



Readiness Fund REDD+

## Uganda Progress Report (July 2018-June 2019)

Ministry of Water and Environment  
Uganda

## SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

### 1. In brief, what were the main REDD+ readiness-related activities and achievements delivered within your country during the last year?

The REDD+ process continued to receive financial and technical backstopping from FCPF (through the World Bank) and financial support from Government of Uganda.

Progress toward addressing recommendations of the FCPF PC and TAP: Uganda has made good progress toward addressing the recommendations made during approval of its Readiness Package:

Recommendations	Responses
Address issues of land tenure, including in relationship to benefit sharing, and continue engaging with other bodies responsible for land resources	Uganda's Benefit Sharing Arrangements (BSA) identifies tenure of land and forests a critical issue underpinning future sharing of carbon benefits and recommends putting in place a legal definition of carbon rights. Implementation of this recommendation will involve engagement with Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban development and other stakeholders in resolving the unclear relationship between current forms land tenure and sharing of carbon benefits.
Clarify carbon rights, considering legal as well as social issues and taking into account Uganda's experiences under VCS and CDM.	Uganda is embarking on revising the Forestry Policy (2001) with support from FCPF and FAO and the recommendation to put in place a legally binding definition of carbon rights will be addressed through this policy reform and thereafter in the revision of the Forests and Tree Planting Act (2003).
Strengthening coordination with other sectors and also inclusion of local governments and private sector in REDD+ processes, considering their importance to success of ER Programs	<p><b><u>Planned actions/ongoing</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Strengthening capacities, structures, processes and platforms for stakeholder engagement with the REDD+ process at national and subnational levels. There is ongoing Capacity building effort targeting Indigenous Forest Dependent People (IPs), mainstreaming Gender in REDD+ Strategy implementation, and, capacity building at various levels on REDD+ Strategies and action Plan.</li> <li>b. Developing and implementing Guidelines for mainstreaming REDD+ Strategy implementation into targeted sectors including wildlife, tourism, land, agriculture, energy, health, education, and, infrastructure development.</li> <li>c. Mobilizing financial and technical resources for REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Government of Uganda has maintained core budget support for REDD+ Strategy Implementation during the 2019/2020 financial year.</li> <li>ii. Uganda is making good progress towards accessing GCF and World Bank funding to support implementation of REDD+ Strategy and Action.</li> </ul> <p>d. Uganda has embarked on designing two (2) Emission Reduction Programmes (ERPs) covering two landscapes that present great potential for Carbon abatement. The design of the ERPs is expected to be complete by June 2020. The ERPs aim to target FCFP and other Carbon funds.</p>
<p>Completing the next steps for developing a functional National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)</p>	<p>The following activities for completing the design of NFMS are ongoing and expected to be completed by 31 December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Completion of geographically representative National Forest Inventory (NFI) with updated data in order to improve carbon measurements and other relevant information on forest use and forest cover.</li> <li>b. Updating data series to produce activity data for 2017/2018.</li> <li>c. Improving forest reference level (i.e. estimation of emissions from forest degradation, inclusion of soil and litter pools and improved estimation of emissions due to fire).</li> <li>d. Strengthening institutional capacities and systems for institutionalizing NFMS/MRV, including carrying out a pilot to explore the potential role of communities in MRV.</li> </ul>

Note: Detailed responses to the TAC recommendations are presented in Appendix 1.

The following is the progress reporting according to the FCPF Annual work plan format:

### Component 1: Coordination and Monitoring of REDD+ Readiness Process

**Technical Support / REDD+ Secretariat personnel (LTA (not full time); Communications / Project Officer; Additional TA on ER Programs.** The Contracted REDD+ Secretariat Technical Staff continued to support the REDD+ Readiness Activities. The Short-Term TA for Emissions Reduction Programmes was recruited although the planned services of the TA have not been fully realized due to delays in recruitment of the Consultant for the Design and Documentation of two REDD+ Uganda's Emissions Reduction Programmes (ERPs).

**REDD+ Secretariat Office and operational costs (including vehicle running costs).** FCFP-AF and Government of Uganda (GoU) budget continued to support the Office operational costs covering vehicle running costs, office space, office supplies, internet services and support to communication component activities including support to the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS).

**REDD+ representation in regional/international meetings.** The National Focal Point and Alternate Focal Point represented Uganda at the Participants Committee Eleventh Meeting (PA11) and Participants Committee Twenty-Sixth Meeting (PC26) meeting. At this meeting, the Uganda delegation presented Uganda's R-Package. The Alternate Focal Point participated

in the 24<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP 24) of the UNFCCC in Katowice, Poland between 26<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Representation in National policy, planning and coordination processes.** The REDD+ Secretariat participated and made presentations in Six (6) Joint Water and Environment Sector Working Group meetings, and One (1) Sector Review platforms convened by the Ministry of Water and Environment. The REDD+ programme actively participated in the National Water and Environment Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019) that included commemoration of World Forest Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. During this event, REDD+ Secretariat exhibited the work of REDD+ process and also launched the National REDD+ Strategy, Benefit Sharing Arrangements, Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism and Uganda's FREL. The REDD+ National Focal Point presented progress of REDD+ process in the country in different Ministry coordination platforms; e.g., Ministry of Water and Environment Top Policy meetings, Senior Management meetings of Ministry of Water and Environment.

**Resources Mobilization for implementation of REDD+ Strategy:** the following undertakings were accomplished or are in the pipeline.

- a. REDD+ Secretariat continued to spearhead the preparation of the FIP Project covering the Albertine Rift (FIP IP#1) now titled Strengthening Forest Protection and Landscape Resilience Project (SFLRP) targeting financing by GCF, World Bank and Government of Uganda.
- b. REDD+ Secretariat finalized a Concept note for soliciting joint financing by FCFP-AF (USD 100,000) and FAO FLEGT Programme (USD 100,000) to support to the Review of Uganda's Forestry Policy.
- c. REDD+ Secretariat participated in the ongoing planning processes for preparing Uganda's National Development Plan NDP III (2020-2024).

**National level supervisions/ coordination and harmonization processes (meetings of NCCAC, NTC, TFs).** During the reporting period, the following REDD+ Steering Committee (NCCAC), NTC and Taskforce meetings were held:

**NCCAC:** 1 NCCAC meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. At this meeting, NCCAC considered and adopted/approved the following documents: i) the draft report on Assessment report on Uganda's REDD+ Readiness (R-package); ii) the July 2017-June 2018 FCPF Annual report; iii) the July 2018-June 2019 Work plan. Over-all, 13 NCCAC members participated, of which 3 were females and 10 were males; 1 presenting CSO and Private Sector. Indigenous forest dependent people were not represented during this meeting.

**NTC:** 3 NTC meetings were held as follows:

- a. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 NTC: meeting considered and recommended; i) draft Uganda's REDD+ Readiness (R-package); ii) draft July 2017-June 2018 FCPF Annual report; iii) draft July 2018-June 2019 Work plan for submission to NCCAC for adoption or approval.
- b. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019: meeting considered and provided input into: i) Inception Report for the undertaking "Mainstreaming Gender into REDD+ processes and Strengthening Capacity of Forest Dependent Indigenous People to actively engage in REDD+ Strategy Implementation; ii) Institutionalization of the National Forest Monitoring System.
- c. 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019: meeting considered and provided input into: i) Draft Guidance Note on Gender Training for REDD+ Steering Committee and National Technical Committee; ii) Draft Scoping report (priority gender and capacity issues for IPs in ERP areas) for Mainstreaming Gender into REDD+ processes and strengthening capacity of Forest Dependent Indigenous People to actively engage in REDD+ Strategy Implementation.

Over-all, 17 NTC members participated, of which 6 were females; 3 presenting CSO and Private Sector, and, 3 representing Indigenous forest dependent people.

**TASK FORCES:** 3 meetings were held as follows:

- a. 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 meeting of Safeguards/Policy Taskforce: meeting considered and provided inputs into: i) Inception Report for the undertaking "Mainstreaming Gender into REDD+ processes and strengthening capacity of

Forest Dependent Indigenous People to actively engage in REDD+ Strategy Implementation; ii) Institutionalization of the National Forest Monitoring System.

- b. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2029: meeting of the Joint taskforces: meeting discussed and provided input into the revisions of the M&E Framework.
- c. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019: meeting of Safeguards Taskforce meeting considered and provided inputs into: i) Draft Guidance Note on Gender Training for REDD+ Steering Committee and National Technical Committee; ii) Draft Scoping report (priority gender and capacity issues for IPs in ERP areas) for Mainstreaming Gender into REDD+ processes and strengthening capacity of Forest Dependent Indigenous People to actively engage in REDD+ Strategy Implementation.

Over-all, 26 Taskforce members participated, of which 7 were females.

**Learning and sharing experiences and lessons (South-South exchange with Ghana):** Uganda's 11-person delegation comprised of representatives from REDD+ Secretariat and Partners (6 males and 5 females) undertook a Study Tour to Ghana from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The objectives of the Study Tour were to: i) Equip Uganda's REDD+ team with the opportunity to learn by seeing how Ghana has undertaken the process of finalizing all the REDD+ Readiness elements, completing their Forest Investment Plan, mobilizing resources for REDD+ investments and Results Based Payments from various sources, and, initiating implementation of the activities that are included in the national REDD+ Strategy of Ghana; ii) Learn how to make meaningful linkages between REDD+ Readiness process with Forestry Investment Programmes and the Results Based Actions, iii) Learn about the involvement of Private Sector in the implementation of the results based component of REDD+ and how Uganda could structure its emission reduction programs as well as its REDD+ investment phase actions in coherent arrangement; iv) Learn how to mobilize resources for REDD+ implementation; v) Learn about Ghana's ideas of Registry for REDD+ Results Based Transactions; and, vi) See examples of actual field activities being undertaken as part of the above REDD+ / FIP / ERP arrangements.

**M&E processes and strengthening application of REDD+ M&E framework:** The REDD+ Secretariat completed revision of the 2015 M&E Framework. The process of revising the Framework was spearheaded by REDD+ Secretariat and involved consultations with key stakeholders and input by 3 Taskforces in a joint meeting. The revision that took into the REDD+ progress as reported in the R-package (2018) and focused on monitoring targets and indicators for the outstanding outputs and deliverables as of October 2018. The performance indicators were revised to render them relevant to the outstanding work and deliverables, while the Results indicators were left unchanged. The Revised M&E Framework can be accessed at Ministry of Water and Environment website <https://www.mwe.go.ug/>.

**Preparation and approval of R-package:** Uganda's R-package was submitted in August 2018 and endorsed by FCPF-PC in October 2018. Uganda has prepared responses to comments provided by TAP and FCPF – PC that are attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## Component 2: Stakeholder Engagement and Feedback in Readiness Process

**Support to implementation of Uganda REDD+ Gender Strategy (integrating Gender into REDD+ processes):** The objectives of this undertaking are: i) To support mainstreaming of gender considerations into REDD+ Strategy implementation, through implementation of key activities from the REDD+ Gender Roadmap; ii) Enhance coordination of forest-dependent IPs in Uganda Albertine region to be able to network, share information and monitor their inclusion in REDD+ processes ; iii) Enhance the capacity of forest-dependent indigenous people and other forest dwellers to understand REDD+ process in Uganda, and enable them effectively participate and voice their concerns in policy-making and decision-making processes; and, iv) Ensure forest-dependent indigenous peoples' issues are mainstreamed national REDD+ Strategy.

By reporting time, a scoping report highlighting key gender issues for REDD+ Strategy implementation as well as capacity gaps for the Forest Indigenous People was completed. In addition, the training guide for the NCCAC and NTC in gender

mainstreaming into REDD+ Strategy implementation was finalized. Follow up activities are ongoing, targeting to complete the task by December 2019.

### **Component 3: REDD+ Strategy and SESA**

The undertakings under this component aim to achieve 3 objectives, namely;

- a. To revise and update Uganda's REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan and Budget (including developing a Vision for REDD+ Strategy implementation approach showing how to practically roll out REDD+ across the country and how the overall approach to the ER Programs is conceptualized by the country) and the REDD+ SESA report and ESMF.
- b. Based on the National REDD+ Strategy, SESA report and ESMF and the extensive consultation process to date, develop the following safeguards frameworks (some initial scoping for these is already included in the SESA report and its annexes): (i) Process Framework; (ii) Indigenous Peoples' Planning Framework; and (iii) Resettlement Policy Framework, consistent with the World Bank Operational Policies. Specific requirements for these are laid out in the Integrated Safeguards Datasheet dated September 13, 2017 and the Project Paper for the Additional Funding (publicly available on the World Bank website and the FCPF Uganda webpage). Considering extensive consultations undertaken to date on the Strategy and SESA, this assignment will include only targeted consultations absolutely necessary for completion of the assignment.
- c. Design and support to operationalization of a Safeguards Information System (SIS).

By reporting time, initial revised drafts of the REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan, SESA, ESMF were undergoing stakeholder review and validation. Secondly, drafts of the i) Process Framework; (ii) Indigenous Peoples' Planning Framework; and (iii) Resettlement Policy Framework were prepared and undergoing in country review and validation. With regards to the SIS, the initial in-country consultations were completed and drafting of the report regarding SIS architecture is ongoing.

### **Component 4: REDD+ Implementation Framework (ER Programs)**

The objective of this undertaking is to support the Government of Uganda to design and develop at least two Emissions Reduction Programs (ER Programs) in the (i) Albertine and (ii) Mt. Elgon Regions as grounded in the National REDD+ Strategy.

By reporting time, the procurement for this undertaking was completed and Consultant started the task.

### **Component 5: National Reference Scenario and Inventory of Forest Resources**

This undertaking aims to further support the Government of Uganda in establishing and institutionalizing a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS). The specific undertakings are to: i) complete a geographically representative National Forest Inventory (NFI) with updated data produced to improve carbon measurements and other relevant information on forest use and forest cover; ii) Update data series to produce activity data for 2017/2018 (2018/2019); iii) Improve forest reference level for REDD+ (including estimation of emissions from forest degradation, inclusion of soil and litter pools and improved estimation of emissions due to fire); and, iv) Strengthen institutional capacities and systems in order to institutionalize NFMS/MRV, including carrying out a pilot to explore the potential role of communities in MRV (e.g. verifying NFI and AD results).

By reporting time, the task of completing design of the National Forest Monitoring system is well underway. The forest inventory process focused on areas previously not covered including the Albertine (Hoima, Kabarole, Greater Bushenyi) and Northern Uganda (Karamoja); all of the Exploratory Inventory sites for the Albertine area have been completed whole the Land Use Land Cover map (LULC) for 2017 is nearly complete. The LULC Maps includes 13 classes (5 for forest and 8 for other Land Uses) consistently with the other LULC maps produced since the 1990. In addition, the draft Accuracy Assessment document has been prepared, forest/non forest, preliminary change estimates were calculated for the period 2015/2017 and an accuracy assessment drafted. An initial assessment of forest degradation is also nearly complete. A capacity building activity was organized for the NFA experts and the assistants were trained in-depth on SEPAL and Google Earth Engine portals and on BFAST time series algorithm over the course of 2 weeks in order to be fully trained for this first estimation attempt. The forest degradation estimation process is being refined and is supposed to provide preliminary results during the first week of August 2019.

The NFMS IT infrastructure is in phase of completion and currently includes all the relevant information on the same server:

- a. The NFMS web portal (<https://www.nfa-fmis.net/>) that displays all the information produced during the technical support (including NFI sampling unit positions, LULC maps and Change).
- b. The wiki: A document where the information related to the MRV process, including manuals, tutorials, scripts, etc. is collected and organized.
- c. Collect: a database that stores all the NFI data collected in the field in real time. The database includes currently also the information from the previous NFIs.

Roles and responsibilities are being refined as have workflows to safeguard the capacity development that is ongoing with the stakeholders (NFA, MWE and DFS). Meetings with the main external stakeholders are ongoing in order to identify key additional support (ancillary and/or temporary) to the NFMS. Additionally, some discussions are ongoing to evaluate the possible solutions for, as much as possible, a stable setup of the HR in NFA. An institutional arrangement recommendation document is being finalized and it will contain all the relevant information (gap analysis, way forward, budget needs), the institutional links and the roadmap that should be improved or established. Naro Kawanda is the institutional partner identified to estimate the Soil Organic Carbon in the different LULC and in Forest Change (the work is ongoing expected to be complete before the end of August).

## 2. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related challenges and/or problems during the last year?

The following challenges constrained the progress:

- a. Procurement: the REDD+ process continued to face delays in procurement of consultants due to cumbersome procurements procedures of Government and World Bank. By reporting period, all procurement packages had just been approved/completed although most of these were behind schedule due to late start.

## 3. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver, and achievements anticipated during the next year?

Information on planned activities and achievements is presented in format adapted from the M& E Framework for Uganda's REDD process. Over-all, REDD+ steering, coordination and management arrangements continued to be satisfactory, awareness and outreach activities were maintained, and recommendations for forestry policy reform have been incorporated in the planned Forestry policy review. Implementing of the 2018-2019 work plan is well underway, albeit delayed start of the Design of the ER Programmes.

The following are the work plan July 2019- June 2020 targets under each R-PP results as presented in the M&E Framework are planned.

**All key REDD+ management and coordination structures are fully developed and functional:** During the reporting period, 3 Steering committee meetings, 5 National Technical Meetings are planned with an expected participation level of 75%.

**Strengthened FSSD/REDD+ Secretariat:** during this period, the current secretariat personally will be maintained. The FCPF Grant will undergo the 2018/2019 annual audit (report will have resubmitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019) and end of Grant audit. End of Grant Audits will be submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**R-PP Implementation Consultation, and Outreach Plan (REDD-C&P) developed and implemented:** work plan targets 75 % of participatory structures supporting the different components of revising REDD+ Strategy and implementation frameworks, mainstreaming gender in REDD+ process, design of ER programmes and finalization of the NFMS.

**R-PP Implementation Awareness and Communications Strategy (RACS) developed and implemented:** work plan targets at least 75% performance.

**Conflict Resolution and Grievances Management System (FGRM) developed and tested (link to Component 2d- SESA):** the 2017 FGRM will be revised alongside to ensure consistence with the updated SESA, ESMF and the REDD+ Strategy.

**Key areas for policy reforms proposed to address the main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation:** Uganda's Forestry Policy (2001) will be revised to address REDD+ Strategy recommendation, among the merging forestry issues in Uganda.

**Comprehensive and coherent REDD+ strategic options tested in demonstration sites and formally validated nationally:** Uganda's 2017 REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan will be revised /updated to integrate trends forestry and land use issues since 2017.

**Relevant institutional structures for REDD+ implementation established and validated:** the work plan aims to an Approved national level implementation framework for REDD+ and 2 ERPs.

**Measures to mitigate and avoid negative social and environmental impacts are defined:** by June 2020, the following outputs will be realised: i) Updated and approved ESMF Framework; ii) Approved Process Framework; iii) Approved resettlement Policy framework; iv. Approved Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework; and, v) Approved SIS

**Specific knowledge on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation increased:** by June 2020, forest and land use assessment information and reports will be updated and uploaded don Ministry of Water and Environment Website.

**Key policy reforms required, as well as strategic options to support policy reform are analysed, agreed, detailed and budgeted for:** Uganda will complete revision of the 2017 REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Plan, with adequate inputs from Stakeholders at national, landscape /district levels across all stakeholders and sectors + IPs from Albertine Rift and Mt. Elgon Ecosystem.

**REDD+ Options are finalised:** during 2019/2020, Uganda's REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Plan will be updated through a series of activities involving: i) 4 Regional level and one national level meetings on issues REDD+ Strategy Options (measures, actions and interventions) Paper; ii) 4 Regional level and one national level meetings to discuss improvements in SESA, ESMF iii) 8 meetings with IPs; and, iv) 1 validation workshop at national level to validate the Revised national REDD+ strategy and Action Plan.

**Early measures and demonstration activities are identified and implemented:** during 2019/2020, 2 R-Pins and 2 ERPs will be prepared and approved by FCPF.

**Institutional set-up and capacities strengthened for all stakeholders at national and local levels:** by June 2020, an Institutional, and policy framework for REDD+ implementation and carbon financing will be approved, a Clearing house for REDD+ information will be established and functional and an M&E Framework for REDD+ implementation will be in place.



**Transparent and efficient financing mechanism to channel carbon funds to the beneficiaries designed:** by June 2020, an approved Uganda’s revised BSA will be in place.

**Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) completed and findings integrated into REDD+ strategy:** by June 2020, an approved Uganda’s revised SESA will be in place and national capacity to conducting periodic SESA built.

**ESMF completed and findings integrated into REDD+ strategy:** by June 2020, an approved revised ESMF will be in place, providing indicators related to biodiversity conservation and livelihood of local communities in addition to other co-benefits and safeguards.

**Peer reviewed reference emissions levels for Uganda:** updated/revised FREL (3rd submission to UNFCCC).

**Baseline of deforestation and degradation rates and trends, and of biomass and carbon stocks in Uganda developed:** Revised/Updated Data Published.

**Reference scenarios and emission levels developed:** by June 2020, Uganda will have approved updated FREL (3rd submission) to UNFCCC.

**Ability of Uganda to timely monitor and report on forest changes and safeguards:** by June 2020, Uganda’s NFMS system complying with international standards will have been nationally approved, Uganda aims to have Verified data in range of +/- 5% from original data and 2 landscapes Projects targeted for ERPs.

**Capacities for monitoring Forest Carbon from national to community level created (NFMS):** by June 2020, Uganda aims to have a Full operational capacity in NFA, UWA and other key institutional stakeholders, a Forest monitoring manual that describes monitoring of all types of REDD+ activities, leakage, and carbon pools developed and distributed, Data from different forest regimes integrated into one central data base (NFMS), as well as an Integrated central data base (NFMS).

**Information system on multiple benefits, other impacts, governance, and safeguards functional:** by June 2020, Uganda aims to establish baseline information on multiple benefits, other impacts, governance and safeguards validated and an approved SIS.

**R-PP financial needs covered in a timely manner:** Uganda ism to utilize 100% of the FCPF AF.

**Programme Monitoring and Evaluation framework validated and functional:** Uganda aims to submit: i) 2 Annual reports; ii) 2 semi-annual reports, and, iii) 1 end of FCPF Support report.

## SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

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

Uganda’s Assessment as at 30 June 2019 largely remains the same as was reported in Uganda’s R-package in October 2018. Uganda has prepared response to the comments and recommendations of the FCPF PC and TAP (Appendix 1 (Uganda’s response to the Comments of TAP and FCPF-PC).

**Progress rating key:**

Complete	The sub-component has been completed
Significant progress	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)
<b>R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation</b>		
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Complete	
	N/A	
National REDD+ Management arrangements have continued to function satisfactorily		
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	
	N/A	
REDD+ process has continued being inclusive, with engagement of stakeholders through taskforces and consultations meetings supporting ongoing work under REDD+ Strategy revision, SESA and ESMF, NFMS.		
<b>R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation</b>		
Sub-component 2: REDD+ Strategy	Complete	
	N/A	
Revised / abbreviated REDD+ Strategy and implementation frameworks due for completion in August 2019.		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	
	N/A	
The Assessment has been updated taking into account additional information and current policy environment.		
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	
Significant progress. Updating the REDD+ Strategy is well underway and due for completion in July 2019		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
	N/A	
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete	Reviewing of BSA, FGRM is well underway and due to completion in Sept 2019.
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	N/A	Revisions of SESA and ESMF and preparation of other safeguards frameworks is well underway and due for completion in September 2019
	Complete	
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Complete	Uganda aims to submit to UNFCCC updated FREL by June 2029
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards		
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	Complete	The task of completing design of the National Forest Information Monitoring system is well underway The forest inventory process focused on areas previously not covered. <b>On mapping</b> , the LULC Maps that include 13 classes (5 for forest and 8 for other Land Uses) consistently with the other LULC maps produced since the 1990 are being made for 2018. The NFMS IT infrastructure is in phase of completion and currently includes all the relevant information on the same server. Institutional NFMS roles and responsibilities are being defined.
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	N/A	The design of Uganda's SIS is well underway
	Complete	



## SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

5. 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)?

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 following Strategic Options and interventions aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods. *For details please refer to Uganda's REDD Strategy and Implementation Plan (October 2018 Version: ref: mwe.org)*

1. Strategy 1. *Climate smart agriculture* has three sub-options, which all aim to reduce the need for agricultural expansion to forest areas by intensifying and increasing agricultural production on existing agricultural land, include
  - a. SLM and agroforestry practices
  - b. Rainwater harvesting with collection tank and drip irrigation
  - c. Greenhouse cultivation of vegetables
  
2. Strategy 2. *Sustainable fuelwood and (commercial) charcoal production* has three sub-options, which aim to reduce need of use of wood sourced from natural forest by providing energy wood, charcoal and construction materials from forest plantation, include
  - a. Commercial small-holder and community bioenergy woodlots
  - b. Commercial small-holder and community poles and timber plantations
  - c. Improved charcoal kilns linked to bioenergy woodlots
  
3. Strategy 7. *Livestock rearing in the Cattle Corridor* has three sub-options aiming at improving and intensifying livestock management to reduce the need for clearing up forests for pasture lands.
  - a. Livestock breeding programme
  - b. Establishment of drinking water dams for livestock
  - c. Establishment of fodder agroforestry plantations

6. 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)?

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 following Strategic Option and interventions also aim to conserve forest within forest protected areas. *For details, please refer to Uganda's REDD Strategy and Implementation Plan (October 2018 Version: ref: mwe.org)*

1. Strategy 4. *Restoration of natural forests in the landscape* has three sub-options, which aim to restore and maintain the still existing forested areas. Aim is also to involve local people and the forest dependent communities with the activities including;
  - a. Designated areas for natural forest regeneration.
  - b. Restoration of degraded protected natural forest (i.e. national parks and forest reserves and forests on privately owned land).
  - c. Devolution of forest management through PFM and similar set-ups.
  - d. Traditional/customary forest management practices.

## SECTION D: FINANCE

(Please complete in US\$ ONLY)

2. 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:

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)
\$184,000	NORAD	03/2011	Public	Grant
\$3,634,000	FCPF	07/2013	Public	Grant
\$890,797	Austria Development Cooperation	07/2013	Public	Grant
\$150,000	UN-REDD Targeted Support	04/2014	Public	Grant
\$1,833,760	UN-REDD	10/2015	Public	Grant
\$2,566,000	Government of Uganda	07/2014	Public	Grant
\$ 3,750,000	FCPF	9/2017	Public	Grant

3. 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)
\$ n/a	n/a	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
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## SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

4. 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:

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					x
The FCPF's support has <b>improved national capacities</b> to develop and deliver REDD+ projects					x
The FCPF's support has <b>helped to ensure substantive involvement of multiple stakeholders</b> (including women, IPs, CSOs and local communities in our national REDD+ systems and processes					x

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

n/a

5. 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:

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 <b>website</b> is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information					x

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

n/a



## SECTION F: FINAL COMMENTS

6. If appropriate, please provide any further comments or clarifications relating to your work on REDD+ Readiness during the last year:

n/a

Appendix 1: Uganda's responses to comments from FCPF Participants Committee and TAP on to the Uganda's R-Package