



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country
Participants Progress Report
Guyana

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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

- In brief, what were the main REDD+ readiness-related activities delivered within your country during the last year?
 - For example, strategy / policy drafting, stakeholder consultation events, capacity building / training, awareness raising initiatives
 - 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

FCPF REDD+ Readiness Stakeholder Consultations

For the Reporting Period June 2017 – June 2018, the FCPF Project Execution Unit (PEU) has partnered with community groups (Toshaos, Councillors and Community Forestry Groups) that are committed to the protection and enhancement of the natural resources, traditional values and livelihoods of its member communities to provide information on the REDD+ Readiness Process. Locations are identified below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Lethem, Region 9	14 th – 15 th June, 2017	26	2	28
Lethem, Region 9	1 st - 3 rd November, 2017	23	3	26
Kato, Region 8	20 th – 21 st November, 2017	37	23	60
Kwakwani, Region 10	29 th November, 2017	17	26	43

Lethem, Region 9	26 th -27 th June, 2018	34	11	45
Total		137	65	202

Stakeholder consultations for the Grievance and Redress Mechanism:

The development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism for REDD+ implementation in Guyana is underway. Stakeholders have been engaged in Consultations to (1) Identify the types of natural resource related grievances existing in Guyana, (2) Provide inputs into the development of a GRM. Stakeholder clusters identified below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Linden	14th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	17
Port Kaituma	17th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	19
Bartica	20th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	7
Mahdia/Campbelltown	22nd April, 2018	N/A	N/A	26
Anna Regina	24th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	21
Annai	27th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	32
Mahdia/Campbelltown	3rd June, 2018	9	11	20
Linden	5th June, 2018	11	23	34
Port Kaituma	6th June, 2018	10	15	25
Bartica	8th June, 2018	12	6	18
Lethem	12th June, 2018	11	15	26
Anna Regina	15th June, 2018	6	4	10
TOTAL		59	74	255

Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements on REDD+

The consultancy for the development of a Communication Strategy and Action Plan along with communication and outreach materials started in December, 2017. To date stakeholders have participated in a Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes and have provided inputs to the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan. Stakeholder clusters identified below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown	7th May, 2018	7	13	20
Mainstay	9th May, 2018	21	22	43
Moruca	11th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	45
Kwakwani	14th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	38
Georgetown	16th May, 2018	13	10	23
Bartica	18th May, 2018	5	8	13
Mahdia	21st May, 2018	18	7	25
Lethem	28th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	23
TOTAL		64	60	230

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Support of the National Toshios Council, Indigenous NGOs and Forest Dependent Community Organisations

With the aim of effectively supporting continuous REDD+ consultation and engagement activities with indigenous and other forest dependent communities' capacity building and training activities have begun with indigenous groups and forest dependent communities. Specifically focusing on;

1. National Toshios Council (NTC)
2. The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
3. Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)
4. Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)

5. National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
6. National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)
7. South Central People's Development Association (SCPDA)
8. South Rupununi District Council (SRDC)
9. North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)
10. Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG)
11. North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC)

The FCPF Project is implementing a program of institutional capacity building including providing support for institutional structures, governance, and financial management developed and agreed by the groups. In addition, it will identify the specific areas in which the groups require training and capacity-building in order to effectively engage and support REDD+ readiness and REDD+ implementation. Workshops have begun for the institutional and needs assessment report with recommendations for the identified groups;

Location	Date	Stakeholder Composition
Georgetown	26 th February, 2018	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown	17 th April, 2018	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Annai	26 th April, 2018	North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)
Georgetown	May, 2018	National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)

National Survey of Perception of REDD+

The overall objective of the study is to undertake a National Survey of Perception of REDD+ to establish a baseline level of perceptions, awareness and understanding of and attitudes of all stakeholders towards the REDD+ process in Guyana. The survey will provide baseline data for future assessments, which will be used to clarify stakeholder understanding of REDD+ and ensure that the expected outcomes of the readiness process would be achieved. An initial survey has been conducted with different stakeholder groups inclusive of indigenous and forest dependent communities, regional and neighbourhood democratic councils etc. Stakeholder clusters identified below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
REDD+ Questionnaires				
Mabaruma, Port Kaituma & Moruca - Region 1	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	275
Pomeroon River, Mainstay/Whyaka, Essequibo Coast - Region 2	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	226
Bartica, Kamarang, Agatash - Region 7	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	286
Madhia, Paramakatoi, Monkey Mt. - Region 8	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	264
Annai, St Ignatius, Yupukari - Region 9	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	179
Linden/Rockstone, Ituni, Kwakwani, Great Falls - Region 10	April/May, 2018	N/A	N/A	203
REDD+ Focus Groups				
Port Kaituma, Mabaruma, Kwebanna, Waramuri, Santa Rosa - Region 1	28-29th April & 19th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	10
Wyaka/Mainstay, Tapakuma, and Pomeroon River (Kabacaburi, St Monica, Morowah, Karawab) - Region 2	20th - 22nd May, 2018	N/A	N/A	18
Bartica (Lower Mazaruni), Warawatta and Kako (Upper Mazaruni), Kuruba (satellite of Warawatta) - Region 7	9th, 10th & 18th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	64
Paramakatoi, Bamboo Creek (Satellite of Paramakatoi), Monkey Mountain, Tuseneng, Mahdia, Micobie, and	10th & 15th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	31

Princeville (satellite of Campbelltown) - Region 8				
Annai, Lethem - Region 9	29-30th April, 2018	N/A	N/A	28
Linden, Ituni, Kwakwani - Region 10	12th May, 2018	N/A	N/A	21
TOTAL		N/A	N/A	1605

NB. This survey is ongoing and the final number of stakeholders to be engaged is 2268 within the regions identified.

Development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana

As Guyana begins full implementation of its REDD+ preparation phase, it is undertaking the development of a REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan (April 2018 – November 2019) that must be geared towards maintaining the country's current low rate of deforestation and forest degradation, as described in the Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). To achieve the most appropriate and lasting results, the development of the Strategy will be participatory and inclusive of all relevant stakeholders, and be based on the country's sustainable development priorities as articulated in the Green State Development Strategy. Guyana aims to ensure that environmental and social considerations are appropriately integrated into the REDD+ Strategy. Therefore, the development of the country's Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) will be undertaken in tandem with the Strategy development. Initial consultations have seen the development of a **Multi-Stakeholder Core Group** to provide key guidance, advice, and input from their diverse perspectives, to aid in the development of the REDD+ Strategy and SESA.

Location	Date	Stakeholder Composition
Georgetown	15 th May, 2018	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	12 th June, 2018	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	20 th June, 2018	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society

FCPF South-South Knowledge Sharing

Staff of the Project Execution Unit and members of the Project Steering Committee (Indigenous leaders) have benefited from knowledge sharing activities with other countries involved in REDD+ Readiness and the FCPF Process.

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Guatemala (Between Guyana and Guatemala)	7 th – 11 th August, 2017	2	2	4
Suriname (between Guyana and Suriname)	18 th – 22 nd March, 2018	2	2	4
Peru (between Guyana, Guatemala ad Peru)	21 st – 25 th May, 2018	2	2	2
Total		6	6	12

FCPF Project Steering Committee Meetings

The Project Steering Committee comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Toshias Council, North Rupununi District Development Board, National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organizations, Amerindian Peoples Association, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences-University of Guyana, Guyana Forestry Commission, Office of Climate Change, Forest Producers Association, Transparency International Guyana, Red Thread and Caribbean Youth Environment Network. Meetings held for the reporting period are seen below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown	18th January, 2018	8	-	8
Georgetown	5th April, 2018	9	2	11
Total		17	2	19

REDD Secretariat Staff

During the reporting period (March, 2018) the FCPF project has received support of 5 staff of the REDD Secretariat within the Guyana Forestry Commission. The REDD Secretariat (RS) oversees the implementation of REDD+ activities in the country. They are currently supporting the Project Execution Unit in the Implementation of REDD+ Readiness Activities. And benefitting from all training and capacity building under the project.

Job Designation	Male	Female	Total
Programme Coordinator	-	1	1
Project Officer I	2	1	3
Field Team Leader	1	-	1
Total	3	2	5

2. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related achievements in your country during the last year?

There has been sensitization of stakeholders to the FCPF process and building of trust with Indigenous organisations and indigenous and forest dependent communities.

FCPF REDD+ Readiness Stakeholder Consultations

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3. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related challenges and/or problems during the last year?

- Influencing changes in perceptions of REDD+ among key stakeholders. Initial assessments suggests that the FCPF is perceived as a continuation of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS).
- The cautious approach by Indigenous organisations to engaging in REDD+ activities, including engaging with consultants, has led to delays of project components.

4. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver during the next year?**Grievance and Redress Mechanism;**

Achievements	Date of completion
Registry system designed for the submission and receipt of grievances and reporting on the processes for resolving the grievance	July 2018
Detailed Operations Manual for the GRM designed	July 2018
National workshop on GRM	July 2018
Government adoption of GRM	To be guided by Cabinet

Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements on REDD+

Achievements	Date of completion
Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes	July 2018
Draft REDD+ Communication and Outreach Strategy	July 2018
REDD+ Communication and Outreach Strategy and corresponding Action Plan	September 2018
Implementation of Stakeholder Engagement Plan I Seven (7) cluster workshops in Regions 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, &10. With an additional 4 outreach workshops per region. Those workshops will be directed at different groups of stakeholders identified in the consultation process (e.g.: youth groups, women groups, educators' groups, etc.). The knowledge and communication products developed (posters, brochures etc) will be distributed to the communities during the engagements/workshops.	October 2018 – March 2019

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Support of the National Toshias Council, Indigenous NGOs and Forest Dependent Community Organisations

Achievements	Date of completion
Institutional and needs assessment report with recommendations for Indigenous and community forestry organisations	July 2018
Procurement of Office space a 2 staff for the National Toshias Council (NTC)	August 2018
Development and testing of Curricula and training materials/modules on REDD+ and Governance	July 2018 – June 2019

National Survey of Perception of REDD+

Achievements	Date of completion
National Survey on the Perceptions of REDD+	July 2018

Development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana

Achievements	Date of completion
Report on Forest Governance, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Guyana	July 2018

Draft 0, Draft 1, Draft 2 & Draft 3 of strategy option	November 2018, January, March & May 2019
Report with Analyses of Legal, institutional & governance capacity to address safeguards in relations to UNFCCC and WB safeguards	September 2018
Report with proposed clarification of the UNFCCC REDD+ safeguards in accordance with Guyana's national circumstances	October 2018
MCDA tool developed for strategy alternatives	June 2019

FCPF activities to start between the period June 2018 to June 2019 are;

1. Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to inform the allocation of Benefits and Rights and the Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of REDD+ in Guyana
2. Design and Implementation of REDD+ Pilot Activities for Guyana
3. Training on the Interpretation and Implementation of Natural Resources Legislations, Policies and Guidelines

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

5. 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:

Complete	The sub-component has been completed
	Significant progress
	Progressing well, further development required
	Further development required
	Not yet demonstrating progress
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	Complete	REDD Secretariat established within GFC to execute key technical aspects of REDD+. Forest Area Assessment staff within the REDD Secretariat to conduct annual measurement and monitoring of deforestation and forest degradation. Five (5) REDD Secretariat staff are employed by the FCPF and are currently supporting the Project Execution Unit in the Implementation of REDD+ Readiness Activities.
	X	
	N/A	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
		<p>The FCPF Project is implementing a program of institutional capacity building including providing support for institutional structures, governance, and financial management for key stakeholders inclusive of the National Toshiacos Council, Indigenous NGOs, Indigenous Community Councils and Community Forestry Groups.</p> <p>The development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism for REDD+ Implementation started in December 2017. Completed work includes an assessment of the types of natural resource related grievances existing in Guyana and a Joint Plan and Implementation Framework for the GRM. By July 2018 it is expected that the registry system for the submission and receipt of grievances and reporting on the processes for resolving the grievance and GRM the operations manual will be completed.</p>
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	The consultancy for the Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+ & Readiness Activities in Guyana commenced in December 2017. To date the Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes has been completed and stakeholders have been consulted to provide input to the development of the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan. Round 1 of National Consultations in Regions 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9&10 have been completed.
	X	
	N/A	
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	
	N/A	
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	The development of the REDD+ Strategy Options commenced in April, 2018. Currently in the first stage of development, which looks at the development of the REDD+ strategy aims to identify and assess the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Guyana (and opportunities to improve forest cover, increase carbon sequestration), and based on these develop REDD+ strategy alternatives, which will form the basis of the modelling and review process.
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete	Planned milestones for this sub-component include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to inform the allocation of Benefits and Rights and the Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of REDD+ in Guyana - Training on the Interpretation and Implementation of Natural Resources Legislations, Policies and Guidelines TOR packages have been drafted and activities will be implemented during 2018-2019.
	X	
	N/A	
	Complete	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts		
		X
	N/A	
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Complete	
	N/A	X
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards		
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	Complete	
	N/A	X
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	Complete	
	N/A	X

SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

6. 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)

No

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

7. 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)

No

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

SECTION D: FINANCE

8. 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	02/2014	Public	Grant

FCPF Disbursement

Approved project cost (IDB) total:	3,800,000
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) total until 30/06/2018 (report date):	897,333
Planned disbursements (IDB) for report period 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018:	1,611,470
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) for report period 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018:	387,115

9. 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)
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

10. 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:

11. 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

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

The Office of Climate Change within the Ministry of the Presidency has been monitoring and assessing the advances made by the REDD+ Readiness process in country.