

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

COUNTRY: GUYANA

PERIOD: Ending December 31, 2016

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

SUMMARY:

Background

During the reporting period ending December 2016, Project execution/implementation was halted, and as a consequence; FCPF financed planned milestones for the period were not achieved. The Ministry of Natural Resources became the Executing Agency for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Project. The Ministry has put in place robust institutional arrangements to support transparency, accountability and inclusivity in the project's execution. The Ministry will continue to work in close association with the Guyana Forestry Commission, which has oversight for implementing and sustaining key technical aspects of REDD+ activities in Guyana to ensure the success of the FCPF Support for REDD+ Readiness Process, as well as all relevant stakeholders.

Summary of Progress

Project Execution Unit

- The Ministry has created a Project Execution Unit that is now responsible for the execution of FCPF activities
- The PEU consists of a Project Coordinator and a Project Assistant as at December 2016.
- TOR for an Accounting/Administrative Officer and No Objection has been given by the IDB. The Ministry has advertised in local newspapers and the closing date for CVs is December 15, 2016.

Project Steering Committee

- A Terms of Reference for a Project Steering Committee has been instituted.
- PSC representatives identified, invitation letters drafted to be sent out and the first PSC meeting will be held 19th-20th January, 2017

Annual Operations

- Plan (AOP) for Year 1 has been approved by the IDB.

Activities accomplished under the AOP **(Component 1)** for this reporting period are;

- **Procurement of Consultant for the Development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) for REDD+ Implementation in Guyana**
 - a) No Objection for TOR GRM received from IDB
 - b) Expression of interest submitted for NO
 - c) No Objection for EOI received from IDB
 - d) Submission of EOI to UNDB website for publishing
 - e) Submission of EOI for publishing in local newspapers
 - f) EOI published
 - g) EOI closing date 10th January, 2017
- **Procurement of Consulting Firm for Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+ & Readiness Activities in Guyana**
 - a) No Objection for TOR Consultation and Stakeholder Engagements received from IDB
 - b) Expression of interest submitted for NO
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- g) EOI closing date 10th January, 2017
- **Procurement Document for Purchase of Motor Vehicle**
 - a) No Objection received from IDB
 - b) Invitation for Bids prepared for companies
 - c) Bidding documents uplifted
 - d) Bidding closes and opening of bids 20th December

Key Next Steps

Those outlined for Year 1 are:

COMPONENT 1: Country Organisation and Consultations for REDD+ Readiness

- Output 1: Functioning REDD+ Secretariat established
- Output 2: Functional NRWG established and operational
- Output3: National Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) developed and established (**ongoing**)
- Output 4: Communication and Outreach Action Plan developed and Participatory Mechanisms in place and operational (**ongoing**)

COMPONENT 2: REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework

- Output 5: REDD+ Strategy Option paper approved by sectoral stakeholders and by relevant Ministries and Commissions
- Output 6: Analysis of the Investments necessary to Implement REDD+ undertaken
- Output 7: Number of REDD+ pilot projects designed and implemented defining carbon rights, benefit sharing mechanism, financing, procedures for official approvals
- Output 8: Number of Studies (including Trade Off Analysis), Workshops and Study Tours conducted
- Output 9: Training sessions performed on the interpretation and implementation of natural resources legislation, policy and guidelines
- Output 10: Communication Link Established with Other Countries to enable the sharing of ideas and Lessons Learned
- Output 11: Analysis of land tenure and carbon ownership to inform the allocation of benefits and rights
- Output 13: SESA Social and Environmental Studies and Report
- Output 14: Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Developed

COMPONENT 3: Monitoring and Evaluation of Readiness activities

- Output 16: Finalize Monitoring Framework

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

These activities were non-FCPF financed.

Monitoring Reporting Verification System (MRVs)

MRVS Year 5-Over the January to June 2016 period, reporting for the fifth assessment period under the bilateral cooperation between Guyana and Norway was completed with the independent verification team from DNV.GL also finalized. Both Reports, including a Summary Version, have been posted on the GFC's website. This process was expected to be completed in March 2016. The MRVS Year 5 Independent, Third Party, Verification Report can be accessed at: http://www.forestry.gov.gy/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/MRVS_Year_5_Verification_Report_DNV_GL.pdf

The Verification has validated the reported results under the year 5 report and a deforestation rate of 0.065%, which represents a decrease from year 4 which was 0.068% and lower than the peak year which was year 3 (2012) which recorded a rate of 0.079%.

The overall goal of the MRVs is to contribute to the realization of Guyana's green development pathway by improving forest management through establishing a sustainable world-class MRVS, as a key component of a national REDD+ programme, which informs improved policies and practices for forest management and underpins results-based REDD+ compensation in the long-term. Results of MRVS assessment for Year 2014 (Year 5) has been completed and the verification process has also been finalized. In March 2016, the final verification report was issued to the GFC. The MRVS Year 5 report can be accessed at:

http://www.forestry.gov.gy/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/MRVS_Interim_Measures_Report_Year_5_Version_3.pdf

This Report validates the GFC's methods and results generated by those methods as in keeping with best practice and has formally verified as correct, accurate and precise, the results as presented by the GFC's MRVS Year 5 Report.

This brings to a close the requirements of the GFC for the MRVS under the first phase of the Guyana Norway Agreement. This is a significant milestone for the GFC as it marks five continuous years of annual, independently verified reports on deforestation and forest degradation at the national scale.

Apart from its role in REDD+, Guyana's MRV System has over the past five years generated a wealth of data that can be utilized in improving management of the multiple uses of forests. The results generated from the MRV System have potential applications to a range of functions relating to policy setting and decision making within the natural resources sector, in particular to forest management. Information generated by the MRV System thus far provides a useful basis for planning an on-going monitoring programme that focuses on key hotspot areas and assists in the development of policies that can mitigate deforestation. These include, but are not limited to, the implementation of the National Land Use Plan as well as any developing Action Plan for advancing a green economy.

Along with the implementation of the routine forest carbon monitoring components of the MRVS, a number of key areas of emphasis will be developed over the second phase of the MRVS roadmap, including reporting under the Paris Climate Change Agreement, and its use in a possible non-REDD+ scenario; support for forest concession allocation and renewal, and policy development in general.

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):

<u>Source:</u> nil	<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.):

<u>Source:</u> n/a	<u>Amount provided:</u>
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Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.A):

Provide examples of how IPs and CSOs are represented in institutional arrangements for REDD at the national level.

1. The Ministry of Natural Resources, Project Execution Unit held a Stakeholder Workshop on October 5th and 6th, 2016. The meeting saw fifty five (55) stakeholders from a broad spectrum of stakeholders groups including the National Tshaos Council (NTC), Indigenous Advocacy Groups, Civil Society, Private Sector, Natural Resource Agencies, Academia and Non-Governmental Organisations. The specific objectives were:
 - To understand REDD+ and the FCPF’s pivotal role
 - To address the range of stakeholder and agency interests – perceptions, expectations, rights, roles and responsibilities
 - To accelerate the project executing process.
 - To learn from the best practices of other countries with FCPF programs
 - To understand the Common Approach of FCPF – its essential framework
2. The current stakeholder representation on the Project Steering Committee (PSC) has three (3) Indigenous representatives and one (1) Community Forestry Organisation representative, other representatives are drawn from an Environmental Youth Group, Women’s’ Group, University of Guyana, Office of Climate Change (Ministry of the Presidency), Private Sector, and the Guyana Forestry Commission. The primary function of the Project Steering Committee is to oversee the development and implementation of REDD+ readiness activities detailed in the Technical Cooperation Agreement. They will monitor and review the status of the components of the project, as well as provide oversight of project deliverables.
3. The formulation of the National REDD working Group (NRWG) will include representatives from the NTC and four Amerindian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and community leaders and will provide institutional strengthening and capacity building for these groups.
4. It should be noted that the REDD+ initiative is operating in parallel with the EU-FELGT process, and both require substantial stakeholder participation. Independent consultants have indicated that it would be enriching and efficient to develop greater coherence between the stakeholder processes required by REDD+/FCPF, EU-FLEGT and other such initiatives geared towards integrated and sustainable natural resource management. The National REDD working Group he National REDD working Group (NTWG) in collaboration with the FLEGT Secretariat held Consultation Sessions within Indigenous communities during 2016. These sessions were aimed at enhancing stakeholder’s understanding of FLEGT, presenting an update of Guyana’s VPA process, creating a platform for stakeholder participation and eliciting feedback on the process, inclusive of the Legality Definition and a number of other key Annexes.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is aware of the importance of ensuring increasingly greater impact of stakeholder engagement processes, and will actively consider this in the next phase of work.

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.):

<p><u>Frequency:</u> Quarterly</p>	<p>MRVS Steering Committee Convened to oversee the development and implementation of Guyana’s Monitoring Reporting & Verification System. The Steering Committee will monitor and review the status of various aspects of the MRVS development, as well as provide oversight of project deliverables. As a related Objective, the Steering Committee will be responsible for providing a mechanism to support the boarder objectives of land use and land management (including within forest areas), in Guyana. Minutes can be accessed through the following link: http://www.forestry.gov.gy/publications.html</p> <p>While the MRVS component is not financed by the FCPF there is commitment from the Ministry and the GFC to engage stakeholders in all REDD+ activities. Hence its addition in this section. As identified in the Summary of Report, the Project Steering Committee will engage a cross section of stakeholders. This committee is expected to begin duties in September 2016.</p>
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Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.

No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.

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. Application for candidacy for The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).
2. Negotiations with EU FLEGT with the aim of entering into a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA)

Please describe these policy reforms:

EITI

The overall goal of EITI to achieve good governance of natural resources will aid in Guyana's compliance with REDD+ standards. The Cooperative Republic of Guyana is not a member of EITI as of 15th March, 2017. However, it must be praised for intensifying its efforts, in recent years, to satisfy EITI candidate sign-up requirements. The country announced its commitment to implement the EITI since May 2010. Guyana and EITI signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2012, per which Guyana will be assisted with its preparation of EITI candidacy. Progress for this reporting period are as follows;

- 1) The coalition government reaffirmed the country's commitment to EITI and announced the establishment of the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (G-EITI).
- 2) A National Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator will be appointed 1st Quarter, 2017. TORs are currently being drafted.
- 3) A Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) will officially be launched in the 1st Quarter, 2017. TOR drafted and the MNR is working with stakeholders to determine the MSG representation/composition.
- 4) Focus will then shift to the preparation of the application for EITI candidacy.
- 5) The MNR in collaboration with the MSG will work towards submitting its initial candidate application by June / July, 2017.
- 6) Barring any unforeseen obstacles, The Cooperative Republic of Guyana can become an EITI candidate before the end of 2017.

EUFLEGT

In March 2012, the Governments of Guyana and the European Union announced the decision to enter into formal negotiations on a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA). The VPA is the mechanism under FLEGT that outlined the ambits of the trade and forest governance agreement that Guyana and the EU jointly agree to. There have been four negotiation meetings to date between the EU and the GoG: December 2012, July 2013, April 2015 and March 2016. The 5th Negotiation is to be held in Brussels in 2017. It is expected that there will be a fact finding mission to another VPA country as well as a visit to the UK to commence the funding of the VPAs implementation activities.

For the reporting period, the Government of Guyana is in the process of finalising the Annexes for the VPA. This process has involved regional consultations. The implementing Annex is currently being drafted and the VPA is expected to be initialled by the end of 2016.

Annexes of the VPA drafted in 2016

- Annex VIII: Supporting Measures and Financing Mechanisms. For this Annex to address stakeholder concerns, efforts were made to discuss the development of this Annex with various stakeholder groups including government agencies as well.
- Annex IX: Criteria for Assessing the Operationality of Guyana's Timber Legality Assurance System (GTLAS).
- Annex XI: Joint Monitoring and Review Committee (JMRC). While the representatives on this group have not yet been agreed upon, the EU Delegation here in Guyana will represent the EU. The GoG will have to agree on who will represent Guyana on this group.

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.

As part of the new Green State Development a critical element of the Strategy is the sustainable management of natural resources and expansion of environmental services. It sees these elements as becoming fundamental when envisioning economic development and expansion to new productive sectors. As a result, the Government of Guyana has set a number of national goals and targets related to the protection and sustainable use of natural resources – in particular forest and biodiversity. The Government is also committed to a set of international goals and targets, including, *inter alia*, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

National Targets for **Forests, biodiversity, land quality, and fresh water include;**

- Conserve an additional 2 million hectares through Guyana’s National Protected Area System, continuing to use its MRV system.
- Continuing promotion of the Iwokrama as a dedicated place for research “to develop, demonstrate, and make available to Guyana and the international community systems, methods and techniques for the sustainable management and utilisation of the multiple resources of the Tropical Forest and the conservation of biological diversity”,
- Guyana’s NDC commits to utilise a combination of conservation and sustainable management of its forests. Attracting additional international support for avoided deforestation through reforms in timber industries including reduced impact logging and reviewing compliance with agreed sustainability targets; and in mining industry including mapping of mining resources, improving mining efficiency, and mandatory reforestation of mining sites.

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.):

Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

At the time of this assessment, the activities outlined in the R-PP are at varying stages of implementation. The Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) outlines the pathways for the completion of the remaining work under these activities. The report includes recommendations for further work to be considered to fulfil the requirements of the assessment framework. The table below summarises the achievements by readiness sub-component using the FCPF Reporting Format for FCPF Financed components.

Progress and achievements financed by FCPF grant only

Components	Sub-components	Overall Achievement
1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Further development required
	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Further development required
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Further development required
	2c. Implementation Framework	Further development required
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Further development required

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	Sub-components	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
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	No
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
	2c. Implementation Framework	Yes
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		No
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No






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.):		
Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement ¹ :	Tracking ² :
Grievance & Redress Mechanism (GRM)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terms of Reference developed for development of GRM in keeping with FCPF guidance. 2. No Objection for TOR GRM received from IDB 3. Expression of interest submitted for NO 4. No Objection for EOI received from IDB 5. Submission of EOI to UNDB website for publishing 6. Submission of EOI for publishing in local newspapers 7. EOI published 8. EOI closing date 10th January, 2017 	<i>Please explain why:</i>
Communication & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terms of Reference developed for the conducting of REDD+ outreach activities 2. No Objection for TOR Consultation and Stakeholder Engagements received from IDB 3. Expression of interest submitted for NO 4. No Objection for EOI received from IDB 5. Submission of EOI to UNDB website for publishing 6. Submission of EOI for publishing in local newspapers 7. EOI published 8. EOI closing date 10th January, 2017 	
Strategic Environmental & Social Assessment (SESA)	Draft Terms of Reference developed for conducting of SESA activities, including the development of the Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF)	

¹ 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+
















² 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 15th each year**






	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – 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> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> <i>(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>	Support the establishment of a functional REDD Secretariat	<p>A Project Execution Unit has been established under the Ministry of Natural Resources to aid in the implementation of FCPF REDD+ activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The PEU consists of a Project Coordinator and a Project Assistant. – TOR for an Accounting/Administrative Officer and No Objection has been given by the IDB. The Ministry has advertised in local newspapers and the closing date for CVs is December 15, 2016. Interviews will be conducted the first week in January 			Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
		Support the operationalization of the National REDD+ Working Group (NRWG)	<p>REDD Secretariat established within GFC to execute key technical aspects of REDD+. Forest Area Assessment Unit established within the REDD Secretariat to conduct annual measurement and monitoring of deforestation and forest degradation.</p> <p>A Terms of Reference for a Project Steering Committee has been developed. PSC representatives identified, invitation letters drafted to be sent out and the first PSC meeting will be held 19th-20th January, 2017. The first NRWG meeting is planned for the 2nd quarter of 2017.</p>	Please explain why:		
	Development and establishment of a national conflict resolution strategy	<p>Terms of reference for the development of the Grievance and Redress Mechanism for REDD+ has been prepared and approved. Currently, the Ministry of Natural Resources is requesting Expressions of Interest from interested Firms for the consultancy. EOIs will closed January 10, 2017.</p>				
















³ 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 colour scale 'Non Applicable' can






Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)															
	Planned milestones	Achievements																
Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach <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> <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>	Development of a Communication and Outreach Strategy and Action Plan	Terms of Reference for the Consulting Firm for Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+ & Readiness Activities in Guyana has been prepared and approved. Currently, the Ministry of Natural Resources is requesting Expressions of Interest from interested Firms for the consultancy. EOIs will closed January 10, 2017.	<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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Dissemination of materials for consultations through various media																		






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 ³ (Please select your light rating)		
	Planned milestones	Achievements			
Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options <i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> <i>(i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</i>	Identify/Design REDD + Strategy Options	No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.			Significant progress
	Design and implementation of REDD+ Pilot projects				Progressing well, further development required
	Examine/Assess REDD + Strategy Options				Further development required
					Not yet demonstrating progress
					Non Applicable
			<i>Please explain why:</i> During the reporting period MNR was working on drafting the TOR for the REDD+ Strategy to be submitted for approval		

Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)
	Planned milestones	Achievements	
Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework <i>Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</i> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> <i>(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>	Legislation and Regulations	No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.	 Significant progress
	Guidelines for Implementation		 Progressing well, further development required
	Benefit Sharing Mechanism		 Further development required
	National REDD Registry and System Monitoring		 Not yet demonstrating progress
			 Non Applicable
			<i>Please explain why:</i> During the reporting period MNR was working on drafting the TOR to be submitted for approval






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	Planned milestones	Achievements																
<p>Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts <i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> <i>(i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i></p>	<p>Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment (SESA)</p> <p>Execution of relevant technical studies and assessments</p>	<p>No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.</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> <p>Currently working on drafting the TOR to be submitted for approval</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable
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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.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Disbursement for the period September to December 2016 is US \$20,400		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		Up to 10% variance with plans
		Between 10-25% variance with plans
		Between 25-40% variance with plans
	 x	More than 40% variance
		Non Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Disbursement for the period September to December 2016 is US \$20,400		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		Up to 10% variance with plans
		Between 10-25% variance with plans
		Between 25-40% variance with plans
	 x	More than 40% variance
		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 Framework 3.1.a.):	
Action/activity:	<p>Inception workshop</p> <p>The Ministry of Natural Resources, Project Execution Unit held a Stakeholder Workshop on October 5th and 6th, 2016. The meeting saw fifty five (55) stakeholders from a broad spectrum of stakeholders groups including the National Toshiacs Council (NTC), Indigenous Advocacy Groups, Civil Society, Private Sector, Natural Resource Agencies, Academia and Non-Governmental Organisations. The specific objectives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand REDD+ and the FCPF's pivotal role 2. To address the range of stakeholder and agency interests – perceptions, expectations, rights, roles and responsibilities 3. To accelerate the project executing process. 4. To learn from the best practices of other countries with FCPF programs 5. To understand the Common Approach of FCPF – its essential framework <p>Indigenous Peoples Caucus Workshop (November 30 – December 1, 2016)</p> <p>This workshop saw twenty one (21) representatives, over the two day period from eleven (11) Indigenous Groups. The objective of the two-day session was to support the indigenous community in finding consensus among themselves on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the criteria for selection to the FCPF steering committee,

	2. to agree on a process to select indigenous representatives for the steering committee, and				
	3. the selection of indigenous representatives to represent the indigenous community on the FCPF steering committee.				
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> No FCPF financed activities have commenced to date.	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	# of participants # of men / # of women <u># of Men:</u> <u># of Women:</u>			<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>
					
					
				X	Not yet demonstrating progress
					

3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:	
<u>No</u>	<u>na</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>No:</u>	List the South-South learning activities: Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Participants Assembly (PA9) and Participants Committee (PC22) Meeting, September 26-30, 2016	<u># of men:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)- 1 <u># of women:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
		<u># of men:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives) <u># of women:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
		<u># of men:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)

		# of women: (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
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4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

1. **Administrative** – The Ministry of Natural Resources is now the executing agency for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project in Guyana, leaving the Guyana Forestry Commission as the implementing agency for REDD+ activities. The Ministry and the Guyana Forestry Commission continue to work closely to plan and execute REDD+ activities. However, given the change of executing agency there have been some delays in the execution of project activities.
2. **Perceptions of Stakeholder Groups** - The PEU during this reporting period highlighted challenges directly related to the stakeholder consultation/inception workshop. The FCPF process was a continuation of the LCDS (a national initiative)
 - The FCPF process was primarily focused on Indigenous people
 - The lack of trust among all stakeholder groups
 - Tying the FCPF process to finding resolution of indigenous land tenure, exclusive rights to natural resource use
 - Expectations that available funds are exclusively for the benefit of Indigenous communities

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

1. **Stakeholder Participation is key to the FCPF process**
 - The need for a clear communications strategy and the dissemination of information
 - To ensure that all forest dependent communities take ownership of the FCPF process for its success
 - The importance of human capacity building to ensure the sustaining of community development activities beyond the life of the project.
 - The need to ensure the integration of the FCPF outcomes into Guyana’s Green Economy National Policy strategy

