



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country
Participants Progress Report
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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

1. 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

Sudan's REDD+ Readiness process made significant progress in respect to develop the REDD+ mechanism in forestry sector, the key activities during reporting period include:

- SESA consultations on potential environment and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategies were held over a six-week period in April, May and June 2018. The format consisted mainly of focus group discussions with varying numbers of people or individual key informant interviews, in total 12 states were covered, 65 meetings and 2 workshops were held involving 1,073 stakeholders (735 men, 338 women).
- ESMF report prepared and under review by the non key experts, expected to be submitted to the PMU by mid of July 2018.
- SESA team conducted institutional assessment, stakeholders mapping and stakeholders register and final drafts expected to be submitted by mid of July 2018.
- FGRM study is progressing well, consultation process with relevant stakeholders is ongoing, and draft report will be submitted by end of July.
- Second draft of strategy submitted and under review by the international consultant.
- Following with focal points of REDD+ in 18 states the process of engagement of all stakeholders, raised their

capacity building for consultation and participation process to support implementation of C&P plan.

- 3 Steering committees, 11 Technical Advisory Committees, 14 TWGs, 29 PMU meetings conducted during reporting period.
- Three Coordination meetings between the SESA team and Strategy consultant were convened to achieve synergy between the two consultant teams.
- In November Community Based Organization and Gum Arabic platforms carried out with participation of all stakeholders and private sector.
- Interim-ship program initiated to generate new knowledge by supporting postgraduate students from 5 Universities to carry out targeted research, 4 student supported.
- Additional fund agreement signed between the government of Sudan and the World Bank in 18th March 2018.
- Agreement signed between the government of Sudan and Food and Agriculture Organization in 12th June 2018 to implement the activities under additional fund.
- Communication strategy, Drivers of Deforestation and forest Degradation, Benefit Sharing land use and land tenure studies were finalized.
- From 17th - 22nd December 2017 Climate change workshop conducted in collaboration with WB, REDD+ and sustainable natural resource project with participation of relevant stakeholders.
- Capacity building program in the area of human resource, strategic planning, and leadership and management skills, introductory remote sensing and geographical information conducted targeting REDD+ focal points and Forest National corporation staff and other relevant stakeholders (92 men, 97 Women) were participated.
- Awareness and consultation workshop on Environmental and Social Safeguards conducted on sectorial basis which covered 18 states relevant stakeholders in total 261 participants (191 men, 70 women) were attended.
- In June 2018 awareness and consultation workshops about REDD+ Knowledge, benefits conducted in central sector which covered four states (90 women, 219 men) participated form relevant stakeholders.
- In December 2017, 10 participants from Forest National Corporation FNC participated in Exchange and Innovation Study on Water and Natural Resource Management in Niger.
- In February 2018, 13 REDD+ focal points and PMU participated in Ghana knowledge and exchange visit.
- The data and information updated periodically in the Sudan's REDD+website.
- 27(19female and 8male) form PMU and relevant partners participated in international conferences and events.
- In June 2018 the procurement Specialist attended procurement training in Rwanda.
- 2018 work plan developed.
- Two backstopping mission from the WB to monitor activities progress conducted.
- Documentation and communication process going systematically (consultation and engagement of the stakeholders, ,,)
- More than 12000 publications about REDD+ knowledge and visibility package for the REDD+ has been designed and distributed (caps, mugs, pens, notebooks and T-shirt).
- FAO organized a national plenary/forum to present and discuss the findings and recommendations of a report entitled "Support for the Design of a MRV System in the Framework of REDD+ Readiness in the Sudan – Institutional Arrangements and Gap Analysis". 44 participants attended the workshop representing various Government entities (including REDD+ Focal Points of States), NGOs, academia and research institutes. A number of recommendations were compiled to be reflected in future action plans and are currently being consolidated.
- FAO cooperated with the Range and Pasture General Directorate in form of training course for a group from the Range and Pasture General Directorate, Ministry of Animal Resources, on the use of Open Foris tools, especially Collect and Collect Mobile.
- FAO provided FNC with continued technical support to strengthen its Remote Sensing capacity and the production of maps. Also FAO remote sensing experts developed a Classification Approach for Forest Change Detection in Sudan in particular, Production of change map for the reference time 2010-2017 using classification method (three classes: forest stable, forest non-stable and forest loss); validation data collection of that map using Landsat and sentinel-2 satellite images, and validation of a total of 900 points for the accuracy assessment of historic data.
- 482 Sampling Units have been covered by FNC field crews by end of June 2018. Data-entry entered by FNC into a centralized electronic system.
- National Forest Inventory NFI(nine field crews) received in December refresher and on the job training in the methodology for field data collection, the use of the field equipment such as tablets (for data entry), GPS and

Vertex (Laser Range Finder) and on use of Open Foris Collect Mobile to ensure rapid and quality data collection.

- Letters of Agreement were signed between FAO and the Faculties of Forestry of the University of Khartoum and the University of Kordofan to implement the Quality Control and Quality Assessment of the NFI data.
- Five-day training was conducted at the University of Khartoum (28 January to 1 February) for the University of Khartoum and the University of Kordofan in the methodology of the NFI. In total, 33 people were trained. The training course entailed – besides to the NFI methodology - the use of Open Foris Collect Mobile to collect data in the field.
- A visibility package for the NFI has been designed and a first tranche of material (caps, mugs and bags) distributed.
- Initial workshop conducted on April 2018 on Forest Reference Emission Levels (FREL). All relevant government institutions attended the workshop.
- Internal Result framework for REDD+ developed and updated, in addition to data collection tools and format developed and used.
- Procurement plan for additional funding developed.
- ToRs for activities and studies under the additional fund developed.
- Forest definitions endorsed by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

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

- In June 2018 awareness and consultation workshops about REDD+ Knowledge, benefits conducted in central sector which covered four states (90 women, 219 men) participated form relevant stakeholders.
- Agreement signed between the government of Sudan and Food and Agriculture Organization in 12th June 2018 to implement the activities under additional fund.
- Awareness and consultation workshop on Environmental and Social Safeguards conducted on sectorial basis which covered 18 states relevant stakeholders in total 261 participants (191 men, 70 women) were attended.
- SESA consultations on potential environment and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategies were held over a six-week period in April, May and June 2018. In total 12 states were covered, 65 meetings and 2 workshops were held involving 1,073 stakeholders (735 men, 338 women).
- Second draft of strategy submitted and under review by the international consultant and expected to be finalized by end of July 2018.
- The second draft strategy come up with three proposed Emissions Reduction program for Sudan.
- Active participation in Readiness phase of local organization for example SAWA Sudan organization.
- Forest definitions endorsed by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.
- Active engagement of REDD+ Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in reviewing ToRs, studies and any other technical issues.

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

- Delays for the implementation of field data collection due to various reasons, action taken: two additional crews to be mobilized. Purchased high resolution satellite images to cover regions which cannot be accessed due to security reasons.
- Weak coordination among REDD+ Implementing Partners and stakeholders; action taken: Regular coordination meetings convened both at formal and informal level which improved the engagement of relevant stakeholders.

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

- Continuing the consultation process with stakeholders at community level to use the priorities and needs to develop the strategy
- Keep following the studies of FGSM, Strategy and SESA
- Follow with FAO the NFI components in addition to new activities under the additional fund
- Signing the contract with the new partners under additional fund WRI, SECS, UNIQUE
- Conduct exchange visit to Ethiopia.
- Close follow up for new partners to carry out the activities under additional fund.
- Continuing to increase the awareness raising for Gum Arabic platform, CBOs and private sector platform.
- Implementation of communication strategy.
- Training course: Legal mechanisms for the protection of the forest and in international law (2 from FNC legal department will participate).
- Advanced M&E Training (M&E specialist + secretariat of PMU + 2 from FNC will participate).
- Training on financial management for REDD+ accountant assistant)
- Participate in ARI 100 meeting and Global Landscape Forum in Nairobi
- Participate in PA11/PC26 -FCPF meeting Washington DC.

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS







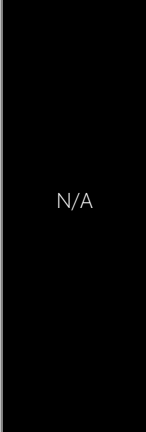





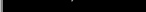
















5. Please provide your own assessment of national progress against all REDD+ readiness sub-components:

(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	Significant progress
Progressing well, further development required	Progressing well, further development required
Further development required	Further development required
Not yet demonstrating progress	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	X
N/A		All structures of the REDD+ institutional arrangements are in place and operational according to the envisaged structures and developed TORs. Financial, M&E and Program specialists joined PMU. The institutional arrangements are well recognized at national and sub-national level, the mandates for the focal points at the sub-national level are clarified and documented. FNC hosts the REDD+ institutions and provides other office

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach		facilities at both national and sub-national level.
		This sub component made significant progress, In line with the consultation plan, consultation processes at the federal and state level continued with a broad range of all relevant stakeholders, including with local communities and CSOs. The PMU, together with the focal points, conducted round of consultations at the state level on Environmental and Social Safeguards covered 18 states relevant stakeholders and consultation and aware raising round on REDD+ up to date covered 7 states. Localities level consultation plan prepared and started by targeting local communities and forest dependent communities. A variety of information sharing activities and means for improving access to information have been undertaken such as publications and visibility packages. Regarding public disclosure, project-related information has been made available in Arabic and English, on Sudan's REDD+ website (www.reddsudan.org), state level and national radio stations and TV channels.
		
		
		
		
		
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance		Both the study on land-use and land tenure and the study on drivers are completed in line with the RAF, including the need for prioritization of direct and indirect drivers and barriers, access rights and options to address rights to natural resources, governance issues; natural resources policies and legislation.
		
		
		
		
		
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options		Second draft of strategy submitted and under review by the international consultant. In general the draft covers most of the issues related to the assessment criteria of the FCPF assessment framework, such as the need for the strategy options to be assessed, prioritized for their social, environmental and political feasibility, risks and opportunities and analysis of costs and benefits, and potential emission reductions of the options to inform the design of the REDD+ strategy.
		
		
		
		
		
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework		This sub component is made significant progress, although the consultant is currently working on filing outstanding gaps in the Benefit-sharing mechanism study it consider completed. Regarding FGRM study inception report received and the consultation process with relevant stakeholders is progressing well.
		
		
		
		
		
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts		SESA consultations on potential environment and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategies were held over a six-week period in April, May and June 2018. The format consisted mainly of focus group discussions with
		
		
		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
		<p>varying numbers of people or individual key informant interviews, in total 12 states were covered, 65 meetings and 2 workshops were held involving 1,073 stakeholders (735 men, 338 women).</p> <p>ESMF report prepared and under review by the non key experts, expected to be submitted to the PMU by mid of July 2018.</p>	
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels			
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		<p>This sub component is progressing well, further development required, Agreement signed between the government of Sudan and Food and Agriculture Organization in 12th June 2018 to implement the activities under additional fund. So far Initial workshop conducted on April 2018 on Forest Reference Emission Levels (FREL) with participation of all relevant government institutions attended the workshop. The establishment of the reference level also benefits from the implementation of activities in component 4.a; on designing the NFMS, which is supported by the FCPF Grant and is currently being developed by FAO.</p>	
			X
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards			
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System		<p>Significant progress has been made under this sub-component, including raising awareness and capacity building activities on remote sensing applications and national forest inventory, 482 Sampling Units have been covered by FNC field crews by end of June 2018. Data-entry entered by FNC into a centralized electronic system In addition, a manual for conducting the inventory has been developed by the technical working group on MRV which takes into account Sudan's national circumstances.</p>	
			X
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards		<p>This sub component require further development, as is covered by FCPF additional fund, so far ToRs was developed</p>	
			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)

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:

Sudan REDD+ strategy will address the livelihood for local people in the means of strategy options; exploitation of non-wood forest products and conservation of forest cover. Also the incentives of non-carbon benefits. And the support of development of the community such as health and education, so far second draft submitted and come up with three ER programs for Sudan.

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

Sudan REDD+ strategy will address the livelihood for local people in the means of strategy options; exploitation of non-wood forest products and conservation of forest cover, which result in conserving biodiversity. Also the incentives of non-carbon benefits. And the support of development of the community such as health and education, so far second draft submitted and come up with three ER programs for Sudan.

SECTION D: FINANCE

8. Please detail the amount of allfinance 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

\$ 3.8 Million	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	03/2015	Public	Grant
\$ 5 Million	FCPF Readiness	03/2018	Public	Grant

	Preparation Grant			
\$			Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
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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)
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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: