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## 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the report, its main purpose and sections. Short description of FCPF support in country.

PNG is awaiting grant agreement signing of the FCPF support. The FCPF support is meant to support the REDD+ Readiness implementation programme currently supported by the national government and the National UNREDD Programme beyond 2014. It is to support national and sub-national capacity building, insitutional linkage strengthening, stakeholder engagement and communication maximisation. The FCPF support will also continue to refine the national REDD+ Strategy, implementation of safeguards and development of SESA frameworks. It will support the establishment of PNG's REL/RL and its linkage with activities at the sub-national level and finally consolidate and finalize the national MRV system which is currently supported through the National UNREDD Programme.

## 2. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Summary of 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 -- **key bullets only**

Progress:

PNG has requested UNDP to be the implementing partner. UNDP has accepted and is undergoing prodoc development and will emabrck on the grant agreement soon.

Key Achievements with focus on higher level results:

n/a

Important issues /problems that arose during the reporting period:

Delay expereincd during the reporting period was due to non- agreement on budget allocation between the Office of Climate Change and Development and UNDP. This delayed agrrement to be reached on UNDP being the implementing agency. Further delays were caused by OCCD in not providing a written request quickly to UNDP after the budget allocation issue was resolved.

Highlights of next steps in the following period:

It is envisioned that UNDP and the FCPF will sign the grant agreement before end of 2014. Management arrangements established including the PMU and the inception process implemented.

**3. 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”**.

**3.1 PROGRESS AT THE IMPACT LEVEL (if any data available)**

Please provide here any quantitative and qualitative information, if available on the following criteria/indicators.

does not apply - n/a

Number of tons of CO2 emissions from deforestation and forest degradation reduced in the country during the reporting period as compared to the measured REL/RL, if any :

National Forest Reference Emission Level (REL)/Reference Level (RL) defined:  
 n/a

Number of tons reduced during the reporting period as compared to REL/RL:  
 n/a

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
n/a	Currency	
n/a	Currency	
n/a	Currency	

Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
National UNREDD Programme	Currency	
USAID LEAF program	Currency	
USAID MARSH Program	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	

Level of multi-stakeholder participation and engagement in decision making processes related to emission reductions and forest resource management:

Please describe the process of engagement and consultation implemented, including describing the level of participation and engagement for the following stakeholder categories: Government Agencies, Indigenous Peoples, Other forest-dependent peoples, Women, Youth, Civil Society Organizations, Private Entities, Donors, and Others

Government agencies are members of the REDD+ Technical Working Group, Forestry sub-workinig group, NFI working group and MRV T

Nb. and type of policy reforms underway or completed complying to REDD+ standards, if any (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are: <Select from dropdown list>

<b>Underway:</b>	#	Land Use
	#	Institutional Reforms
	#	Benefit Sharing
	#	Tenure
<b>Completed:</b>	#	
	#	
	#	

Please describe these policy reforms:

Land use - A National Land Use Policy is being developed by the Department of Lands and Physical Planning. A recent Cabinet decision stopped the awarding of new Special Agricultural Business Leases. SABLs are a form of land acquisition that allows for a lease-lease back arrangement for customary land between Government and the landowners for agriculture development purposes. This has the potential for increasing deforestation and loss of large tracts of natural forests across the country. Institutional Reforms - Cabinet recently passed the National Climate Compatible Development Management Policy. This is the overall policy framework for climate change in PNG. It calls for institutional reforms within the OCCD

### 3.2 PROGRESS AT THE OUTPUT and OUTCOME LEVEL (if any data available)

#### 3.2.1. REDD Readiness Progress

##### OUTCOME LEVEL

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.):

Briefly describe progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

REDD+ Strategy - 1. Emissions Reductions - initial work done on abatement levers as per Interim Action Plan on Climate Compatible Development 2010 yet to be updated. Pilot activities in Madang and April Salumei VCS project have shown initial emissions reductions at site level. Pilot activities are being undertaken in a number of sites demonstrating emissions reductions from REDD+ activities of forest conservation and sustainable forest management. UNREDD Programme is supporting Institutional capacity building for OCCD and PNGFA, technical and human capacity building is undertaken for MRV system including forest monitoring and forest inventory. Implementation Framework - FPIC Guidelines have been developed and are being field tested in some pilot sites with support from the UNREDD Programme. Draft REDD+ Approval Guidelines yet to be reviewed and finalized. REDD+ SES, NEL and MRV Technical working groups have met twice so far in 2014 discussing progress and technical

##### OUTPUT LEVEL

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)

Component	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
<b>Component 1. Readiness Organization and Consultation</b>	
1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	No
1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	No
<b>Component 2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation</b>	
2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	No
2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	
2c. Implementation Framework	No
2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	No
<b>Component 3. REL/RL</b>	
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	No
<b>Component 4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards</b>	
4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No
4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No

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Level of implementation of R-PP as a whole:

Please describe the current R-PP implementation	% Completed:
not applicable yet	

Level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.8 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3b):

Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement:	Tracking:
		<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <input type="radio"/> Significant progress                 </div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; color: black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required                 </div> <div style="background-color: #ffa500; color: black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <input type="radio"/> Further development required                 </div> <div style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress                 </div> <div style="background-color: #0000ff; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable                 </div> </div>

**3.2.1. CONTINUED Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in %**

RF Grant - disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage:		
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate	Tracking
RF Grant - actual disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate	10%	<input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage:		
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate	Tracking
R-PP Budget - disbursement rate v planned disbursement rate	70%	<input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable

**3.2.1. REDD Progress Levels - Continued**

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 (additional grant of up to \$5 million). 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+

The level of achievement of planned milestones according to the Readiness grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement. This is qualitatively expressed with a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, "Non Applicable" can be selected.

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 1a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking*
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>1a - National REDD+ Management Arrangements</b> Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies 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					

Sub-Component 1b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</b> 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 Assessment Criteria: (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					

Sub-Component 2a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</b> Purpose: identify key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks 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 rights, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy					

Sub-Component 2b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2b: REDD+ Strategy Options</b> Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies					

Sub-Component 2c	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2c: Implementation Framework</b> Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options 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					

Sub-Component 2d	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2d: Social and Environmental Impacts</b> Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework					



Component 3	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</b> Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL 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					

Sub-Component 4a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>4a: National Forest Monitoring System</b> Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests					

Sub-Component 4b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</b> Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country 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					5 

\*This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework. The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assess their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.

**3.2.3. Engagement of stakeholders to sustain or enhance livelihoods of local communities and to conserve biodiversity within the approach to REDD+**

**OUTCOME LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please describe indicators related to biodiversity conservation and forest community livelihood development included in the ER Program if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework indicator 3.A.):		
Amount provided:	Currency	
Please describe how these funds target biodiversity and forest community livelihood development:	not applicable yet	

Please provide relevant examples on the inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):	
Examples of inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+:	
not applicable yet	

**OUTPUT LEVEL**

Number of examples of actions where Ips, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):	
#:	Please describe these actions on enhanced livelihoods and BD conservation, and restoration where Ips, CSO, and local communities participate actively:
	not applicable yet

**Number of IPs, 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(s) conducted:	Duration (#of days)	# of participants		Rating
		# of men	# of women	
Free text				

- Significant progress
- Progressing well, further development
- Further development required
- Not yet demonstrating progress
- Not Applicable

**Frequency of meetings of stakeholder engagement platforms (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):**

Frequency:	Rating
	5

- Significant progress
- Progressing well, further development
- Further development required
- Not yet demonstrating progress
- Not Applicable

**Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.b.):**

Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities:
Yes no	not applicable yet

**Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at conserving biodiversity (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.c.):**

Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:
Yes no	not applicable yet

Does your country R-Package and/or ER Program include SESA, an operational Grievance Mechanism, and an	
Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:
yes	not applicable yet

**3.2.4 Knowledge Sharing**

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support?	
Yes/No:	If yes, please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:
No	1
	2
	3
	4
	...

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any?	
Overall number by product:	Please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:

Knowledge Product 1:	
# Total People Reached	
# of Men	
# of Women	
Knowledge Product 2:	
# Total People Reached	
# of Men	
# of Women	
Knowledge Product 3:	
# Total People Reached	
# of Men	
# of Women	
Knowledge Product 4:	
# Total People Reached	
# of Men	
# of Women	

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-South learning activities? If yes, how many?			
Yes/No	List the South-South	# Men	# Women
Yes/No			
Yes/No			
Yes/No			
Yes/No			

**3.2.2. Key Elements of performance based payment systems for emission reductions generated from REDD+ activities**

**OUTCOME LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:

Are carbon accounting, programmatic elements and pricing operating as planned in your pilot, if relevant?

Free text	Tracking
	<input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable

Is the benefit sharing scheme being implemented according to plans within your pilot, if relevant?

Free text	Tracking
	<input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable

Percentage and/or amount of monetary benefits shared with beneficiaries in approved pilot, if relevant?

Free text	Tracking
	<input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable

**OUTPUT LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of these early ideas or ER-Program:</u>
No	Free Text

Has your country signed an ERPA?	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of this ERPA:</u>
No	Free Text

Amount and date of disbursements for ER Program according to plans, if relevant:			
<i>Date format:</i>	<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>		<Select>
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency

**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.

Issue, Challenge, Risk	Actions to overcome, Adjustments to plan

**5. Main Lessons Learned**

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learnt since the beginning of the readiness process. As this is a semi-annual report, it is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learning documents, and/or events developed and dealing with issues of particular interest with respect to readiness of carbon funding under REDD+.

not applicable yet