

REDD Readiness in Nepal Initiative, issues and prospective

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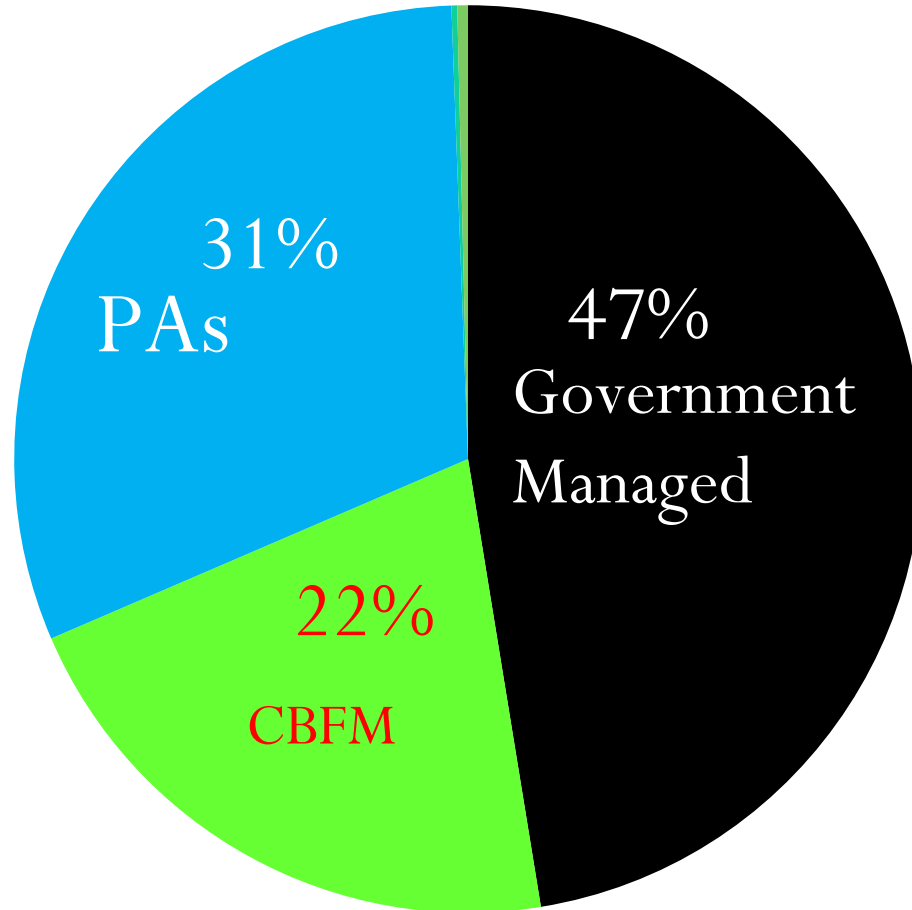
Presentation outline

- Nepal's forestry resources
- The current status of REDD in Nepal
- Readiness Milestones
- Ongoing demonstration activities
- Core elements for the R-Package
- Nepal's perspective in R-Package review and assessment

Nepal in Facts-

- Total area: 14.2 million ha
 - Forest: 39.6 % (including 10.6 % shrub land)
 - National forest of 2 categories
 1. Government forest
 - Government managed forest
 - Protected area (NP, WR, HR, CA)
 2. Community Based Forest Management
 - Community forest
 - Leasehold forest
 - Religious forest
 - Collaborative forest
- Private Forest (Scattered trees on the farmland)

Forest Management Regime



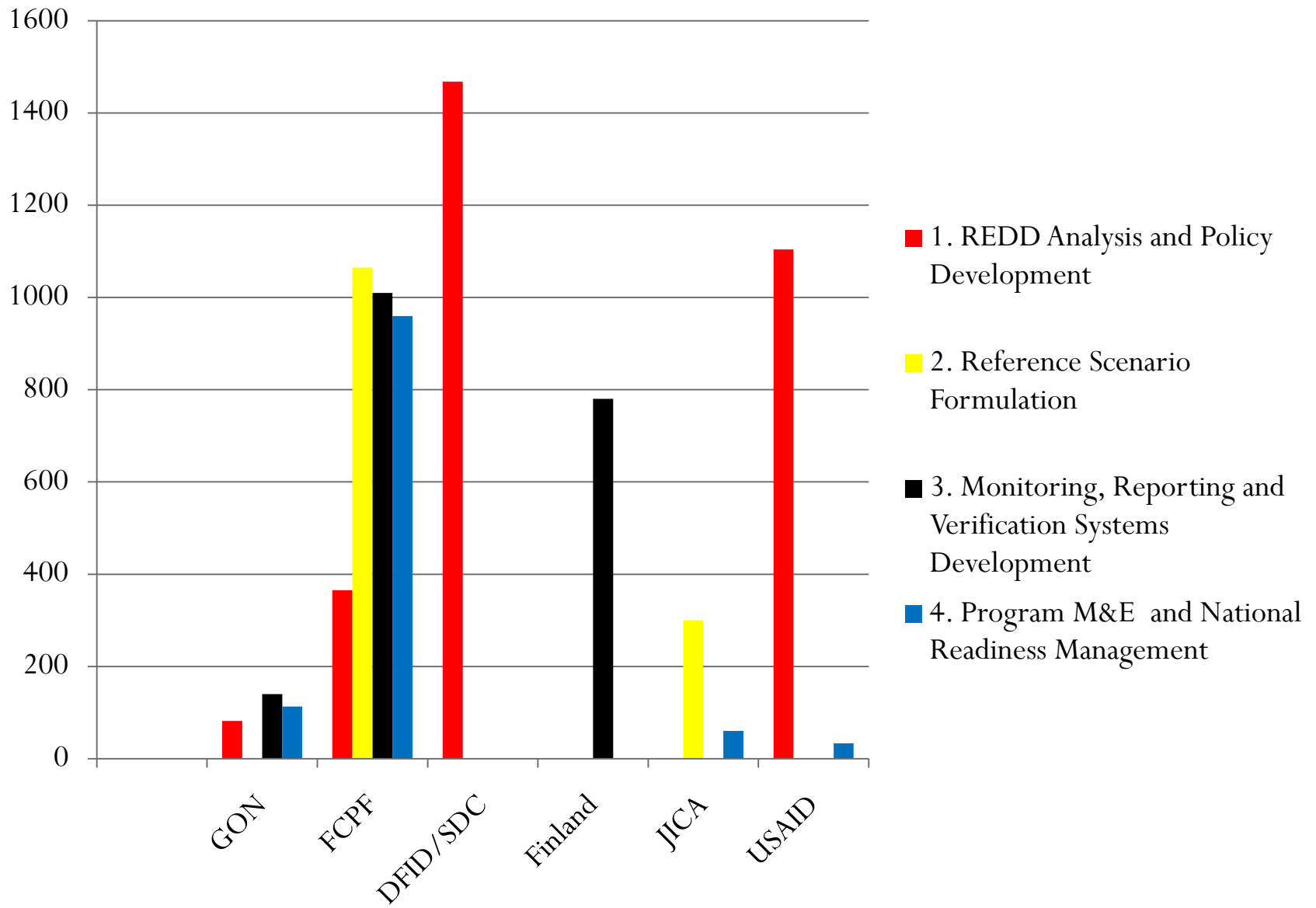
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REDD in Nepal - Current status

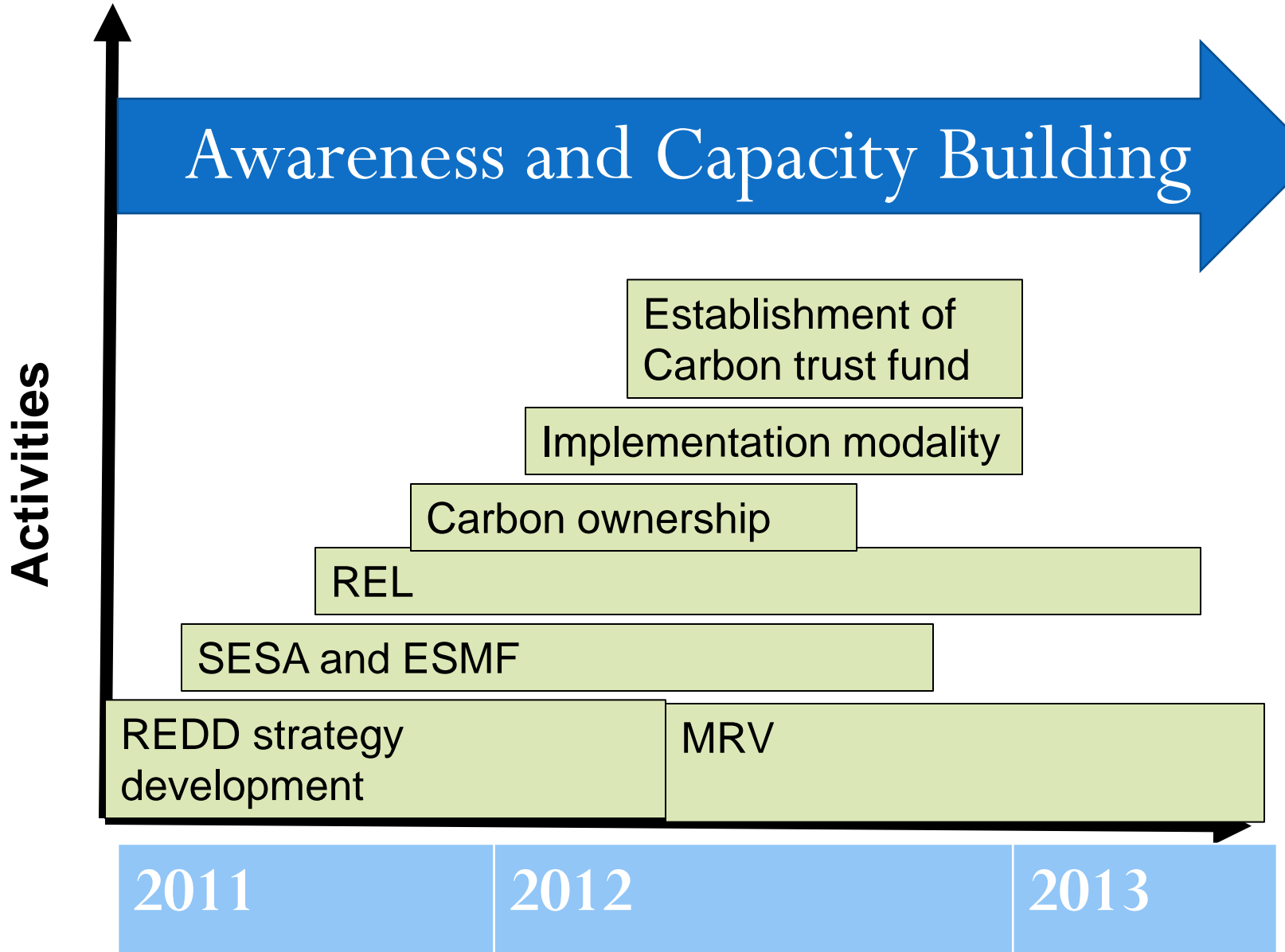
- REDD Readiness Proposal finalised
- Main activities proposed
 - Awareness, capacity building
 - REDD Governance structure- national and district level
 - Strategy development – identification of key strategic options
 - Implementation framework- national and district level
 - SESA and ESMF
 - Determination of Reference Emission Level (REL)
 - Use of 1978 LRMP data, FRA report 2012 and some intermediate points (satellite image interpretation)- expected from Gov of Japan
 - Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

Components by Financier (US\$000)

Main activities	GON	FCPF	DFID/ SDC	Finland	Gov Japan	USAD	Total
1. REDD Analysis and Policy Development	82	365	1468	0	0	1104	3019
2. Reference Scenario Formulation	0	1065	0	0	300	0	1365
3. Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Systems Development	140	1010	0	780	0	0	1930
4. Program M&E and National Readiness Management	113	960	0	0	60	33	1166
Total	335	3400	1468	780	360	1137	7480
Per cent of total budget	4 %	45 %	20 %	10 %	5 %	15 %	100 %



Milestones



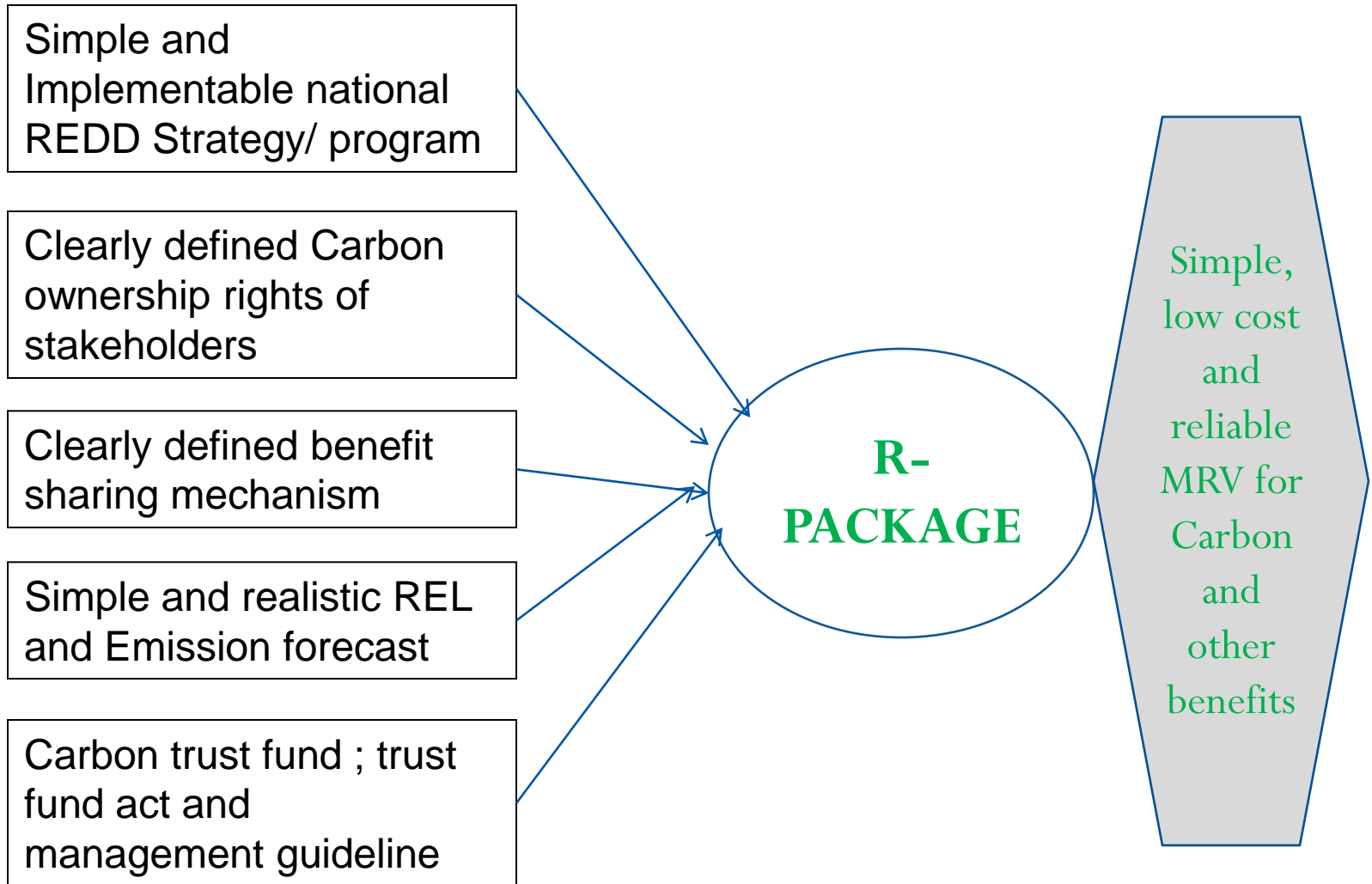
Demonstration Activities

REDD plus piloting	ICIMOD/ ANSAB/FE COFUN- Funded by NORAD	Complete REDD Package (Sub national level REDD Strategy, REL and emission forecast; MRV system (combination of periodic satellite image analysis and field measurement by CFUGs, Establishment of FCTF and payment criteria, seed Money distributed to three watershed (forest area 10,600 Ha)
Reducing Poverty through REDD: early action	WWF, WINROCK	Carbon measurement methodology development, REL, MRV system at sub national level; projection of REDD plus benefits to local communities and biodiversity under different scenario

Organizations Awareness and capacity building

- GoN
- NEFIN in support of NORAD
- USAID
- DFID
- SDC
- RECOFTC- capacity building of grass root communities

Core elements of R-Package



Issues

- **Customary rights**- in many part of the country the local people are managing and utilizing the forest resources traditionally. Ensuring the rights of these groups will be a major issue in REDD plus
- **Carbon rights**- well defined benefit sharing mechanism in CFs: same mechanism in REDD plus or some modifications for ensuring benefits to the people living far from the forest
- **Reliable data** – for Reference scenario/baseline scenario
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Capacity building need

- CFUGs can do forest inventory works but need training - > 15,000 CFUGs throughout the country can provide valuable data periodically for MRVs
- FRA is operational in Nepal and will terminate in 2013. Continuation of forest inventory using the methods develop in FAR require capacity building for forestry staff
- Enhance capacity of CFUGs and Forest technicians can provide reliable data for MRV

Preliminary reflections

- Participatory process- time taking but enhances ownership and solidarity
- REDD plus generates environmental and social co-benefits
- Demonstration initiatives are helpful for REDD strategy formulation process
- REDD - Long way to go since it is long term deal

R-Package review and assessment- Internal

- REDD working Group
- REDD stakeholder forum – could review and provide feedback
- REDD apex body- final authority to endorse R-Package at the national level

R-Package review and assessment- External

- Criteria and standards of R-Package assessment is not well defined.
- Who will define it? PC and FCPF ?
- Review: by TAP and PC members like RPP assessment.
- At least one independent expert in the TAP from concerned REDD Country.
- FCPF could select experts for developing the criteria, and approve by the PC.

**Thank You for Your Kind
Attention !**

