

# Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report Template



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>activities</u> 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
    - the first two (02) waves of consultations has been achieved in Mai 2018. These consultations were targeting 03 objectives, (1) inform the grassroots communities on REDD+, (2) discuss on the drivers of deforestation in their locality and (3) collect their suggestions regarding the strategic options to fight against those drivers of deforestation. These consultations touched 128 villages and more than 6500 individuals.
    - Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have been trained on REDD+ and climate change in may 2018. The training has been organized in synergies with the DGM and 22 CSOs was represented.
    - The national technical team in charge of designing the national policy of rural sector (PNSR) have been trained in February 2018 on REDD+ and climate change. The aim was to help the team to take into account REDD+ while designing the PNSR. The workshop accounted seventy (70) participants.

- Permanent consultations are made with private sector actors to design a project of decarbonization of shea butter value chain.
- Prior axis for gender engagement have already been identified: Improve the consultation process; Strengthening women's economic autonomy in the cashew and mango sectors (24000 members of cooperatives targeted, of which 60% are women); Providing economic opportunities through the development of the shea butter (80% of women in rural areas are employed in the shea sector); Supporting land tenure rights: Discussions with the Land Tenure Facility are underway to explore ways to secure women's access to land and resources; Better understanding the role of women in forest resource management.
- Several short videos on specific topics such as the REDD+ process and its challenges in Burkina Faso, the MRV process... have been edited (<a href="www.pif-Burkina.org">www.pif-Burkina.org</a>).
- Provisional report on drivers of deforestation and strategic option are available.
- a summary report on the existing benefit sharing mechanisms for natural resource management has been elaborated in December 2017.
- From 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May, a workshop validated the definition of the forest for REDD+ in Burkina Faso, the GES (CO2) to follow, the carbon pools (all), the land occupation classes, the scale of the FRL/FREL, the approach for FRL/FREL. The workshop regrouped 84 participants.
- A document called "état des lieux du MNV au Burkina Faso" has been edited and validated in May 2018.
- A methodology (Sustainable Agricultural Land Management) to assess carbon outside forests is been transferred in Burkina Faso.
- The Experts responsible of designing the MRV system and elaborate the FRL/FREL have received in February 2018 a training on REDDCompass in Togo.
- Four (04) Institutions have been identified to be part of the future institutional framework for MRV. Those institutions are: The National Office of Soils, the Burkina Faso Geographical Institution, the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council on Sustainable Development and the National Service of the Forestry Informational System.
- A preliminary list of environmental, socio-economic and governance benefits have been elaborated.
- SESA study has been launched.

# 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
  - the institutional framework for REDD+ was approved under Decree No 2017-1329 by the Council of Ministers on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017.
  - the Government adopted Decree N°2017 272/MEEVCC/CAB on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to approve the creation the National Training Centre on REDD+ and Climate Change (CENAFO/REDD+).
  - Two consultation waves achieved.

- Around 6824 of individuals attended REDD+ consultations.
- Four (04) partnerships were signed with national institution: The National Office of Soils, the Burkina Faso Geographical Institution, the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council on Sustainable Development and the National Service of the Forestry Informational System.
- A methodology (Sustainable Agricultural Land Management) to assess carbon outside forests have been transferred in Burkina Faso in April 2018.

# 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
  - The heaviness of the procurement procedures
  - The heaviness of the administrative procedures
  - Low synergies between support cells (financial and procurement cells) and technical cells
  - The complexity in the design and implementation of some activities

# 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
  - Finalisation of the study of drivers of deforestation and strategic options
  - Finalisation of the FRL/FREL
  - Finalisation of the design the MRV system
  - Finalisation of SESA study
  - A report mapping the initiatives and projects with a REDD+ potential in Burkina Faso
  - The Gender plan
  - A report on non-carbon benefits for REDD+ process in Burkina Faso
  - One consultation wave

# 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 kev:

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 a	and Consultation	
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Complete N/A	Technical capacities to implement the readiness phase are there. A fiduciary team is managing the funds and new recruitment and adjustment are ongoing to strengthen the fiduciary team. A multi-actors national committee which to coordinate the process and to ensure responsibility and transparency have been officialise through Decree No 2017-1329.
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete N/A	The consultation waves mechanism have allowed the implication of the different stakeholders in the design of the REDD+ process. The REDD+ Technical Secretariat is also working in synergy with the DGM to ensure the implication and commitment of CSOs. Permanent consultations are made with private sector actors around value chain like shea butter and cashew nuts. Information on the REDD+ Process is spread through the website of the FIP and newsletters. New communication tools (REDD+ booklets, REDD+ training modules, a media plan) are under development to fully implement the communication strategy.
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Prepara	rtion	
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	The in-depth study on drivers of deforestation will evaluate and analyse the drivers to understand what are the motivation behind, assess the if the current management of natural resources in Burkina Faso is taking into consideration REDD+ activities. The study is on-going and the provisional reports are available and under assessment.
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	The in-depth study on drivers of deforestation will also make proposition of strategic options.
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete N/A	A first analysis of the legal framework for natural resources management have being made with proposition on how to take into consideration REDD+ in that legal framework. A second analysis base on the strategic options that will came out from the study on drivers of deforestation will refine the proposition and a "plaidoyer" through consultations will be launched. Also, a first analysis on how to insert REDD+ in sectoral strategies have been made. A second analysis base on strategic options will give directives on how each actors can introduce REDD+ in his sectoral strategy.

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	Complete	SESA study have been launched but the consultancy firm hired have shown limitation in delivering the expected result. The study is in standby the time to find the appropriate formula to move forward.
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Lev	el/Reference Levels	
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R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for	Forests and Safeguards	
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	Complete	The institutional framework for the MRV system is under development and the methodology has been explained in the document "Elaboration du plan d'action pour le développement d'un système MNV, le développement du système MNV détaillé et de l'établissement d'un scenario de référence MNV".
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	Complete N/A	A first list of potential non-carbon benefits for REDD+ in Burkina Faso has been elaborated. A study base on strategic options will refine the list of non-carbon benefits and propose indicators. A system to collect information on non-carbon benefits has been identified and the result of the study on non-carbon benefits will help for the audit of the system identified in order to allow it to also collect information on REDD+ non-carbon benefits.

# **SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS**

6. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to <u>sustain and enhance livelihoods</u> (e.g. one of your program objective/s is <u>explicitly targeted at livelihoods</u>; your approach to non-carbon benefits <u>explicitly incorporates livelihoods</u>)?

(Indicator 3.2.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods)

Yes No (delete as appropriate)

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

The national REDD+ Strategy is still under development.

7. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to <u>conserve biodiversity</u> (e.g. one of your program objective/s is <u>explicitly targeted at biodiversity conservation</u>; your approach to non-carbon benefits <u>explicitly incorporates biodiversity conservation</u>)?

(Indicator 3.3.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity)

Yes No (delete as appropriate)

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

The national REDD+ Strategy is still under development.

# **SECTION D: FINANCE**

8. Please detail the amount of <u>all</u> finance received in support of development and delivery of your national REDD+ readiness process <u>since the date that your R-PP was signed</u>. Figures should only include <u>secured</u> <u>finance</u> (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)	
EXAMPLES:					
\$500,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	10/2013	Public <del>/ Private</del>	Grant <del>/ Loan / Other</del>	
\$250,000	Ministry of Forestry	01/2014	Public <del>/ Private</del>	Grant <del>/ Loan / Other</del>	
\$3.800.000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	03/2015	Public	Grant	
\$728.000	African Development Bank	-	Public	Grant	
\$163.000	World Bank	-	Public	Grant	
\$250.000	Terrafrica (World Bank)	10/2017	Public	Grant	

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)
\$3.070.000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	Public	Grant
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
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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 <b>central influence</b> on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes					X
The FCPF's support has <b>improved the quality</b> of our national REDD+ systems and processes					Х
The FCPF's support has <b>improved national capacities</b> 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					×

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:		

11. To help assess the usefulness and application of FCPF knowledge products (<u>publications</u>, <u>seminars</u>, <u>learning</u> <u>events</u>, <u>web resources</u>), please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements: (<u>Indicator 4.3.a</u>: 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 <b>regularly access</b> FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>relevant</b> to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>sufficient</b> 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:

Information are largely available only in English. So French speaking countries are facing big difficulties in exploiting those information.

# 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: