

# REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING

**COUNTRY:** Sudan

**PERIOD:** [March-August 2015]

**Background:** *the government of Sudan signed a contract with World Bank on March 2015 to receive the 3.8 millions from the FCPF (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) for the implementation of readiness of REDD+ in Sudan, since that time the Forests national Corporation (FNC) started to specified office for the programme management Unit, formulate focal points in all states of Sudan and focal points for Geographical sectors, communicated with all stakeholders (formal and informal), the Minister of Environment formulated the Steering Committee. Also FNC formulated the technical advisory committee represented by all stockholders.*

*Now the structure of the framework is ready for implementation, the first meeting for the SC & TAC will held by the first of the next week (August 2015).*

*The launching of REDD+ in Sudan will be tacke place on Wednesday 2nd Sept. 2015.*

**Report preparation:** *Submitted country reports should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD + (component 6 of R-PP) and should be prepared in consultation with members of REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated into national reporting, and divergent views indicative of lack of consensus on specific issues should be recorded in the country report.*

**Reporting schedule:** *It is expected that the annual progress country reporting will be submitted to the FMT by August 15<sup>th</sup> each year. The reporting should be based on a self-assessment of progress. An update of this country reporting will also be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> each year.*

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## 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

*This section should provide a short description of FCPF support in country (bullets on FCPF-financed activities only). Information should summarize progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period should also be provided (key bullets only).*

### SUMMARY:

- 1- *Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangements; 1) Set up and operation of the National REDD+ Management Unit. 2) Set up and operation of the National REDD+ Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Groups. 3) Strengthen sub-national REDD+ institutional structures. 4) Capacity building for REDD+ institutional arrangements. 5) Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism for REDD+. 6) Program monitoring and evaluation.*
- 2- *Support for national REDD+ Strategy (including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment): 1) In-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, including studies on policies, wood-based energy and land tenure and forest governance. 2) In-depth analysis of strategic options to address deforestation and forest degradation. 3) Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and development of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). 4) Study on options for benefit-sharing related to REDD+.*
- 3- *Support for stakeholder engagement: 1) Consultation and participation for activities to be implemented under the FCPF grant. 2) Setting up and strengthening of civil society platforms.*

4- *Support for Monitoring, Reporting and Verification: 1) development of national forest inventory. 2) support for remote sensing 3) capacity building for forest monitoring activities.*

## **2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD**

*During this period the PMU implemented main activities related to support the: 1) staff orientation 2) renovation of offices. 3) support the capacity building for focal point. 4) preparation for the project launching 5) finalization of the procurement plan. 6) forecasting of the financial plan.*

*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.):**

<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>
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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.):**

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**Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.A):**

- 5- *The implementation body of REDD+ in Sudan designed to engage the local people, farmers, pastoralists, gum Arabic associations (male associations, female associations and mixed association in such states) etc. in informal platform.*
- 6- *On the other hand the formal platform consist of ; representatives from; - agriculture, range and pasture, water and irrigation, minerals, energy, land-use, animal resource and research centers. The focal point in each state responsible for coordination meetings, consultation and awareness of all formal and informal platform. The focal point work with terms of reference and directly linked with PMU to provide reports, minutes for all meetings,*
- 7- *Provide examples of how IPs and CSOs are represented in institutional arrangements for REDD at the national level.*

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.):

Frequency:  
Water, energy, agriculture,  
land-use, minerals, range  
and pasture,

The programme prepared , but not yet

Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.

**Prepared terms of references to arrange the meetings, consolation of them in the process**

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: formulation of water and range & pasture policies*

*Completed: under preparing the terms of reference for the consultancy*

***Please describe these policy reforms:*** *these policies should be started with pre-Advocacy and workshops to formulate new range & water policy. (under-way), these activities planned to start before the end of this year, and all activities will start after the launching on 2nd of Sept. 2015.*

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.**

*Our plan to address the livelihoods of local people will and already we started during the situation analysis of the strategy the consultation of the local people about the needs and priorities of them according to the types of species, concentration of the local people in the site and other issues should be considered depend on the divers of the deforestation. Also the strategy focusing on the non-wood forest products as the alternative for local people to increase their income generation. The strategy designed Nine options for the strategy included the biodiversity, local people and their livelihoods.*

### 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:**

- *Establishment of implementation body structure*
- *Renovation of offices*
- *Hire the procurement and financial specialist*
- *The vehicles under process.*
- *PMU Staff*
- *Launching of the project under-way*
- *Capacity building for focal points . under-way (during the mission time 25/8 – 2/9/ 2015)*

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)

<b>Components</b>	<b>Sub-components</b>	<b>Support from FCPF (Yes/No)</b>
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		Yes
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 Achievement</u> <sup>1</sup> :	<u>Tracking</u> <sup>2</sup> :															
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<sup>1</sup> 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+

<sup>2</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> each year**











	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking <sup>3</sup> (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	<b>Sub-Component 1a</b> – 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>					Significant progress
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<sup>3</sup> 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.




























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<p><b>Sub-Component 1b</b> – 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><u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> <i>(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>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please explain why:</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	<p><b>Subcomponent 2a:</b> 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>				Significant progress
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<p><b>Subcomponent 2b:</b> REDD+ Strategy Options</p> <p><i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i></p> <p><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></p>					Significant progress
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					Further development
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<p><b>Subcomponent 2c:</b> 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>					Significant progress
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	<p><b>Subcomponent 2d:</b> 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>					Significant progress
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R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	<p><b>R-PP Component 3</b> - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</p> <p><i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i></p> <p><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></p>					Significant progress
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	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking <sup>3</sup> (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	<p><b>Subcomponent 4a:</b> 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>					Significant progress
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				And explain why:		
	<p><b>Subcomponent 4b:</b> 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>					Significant progress
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Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):																	
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### 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.):	
<u>Action/activity:</u>	<u>Describe IP, CSO, and local community participation:</u>

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>	# of participants # of men / # of women		<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>
				
				
				
				<i>Non Applicable</i>

### 3.3. Knowledge sharing

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

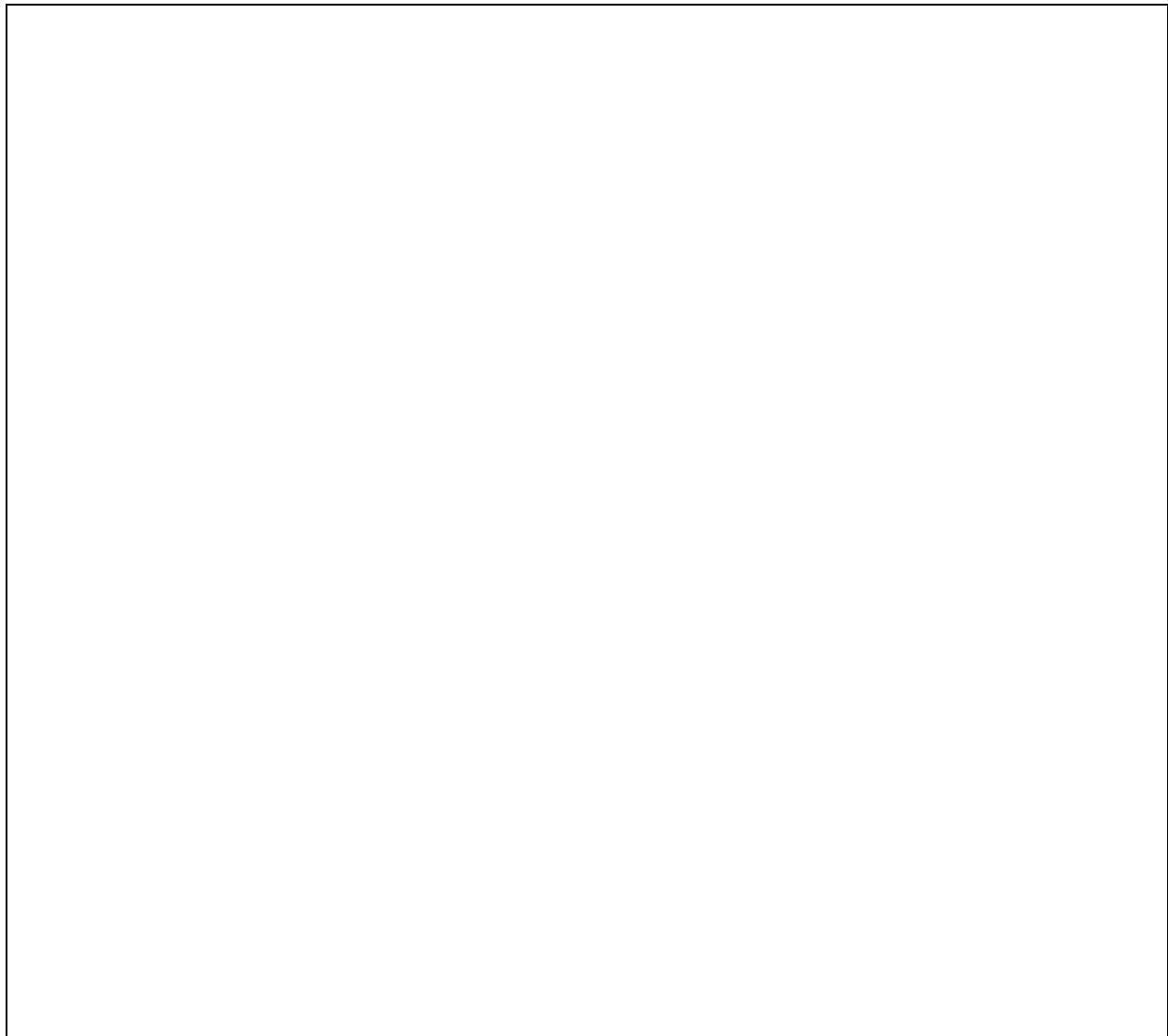
How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:
<u>Overall number by product:</u>
<u># of Men:</u>
<u># of Women:</u>

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?		
<u>Yes/No:</u>	<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

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.


It is expected that the country monitors any changes in the assumptions that underpin the logic of intervention of FCPF at the national level and other significant risks that may arise. This section should explain through a narrative any changes in the level of risk associated with the different assumptions, or describe new risks that may have emerged and have a significant bearing on the national work-planning with respect to FCPF support for the next year and beyond, along with the associated measures required to address this change.





## 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+.

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