



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report
PAKISTAN (July 2021-June 2022)

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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 and achievements delivered within your country during the last year?
 - Activities - For example, strategy / policy drafting, stakeholder consultation events, capacity building / training, awareness raising initiatives
 - Achievements - 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
 - 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 year 2021-22 continued to be challenging in terms of uncertainties associated with COVID-19 Pandemic, its global impacts and restrictions. After emergence of the pandemic in Pakistan in early 2020, the COVID situation has remained uncertain with varying degree recurrent intensities. The project faced earlier closing date of 15-06-2022, which was later extended by the World Bank to 30-11-2022, in order to complete few remaining contracts.

Nevertheless, Covid-19 is continuing to impact implementation of readiness activities under the project due to travel restrictions and various related measures adopted globally. In this backdrop of unforeseen challenges, the progress under various components of readiness activities and achievements during the last year is summarized as under:

Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation

- Two meetings of the National Steering Committee on REDD+ were held on 10 October 2021 and 19 April 2022 during which the stakeholders were updated on the progress of readiness activities. The meeting was attended by 77 participants including 10 female and 67 male participants.
- A meeting of thematic working groups was held on 30 September 2021. The meeting was attended by 10 participants including 1 female.
- Thirty Forestry Awareness Sessions were organized between June 2021 to March 2022 with the forest resource user communities in different provinces. Around 900 community members (780 male; 120 female), comprising of local residents, community elders, village council members, religious leaders and community mobilizers participated in these sessions
- Eight national trainings on different thematic areas of REDD+ were held from July 2021- February 2022. Around 170 forestry officials participated including 24 females.
- Thirty-seven community trainings session on Participatory Forest Management were conducted. 1182 participants attended the trainings including 164 women and 238 children.
- R-Package report was submitted to FCPF and endorsed through resolution PC/30/2021/1.
- Twenty-one interns (8 females and 12 males) have successfully completed their internships under the National REDD+ Internship Programme.
- An international exposure visit of twelve forestry officials to Ghana was held from 13-19 March 2022 to enhance capacity and hands-on learning on Participatory Forest Management and REDD+ implementation approaches.
- An exposure visit to Turkey was also organized, for the ten provincial forest officials / REDD+ Focal Points from Feb 26 –Mar 5, 2022. The purpose of the visit was to learn the different forest techniques and technology that was being used in modern forestry in Turkey, including nursery raising, fire control land erosion control, etc.
- A 3-day training/ workshop on 'Gender-integrated Planning' was organized between August 25 – 27, 2021 for participants from the provinces/ Territories. Total 16 participants including 5 females attended the training.
- A delegation from Pakistan represented REDD+ at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as COP26, held in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, from 31 October - 13 November 2021.
- Orientation sessions on REDD+ were organized for selected private sector companies in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad on 11, 14 and 22 November 2021. The sessions focused on the importance of forestry as an investment opportunity for the private sector along with introduction to REDD+ concepts and how private sector can be engaged in it. Total of 132 private sector stakeholders including 22 females attended the sessions.
- Six Provincial REDD+ Action Plans prepared and validated through a participatory process.
- National Validation Workshop on Establishing Sub-National Forest Monitoring, Measurement Reporting and Verification Systems for Pakistan was held on 21 June 2022. The workshop was attended by senior forestry officials including Academia. Total number of participants were 30 including 3 females.
- National Validation Workshop on Provincial Forest Monitoring web portal was held on 22 June 2022. Workshop was attended by 20 participants including 4 females.
- A panel discussion on how can Pakistan unlock its forestry sector potential was organized by World bank with support from Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR) on 8 June 2022.

Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- National REDD+ Strategy has been developed and endorsed by the provincial forestry departments. National REDD+ Strategy has been uploaded on the REDD+ Web platform of UNFCCC.
- In order to support implementation of National REDD+ Strategy, Provincial REDD+ Action Plans have been developed after several consultations with subnational forestry departments, CSOs / NGOs, academia and other relevant stakeholders in all provinces. The PRAPs included prioritized province specific drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the context of local socio-economic settings and propose actions to address them.
- Participatory Forest Management Plans have been developed for 15 forest sites all over Pakistan, in consultation with provinces.
- Six provincial REDD+ Gender action Plan has been developed after an extensive consultation with provincial forest department and forest dependent communities in order to provide a synthesis of gender mainstreaming in forestry / REDD+ across six provinces/ territories of Pakistan in order to ensure that gender is integrated in the design, and implementation of REDD+ mechanisms and that women's participation and benefit sharing are in line with the national/sub national REDD+ Strategy.

- Ministry of Climate Change has developed a PC-1 titled “Strengthening of National Capacities through Piloting of REDD+ for Accessing Result-Based Payments” to be funded by National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF).
- The Government of Sindh is implementing Delta Blue Carbon Project – 1 (DBC – 1) on 350,000 hectares of Tidal Wetlands on the south-east coast of Sindh, Pakistan, whereas, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit Baltistan are in the feasibility stages of developing forest carbon projects.

Component 3: Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring

- Six Remote Sensing drone were procured and handed over to provincial forest department through Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Climate Change in the 11th meeting of National Steering Committee on REDD+ held on 10 October 2021.
- A two- days Training of Trainer was conducted on operation of remote sensing drones was held on 14-15 October 2021. Training was attended by 22 participants.
- Detailed forest assessment at sub-national levels for strengthening of MRV, emission factors and MBIGS at sub-national level which is in process of finalization with support of WWF- Pakistan.
- Six provincial forest management web portals have been developed in consultation with provincial forest departments. The GIS and IT experts in the forest departments have been trained to operate the web portals. The objective of these web portals is to manage and integrate forestry data at the provincial and national level.
- Standard Operating Procedures to control and prevent forest fires have been developed by Ministry of Climate Change

Component 4: Readiness Preparation Activities Management

- The project is under implementation through National REDD+ Office led by a National Coordinator and other professional and support staff. The Senior Joint Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change is performing responsibilities of the National Project Director and providing implementation oversight.
- Following the WB procurement regulations and process, the following consultancy services have been procured to strengthen REDD+ arrangements at the provincial/sub-national levels with support of international and national firms:

S.No	Name of Assignment	Consulting Firm Name	Contract Signing dates	Status
1	Preparation of 15 Participatory Forest Management Plans and sub-national REDD+ Action Plans	M/S Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Switzerland	29-09-2020	Completed
2	Awareness Raising and Outreach and Capacity building	M/S International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)	15-09-2020	Completed
3	Assessment of Private Sector Engagement and Potential of Carbon Trading Mechanisms and Market for Pakistan	Joint Venture of TERE, ONF International and EMC Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd	02-11-2020	Completed
4	Assessment of Existing Forestry Systems in Pakistan and Preparation of REDD+ Readiness Package	M/s Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Switzerland	07-12-2020	Completed
5	Prepare a REDD+ Gender Action Plan	Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN), Hawai'i, USA	11-11-2020	Completed
6	Finalization of National REDD+ Strategy and its Implementation Framework for Pakistan	Indufor Oy, Helsinki (Lead Firm) in association with CHIP Training and Consulting	15-12-2020	Completed

7	Development of Sub-National Forest Monitoring and MRV Systems	WWF-Pakistan	05-07-2021	In progress Expected to be completed by 31 July 2022
8	Comprehensive National Level Assessment of Demand and Supply of Forest Products and Services	PIDE Pakistan	28-07-2021	in Progress Expected to be completed by 30 September 2022
9	Design, develop and operate official FMS Web Portals in each Sub-national Unit	GIS Plus, Pvt. Ltd. Pakistan	11-01-2022	In Progress Expected to be completed by 15 July 2022
10	Procurement of Forest Monitoring Drones	Public Surveying Systems, Lahore	01-06-2021	Completed

B. 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

The following have been the key implementation challenges during the last year:

- Emergence of COVID-19 Pandemic globally has been the key challenge, which continues to affect timely completion of contractual deliverables of various consultancy contracts.
- Fatal accident to the staff of WWF-Pakistan being engaged under the consultancy assignment at Sr #7 in the above table.
- National Project Director was replaced three times that delayed the process of disbursement of payments due to long process of change in signatories as per Government rules.

C. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver, and achievements anticipated 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 activities will be completed before 30th November, 2022:

- 1) Development of Sub-National Forest Monitoring and MRV Systems.
- 2) Design, develop and operate official FMS Web Portals in each Sub-national Unit.
- 3) Comprehensive National Level Assessment of Demand and Supply of Forest Products and Services.
- 4) Publication and dissemination of findings from REDD+ Readiness studies.
- 5) Organize final project lessons sharing workshop.
- 6) Organize a meeting of National Steering Committee on REDD+.
- 7) Submission of Project Completion Report.

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

D. 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:

5	Completed	The sub-component has been completed
4	Significant progress	Significant progress
3	Progressing well, further development required	Progressing well, further development required
2	Further development required	Further development required
1	Not yet demonstrating progress	Not yet demonstrating progress
0	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)
R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation		
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	5 Completed	Sound institutional arrangements for REDD+ have been set up both at national and sub-national levels and operating in an inclusive, accountable, and transparent manner. The REDD+ institutions and their mandates are integrated and aligned with the existing national and sub-national forest management structure.
	4 Significant progress	
	3 Progressing well, further development required	
	2 Further development required	
	1 Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0 N/A	
Sub-component 1b:	5 Completed	There is continuous engagement with various stakeholders through meeting of Thematic REDD+ Working Groups, the meetings of the
	4 Significant progress	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
Consultation, Participation and Outreach	3	Progressing well, further development required	National Steering Committee, and orientation sessions for private sectors, forest dependent communities and policy makers. Social Media Groups (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp) are functional https://web.facebook.com/FOForestPK/?_rdc=1&_rdr , https://twitter.com/foforestpk?lang=en REDD+ analytical studies, extension material and knowledge products published in national web platforms (www.redd-pakistan.org , www.reddpakistansis.com , and www.nfmispak.org)	
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation				
Sub-component 2: REDD+ Strategy	5	Completed	x	Pakistan's National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) and its Implementation Framework has been endorsed and it has been published on REDD+ Web platform of UNFCCC. Six Provincial REDD+ Action Plans have been developed after several consultations with subnational forestry departments, CSOs / NGOs, academia and other relevant stakeholders in all provinces/ territories. https://redd.unfccc.int/files/pakistan_redd_strategy_final-oct_2_2021.pdf
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	5	Completed	x	Same as under 2 above.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
	0	N/A	
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	5	Completed	Same as under 2 above.
	4	Significant progress	
	3	Progressing well, further development required	
	2	Further development required	
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0	N/A	
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	5	Completed	Same as under 2 above.
	4	Significant progress	
	3	Progressing well, further development required	
	2	Further development required	
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0	N/A	
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	5	Completed	<p>The social and environmental impacts of REDD+ strategic options were analysed through a detailed Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) study. The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) was also developed that define measures to ensure environmental safety and social action programme to manage the residual impacts of REDD+ strategy implementation. A Safeguard Information System (SIS) has been developed to set procedures for collection, compilation, analysis, and dissemination of safeguard information. A dedicated website (www.reddpakistanisis.com) to manage information on REDD+ safeguards.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment Report</p>
	4	Significant progress	
	3	Progressing well, further development required	
	2	Further development required	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	https://www.redd-pakistan.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/Strategic-Social-and-EnvironmentalAssessment-PAkistan.pdf	
	0	N/A		
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels				
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	5	Completed	X	The established Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL) has been assessed by the assigned panel of UNFCCC experts who have found it as "transparent, complete and in overall accordance with the IPCC guidelines". https://redd.unfccc.int/files/1_unfccc_frel_pakistan_final_with_proofread_final.pdf
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards				
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	5	Completed	X	NFMS and MRV procedures have been finalized at National Level, including institutional arrangements and methodological and implementation frameworks supported by guiding training manuals for SLMS, NFI and GHG-I and establishment of NFMS web portal. The work on sub-national MRV systems is in process. Capacities of officials of forestry departments in provinces and territories have been built on satellite-based forest cover monitoring, field inventory and other relevant aspects together with provisioning of latest forest inventory and monitoring equipment. National forest monitoring web portal has been updated and synchronized with newly established sub-national forest monitoring web portals. The web links are as under; nfmmpak.org gbfmpak.org kpfmpak.org sindhfmmpak.org balfmpak.org ajkfmpak.org fmis.pk
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 4b:	5	Completed		The Multiple Benefits Impacts and Governance Safeguards (MBIGS) framework design has been harmonized with the NFMS data model and
	4	Significant progress	X	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	3	Progressing well, further development required	safeguards information system (SIS). Indicator based information system for MBIGS at sub-national levels are in process of finalization.
	2	Further development required	
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0	N/A	

SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

E. 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

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

Livelihood aspects are well integrated in strategic options under the National REDD+ Strategy.

F. 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

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

The National REDD+ Strategy of Pakistan includes the actions to be implemented at sub-national level which will support biodiversity conservation as the co-benefits that will result from conservation and sustainable management of forestry resources in Pakistan.

SECTION D: FINANCE

(Please complete in US\$ ONLY)

- G. 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)
\$3,800,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	06/2015	Public	Grant
\$4,014,000	AF of FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	12/2018	Public	Grant

- H. 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)
5.1 million	NDRMF to support REDD+ piloting at four sites	Public	Loan

SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

- I. 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:

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- J. 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 regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	

FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
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

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

Coordination with World Bank in implementation of project has become more effective with the local presence of Task Team Leader since October 2019 for providing timely support to the project.