

Promoting REDD+ through
**Governance, Forest landscapes &
Livelihoods**
in Northern Lao PDR
ER-PIN



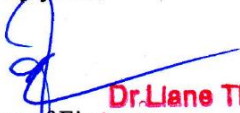
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Commitment

- REDD+ important in **Forestry Strategy 2020, Natural Resources Strategy 2016-2025 (draft), Climate Change Strategy, INDC**
- **Forestry working group (FSSWG), REDD+ Task Force (RTF) & 6 provinces support ER-PIN:**
 - **RTF: Environment, Agriculture and Forestry, Planning and Investment, Energy and Mines, Justice, Finance, Defense, ... and Women's Union**

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Liang THYKEO

Minister, Finance

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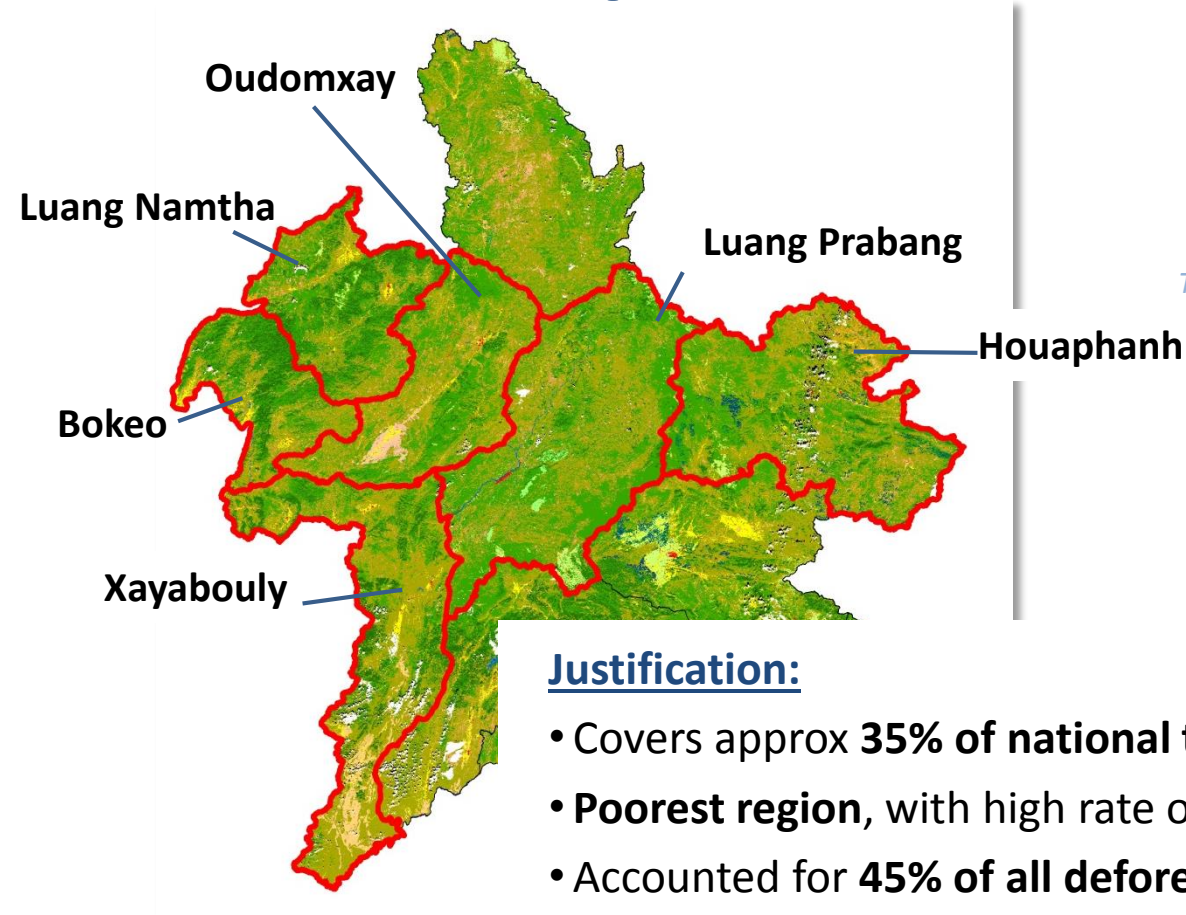
Dr. Noulinh SINBANDHIT

Minister, Natural Resources and Environment

- **Prime Minister decision on FLEGT VPA negotiations**

Scale and Location

6 Northern provinces



Justification:

- Covers approx **35% of national territory**;
- **Poorest region**, with high rate of **shifting cultivation**;
- Accounted for **45% of all deforestation & degradation** in 2000-2010
- REDD+ will be rolled out nationally;
- Includes provinces with **early actions** towards results.

Forest cover by Province





Uncontrolled logging



Shifting cultivation

Commercial agriculture

Infrastructure

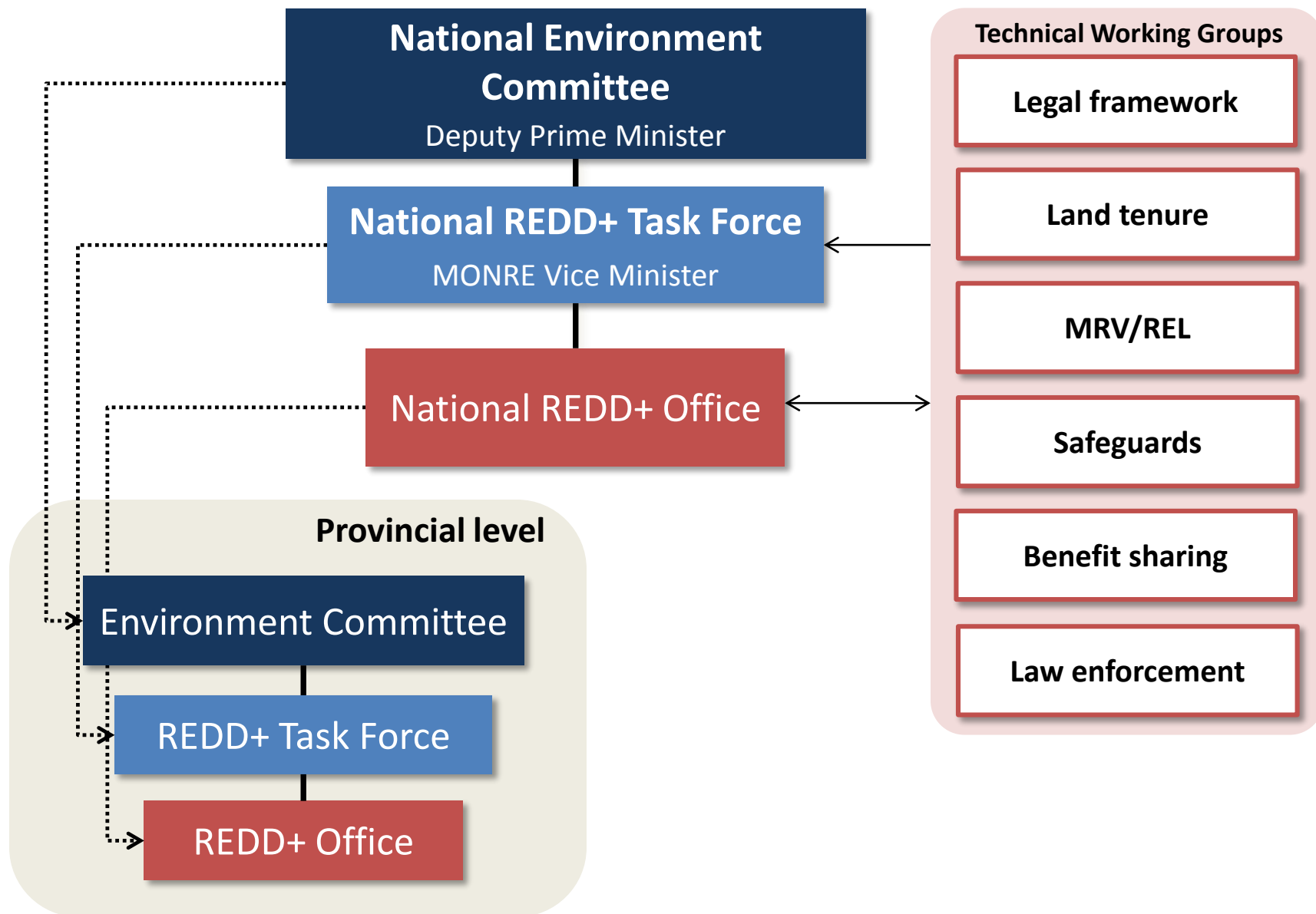




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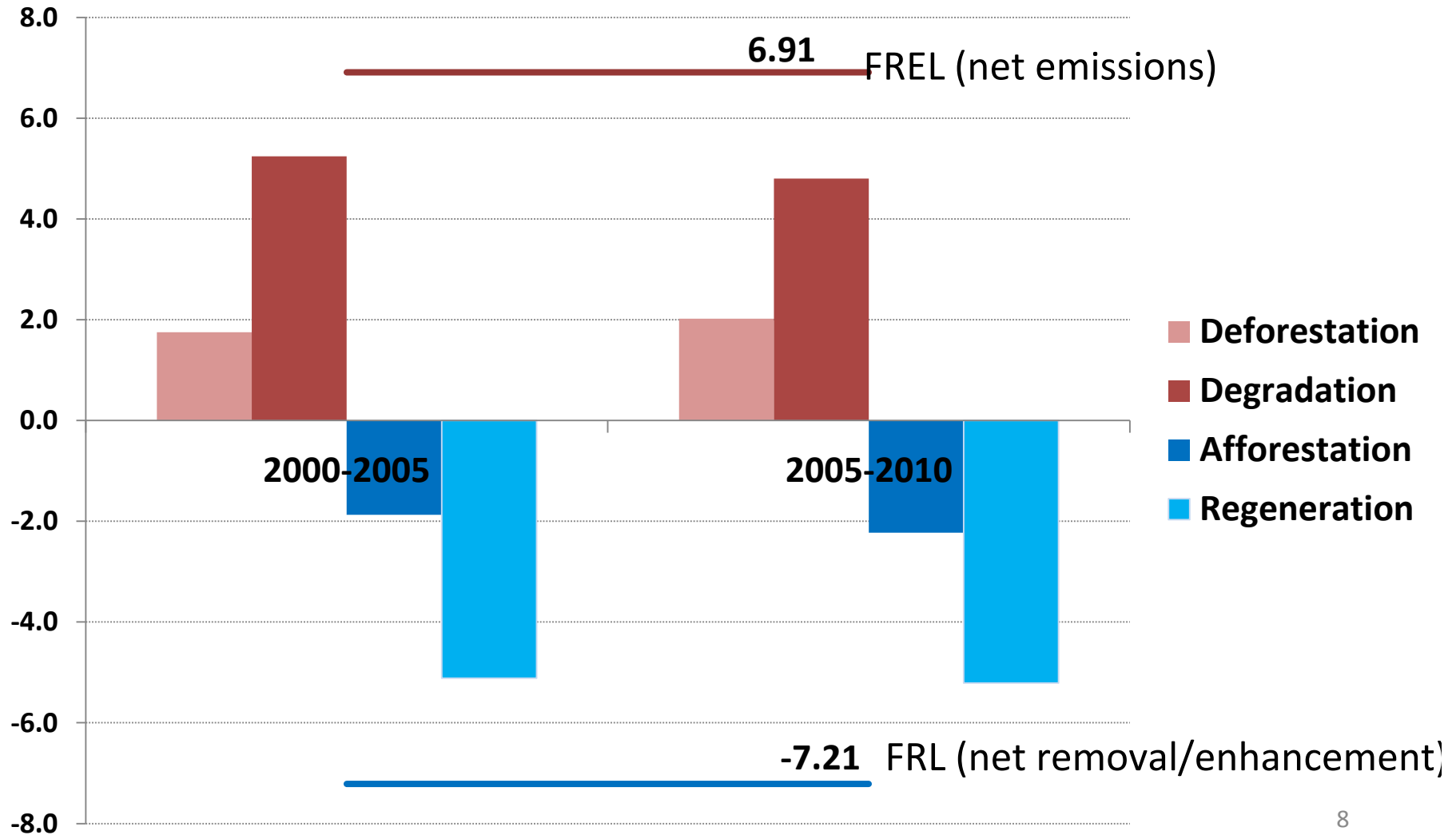
- **Governance and law enforcement**
 - Improved coordination and implementation of planning & monitoring
 - FLEGT VPA with EU, and bilateral agreement with the Viet Nam on FLEGT
- **Forest landscape management & integrated spatial planning**
 - Cross-sectoral coordination
 - Minimizing forest disturbance and loss
 - Promote forest protection and restoration
- **Participatory land use planning and livelihood development**
 - Capacity building on appropriate farming techniques and access
 - Alternative livelihood development
 - Accelerating PLUP (Lao's national process) and securing land tenure
- **PES - Payment of Environmental Services**
- **SFM Certification**
- **Forest restoration and afforestation**

Institutions



Preliminary FREL/FRL

(Million t CO₂/year)



Expected ERs

Unit: tCO₂e

	Estimated Emission Reductions	Estimated Removals	Total estimated ER performance
Up to CF lifetime of 2025			
8 years 2018-2025	5,525,990	5,769,171	11,295,161
if 7 years 2018-2024	4,835,241	5,048,025	9,883,267
For a period of 10 years	6,907,487	7,211,464	14,118,952

Volume proposed for the CF:

No other carbon finance providers or buyers identified to date.

Propose to offer the maximum amount of ERs generated, as allowed by the CF.

SESA & Grievance Redress Mechanism

- **SESA & ESMF**
 - Major part of FCPF Readiness grant – to start early 2016
 - align with the ER-PD process, particularly for ER-P provinces
- **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)**
 - Government's existing GRM
 - Village mediation units
 - Provincial, regional and supreme courts
 - Direct appeals to National Assembly
 - National REDD+ Strategy (under development)
 - Based on Government's GRM
 - Based on Gov't, WB and Cancun safeguards
 - FPIC at the core



Land and Resource Tenure

- **Current issues & challenges**

- Mixed results of land allocation Programs; titling still limited
- Communal titling not formalized

- **Benefits from ER-Program**

- **REDD+ & ER-Program gives strong rationale for land tenure**

- Rural land allocation and titling
- Opportunity to formalize Participatory forest management
- Improved land use planning to avoid conflicts
- ER-Program will contribute to national land policies

- **Risks from ER-Program interventions**

- **Risks are “Moderate” to “Low”**

- Proposed land use may conflict with interest
- Elite capture of land and resources



- FPIC
- Participatory planning
- Integrated spatial planning

Non-Carbon Benefits

- **Pro-poor rural development**
 - Increase income, poverty reduction, alt. livelihoods
 - Increase knowledge, skills, participation of women and ethnic minorities; & recognize traditional & customary knowledge and forest use
- **Improved forest governance**
 - improved law enforcement
 - Improved planning & monitoring capacity
 - Improved land & resource access
- **Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services**
 - Biodiversity corridor establishment & improved wildlife habitat
 - Increased watershed protection and forest restoration
- **Protection of human rights**
 - Strengthened awareness and access to human rights

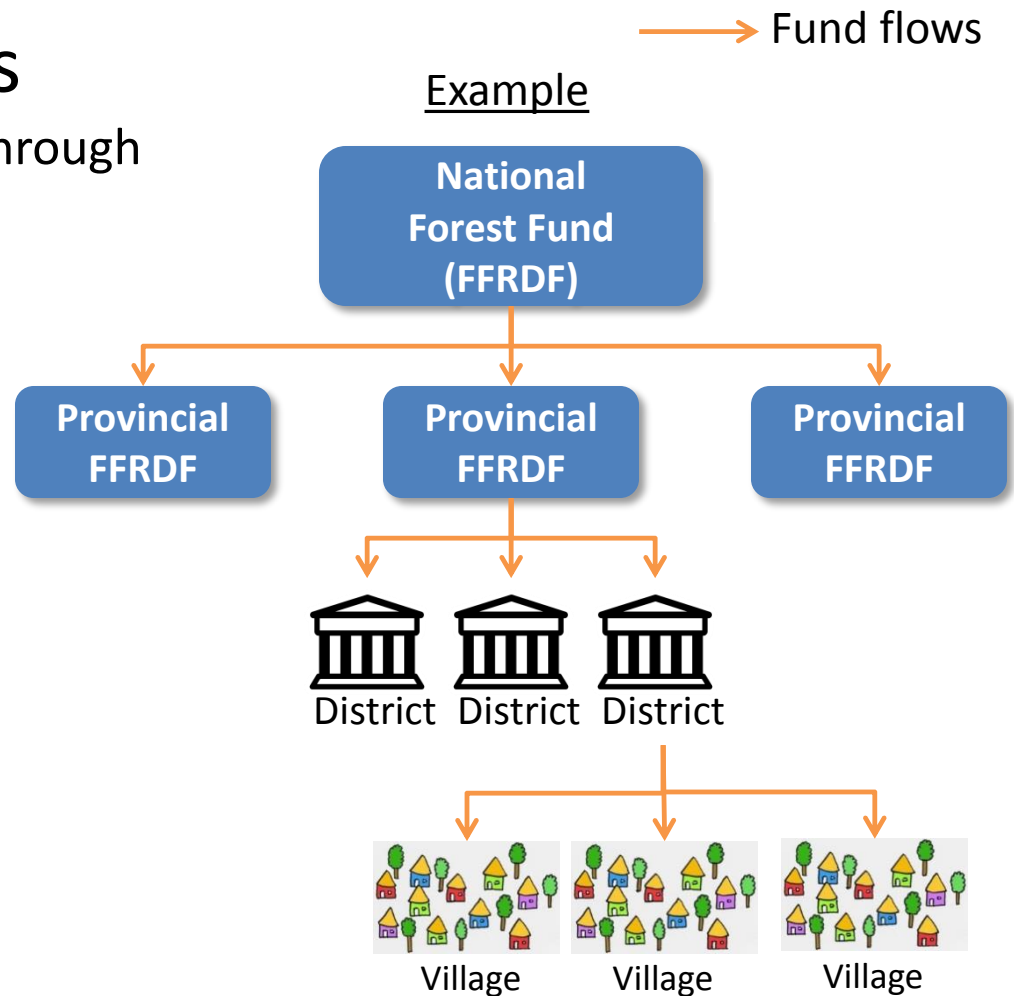


Benefit Sharing

Existing funds

Sharing REDD+ benefit will be through existing mechanisms.

- **Forest & Forest Resources Development Fund (FFRDF)**
- **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)**
- **Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF)**





Diversity & Learning Value

Governance, rural livelihoods & forest landscapes at the core

The ER-Program will aim to answer these questions:

1. *Can **forest degradation** from **shifting cultivation** be effectively addressed through REDD+?*
2. *Can REDD+ as financial incentives leverage government's **high level commitment to change multi-sectoral planning and coordination**?*
3. *How practically can **REDD+ be mainstreamed** into existing planning and monitoring processes?*
4. *What are the **enabling conditions** for REDD+? What **reforms and policies** need to go in hand with REDD+ for success?*

Thank you

