

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: Vietnam

June, 2013

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- **October 2009:** R-PP preparation was started.
- **November 2010:** R-PP presented at the PC7; subsequently revised and submitted for formal review
- **March 07, 2011:** R-PP re-submitted and assessed at PC8 in Dalat, Vietnam (Mar 2011)
- **Since PC8:** R-PP is being finalized, including an update on the bilateral dialogue with Lao PDR on the illegal trade issues (per PC8 Resolution). Revised and final R-PP was submitted before PC10 in Berlin, Germany
- **World Bank** is performing due diligence on grant-financed activities.
- **Readiness preparation grant** has been restructured to focus more on the policy aspects of the state-owned forest companies and their REDD+ service provision
- **Review Meeting** was held on September 17, 2012 and the grant became active in November 2012.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)** takes lead in overall management of climate change programs
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)** is responsible for agriculture, forestry, fishery, irrigation, salt production and rural development. **Vietnam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST)** as part of MARD is in charge of forestry sector
- **Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee** is established under authorization of the Prime Minister chaired by Minister of MARD (Jan 2011) to coordinate all efforts and activities among government agencies at central and local levels, private organizations, NGOs, CSOs and international development partners; includes representatives from the Office of the Government, MONRE, Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and the National Ethnic Committee (CEMA)
- **Vietnam REDD+ Office** formed in Jan 2011 to serve as the Standing office for the Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee; placed at VNFOREST
- **The National REDD Network** has the overall coordination function and is to support the development of REDD+ readiness; current members include MARD Departments, International Cooperation Department (ICD), Planning Department, Finance Department, Department of Science, Legislation Department, and Coordination Office of the Forest Sector Support Partnership (FSSP), Forest Science Institute (FSIV), Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI), the International Support Group for Environment (ISGE) and Department of Meteorology and Climate Change of MONRE, Department of Agro-economics of MPI, and Office of Government. International Development Partners are also encouraged to participate on voluntary basis.
- **The Technical Working Group (TWG) on REDD+** assists operations of the National REDD Network on technical and administrative aspects; chaired by a VNFOREST Leader with the REDD National Focal Point as the Deputy Head of the TWG.
- **PMU for FCPF REDD Readiness grant implementation** is housed in Vietnam REDD Office and is working in close coordination with other REDD programs.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- See R-PP for consultations held in formulation phase of R-PP.
- **Since PC8:** Broad-based discussions and consultations among the Vietnam REDD+ network during its periodical meeting and within the sub technical group meetings on various themes, including the SESA.
- The draft SESA TORs were presented for consultation at the Safeguard Working Group of the Vietnam REDD+ network in May, 2013.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- **A National REDD+ Action Program** has been approved by Prime Minister in June 2012; strategic options include

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forest policies, legislative and administrative reform; integrated land-use planning and zoning; improvement of forest tenure security; enforcement of planning and environmental requirements; Promotion of alternatives to forest conversion and forest degradation

- Legal framework for REDD+: Gov Decree 99/2010, new Gov Decision on REDD+
- REDD+ revenue and benefit-sharing system: Fund for Forest Protection and Development (FFPPD)
- National Forest Protection and Development Plan for period 2011-2020 was approved on January 9, 2012

6. SESA

- TORs drafted; see R-PP for proposed activities to perform SESA.
- The draft SESA TORs were presented for consultation at the Safeguard Working Group of the Vietnam REDD+ network in May, 2013. Based on the received comments, the TORs will be finalized.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- A plan for the development of national and sub-national reference scenarios exists (see R-PP)

8. MRV

- System design exists for national MRV framework (through FAO support) building on national forest inventory and remote sensing
- Participatory forest monitoring has been piloted by UN-REDD

9. Other

UN-REDD Phase II started in 2nd quarter of 2013, still focusing on capacity building and has not started the payment program yet.