



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

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

The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Readiness Project (FCPF) was designed to support Cambodia to be ready for REDD+ implementation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The project consists of four outcomes. The activities/outputs delivered between July 2017 to June 2018 are summarized below:

Outcome 1: Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ readiness process, stakeholder engagement in accordance with consultation principles

All key stakeholders continue to be engaged in the implementation of REDD+ readiness activities through the REDD+ Taskforce (RTF), REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (RTS), the four Technical Teams (TT), Consultation Group (CG) and Gender Group (GG). In order to strengthen capacity of these institutions, the

Cambodia RTS with support from FCPF project facilitated and organized a series of events¹ that included three trainings, 6 south-south knowledge exchanges and visits, eighteen workshops and 12 meetings. These events have contributed to the enhanced awareness and capacity-building of 1,356 (341 women) representatives from diverse stakeholder's groups including officials from Forestry Administration (FA) and Fishery Administration (FiA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF) and General Department of Administration, nature Conservation, Ministry of Environment (GDANCP/MoE), TT, CG and GG, community representatives, Indigenous Peoples (IP), non-governmental organization (NGOs), local authorities and subnational administrations. Following are summary of key REDD+ readiness related activities organized from 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The 12th FCPF Project Executive Board (PEB) meeting was conducted on 23rd August 2017. The meeting announced the closure of FCPF project phase I with satisfactory results and set the stage for FCPF project phase II. The 13th PEB meeting took place on March 19th of 2018. During this meeting, the Board approved the 2018 Annual Workplan and Budget for FCPF II (AWPB-FCPF II); approved the cost-extension of the contract between UNDP-FAO for the implementation of outcome 4 of FCPF II; endorsed the FCPF II Inception Report; agreed on the small grant program for community-based REDD+ (SGP CBR+) top up from UNDP TRAC and requested SGP to work on the plan and proposal; agreed to add representatives from Ministry of Women Affair (MoWA) and from General Department of Local Communities (GDLC) as members of the PEB and decided that representatives from Gender Group can attend the PEB meetings as observers. 2 additional PEB members one women from MoWA one man from GDLC/MoE have been officially appointed.

The 9th REDD+ Taskforce meeting was organized on 20 July 2017. 61 participants (15 women) from representative of the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSO), RTF, RTS, GG, TTs, CG, UNDP CO and CBR+ SG programme and FCPF project support team. The REDD+ Taskforce discussed and agreed to request UNDP to be Cambodia's accredited entity to access the Green Climate Fund (GCF) result-based payment RfP. UNDP will support the preparation of the concept note and subsequently the full proposal if Cambodia goes through the first stage of the GCF evaluation. In addition, the RTF also recommended that RTS finalize the Safeguards Information System (SIS) and to ensure that Summary of Information (Sol) on REDD+ Safeguards be prepared and finalized by 2018 to be posted in the UNFCCC web portal. Following the request from GDANCP/ MoE, the MRV team, with support from FCPF II, will coordinate with relevant institutions the preparation of the GHG inventory and mitigation sections of Cambodia's first Biennial Update Report (BUR) to be submitted to the UNFCCC by 2019. The meeting also recommended RTS to coordinate with NCSO REDD+ Focal Point to nominate the new Head of RTF to lead the next RTF meeting.

The enhancement of the technical capacities of FA, GDANCP, FiA and RTS staff continued to be a focus of the project, by facilitating their participation in international events including south-south knowledge exchanges. In 2017, there were two south-south exchanges on REDD+ framework and REDD+ actions as well as sustainably financing options for REDD+ implementation through payment for environmental services (PES) between Cambodia and Viet Nam from 28 November – 02 December 2017 and between Cambodia and Ecuador from 7-11 December 2017. 15 representatives (4 women) from RTF, RTS, TTs participated on the exchange with Viet Nam and 13 representatives (1 women) on the exchange with Ecuador. A learning visit for CG members was organized on 26 September 2017 to Phnom Dek Chambok Hoh CF in Preh Vihear. The aim of the visit was to provide an opportunity for CG members to learn about potential ecotourism initiatives in the Community Forestry (CF) and institutional arrangement governing the CF. This visit included a presentation of the background of CF, results and key issues in its

¹ Annex 1 present overview of all REDD+ readiness related events organized between July 2017 - 30 June 2018

management, and the way forward in advancing CF and its ecotourism facilities. The CG members expressed their interest to learn from Chambok Hoh case and shared their own experiences in resource management.

In addition, 7 (1 women) RTF, RTS, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Technical Team (MRV-TT) members have participated in the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Bonn, 4 (1 women) MRV-TT participated in a regional leaning event on REDD+ spatial planning on 2-6 October 2017, 4 (2 women) GDANCP, NCSD, FA and Ministry of Economic and Finance (MEF) representatives participated in a regional knowledge exchange on operationalizing and financing national REDD+ strategies from financing implementation to results-based payment for REDD+ from 10-12 October 2017, 3 (1 women) GDANCP and FCPF project staff participated in regional forum on strengthening and diversifying protected areas finance and measuring, reporting and verification (MRV) from 10-12 October 2017 and 2 (1 women) Safeguards TT participated in south-south learning event on REDD+ safeguards from 26-27 October 2017.

The project has contracted a gender expert to identify entry points for mainstreaming gender into Cambodia's Action and Investment Plan for the Implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy (AIP-NRS). The literature review, definition of methodology and workplan to carry the assignment have also been completed by the end of June 2018 together with survey questionnaires for individual interview and focus group discussion with both key government institutions and communities. Interview and focus group discussion to collect data started in July 2018. In addition, in collaboration with UN-Women, a 4 days training course on Gender in REDD+ for Climate Change Action was conducted on 26-29 June 2018 at Kep province. The objective of the course was to build capacity of the REDD+ Secretariat on gender mainstreaming in REDD+ actions. 23 participants (15 women) from RTS, GG, representative from MoE, MAFF and NCSD attended this training course.

The CG has played a pivotal role in REDD+ design and implementation in Cambodia since its establishment in 2013. The CG, considered the main forum for stakeholders' engagement in REDD+, consists of 21 (2 women) members representing nine constituencies that include indigenous people representatives, community institutions, civil society organizations, private sector, and academic institutions. The CG participates in the decision-making process through its representation in the PEB; provides inputs to annual work plans and budgets, participates actively in RTF meetings and consultations. From July 2017-June 2018, with support from FCPF II, CG organized 3 quarterly meetings to update members about the progress made in the implementation of Cambodia REDD+ Programme, share CG work plan and status, discussed the potential approach to conduct REDD+ awareness and capacity building outreach events to community networks as well as other REDD+ activities in accordance to their TOR. The 19th CG meeting was organized on September 25th of 2017, the 20th CG meeting was on February 22nd of 2018 and the 21st CG meeting was on May 11th of 2018.

To continue to strengthen stakeholder engagement with CF, CPA, CFi and IP, in addition to the 9 outreach events organized in quarter 2, six (6) REDD+ outreach events were conducted, two for CPA, two for CFi, one for CF, and one for IP. These outreach events raised REDD+ awareness for 221 participants (112 women) including 69 persons (33 women) from 5 CPAs, 69 persons (40 women) from 2 CFis, 39 persons (17 women) from 1 CF, and 44 persons (22 women) from 1 IP community. These outreach events were co-facilitated by RECOFTC team and CG members from their respective group with technical support by RTS.

In collaboration with Royal University of Agriculture (RUA), a REDD+ awareness raising session was organized on 25 August 2017 for 73 students (40 women). The session has 1) increased understanding of students on REDD+ concept, process and update of it in Cambodia; 2) provided opportunity for students

and CG to meet and share experience for further communication in the future; and 3) provided basic information to students for their own further research.

To strengthen institutional capacity and stakeholders' engagement for REDD+ implementation, the Cambodia RTS with support from the FCPF II facilitated and organized 3 two-days REDD+ awareness raising workshops for subnational entities in 2018. The objective of the event was to build awareness and understanding of forest and climate change; the co-benefit of REDD+ and its status in Cambodia as well as priority activities and the way forward. These workshops also discussed key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, roles and responsibilities of local administration and their participation in REDD+ implementation. The first event was conducted on 29-30 May in Koh Kong, the second one was on 13-14 June and third one was on 20-21 June 2018. These events have contributed to enhance awareness and knowledge of 299 (45 women) representatives from various subnational entities including deputy provincial governors, directors/deputy directors of provincial division of Inter sector, directors/deputy directors of provincial division of Investment and planning, directors/deputy directors of provincial department of environment, directors/deputy directors of provincial department of agriculture forestry and fishery, director/deputy directors of protected areas, Chiefs/vice chiefs of forest cantonment, Chiefs/vice chiefs of Fishery cantonment, governors/deputy of district governors, Chiefs/vice chiefs of Inter sector office at district level, Chiefs/vice chiefs of commune councils from 12 provinces.

Outcome 2: Development of the National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework

In 2017, two meetings of the Safeguards Technical Team were organized in Siem Reap, on 3-4 July with 25 (3 women) members and 13-14 September 2017 with 17 (3 women) members to present and discuss the proposed Cambodia REDD+ safeguards elements for the establishment of SIS. The meetings also discussed the needs and priorities for preparing Cambodia's First Sol following the UNFCCC requirements. Recommendations on REDD+ interventions that should be covered when developing the Sol for the period 2014-2016 were also discussed and proposed. In 2018, FCPF hired a consulting company to continue the work on safeguards in Cambodia, with the aim to submit the Sol to the UNFCCC early in 2019 and to also establish the draft version of the SIS in close coordination with the Safeguards Technical Team.

Following the endorsement on the National Protected Area Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP) by MoE and Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) in April 2017, the work on the development of action and investment plan for the implementation of NPASMP (AIP-NPASMP) started in July 2017. The AIP-NPASMP was developed through an extensive consultation processes. Three subnational consultation workshops on the draft of AIP-NPASMP were conducted: on 15 September 2017 for the North of Tonle Sap region, on 26 September 2017 for the South Tonle Sap region and on 3 October 2017 for the Upland/upper Mekong region. 79 (0 women) officials and representatives of Provincial Department of Environment (PDoE), Protected Area (PA) Managers, NGOs/LNGOs and CPA from all PAs in Cambodia participated in the workshops. A national workshop was also conducted on March 6, 2018 with 75 (1 woman) representatives and officials from GDANCP/MoE, PDoE, PA Managers/officers from all PA in Cambodia, CPA and NGOs/LNGOs involved in PA and Development Partners (DPs). In addition, technical support was also provided to GDANCP/MoE to develop Technical Guideline for Developing PA Management Plan. The guideline was developed based on the experiences and lessons from the FCPF support to GDANCP to develop a management plan for the Phnom Kulen National Park. The national workshop to review and validate the guideline was also held on 7 March 2018 with 75 (1 woman) representatives and officials from GDANCP/MoE, PDoE, PA Managers/officers from all PA in Cambodia, CPA and NGOs/LNGOs involved in PA. On the job training on the use of the technical guideline was also conducted on May 24, 2018 for 39 (5 women) officials of PDoE and PA Managers from the Cardamom Mountain Range.

Following a decision of the 13th PEB meeting, FCPF II is supporting the Cambodian government in the development of the greenhouse gas inventory (GHGI) and mitigation action chapters of the BUR. The concept note, workplan and the ToR for the development of Cambodia's First BUR were developed. ToRs for hiring national consultants for the collection and processing of activity data for all sectors and for the hiring of an international company to work on emission factors and estimates of GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks from all sectors and to write up the BUR have been prepared. The national consultants will be hired directly by the Cambodian government and the international company by UNDP in July of 2018.

Outcome 3: *Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels*

The FCPF Project delivered technical support to government agencies on forest governance and REDD+ activities. GDANCP has implemented subnational REDD+ capacity building activities in two protected area sites in Botum Sarkor National Parks in Koh Kong province and Phnom Kulen National Park in Siem Reap Province; the Fisheries Administration (FiA) implemented activities in two sites: the Mangrove Protection and Conservation Area in Preahsihanouk Province and in a flooded forest conservation area in Kampong Chhnange province; and the Forestry Administration has implemented capacity-building activities for communal land-use planning in the Samroang commune, Pursat Province.

The FA has completed all the processes and legal requirements to officially grant the management responsibility of a 5,414-ha area of forest land with MAFF to Samroang Commune Councillor and communities under the Partnership Forestry (PF) modalities, followed by the official signature between FA and Commune Council. The 15-year PF management plan was also completed and endorsed by the Samroang Commune Council and the Forestry Cantonment Administration (FAC). The FiA, in collaboration with Local Fishery Administration, Fishery Communities and local authorities, completed and endorsed a five-year management plan for Prey Nop Mangrove Landscape and the flooded forest conservation site that has brought 4,500 ha of mangrove forest and 3,433 ha of flooded forest under full protection. The GDANCP has produced a five-year management plan (2018-2022) and a detailed action plan for the Phnom Kulen National Parks (PKLNPMP). Both plans have been endorsed by the MoE and are being implemented by the PDoE with technical and financial support from GDANCP. The management and action plan for the Botum Sarkor National Parks is currently being developed.

In addition, policies and measures to address key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation were tested, including forest boundary demarcation, reduction of forest transgression through the implementation of bio-digesters and integrated farming activities with communities, forest rehabilitation and planting, forest law enforcement, strengthening community fishery, community protected area and awareness raising events.

Outcome 4: *Monitoring system designed for REDD+ with capacity for implementation*

The MRV-TT meeting was held from 24 to 25 August 2017. 22 participants (6 women) from MOE, FA, FiA, FAO, JICA and UNDP attended. The meeting discussed the status of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), reviewed the forest reference emission level (FREL), and discussed a proposal for establishing an early-warning system using Terra-i. The possibility of developing subnational REDD+ action plans was also discussed. The MRV-TT completed the forest land-cover map for the period of 2015-2016 and the estimate of total land-cover change areas. MoE has the thematic maps and forest land-cover change statistics for the period of 2006-2010-2014-2016. A series of practical training workshops on forest inventories, data processing and reporting and allometric equations were carried out in 2017. Moreover, the national forest inventory (NFI) methodology and field operational guidelines have also been completed and are being translated into Khmer for endorsement by GDANCP/MoE and FA/MAFF. The NFI

methodology was tested in two PA under MOE and in CF under FA/MAFF. These trials included the measurement of below-ground biomass: 10 roots measurements were taken in upland forests. The emissions for the period 2014-2016, using the emission factors of the forest reference emission level (FREL) and the 2014-2016 map, were presented to MoE. The data so far shows a reduction in emissions from deforestation during that period which would allow RGC to submit a proposal to the GCF to receive REDD+ RBP.

The Cambodia forest cover assessment for 2016 was also completed, officially endorsed by the government and has been published and publicly disseminated. The 2018 land-cover map is being processed by the MRV-TT. The segmentation of the 2018 mosaic and the pre-classification using the same methodology of 2016 are ongoing. Also, the team is working in some improvement of the methodology with the inclusion of new data and new technologies. The preparation of the Cambodia REDD+ Technical Annex to the BUR with REDD+ results from 2014-2016 is ongoing.

In addition, on 2-5 April 2018, the MRV-TT started the training on the use of drones for monitoring purposes including the preparation of missions, flight techniques and data post-processing. 12 (2 women) representatives from the MRV-TT attended the training. Moreover, as part of the mapping and monitoring activities, the MRV-TT with technical support from the Asia Air Survey Co. Ltd. is working on the development of some scripts to download the mosaics of the country in time record, the extraction of objects (segmentation) and the pre-classification of the objects. Finally, the MRV-TT is working in the first assessment and the manual edition of the map. In parallel, the MRV-TT visited two protected areas to test the monitoring methodologies including boundaries assessment and estimation of forest biomass from drones' images.

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 RTF and the RTS, with technical and financial support from FCPF, continues to make significant progress on the development of the four REDD+ elements following the UNFCCC Warsaw Framework for REDD+.

A. National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) 2017-2026:

The NRS has been developed and officially endorsed jointly by the MAFF, the MoE and the RGC on 28 December 2017. The NRS is the overarching policy document that establishes the national goal, objectives and measures to achieve REDD+ results in Cambodia.

Following official endorsement, an initial draft of the AIP-NRS was developed based on the action plan for the NPASMP and National Production Forest Strategic Plan (NPFSP). A list of priority actions for the uplands, lowlands and coastal zone have been identified by a group of experts and community representatives. The next step is to finalize and complete the AIP-NRS based on an integrated approach combining the national policy reform and targeted subnational implementation in priority areas.

– National Protected Area Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP) 2017-2031:

The objective of the NPASMP is to prioritize and guide strategies and actions to safeguard a network of protected areas that contributes to the country's economic and sustainable

development, with poverty reduction, through the conservation and sustainable use of its biological, natural and cultural resources and other ecosystem services. The NPASMP (2017-2031) reflected the new protected area system and the environmental and jurisdictional reforms of the RGC. It was developed and officially endorsed by the MoE on 5th April 2017 and by the RGC on 30th June 2017. The Action Plan for the NPASMP has been completed for endorsement by GDANCP and MoE.

– **Technical guideline for developing Protected Area (PA) and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors (BCC) Management Plan**

The objective of the technical guideline for developing PA/BCC management plans is to provide a practical approach for government and non-government stakeholders to develop management plans for PA and BCC in the Kingdom of Cambodia. The guideline was finalized and completed in May 2018 and has been submitted for endorsement by GDANCP and MoE.

– **National Production Forest Strategic Plan (NPFSP) 2018-2032:**

Work on the development of the NPFSP started in September 2017. The NPFSP will guide future development and sustainable management of production forests for their contribution to poverty alleviation, enhanced livelihoods and economic growth complementing the National Forest Sector Policy 2002, the National Forest Programme 2010-2029, the NRS 2017-2026, the NPAMP 2017-2031 and the National CF Programme 2006. The fifth final draft of the NPFS was developed incorporating comments and inputs from the subnational consultation workshop held on 22 December 2017 with 75 (3 women) representatives from FA, FAC, NGOs, DPs, Private Sectors, Academic research institutions and RTS and FA Technical Working Group meetings in quarter one 2018. A national workshop to validate the strategic plan has been scheduled for quarter 3 of 2018.

B. Safeguards Information System (SIS):

The proposed Cambodia REDD+ Safeguards framework was developed incorporating comments and inputs from stakeholders including line ministries, the REDD+ Safeguards TT, CG and GG. The proposed elements included: translating the Cancun Safeguards into the Cambodian context; listing existing policies, laws and regulations that contribute to REDD+ safeguards implementation, setting the scope and objectives of the SIS, assessing the procedure for data collection on REDD+ safeguards and information sharing, and assessing institutional set-up options and the allocation of responsibilities for the operation of the system. In preparation for Cambodia's submission to the GFC RBP pilot programme, an international company has been contracted in mid-May 2018 to support the development and finalization of Cambodia REDD+ SIS and the first Sol. They have finalized an inception report that summarized results and findings from baseline analysis, needs for meeting UNFCCC and UNDP safeguards requirements, information gaps and roadmap to complete the tasks including methodology, stakeholder engagement plan, workplan. A checklist for the Policies, laws and regulations (PLRs) review was also developed and this work has started and it is due in the end of July 2018.

C. Forest Reference Level (FRL):

Cambodia's FREL was endorsed by the RGC and submitted to the UNFCCC for technical assessment in December 2016. The technical assessment was undertaken between March and October 2017, when the final version of the assessment report was released in 2018. The FREL document has been updated

based on the UNFCCC technical assessment and the revised FRL was officially posted online on the UNFCCC web platform in 2018.

D. National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS):

The design of the NFMS was completed. The first version of forest monitoring web-portal has also been completed and will continue to be improved. Cambodia's NFMS can be accessed through the following link: <http://cambodia-nfms.org/>

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 following challenges related to REDD+ readiness in Cambodia have been identified:

- **Approach for REDD+ Implementation: subnational focus and cross sectoral approach**

Cambodia has developed several sectoral plans but it is not yet clear how its implementation will contribute to REDD+ results. The lack of commitment with the subnational implementation of these sectoral plans has been identified as a key challenge. Beyond that, the lack of consideration of the impact of sectors outside the forest was identified as a key challenge for the implementation of REDD+. Up to 2017, REDD+ in Cambodia, was focused only on interventions in the forest sector, not addressing the drivers coming from outside the forest. To address this concern a new integrated approach for the implementation of the NRS at both national and sub-national was presented and adopted by key Cambodian government officials during the recent FCPF annual planning meeting held in Kep on 22-23 January 2018. This will be coordinated through an AIP-NRS that will link the existing national policies from the various sectors and implementation at the subnational level in targeted areas, to help enhance coherence and coordination to achieve the REDD+ objectives set by Cambodia. A team of international and national consultants are being recruited to prepare the AIP-NRS.

- **Focus of the SIS and Sol on Safeguards and transparency**

To date, the safeguards discussions in Cambodia focused on REDD+ interventions, with the NRS being considered as one of the interventions. The implementation of REDD+ in Cambodia nevertheless, is based also on the implementation of various existing policies, laws and regulations, that also need to be assessed for the effective implementation of all the Cancun safeguards. Another challenge was that after the completion of the general framework and approach to safeguards implementation in 2016, no efforts were made to start the data collection and test the methodology proposed. The institutionalization of safeguards into government reporting systems to ensure the sustainability of systematic data collection and reporting is another key challenge. Cambodia does not have at the moment an existing system for data collection on safeguards and data sharing and transparency is not a common practice from governmental institutions. To overcome the risk, an international company was hired to help develop Cambodia's SIS and Sol to meet all UNFCCC requirements and considering the country's unique national circumstances.

- **MRV data sharing and information disclosure**

Although Cambodia has made a lot of progress in the development and implementation of its REDD+ policies and activities, sharing information, policy documents and data online is still a great challenge. With the announcement of a GCF RBP Pilot Programme and with the strong commitment from

Cambodia to participate in this programme, data sharing and information disclosure will be even more crucial including ensuring that all the information on Cambodia's NFMS including the maps, analysis, tables, documents, etc. are complete and made available online. The RGC is becoming aware of the need to make REDD+ information accessible in a transparent manner. The RTS will continue to provide clear instructions on the establishment of a synchronized data storage system to ensure proper data management and availability including data sharing processes and assignment of legal custodianship to ensure transparency and accessibility by the public.

- **Urgency of making a transition from design to implementation**

With the finalization of the NRS, NPSMP and NPFSP and significant progress on the institutional framework the priority must now shift from policy to implementation. In 2017, almost one third of the country's land area was put under conservation which will require on the ground support for demarcation, management, law enforcement, and to meet community needs and priorities. To do that, adequate financial and human resources are needed at a scale.

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

- Continue to develop and finalize AIP-NRS including a M&E framework.
- Develop and finalize gender considerations in REDD+ implementation and include guiding principles for mainstreaming gender in the AIP-NRS.
- Continue to support and provide capacity building to subnational entities to manage and implement AIP-NRS in targeted areas.
- Finalize the REDD+ SIS and Sol, and submit it to the UNFCCC.
- Develop greenhouse gas inventory (GHG-I) and the chapters of GHG and Mitigation Actions of the Biennial Update Report.
- Establish and strengthen community networks for natural resource management.
- Implement REDD+ monitoring activities in pilots Protected Area sites.
- Update time series data with a land use assessment for 2018.

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

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










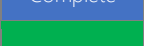










(Indicator OV.1.B: Number of FCPF supported countries that have in place a National REDD+ Strategy, FREL/FRL, NFMS and SIS; Output 1.3 indicators)

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	
	X	X
	N/A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional arrangements remain stable and many tasks under outcome 1 have been completed or have made significant progress • RTF, key relevant government institutions and RTS continue to provide strong leadership and engagement to support REDD+ implementation in Cambodia. 		
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	
	X	X
	N/A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG and GG are actively represented at multiple levels including decision-making. • Active participation in consultations and outreach processes. • Significant capacity building, awareness and outreach to grassroots levels and to subnational entities. 		
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	
	X	X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forestry, environment and natural resource sectors and agencies were witness to significant and rapid policy level decisions by the RGC in 2016. As a result, in January 2018, the RGC increased its total conservation area to 7.5 million hectares that includes 50 PAs and three Biodiversity Conservation Corridors (BCCs). By doing so, Cambodia has brought about 41 percent of its total area under conservation management. To assist GDANCP / MoE, the NPASMP has been completed and endorsed by RGC and the AIP-NPASMP has also been finalized for endorsement by GDANCP/MoE. On the ground work is underway to develop PA management plans. A technical guideline for developing PA management plans has also been completed and a scaling up plan is being discussed with GDANCP in REDD+ 		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
	[Orange]	<p>priority areas. In addition, NPFSP was also completed and will guide the future development and sustainable management of production forests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RGC announced the drafting of an Environment and Natural Resources Code (ENRC) that aims to harmonize and rationalize environmental legislation, policies, and regulations. The project remained engaged with the drafting of the ENRC and contributed with text to social and environmental safeguards, grievance redress mechanism, and remedial measures. As Cambodia transitions from REDD+ readiness to implementation it becomes important to enhance engagement with national policy developments that could complement REDD+ actions, to avoid duplication, and optimize resources. 	
	[Red]		
	N/A		
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NRS has been completed and endorsed by RGC. Set of policies for addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation with in forestry identified in the NRS. Capacity continues to be enhanced at sub-national level through demonstration activities as outline in section A: narrative summary, under point 1, outcome 3 of this report. Work is under way to develop AIP-NRS that will combine the national policy reform and targeted subnational implementation in priority areas. Policies, actions and measures to address drivers will be further refined based on AIP-NRS implementation. 	
	[Green]		
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Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete		
	[Green]		
	[Yellow]		
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	[Red]		
	N/A		X
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive assessment of country safeguards against the UNFCCC REDD+ safeguards have been conducted and an initial proposal for the development of 	
	[Green]		
	[Yellow]		
	[Orange]		X

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
		national SIS has been developed. Work is under way to develop SIS and the first Sol for Cambodia.	
			
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels			
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	 Complete	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FREL document has been updated based on the UNFCCC technical assessment and was officially posted online on the UNFCCC web platform together with the LULUCF experts report.
			
			
			
			
			
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards			
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	 Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design of a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) has been completed. The first version of forest monitoring portal was published but needs to be updated and available online http://cambodia-nfms.org/ Continuous efforts aimed at building the capacity of the MRV/REL-TT and testing the monitoring methodologies in two PA.
		X	
			
			
			
			
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	 Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The M&E Framework will be done as part of the AIP-NRS. ToR developed. National consultant is being recruited.
			
			
			
		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:

The final draft of the NRS incorporates elements to: enhance co-benefits in the implementation of REDD+, promote livelihood alternatives of local communities, ensure the active engagement of stakeholders, strengthen community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) and integrate and enhance the contribution for forest resources to livelihoods. Special attention will be given to promote

participation of vulnerable communities, women, indigenous people. Those most dependent on forest resources for their livelihoods will receive due attention during the planning and implementation of the AIP-NRS.

In addition, with financial support through a UNDP Small Grant on Community based REDD+ Programme the core focus will be to strengthen CBNRM and livelihoods of forest depended local community. In 2018, 12 Community Forestry and Community Protected Area related projects were selected and being supported with total budget of USD 420,000. Grant agreement signing with the grantees was completed. Implementation has already started in quarter three 2018.

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

The final draft of the NRS also incorporates elements that address biodiversity conservation. Broadly the NRS will strengthen governance and management of forest resource by enhancing capacity, prioritizing forest conservation areas, establish a robust national forest monitoring system and intensifying law enforcement capacity and implementation and promote the development of a national energy policy. Forest conservation areas located in high forest cover and high deforestation provinces and key landscapes will be prioritized for developing management plans.

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

\$ 3,800,000	FCPF Readiness grant phase I		Public /Private	Grant /Loan /Other
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\$ 5,500,000	FCPF Readiness grant phase II		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$			Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$			Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$			Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$			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)
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
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\$		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:

FCPF's support has been key to set REDD+ as one of the core priorities of the MoE of Cambodia.

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:

Most of the knowledge products and materials used come from the UNFCCC REDD+ web platform and the UN-REDD+ website.

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:

Annex 1: List of REDD+ Related Events Organized July 2017 - 30 June 2018

No	Subject	# days	Date	Location	Number of participants			Participants
					Female	Male	Total	
1	Programme Development							
1.1	Development NRS-AIP	0.5	8-Sept-17	Phnom Penh	4	17	21	FCPF/RTS/UNDP/GDANCP
1.2	Subnational consultation workshop on Action Plan for NPASMP	1	15-Sep-17	Siem Reap	1	23	24	FCPF/GDANCP/UNDP/MOE/DoE and Park Managers
1.3	Subnational consultation workshop on Action Plan for NPASMP	1	26-Sep-17	Sihanouk ville	1	28	29	FCPF/GDANCP/UNDP/MOE/DoE and Park Managers
1.4	Subnational consultation workshop on Action Plan for NPASMP	1	03-Oct-17	Ratanakiri	2	24	26	FCPF/GDANCP/UNDP/MOE/DoE and Park Managers
1.5	Inception Workshop of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility II	0.5	30-Oct-17	Phnom Penh	7	28	35	FCPF/RTS/UNDP/
1.6	Subnational consultation workshop on National Policy for Production Forestry	1	22-Dec-17	Siem Reap	3	72	75	RTS, FA, GDANCP, CG, CF, NGO
1.7	Consultative meeting on Technical Guideline to Develop Management Programme for Protected Areas and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors in Cambodia	1	5/24/2018	Siem Reap	5	34	39	PDoE, PA Managers/ FCPF/ FA/RTS/MoE
2	Capacity Building							
2.1	CC Exchange visit to Phnom Dek Chambok Hos Community Forestry and eco-tourism sites	1	26-Sep-17	Preah Vihea	4	18	22	CG/RTS/FCPF.
2.2	Learning event on REDD+ spatial planning	5	2-6-Oct-17	Hanoi	1	3	4	MRV Team and MoE/GDANCP

2.3	Regional Knowledge Exchange on "Operationalizing and financing National REDD+ Strategies: From financing implementation to Results-Based Payments for REDD+",	3	10-12-Oct-17	Bangkok	1	3	4	GDANCP/NCSD/FA/MEF
2.4	REGIONAL FORUM on Innovation, Inclusiveness and Impact: Strengthening and Diversifying Financing for Protected Areas	3	10-12-Oct-17	Malaysia	1	2	3	GDANCP/UNDP
2.5	Asia Region South-South Learning Event on REDD+ Safeguards	2	26-27 Oct-17	Hanoi	1		1	MRV Team and MoE/GDANCP
2.6	UNFCCC COP 23 Climate Change Conference	12	6-17-Nov-17	Bon, Germany	1	6	7	RTS, FA, GDACP, MRV, UNDP
2.7	South-South Knowledge Exchange visit between Cambodia-Viet Nam on REDD+	5	28Nov-2 Dec	Viet Nam	4	11	15	GDANCP/FA/RTS/MEF/JICA/UNDP
2.8	South-South Knowledge Exchange visit between Cambodia-Ecuador on REDD+	5	7-11 Dec-17	Ecuador	1	12	13	RTS/FA/GDANCP/NCSD/FiA/MAFF
2.9	Joint UNDP and GDANCP/MoE field visit to Prey Lang wildlife sanctuary	2	3-4- Feb-18	Kampong Thom	1	27	28	FCPF/UNDP/GDANCP
2.10	Web-site Contain Management training	1	30-Mar-18	Phnom Penh	2	4	6	RTS/FCPF
2.11	Training on the use of drone for monitoring purposes	4	2-5-Apr-18	Phnom Penh and Kamponh Spue	2	10	12	MRV-TT / GDANCP/FA/FiA
2.12	Training on Gender mainstreaming in REDD+ for Climate Action	4	26-29-Jun-18	Kep	15	8	23	GG/RTS/MoE/MoWA/MAFF/NCSD
3	Technical Team							
3.1	Safeguard Technical Team Meeting	2	3-4-Jul-17	Siem Reap	3	22	25	Safeguards Technical Team, MoE/FA/FCPF/RTS/CG/GG
3.2	Safeguard Technical Team Meeting	2	13-14-Sep-17	Siem Reap	3	14	17	Safeguards Technical Team, MoE/FA/FCPF/RTS/CG/GG

3.3	MRV/FEL Technical Meeting.	2	24-25-Aug-17	Preah Sihanouk	6	22	28	MoE, FA, FiA, MRV, RTS, FCPF
4	Stakeholder Engagement							
4.1	The 19th REDD+ Consultation Group meeting	1	25-Sep-17	Preah Vihea	4	18	22	CG/RTS/FCPF.
4.2	Reflection workshop on REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement	2	05-06-Oct-17	Siem Reap	13	62	75	RST, GDANCP, FA, FiA STT, GG, CG, LNGOs, CSOs, IPs, CF, CFi, CPA, ARI and PS
4.3	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	08-Aug-17	Mondul Seima district, Kohkong province	16	21	37	CPA
4.4	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	09-Aug-17	Mondul Seima district, Koh Kong province	20	12	32	CPA
4.6	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	10-Aug-17	Teuk Chhu district, Kampot province	17	28	45	CFi
4.7	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	15-Aug-17	Kravanh district, Pursat province	22	17	39	CF
4.8	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	16-Aug-17	Kravanh district, Pursat province	22	22	44	IP
4.10	REDD+ Sub-national outreach consultation and training workshop for CF, CFi, CPA and IP members	0.5	17-Aug-17	Krakor district, Prusat province	12	12	24	CFi
4.11	REDD+ awareness raising outreach for Royal University Agriculture students.	1	25-Aug-2017	Phnom Penh	40	33	73	University student
4.12	The 20 th CG Meeting	1	22-Feb-18	Siem Reap	3	23	26	CG/GDANCP/FA/RECOFTC/RTS /FCPF
4.13	The 21st CG meeting	1	5/11/2018	Siem Reap	3	16	19	CG/GDANCP/FA/RECOFTC/RTS

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4.14	REDD+ Awareness Raising Workshop for Subnational Administration	2	29-30-May-18	Koh Kong	15	91	106	Provincial & District Governors, Commune Council, provincial division of Inter sector and division of Investment and planning, PDoE, PDoAFF, PA, FAC, Inter sector office at district level.
4.15	REDD+ Awareness Raising Workshop for Subnational Administration	2	13-14-Jun-18	Siem Reap	19	90	109	Provincial & District Governors, Commune Council, provincial division of Inter sector and division of Investment and planning, PDoE, PDoAFF, PA, FAC, Inter sector office at district level.
4.16	REDD+ Awareness Raising Workshop for Subnational Administration	2	20-21-Jun-18	Battambang	14	70	84	Provincial & District Governors, Commune Council, provincial division of Inter sector and division of Investment and planning, PDoE, PDoAFF, PA, FAC, Inter sector office at district level.
5	Management and Coordination							
5.1	FCPF project retreat and work planning meeting	2	22-23-Jan-18	KEP	11	31	42	FCPF/RTS/MOE/UNDP
5.2	RTS Meeting	0.5	27-Mar-18	Phnom Penh	3	5	8	RTS/FCPF
6	Governance							
6.1	9 th REDD+ Taskforce Meeting	2	20-21-Jul-17	Mundul Kiri	15	46	61	RTF, RTS, TTs/ MoE, FA/FiA , CG,GG WCS
6.2	12 th FCPF Project Executive Board Meeting	0.5	23-Aug-2017	Phnom Penh	9	18	27	FCPF/UNDP/RTS/FAO
6.3	1 st FCPF II Project Executive Board Meeting	0.5	3/19/2018	Phnom Penh	14	12	26	GDANCP/RTS/FCPFII/UNDP

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Number of trainings	3
Number of workshops	18
Number of South-South Cooperation	6
Number of Community Exchange Learnings	1
Number of meetings	12
Total	<u>40</u>