b) NFMS (c) SESA, and (d) ESMF and (e) SIS reports are completed. Preparation of all these reports will commence soon.

2. What is the country progress on the following Readiness Sub -Components? Choose one of the options in parenthesis

Note: Choices are provided in orange colour with underlines.

- i) R-PP Component 1: Organize and Consult
 - a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/**Progressing well, further development required**/Further development required/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
 - b. Consultation, Participation and Outreach (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/**Progressing well, further development required**/Further development required/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
- ii) R-PP Component 2: Prepare the REDD+ Strategy
 - a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest law, Policy and Governance (**The sub-component has been completed**/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/Further development required/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
 - b. REDD+ Strategy Options (**The sub-component has been completed**/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/Further development required/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
 - c. Implementation Framework (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/**Progressing well, further development required**/Further development required/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
 - d. Social and Environmental Impacts (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/**Further development required**/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
- iii) R-PP Component 3: Develop a National FREL
 - a. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/**Further development required**/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)

- iv) R-PP Component 4: Design systems for National Forest Monitoring and Information on Safeguards
- a. National Forest monitoring System (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/**Further development required**/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)
 - b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance and Safeguards (The sub-component has been completed/Significant Progress/Progressing well, further development required/**Further development required**/Not yet demonstrating progress/The sub-component is not applicable to our process)

3. What is the amount of finance mobilized to support the REDD+ readiness process. (provide number and breakdown in million USD)

- a) Under original grant agreement – USD 3.6 million
- b) Under the additional Financing - USD 2.5 million

(Please refer Section D –FINANCE, Serial Number 8 above also)

4. Does the REDD+ Strategy (if they have one) include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods ? (Choose yes or No).

Yes (Refer Section C – Non Carbon Benefits , serial Number 6 above)

5. Does the REDD+ Strategy (if they have one) include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity ? (Choose Yes or No).

Yes (Refer serial Number 7 under Section C – Non Carbon Benefits)

The National REDD+ Strategy has not been prepared yet but the biodiversity information system (BIS) including the protocol for monitoring the biodiversity will form one of the important components of the NFMS. The work on development of NFMS (including the MRV and FRL) will begin by September 2018.

6. Have there been any policy reform initiated, completed or underway complying with REDD+ standards in the country in FY 18 ? (Provide name of Policy, legislation, proclamation, Protocol, Act or Reform etc. And brief explanation/description).

The Department of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB) has already developed the National Forest Policy and the Government of Vanuatu has also endorsed it. The National Forest Policy is in effect from 2013 to 2023.

7. Any examples of activities undertaken at national level to generate and institutionalize awareness on REDD+ in FY 18 ? (Provide description).

The Forest Officials at the National are trained and they have been initiating various activities to generate awareness about the importance of forestry in general and REDD+ program in particulars. The Forest Department's Officials are supported by the National CSOs Platform Members in this endeavour. These Organizations are supposed to be institutionalized for initiating the awareness raising activities.

8. Has the country completed the following? Choose yes or No.

- a) SESA (yes/No): **No** However all formalities for advertising the work has been completed. Awarding the work to the consultant will take place in September 2018 and the work is expected to be completed by June 2019.
- b) ESMF (Yes or No): **No** The work on ESMF preparation will be taken up simultaneously with the SESA. The report on ESMF will be ready by June 2019.
- c) FGRM (Yes or No): **Yes** The report on FGRM is completed.