



# Cambodia: FCPF MTR and Request for Additional Funding

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# FCPF Cambodia Readiness Grant Overview

- Grant amount: \$3.8m
- Grant duration: 3.5 years (Dec 2013 – June 2017)
- Grant components:
  - Readiness organization and consultation
  - REDD+ Strategy preparation
  - Reference emission level
  - Monitoring systems for forests and safeguards
- UNDP is delivery partner

# Key Milestones

- Establishment and operation of REDD+ management arrangements supported, e.g. REDD+ Taskforce
- Draft National REDD+ Strategy prepared
- Guiding document for Cambodia's National Forest Monitoring System prepared
- Advanced draft of FREL submission prepared (submission planned for Jan 2017)
- Analytical work on safeguards carried out
- National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP) finalized
- Implementation of REDD+ subnational demonstration activities in five sites

# Key Challenges going forward

- **REDD+ management arrangements:** in principle decision to transfer REDD+ Secretariat to the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) in Ministry of Environment (MoE)
  - Likely to be formalized and completed during Q4 2016
- RGC endorsement of NRS, FREL, NFMS and NPASMP; and develop action plans to define roles and responsibilities and accelerate implementation
- Mainstreaming REDD+ agenda in national policy frameworks and key ministries / agencies
- Access investment finance for REDD+ implementation and transition to results based payments
- Continue engagement and support jurisdictional change process, co-management of conservation areas, and emerging policy measures supportive of REDD+

# Coordination with other REDD+ initiatives

- Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce (TF) is responsible for national coordination of all REDD+ readiness activities
- Development Partners (including UNDP, FAO and JICA) coordinate actively through the TF and Technical Teams
- TWG on Forestry Reform coordinates policy, funding and implementation of all development partners, including CSOs, NGOs and international organizations
- NCSD in MoE responsible for mainstreaming sustainable development into national ministries and agencies, and for reporting to the UNFCCC

# Changes in Technical Design

- No important changes, as reviewed and endorsed by MTR Consultant

# Progress in addressing key capacity issues

- Technical assistance from key REDD+ Development Partners: UNDP, FAO and JICA
- Significant investment in capacity building and awareness raising on REDD+ readiness and implementation
- Key policy makers and REDD+ focal points provided support to participate in regional and international training, technical workshops and UNFCCC COPs
- Consultation Group ensures stakeholder engagement and ownership of REDD+ readiness process
- UNDP provides supervision and support to financial management and procurement

# Progress in addressing social and environmental issues

- Analysis of PLR framework undertaken; measures to address gaps planned through Environmental Code and revision of National Forest Programme
- Cancun Safeguards clarified through draft of nationally specific PCIs and will be refined further to ensure safeguards are adequately addressed
- National REDD+ Strategy designed to ensure full and effective participation of stakeholders in implementation
- Policies and measures will be screened for social and environmental risks once Action Plan is complete (early 2017)
- An ESMF will be prepared, aligned with the Environmental Code, that will provide guidance on environmental and social impact assessment of selected policies and measures



# Progress in stakeholder consultation and participation

- Highly consultative processes on REDD+ since Readiness Roadmap was developed in 2010
- REDD+ Consultation Group formed in 2013: 18 members representing nine CSOs and community groups, NGOs, Community Forestry groups, Community Protected Area groups, Community Fishery groups, IP groups, the private sector and universities
- 15 consultations on the National Strategy throughout its development in 2015
- CG participates in decision making through its representation on the PEB and provides inputs to annual work plans and budgets and actively participates in REDD+ Taskforce meetings and consultations

# Information sharing and accessibility

- Communications strategy developed in 2013 to enhance communication with all relevant stakeholders and to raise awareness and disseminate knowledge on REDD+ issues
- Communications strategy being updated; effectiveness of media products under review
- Access to information through: leaflets, workshops, training workshops, special events, newspapers, print and online publications and the dissemination of reports and REDD+ material via the Cambodia REDD+ website (<http://www.cambodia-redd.org>)

# Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism

- Assessment undertaken (in line with FCPF/UN-REDD guidance on GRMs) to determine sources of grievances related to REDD+ and institutional capacity to address them, including recommendations for next steps to establish a functional GRM
- In principle agreement to include a national grievance mechanism in the Environmental Code as an effective remedial measure

# Conclusion / Key Messages

- Cambodia has made significant progress in implementing REDD+ Readiness Grant (82% Funds Utilization as per Annex 1 in GMR)
- There is a strong ownership of the programme and commitment to implementation
- There is a clear need for additional resources to build on the achievements
- UNDP fully supports Cambodia's request for additional funding from the FCPF Readiness Fund
- UNDP remains committed to provide necessary technical, policy and implementation support

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