# REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING (with semi-annual update)

**COUNTRY:** [Sudan] **PERIOD:** [September 2015- August 2017]

**Background**: This country reporting framework has been developed following the structure of the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, its logical framework and Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), so as to facilitate and systematize the data analysis. The semi-annual country reporting should provide the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) with indications of REDD+ countries' progress towards the achievement of their readiness activities and the implementation of their Emission Reductions programs overtime, in a way that data are easily consolidated and provide indications on the level of achievement of the FCPF output, outcome and impact indicators as defined in the FCPF M&E Framework.

**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  $15^{th}$  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  $15^{th}$  each year.

#### 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: Sudan started the process of REDD+ Readiness in time and to develop the REDD+ mechanism in forestry sector in the following done activities during the Dec. 2016- - July 2017.

- Following with focal points of REDD+ in all states the process of engagement of all stakeholders, raised the capacity building of the focal points in 18 states of Sudan for consultation and participation process
- Developed the TORs for safeguards specialist, and SP now on board to support the staff and raise the capacity building of focal points in all states and stakeholders.
- Revised the procurement plan.
- Did two meetings with stakeholders among gum Arabic belt and established Gum Arabic platform setup the CSOs platform.
- Developed the ToRs for REDD+ communication strategy, the consultant recruited, and submitted the draft of strategy, and the validation workshop is done, (waiting to compile the feedback from the validation workshop)
- The data updated periodically in the website
- The financial manual id developed
- The full follow up of national forest inventory with FAO continuing.

- Received the first progress report from FAO (for the last six months) and the plan for the next six months revised by FNC and the request for the direct payment under the processing.
- FAO submitted the MRV system in the framework of REDD+ Readiness in Sudan
- Received the draft report from the consultant of land tenure(received the report of validation workshop, and Forests National Corporation (FNC) formulate a committee to follow the implementation of the recommendations from the land use and land tenure workshop with Minister of Agriculture and Forestry)
- Received the report on study of in-depth analysis of the drivers of deforestation(in the next month we plan to conduct the validation workshop for this study) now the report under reviewing by the technical specialist and safeguard specialist.
- Documentation and communication process going systematically (consultation and engagement of the stakeholders, ,,)
- Audit team from the chamber audit finalized the auditing process for the period Jan. 2016 Dec. 2016 and the report submitted
- Established the working groups for SESA study
- Two forums for Gum Arabic platform done in May 2017(awareness, discussions, and engagement in REDD+ process)
- Carried meetings of steering committee and technical advisory committee
- Training and capacity building and participation in international meetings
- SESA study advertized as an international study; the company selected and about to sign the contract (now submitted the technical and financial proposals: under negotiation)
- MTR submitted for additional fund and approved
- Six month plan developed for the period July-Dec. 2017 and approved by the TTL
- The ToRs for Redress Grievance Mechanism Study revised and advertized.
- All IFRs submitted in time to the WB
- REDD+ Strategy advertised and the company selected, the contract signed and we expecting to receive the inception report during this July.
- Benefit sharing study finalized and the validation workshop planed during this month (13 July 2017)

#### Important issue

- the project facing the problem and unknown case related to the amount of withdrawal application number 11 since 9th of Nov. 2016.

## **Highlights of the next steps:**

continuing the consultation process with stakeholders to use the priorities and needs to develop the strategy

- Keep to following the studies of RGM, Strategy and study of SESA
- Keep continuing the to raise capacity building with safeguards specialist for focal points and stakeholders.
- Follow with FAO the NFI component
- Start the of Study of Grievance mechanism
- Two meeting for CSOs & private sector platform
- Continuing to support the platform for gun Arabic associations and Gum Arabic producers (including women associations)
- following the endorsement of the forest definitions
- following the implementation of the recommendations of the land use and land tenure with Minister of agriculture and forests
- Compile the discussion and priorities from the formal and informal platforms for the strategy
- Strengthen the capacities of CSOs platform
- Continuing to increase the awareness raising for Gum Arabic platform

- Continuing to complete the breakdown of Additional Fund (AF)
- Start the activities under AF

#### Results:

- Communication strategy report submitted (validation workshop done)
- Land use and Land tenure Report submitted (validation workshop done)
- Benefit sharing study report submitted (and validation workshop done)
- Drivers of D&D the report submitted (now the report under the reviewing by coordinator, Technical advisor and safeguards specialist)
- All events documented in the website (www.reddsudan.org)
- REDD+ idea now is common and well known through all media
- All platforms settled
- Meetings with steering committee & TAC smoothly done.
- Audited the budget of 2016
- Safeguard specialist on board.
- 3 VC with Washington
- 2 VC with FAO Rome
- Forest definitions under the process of endorsement through the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
- One meeting with UNEP (to engage them in activities of AF)
- One meeting with Sudanese environmental Society (to engage them in activities of AF)
- Updated procurement plan after the last mission from WB in May 2017.
- Updated REDD+ plan
- Developed six months plan for NFI ready for implementation
- Completed the engagement of stakeholders in REDD+ process at national and sub-national level in form of formal and informal platform (documented in the website)

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

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

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):				
Source:3.8 million	Amount provided: FCPF/World Bank Group			
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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.):				
Source:	Amount provided:			
Source:	Amount provided:			
Source:	Amount provided:			

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

#### **Platforms:**

The REDD+ plan targeted the all the stakeholders at all levels; the project designed two level at subnational; 1) formal platform:- included the all line Ministries (agriculture, livestock and range lands, energy, social affairs, irrigation and electricity, minerals and education and research centers.

2) informal platform; included the CSOs, NGOs, women associations, youth, Gum Arabic associations, pastoralists union, farmers unions, and any other communities related in such states,

#### CSOs:

civil society organization organized in the first workshop for awareness raised about REDD+ and the benefits from REDD+ in developing countries; and this included; Sudanese Forestry Society, Sudanese environmental conservation society, environmentalist, SOS Sahel, practical action,

#### **Gum Arabic producer & gum Arabic associations:**

Forests National Corporation (REDD+ implementer) already organized the gum Arabic owners and producers in associations, to control and help them on marketing this product, these associations mixed members of males and females, and some of these associations is pure male and some them is pure of females. this system help FNC to facilitate the process of collection, storing, marketing and supports from project for them. in 2009-2015 the WB working in this area of gum Arabic and it the very good practice successful project in this area

Two meeting done with Gum Arabic platform; one meeting in White Nile State targeted the forest governance and some associations of gum Arabic in the State

and one meeting in North Kordofan State targeted mainly associations of gum Arabic to raise capacities on REDD+ (the meeting was successes and the idea of REDD+ accepted by them, also participants included the line ministries, NGOs and other related project in Um Rawba Locality.

Private sector:

Two main company involved in REDD+ since 2009; Haggar Company and Kennana Sugar Cane Company; now Haggar start to propose a REDD+ project with FNC.

The private sector now we engaged them with CSOs platform

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.):

Monthly	Technical committee (support the implantation of plan, and review in general and approval and report to Steering Committee)
Annually or mid annual When necessary	Steering committee: follow up all activities,  Technical Working group: technical support according to the need

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

REDD+ PMU organized a meeting to CSOs to develop the networking among them,, and link them to World Bank, now they received support from the fund to IPs to develop the networking

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:**

- 1. the implementation of the recommendations of study of land use and land tenure
- 2. received many of recommendations within the in-depth analysis of the drivers of deforestation.
- 3. endorsement of the forest definitions

Please describe these policy reforms:

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.):

<u>Provide examples of how national REDD Strategies address livelihoods of local communities and biodiversity conservation.</u>

Sudan REDD+ strategy will address the livelihood for local people in the means of strategy options; exploitation of non-wood forest products and conservation of forest cover. also the incentives of non-carbon benefits. and the support of development of the community such as health and education,

# 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

<u>Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:</u>

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support				
from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)				
Components	<b>Sub-components</b>	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)		
1. Readiness	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes		
Organization and Consultation	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes		
2. REDD+ Strategy	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Yes		
Preparation	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes		
	2c. Implementation Framework	Yes		
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes		
3. Reference Emissions L	evel/Reference Levels			
4. Monitoring Systems	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	Yes		
for Forests and Safeguards	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.): Tracking<sup>2</sup>: Planned Milestones: Level of Achievement<sup>1</sup>: Significant progress Component 1 Significant progress *Progressing well, further* 4 development required Component 2 Progressing well, further Further development development required required Not yet demonstrating Component 3 progress Progressing well, further Non Applicable N/A Please explain why: The implementation of RPP has been achieved more significant progress. and the main activity of the MRV which going with FAO as a technical assistant agreement now is going very well with FAO and the 1/3 of the fund should be spend for the MRV. In component two the studies going very well but by the early of 2018 all studies should be completed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.

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>
		Planned milestones	Achievements	(Please select your light rating)
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements  Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies  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	All structure of REDD+ management unit are completed  The staff is 100% occupied and executing actions related the construction and planning of future activities	Completed	X Significant progress  Progressing well, further development required  Further development required  Not yet demonstrating progress  Non Applicable  Please explain why:

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

Sub-component	Progress against	annual targets	Tracking <sup>3</sup>		
	Planned milestones	Achievements	(Plea:	se select your light rating)	
Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of	The plan implemented	The consultation completed and the compilation of all broader lines of the strategy we expected to finalized by the end of this year		Significant progress  X Progressing well, further development required  Further development	
different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of	Communication strategy has been settled	Completed	8	required  Not yet demonstrating progress	
key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes			Please e	Non Applicable	

Sub-component	Progress again	Progress against annual targets		
	Planned milestones	Achievements	(Please	select your light rating)
Subcomponent 2a: Assessment Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance  Purpose: identification of key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks  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) implication for forest law and policy	ers s, ct	Ongoing	X  X  N/A  Please exp	further development required Further development required Not yet demonstrating progress Non Applicable

Sub-component	Progress agai	Tracking <sup>3</sup>		
	Planned milestones	Achievements	(Please select your light ratir	
Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options  Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation  Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.	Study of drivers of D&D  Under going	Completed  Progressing, further development	Please exp	Progressing well, further development Further development Not yet demonstrating progress Non Applicable
Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework  Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options 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			Please exp	Significant progress  Progressing well, further development  Further development  Not yet demonstrating progress  Non Applicable

	Sub-component	Progress against	annual targets		Tracking <sup>3</sup>
		Planned milestones	Achievements	(Please	select your light rating)
	Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts  Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)  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	Technical working group did two meeting to road map the SESA study under going with SESA study	Progressing, further development	N/A Please exp	Progressing well, further development  Further development  Not yet demonstrating progress  Non Applicable
R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL  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	Under AF will start the designing the ERL/FRL  Forest inventory manual	Agreement is signed with FAO. and the process started  Completed	And expla	Significant progress Progressing well, further development required Further development Not yet demonstrating progress Non Applicable in why:

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking <sup>3</sup>	
		Planned milestones	Achievements	(Please	select your light rating)
	<u>Subcomponent 4a</u> : National Forest Monitoring System	Will start under the AF		<b>Ø</b>	Significant progress
	Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to			1	Progressing well, further development required
aards	enhance the system over time				Further development
ınd Safegı	Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii)			8	Not yet demonstrating progress
ests a	institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests			N/A	Non Applicable
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards				And expla	iin why:
ring Sy	Subcomponent 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and				Significant progress
4: Monito	Safeguards <u>Purpose</u> : Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring			1	Progressing well, further development required
nent	by the country <u>Country Self- Assessment Criteria:</u> (i)				Further development
P Compc	identification of relevant non- carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii)			8	Not yet demonstrating progress
R-I	monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii)			N/A	Non Applicable
	Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards			And expla	nin why:

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

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):				
	Rate	Tracking		
Total Budget in R-PP - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements (including other funding sources and FCPF Readiness Grant)		Please select your rating:  Up to 10% variance with plans  Between 10-25% variance with plans  Between 25-40% variance with plans  When the plans wariance  Non Applicable		

# 3.2. Engagement of stakeholders within the approach to REDD +

Examples of actions/activities where IPs, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if					
relevant (FCPF M&E F	relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.a.):				
Action/activity:	ion/activity: Describe IP, CSO, and local community participation:				
	Governance (technical advisory committee & steering committee) CSO representing in working groups, Gum Arabic producers; represented in informal platform Women and youth; represented in informal platform				

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.):						
Please list the training conducted:	Duration (# of days)	# of participants # of men / # of women	<b>Ø</b>	Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined		
Capacity building for focal point	2 days	5 women 18 male	1	country to be defined		
capacity building with REDD+ academia(Nigeria)	<u>9days</u>	One female 3 males	<b>.</b>			
tarring capacity building on GIS & remote sensing	<u>15 days</u>	11 female 4 male	N/A	Non Applicable		
capacity building under UNFCCC COPs	<u>12 days</u>	2 males 4 females				

# 3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:			
Yes/No: Please provide the list of published REDD+ knowledge products, if any during			
·	reporting period : on going to publish		

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:

Overall number by product: under assessing the numbers

# of Men:

# of Women:

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

	# of women: (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)		
	, respectively		

## 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.

✓ The delay of fund during the 8 last eight month disturbed the implementation of the Readiness phase.

✓ curried the studies in proper time ✓ publish news, implement REDD+ day and support REDD+ by the government √ develop and identify the REDD+`s policies and measures to facilitate the implementation of REDD+ in Sudan and to support the sustainable forest management

## 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+.

- all stakeholders at national and sub-national were aware by REDD+ and the benefits
- the idea of REDD is accepted by the local communities
- the staff well known by the system of the Word Bank
- the process of consultation and engagement of stakeholders is need be continue and support for sustainability for REDD+
- **the WB cooperation support the country to strengthen the institutional arrangement, and the structure of the implementation**
- the missions always in support and strengthening capacities with technical advices in all issue related.

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