



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report Template

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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

COMPONENT 1A. NATIONAL REDD+ MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- Capacity strengthening of the National REDD+ Secretariat staff, including on operational and procurement aspects. Experts recruited on: MRV, Stakeholder Engagement and National and International consultants to support on operational matters.
- Setting-up of State Level REDD+ Secretariats in Ondo and Nasarawa States. The State REDD+ ensures the coordination of the various REDD+ pilot site activities in the state and interfacing with relevant ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) at the State levels. The State Level REDD+ Secretariat in the states oversees the activities of the local governments, NGOs, civil society, academia, the private sector, local communities, and traditional authorities working in the field of environment, forestry and natural resource management.
- Self-assessment of progress in REDD+ Readiness and presentation of Mid-Term Progress Report at PA10/PC24 in September 25-29 at Lao PDR. Three participants represented the Nigeria REDD+ Programme.
- Study to inform the set-up of a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism finalized.

- Meeting of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC) in May 2018 which brought together different organisations/agencies such as the: National Project Coordinator, Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP); Hon. Commissioner for Environment, Nasarawa State; Chairman, Cross River State, Forestry Commission; Permanent Secretary, CRS Ministry of Climate Change and Forestry; Special Assistant to Senate President, on Environmental issues; Representative of Federal Ministry of Agriculture; Representative of Federal Ministry of Finance; Representative of Department of Climate Change; Representative of National Space Research and Development Agency (NARSDA); Representative of Federal Department of Forestry; Representative of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), etc. The total number of participants was 38 (male 31 and female 7).
- The PSC resolved and approved to: the process for selecting additional States to the REDD+ Programme, reinforcing the capacity of the National and State REDD+ Secretariats, and more actively integrating gender considerations into Readiness activities.

COMPONENT 1B. CONSULTATION, PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH;

- Consultations with communities' leaders, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and other relevant stakeholders on the National Forest Inventory (NFI) was conducted. Communities are actively involved in field data collection, including the measurement of forest carbon.

COMPONENT 2. REDD+ STRATEGY PREPARATION

- Launch of the process for developing the National REDD+ Strategy. Inception Report presented to the main REDD+ stakeholders in June 2018.
- The development of the SESA and the safeguards instruments is on-going. Field data collection completed. Draft report ready awaiting validation.

COMPONENT 3; REFERENCE EMISSION LEVEL/REFERENCE LEVEL

- The National Forest Inventory (NFI) is currently being implemented in Nigeria to capture the value of the forest for the purpose of establishing a national forest reference emission level/forest reference level (FREL/FRL) for REDD+ in Nigeria. To this effect, the following has been achieved:
 - Practical field training for data collection, Akure, Ondo State, **11th to 15th December 2017**. Participants - 67 (11 female and 58 male).
 - Training workshop on Forest Emissions Level and land cover mapping using FAO SEPAL cloud-based software, Abuja, **5th to 9th March 2018**. Participants – 47 (5 female and 42 male)
 - High-level sensitization workshops to Forest Service authorities (Directors of Forestry) in 27 States, raising awareness ahead of the NFI. **26- 27 April, 2018**. Participants – 110 (16 female and 94 male)
 - Practical Training Workshop on Forest Inventory (Carbon) Techniques and Data Collection Akure Ondo State, Nigeria **14th to 18th May 2018**. Participants – 40 (6 female and 34 male).
 - Sensitization meetings with local communities in Ondo State, prior to launching the NFI.
 - Ongoing work on the production of updated land cover/land use map for Nigeria by Remote Sensing/GIS Consultant.
 - Training Workshop on Land Cover mapping, Change Detection and Accuracy assessment using FAO SEPAL and Collect Earth Software in Nigeria. [**16th to 20th July 2018**]

COMPONENT 4a; NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM

- No activities to report on as of yet, as this is pending other deliverables.

COMPONENT 4b; INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE BENEFITS, OTHER IMPACTS, GOVERNANCE AND SAFEGUARDS

- Launch of Communication tool kits. The kits focus on how best to use communication to engage various target groups. It also provides guides for the Stakeholder's use in providing straightforward explanations through examples and exercises that resonate with local realities in the Program target areas/states.
- Launch of the process to develop a benefit-sharing mechanism. Field visits completed. Validation workshop done.

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

- For example, x number of individuals attended REDD+ consultations (sex disaggregated, if available), national REDD+ strategy was finalised, government formally adopted national REDD+ related policy/s, NFMS was established, partnership agreement with private sector association signed

- National REDD+ Secretariat effectively coordinating REDD+ readiness activities at the national level and providing oversight in 3 participating States (Cross River, Nasarawa and Ondo)
- The REDD+ Strategy development in progress drawing from the framework Strategy developed with UN-REDD funding.
- Structural planning for REDD+ implementation in other regions of Nigeria ongoing.

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

- For example, lack of engagement from key stakeholders, political barriers, limited funding

- There has been limited capacity on procurement which often resulted in delays. This is being addressed by mobilizing an additional procurement officer to support the National REDD+ Secretariat (NRS) and may not seriously impact the remaining project implementation.
- Lack of training/capacity enhancement for REDD+ Secretariat Staff.
- Lack of incentives for REDD+ Secretariat Staff.
- National and State REDD+ Secretariats would need to mobilize sufficient resources to cover the key activities envisaged under the piloting phase of REDD+ implementation in Nigeria which cannot be covered by the FCPF grant.
- The capacities of state multi-stakeholder REDD+ structures remain weak and need to be strengthened to integrate REDD+ at community and landscape level and to ensure that there is a closer linkage between the National REDD+ Secretariat and the State REDD+ actors.
- Pilot testing REDD+ programme implementation could be problematic if adequate funding is not mobilized and state government properly involved in providing political, technical and financial backstopping and support.

4. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver during the next year?

- For example, hold x consultation events, submission of R-Package to the PC, finalisation of SIS, commission research into REDD+ strategy options

- Engagement and capacity strengthening of 3 additional States in the REDD+ process.
- Development, archiving and airing of REDD+ documentary.
- Setting up of the FGRM Mechanism.
- In-depth analysis to better integrate gender into REDD+.
- Building capacity of local women on business principles and value chain management as related to REDD+.
- Mainstreaming REDD+ in national development plans, NDC implementation plan, Nigeria Green Bond, private sector and multilateral financing.
- Data collection for NFI in additional States.
- Support for system strengthening, including software needs and upgrade for MRV.
- Development of National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS).
- Acquisition of data for Multiple Benefits analysis and mapping.
- Development of Safeguards Information System.

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	Significant progress The National REDD+ Secretariat is established, equipped, and functional and effectively coordinating REDD+ readiness activities at the national level and providing oversight function in the three participating States (Cross River, Nasarawa and Ondo). Further support is needed to sustain and improve its coordinating activities.	
			X
	N/A		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	Progressing well, further development required The consultations with the communities' leaders, CBOs and other relevant stakeholders during the National Forest Inventory in Ondo, Nasarawa and other selected States provided better understanding of the REDD+ programme to stakeholders. Also, communities are actively participating in field data collection, including the measurement of forest carbon.
	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	Further development required The REDD+ Strategy is expected to establish spatial and explicit drivers of deforestation as well carry out land use/land use change analysis and identify deforestation "hotspots".
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	Further development required The Nigeria REDD+ Strategy development is in progress. The Strategy will define the REDD+ Strategy Options and prioritize them accordingly in addressing drivers of deforestation, forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete	Further development required The REDD+ Strategy is expected to have elements that will also look at implementation arrangements.
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	Complete	Significant progress Draft final report on SESA and ESMF ready for presentation to the Safeguards Working Group for review and subsequently for validation, both the ESMF in Cross River State and the SESA in Nasarawa/Ondo States.
	X	
	N/A	
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Complete	Progressing well, further development required Practical field training on National Forest Inventory techniques and data collection done. Significant progress made in National Forest Inventory beginning from Ondo and Nasarawa States, then to some other selected states.
	X	
	N/A	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards		
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	Complete	Further development required National Forest Monitoring System is envisioned under the additional finance.
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	Complete	Further development required This is envisioned under the additional finance.
	X	
	N/A	

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)

YES		(delete as appropriate)
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:

The Nigeria REDD+ Strategy development is in progress and is expected to capture livelihoods concerns. Details can only be provided after the completion of the process.

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)

YES		(delete as appropriate)
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach

NIL

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)
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EXAMPLES:

\$500,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	10/2013	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$250,000	Ministry of Forestry	01/2014	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

\$4m	UNREDD	01/2012	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$3.8m	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	01/2015	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$0.8m	CBR+ Grant	01/2014	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$0.131m	GCFF	01/2014	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

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)
\$0.3m	Federal Government of Nigeria	Public / Private	Grant/Loan/Other
\$4.94	FCPF	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:

This 2018 Report has shown great departure from the 2017 report in terms of progress made and activities that were hitherto on-going but have been completed at the time of this 2018 report. All outstanding activities are well over 70% completion stages and are expected to be delivered within the agreed timelines.