



FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Nepal Draft R-PP: Initial comments by the TAP

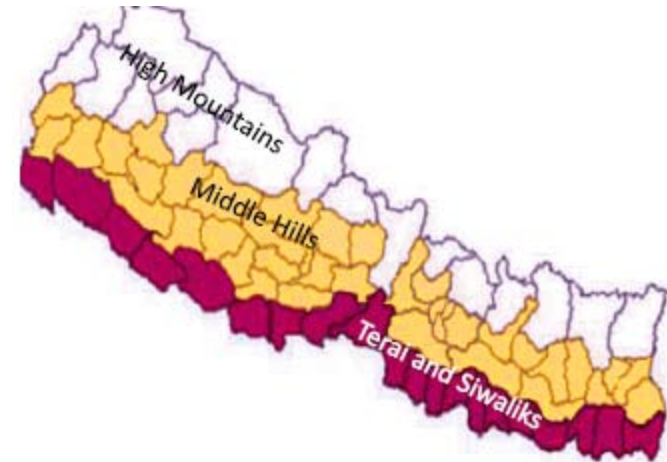
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Overall Summary of the Review: 1

Strengths of the RPP Document:

- R-PP is **very well composed and addresses all the key issues** requested by FCPF for each of the six components
- It **provides in-depth information** about the historical and current deforestation in Nepal for the country's three regions – High Mountain, Middle-Hills and Terai and Siwalik. Deforestation in the Mid-Hills has been successfully managed through participation of local communities.
- In formulating the R-PP, Nepal conducted **extensive consultation process** that included 57 workshops with participation of >3000 persons.
- The proposal notes the need to deal with **adaptation and mitigation simultaneously**, which is very important and should serve as a good example for REDD policy considerations in other countries.
- The R-PP **highlights** the ongoing REDD-related activities supported by **other bilateral and multilateral entities**.
- It provides a **comprehensive summary of how it plans to prepare a REDD strategy**.
- The **proposed budget** provides a good breakdown and **allocates about 40% of the funding each for governance and technical aspects**.



Overall Summary of the Review: 2

Selected areas that need further work in the R-PP or during the implementation : Challenges and Recommendations

- A new constitution is being planned and its proposed administrative, legal, and infrastructural implications could have a significant impact on a REDD strategy.
 - We recommend that R-PP should describe a process to respond to future changes in the constitution.
- Nepal has one set of comprehensive historical nation-wide data on deforestation from 1970s. Subsequent data are site- or region-specific.
 - Much, if not all, of the work that normally relies on historical data will be done by collecting new data during the REDD+ preparation phase.

Overall Summary of the Review: 3

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- R-PP proposes to set up monitoring mechanisms and ways to collect national data. Information is needed on what will be monitored, who will monitor and how it will be done .
 - A study would help to examine how community based monitoring might apply to the Terai region
- Consideration of private forests that have grown significantly in Nepal needs better coverage.
 - The proposed monitoring program should take these forests into consideration.

Overall Summary

Component 1 a) Standard partially met
Component 1 b) Standard has been met

Component 2 a) Standard partially met
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Component 2 c) Standard partially met
Component 2 d) Standard has been met

Component 3 Standard partially met

Component 4 Standard has been met

Component 5 Standard has been met

Component 6 Standard partially met