

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: KENYA

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC6.
- \$200K FCPF Formulation Grant is signed and disbursed as of Sept 2010
- Revised RPP submitted to the FCPF in accordance with the PC 6 resolution
- FCPF Readiness Grant in preparation (fiduciary arrangements to be finalized, WB due diligence ongoing, preparation of R-PP Assessment Note)

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The apex body is the National REDD plus Steering committee. The Terms of Reference have been developed and approved during the first Steering Committee Meeting held on 15th December 2010
- A National REDD + Technical Working Group will be established from the REDD+ Component Task Forces to play an advisory role for the National REDD+ Steering Committee. It will also liaise directly with the National REDD+ Coordination Office, whose mandate is to operationalize the R-PP
- The National REDD + Coordination office (NRCO) will be established soon and will facilitate implementation of R-PP activities. The TOR for the National REDD+ Coordination Officer have been prepared and the process of recruitment will commence soon. Internal discussions have also commenced to identify Office space for the Office.
- The REDD+ Component Task Forces will also be established within the NRCO to provide expertise and oversight on specific REDD+ strategy options.
- Interviews for the NRCO were conducted last week and results are awaited.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Consultations at national level with civil society began in 2008 as part of consultations on the National Climate Change Response Strategy
- A Stakeholder Consultation and Participation (C&P) Plan was designed and implemented in the formulation phase (November 2009- end May 2010).
- Series of 4 regional consultations, with participation from 10 forest conservancies, was organized during the R-PP formulation phase (one meeting for Western , Nyanza and North Rift conservancies; two in Mau conservancy with one of them aimed exclusively for Indigenous Peoples, one for Central highlands, eastern and Ewaso conservancies).
- A national validation workshop was held in. May 2010.
- KFS has developed its own website and REDD+ web pages can be found on this website. Communication material (brochures) were prepared before the consultations.
- A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed. Kenya is also developing a communication strategy on REDD.
- Information sharing and sensitization workshops continued.

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4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Study on Forest Sector Background Paper completed.
- Thematic studies for filling in information gaps have been identified (Domestic timber supply and demand, Economic assessment of impact of ban on logging in plantations, and alternative livelihood activities etc.) and need to be instituted soon.
- Candidate strategies, their objectives and expected outcomes are described in the R-PP. Next steps will be to evaluate and monitor outcomes of early action testing followed by scaling up of measures deemed successful.
- A report is being prepared to align strategy options in the RPP with similar activities in the forestry sector to enable the strategy to draw from past experiences and avoid duplication of efforts.
- The country has also started preparation of a low carbon development strategy within which REDD+ will be anchored
- The Forestry sector with support of the Finnish Government has initiated the development of the National Forest Programme. An Assessment Note for the forest sector governance has been produced with support from the Finnish Government

5. Implementation Framework

- Options for implementation including those for Tracking and information systems for bringing transparency in R-PP implementation and conflict resolution and grievance management mechanisms to be tested
- A phased approach is proposed up to 2013 and beyond 2013.
- Next steps to be formalized.

6. SESA

- Draft ToRs for SESA were prepared and included in the R-PP. The assessment of social and environmental considerations will be integrated with REDD readiness and an expert team to lead SESA process is to be commissioned.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- ToRs for developing Reference Scenario prepared.
- Discussions have already commenced among local stakeholders on data needs and availability to support development on a Reference scenario and the Monitoring system. A Workshop was held on February 8 & 9, 2011, that drew participants from key stakeholders in the forestry sector to further inform the process of developing the REL and Monitoring system.

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8. MRV

- **Discussions currently ongoing on how best to develop an effective MRV system. This is being done within the framework of a National Carbon Accounting System. Clinton Foundation is supporting this initiative.**
- **JICA program for supporting development of forest mapping and monitoring system is in the works. The ToRs for hiring a consultant to develop a MRV framework have been finalized and the Consultant is expected to start work in July.**
- **The Japanese Forest Preservation Programme that seeks to enhance capability within the forestry sector in Kenya to carry our forest resource assessment and monitoring in support of REDD+ efforts kicked off**

9. Other

- **Discussions have commenced with local development partners who wish to support implementation of specific components and activities within the RPP. The first meeting was held on February 2, 2011 and a second meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011.**
- **A consultative meeting with stakeholders is being scheduled for mid-November to share information on how best to implement the proposal.**
- **Terms of reference for hiring a national REDD coordinator have been approved and recruitment process has started.**
- **Information sharing and sensitization of communities continued.**
- **Finland through Miti Mingi Maisha Bora has provided a budget to support some key components of RPP implementation.**