

REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING (with semi-annual update)

COUNTRY: [Costa Rica]
PERIOD: [add reporting period here]

Background: This country-reporting framework has been developed following the structure of the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, its logical framework and Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), so as to facilitate and systematize the data analysis. The semi-annual country reporting should provide the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) with indications of REDD+ countries' progress towards the achievement of their readiness activities and the implementation of their Emission Reductions programs overtime, in a way that data are easily consolidated and provide indications on the level of achievement of the FCPF output, outcome and impact indicators as defined in the FCPF M&E Framework.

Report preparation: Submitted country reports should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD + (component 6 of R-PP) and should be prepared in consultation with members of REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated into national reporting, and divergent views indicative of lack of consensus on specific issues should be recorded in the country report.

Reporting schedule: It is expected that the annual progress country reporting will be submitted to the FMT by August 15th each year. The reporting should be based on a self-assessment of progress. An update of this country reporting will also be submitted by March 15th each year.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This section should provide a short description of FCPF support in country (bullets on FCPF-financed activities only). Information should summarize progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period should also be provided (key bullets only).

SUMMARY:

Costa Rica advances in the development of the National REDD + Strategy:

- REDD+ Executive Committee has a constant participation within the construction of the National Strategy
- Three of the indigenous communities from Central Pacific started The Consultation Process (information – preconsultation); these communities didn't start before since they were holding negotiations with the central government.
- The final document for the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment is finished as well as the Environmental and Social Management Framework.
- Implementation and positioning of the grievance redress mechanism
- The country is strengthening the Safeguards Information System and the Benefit Sharing Mechanism
- An analysis of Costa Rica's institutional framework was started, to establish the future implementation of the REDD + Strategy, under the National Program for Forests and Rural Development
- Costa Rica has a first version of reference level, that includes: avoided deforestation, increase in

carbon stocks from growing secondary forests, increase in carbon stocks due to growth of forest plantations and conservation.

- With the second donation the reference level will be consolidated including the 5 REDD + activities established in Cancun. MINAE's Minister has instructed the institutions under his jurisdiction, that they should establish the corresponding interinstitutional arrangements regarding the measuring, reporting and verification; so this will allow the establishment of the National Monitoring System of Land Use Changes. This will be housed as an instance of the National Centre for Geoenvironmental Information (CENIGA) through the National Environmental Information System (SINIA).
- The first donation has been undertaken in more than 63%

Important issues /problems

- Slow information exchange and coordination among the institutions
- Slow learning process of the new government authorities regarding REDD + initiative and its progress
- The self-assessment of the relevant stakeholders has been a slow process, which has led to changes in the proposed methodology.
- The Delivery of the first reference level has taken longer than expected due to country's information management.

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention "does not apply – n/a".

Main Achievements

- Delivery of an enhanced ERPD draft
- Definition of 6 policies for REDD+ Strategy, though the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment is finished as well as the Environmental and Social Management Framework
- First draft for the implementation phase of REDD + decree, is in discussion
- Analysis for the definition of institutional arrangements for the implementation of the REDD + Strategy in all its components.
- National REDD + Strategy's first draft, delivered to stakeholders
 - Three of the indigenous communities from Central Pacific started The Consultation Process (information – preconsultation)
 - Discussion with indigenous communities on how to approach the third stage of the consultation process.
- First reference level of emissions for the Strategy.
- R-Package documentation presented to the FCPF.
- Self-assessment of stakeholders was concluded. This led to the identification of aspects to be enhanced and developed.
 - Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment is finished as well as the Environmental and Social Management Framework

Results

- 8 meetings held by the Executive Committee with 51 agreements taken and developed.
- 57 workshops and meetings held with the stakeholders, mainly with indigenous territories.
- 100% of REDD+ Executive Secretariat hired.

- 80% of the consultation plan implemented (2 of the 3 phases are completed). Only 3 of the 24 indigenous territories are pending in joining the process of information and pre-consultation.
- 9 costarricans trained with south – south experience.
- 63% of the donation disbursed.
- 68% of the donation has been executed.
- Approximately 3% is in execution.
- By the end of 2014 an external audit of the project was developed.
- Two cooperation agreements, one for US \$ 927.000 US dollars and another extension of US \$ 40,000 more.
- Self – Assessment developed with all stakeholders.
- 2 interinstitutional meeting held to analyze the first results of the reference level.
- 1 interinstitutional meeting held to discuss the ministerial guideline on how to advance in the construction of the National Monitoring Land Use Changes
- Meeting held with indigenous representatives and the Minister of Environment.

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):	
<u>Source:</u> GIZ	<u>Amount provided:</u> US\$ 1.600.000
<u>Source:</u> UN-REDD	<u>Amount provided:</u> US\$ 927.900
<u>Source:</u> US STATE DEPARTMENT	<u>Amount provided:</u> US\$ 100.000
<u>Source:</u> NORAD	<u>Amount provided:</u> US\$ 114.000
<u>Source:</u> COSTA RICA'S GOVERNMENT	<u>Amount provided:</u> US\$ 200.000
Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of activities relevant to ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.): No aplica	
<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>

Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.A):

Provide examples of how IPs and CSOs are represented in institutional arrangements for REDD at the national level.

- *Government Agencies: The Government has the interest to frame REDD+ Strategy in a larger program complying with national objectives. Thus there's been a working coordination with institutions such as SINAC, MINAE, IMN, MAG, DCC, CENIGA, SINIA, CONAGEBIO.*
- *Indigenous communities: conclusion of pre-consultation with the 19 Indigenous Territories, also the self-assessment process was concluded. The inclusion of three Indigenous territories from the Central Pacific Territories has been achieved, so they can join the consultation process. The work plan for approaching the 5 special issues defined as a priority during SESA is developing. However, those issues won't be resolved within the strategy, because they imply long-term achievements such as solving land tenure issues. However, REDD+ Secretariat has held several meetings with the central government, so they will carry on with the implementation of the 5 special issues defined.*
- *Small agroforestry producers: This sector encompasses 4 different communication channels. Self-assessment process was conducted.*
- *Women and Youth: it is expected to enhance the participation of women and youth with the second donation. However there is a gender strategy for the preparation phase and REDD+ Secretariat has established internal mechanisms to measure the participation of women in all the activities.*
- *Civil Society Organizations: There are several organizations that support the preparation phase, such as UICN that leads the implementation of VCS Standard sponsored by the Norwegian Government to pilot the JNR Standard as an accounting framework within REDD+ Strategy. The National Institute of Biodiversity (INBio), sponsored by the Norwegian Government, supports the development of different actions regarding cobenefits and systematization of regional experiences; CATIE with the Regional Program for Climate Change support the enhancement of the grievance redress mechanism, as well as the Financing plan for REDD+ Strategy with UN-REDD and Terra Global Capital. UN-REDD supports as well the development of business models for the incorporation of the private sector. It also promotes the work, with business chambers that may generate business activities related to REDD. Wise Project has supported with the stakeholder's self-assessment.*
- *Forestry Private entities: The FCPF and UN-REDD have supported several actions within REDD+ Strategy, so that the private sector can consolidate its participation. They supported a training session on how to integrate carbon in the sector's productive chains.*
- *Donors: Technical assistance has been provided by GiZ, UNREDD, USAID, and NORAD.*

Examples of stakeholder engagement platforms in country which meet regularly to discuss and provide inputs to the REDD+ readiness process (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):

<i>Frequency:</i>	
<i>Monthly</i>	<i>REDD+ Executive Committee.</i>
<i>Twice a month</i>	<i>REDD+ Secretariat with the National Meteorological Institute to discuss technical aspects regarding the Reference Level.</i>
<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Indigenous territories to assess the programs in development as well as the consultation phase approach</i>

Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.	

Number and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.</i>):
<u>Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are:</u> Underway: Completed: <u>Please describe these policy reforms:</u>

Design of national REDD+ Strategies addresses indicators for enhancement of livelihoods of local communities and for biodiversity conservation (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):

Provide examples of how national REDD Strategies address livelihoods of local communities and biodiversity conservation.

Mitigation Activities such as reforestation. Agroforestry systems activate local economy, creating jobs and promoting forestry coverage as biological corridors for different species.

The use of programs and/or national policies such as the Payment for Environmental Services applied in indigenous communities. When the PES is applied in indigenous communities, in most cases is applied as a collectivity, which means a social development and support for the community, since they can build infrastructure such as health centers, schools, study grants and provide economic aid to families.

3. PROGRESS AT R-PP sub component level

3.1. REDD Readiness Progress

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.): up to 300 words, if applicable

Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

Main actions developed for the R-Package:
















- *Delivery of the ERPD's second draft*
- *Development of the First National Reference Level of forest emissions, which includes 3 of the 5 mitigation REDD*
- *Strategic and Environmental Social Assessment completed.*
- *Environmental and Social management framework completed with the specific frameworks that will be considered in the implementation of the ER-PROGRAM and REDD+ Strategy.*
- *Grievance redress mechanism designed*
- *First version of the Safeguards Information System*
- *REDD+ Strategy's first draft completed*
- *Development of the stakeholder's self assessment.*

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)

Components	Sub-components	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
1. Readiness	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes

Organization and Consultation	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Yes
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
	2c. Implementation Framework	Yes
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	Yes
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No

Level of overall achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.b.):






Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement ¹ :	Tracking ² :															
Milestones component 1 (1a y 1b)	Significant Progress	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>✓</td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table>		✓	Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable
	✓	Significant progress															
		Progressing well, further development required															
		Further development required															
		Not yet demonstrating progress															
		Non Applicable															
Milestones component 2 – 3 - 4	Progressing well, further development required																
Milestones component 5	Significant Progress																
Milestones component 6	Complete	<p>Please explain why:</p> <p>The implementation of the R-PP has been achieved in a 70%. This percentage answers to the progress accomplished in the following components:</p> <p>1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach, 2a Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance, 2b. REDD+ Strategic Options 2c. Implementation Framework 2d Environmental and social assessment 3. Reference Level. However, there are still some pending actions to enhance the components and conclude the preparation phase successfully. For example for the component 1b, the final phase of the consultation process is pending. The reference level needs to include REDD+'s 5 activities; currently it only has 3 of the 5 4a. The National Forestry Monitoring System, still need development., 4b Information System for Safeguards requires development.</p>															

¹ Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, on their Supplementary Grant Agreement for an additional grant of up to \$5 million. For instance, under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.4 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+











² The level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved RF grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale "Non Applicable" can be selected.











This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework

Degree of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component and sub-component (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.c).
Countries are expected to rate progress toward the implementation of R-PP sub-component only once a year, as part of the reporting submitted by August 15th each year











	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements <i>Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism</i>	Major management structures for REDD+ are fully developed and functional.	Complete		✓	Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
		REDD+ Executive Secretariat's Staff hired and working in the development of several documents with the stakeholders.	Complete			Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
Please explain why:						

³ The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale 'Non Applicable' can be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
	<p>Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</p> <p><i>Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes</i></p>	<p>Consultation plan in development.</p> <p>Communication Strategy Implemented</p>	<p>It is expected to implement the final phase of the consultation process in December 2015</p> <p>In development</p>			Significant progress
					✓	Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				Please explain why:		
R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	<p>Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</p> <p><i>Purpose: identification of key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv) actions plans to address natural resource right, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy</i></p>	<p>Evaluation processes of existing land use changes, in deforestation and degradation completed.</p>	Complete		✓	Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
						Non Applicable
				Please explain why:		

Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
	Planned milestones	Achievements			
<p>Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</p> <p><i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</p>	<p><i>Policy options for the future strategy defined.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy's first draft developed.</i></p>	<p><i>Pending final phase of the consultation process</i></p> <p><i>In development</i></p>			Significant progress
				✓	Progressing well, further development required
					Further development
					Not yet demonstrating progress
					Non Applicable
<i>Please explain why:</i>					
<p>Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</p> <p><i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> (i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities</p>	<p><i>There's been designed and made transparent and efficient adjustments to the PSA model for carbon channeling funds to beneficiaries</i></p>	<p><i>In development</i></p>			Significant progress
				✓	Progressing well, further development required
					Further development
					Not yet demonstrating progress
					Non Applicable
<i>Please explain why:</i>					

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)			
		Planned milestones	Achievements				
	<p>Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts</p> <p><i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i></p>	<p><i>Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment concluded and integrated in REDD+ Strategy's first draft.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental and Social Management Framework integrated REDD+ Strategy's first draft.</i></p>	<p><i>Complete</i></p> <p><i>Progressing well, further development required</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>
				Please explain why:			
R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	<p>R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</p> <p><i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines</i></p>	<p><i>Reference Level of Forestry Emissions completed.</i></p> <p><i>Developing management plans to incorporate activities for emission reduction by degradation, increase in forestry carbon stocks and sustainable management.</i></p>	<p><i>Developing</i></p> <p><i>Developing</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>
				And explain why:			

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ³ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	<p>Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System</p> <p><i>Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests</i></p>	<p><i>Monitoring System of land use Coverage with institutional arrangements.</i></p> <p><i>Institutions actively involved in generating information within their operational plans</i></p> <p><i>National Forest Inventory</i></p>	<p><i>Developing</i></p> <p><i>Developing</i></p> <p><i>Complete</i></p>	    	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>
	<p>Subcomponent 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</p> <p><i>Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards</i></p>	<p><i>Safeguards Information System</i></p> <p><i>Co – benefits identification</i></p>	<p><i>Developing</i></p> <p><i>Developing</i></p>	    	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>

And explain why:

And explain why:

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):																	
	Rate	Tracking															
RF Grant - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements Nota: Real percentage is of 63%	63%	<p>Please select your rating:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Up to 10% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Between 10-25% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>✓</td> <td>Between 25-40% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>More than 40% variance</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table>			Up to 10% variance with plans			Between 10-25% variance with plans		✓	Between 25-40% variance with plans			More than 40% variance			Non Applicable
		Up to 10% variance with plans															
		Between 10-25% variance with plans															
	✓	Between 25-40% variance with plans															
		More than 40% variance															
		Non Applicable															

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):																	
	Rate	Tracking															
Total Budget in R-PP - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements (including other funding sources and FCPF Readiness Grant)	70%	<p>Please select your rating:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Up to 10% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>✓</td> <td>Between 10-25% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Between 25-40% variance with plans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>More than 40% variance</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table>			Up to 10% variance with plans		✓	Between 10-25% variance with plans			Between 25-40% variance with plans			More than 40% variance			Non Applicable
		Up to 10% variance with plans															
	✓	Between 10-25% variance with plans															
		Between 25-40% variance with plans															
		More than 40% variance															
		Non Applicable															

3.2. Engagement of stakeholders within the approach to REDD +

Examples of actions/activities where IPs, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.a.):	
Action/activity:	<p><u>Describe IP, CSO, and local community participation:</u></p> <p><i>Participation of relevant stakeholders:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD+ Governance (Executive Committee) • Civil Society Organizations such as UNAFOR, UPANACIONAL, etc., They represent the small and medium agroforestry producers sector • Environmental NGOs, for instance, Coecoceiba which has participated in activities regarding information and analysis of documents • 24 Indigenous Communities, most of them represented by their local governments and leaders. • Besides, indigenous women were organized in groups that participated along the process. Acomuita is one of them.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Organization, National Forestry Office, which is a member of REDD+ Executive Committee and the interinstitutional commission • Academia and government agencies are part of this interinstitutional commission 				
Number of IP and REDD country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):						
<u>Please list the training conducted:</u> <i>Information and coordination workshops with the 24 indigenous communities</i> <i>Meetings with small and medium agroforestry producers</i>	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	# of participants # of men / # of women 75 % men / 25 % women 100 % men / 50 % women		✓	<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>	
						Non Applicable

3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:	
<u>Yes/No:</u>	<u>Please provide the list of published REDD+ knowledge products, if any during reporting period :</u>

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:	
<u>Overall number by product:</u>	
<u># of Men:</u>	
<u># of Women:</u>	

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?		
<u>Yes/No:</u>	<u>List the South-South learning activities:</u>	<u># of men:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
Yes	<i>6 South – South training workshops, regarding REDD+ Strategy held in Ecuador, Panamá. One regarding Safeguards Information System and Monitoring and Warsaw’s Framework.</i>	6
		<u># of women:</u> (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
		5

4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.

It is expected that the country monitors any changes in the assumptions that underpin the logic of intervention of FCPF at the national level and other significant risks that may arise. This section should explain through a narrative any changes in the level of risk associated with the different assumptions, or describe new risks that may have emerged and have a significant bearing on the national work-planning with respect to FCPF support for the next year and beyond, along with the associated measures required to address this change.

The hiring process has improved, however the processes are really slow. Thus there is a delay in product development, which is related to a slow response when operational adjustments are required

The process of achieving interinstitutional agreements its complex therefore, it takes slow negotiation processes.

There are pending Interinstitutional arrangements, for defining the information that will feed the National Forest Monitoring System

The Benefit Sharing Mechanism and the Registry System, require further development.

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learned since the beginning of the readiness process. It is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learned, analysis documents developed, and/or experiences made in dealing with issues of particular interest to REDD+.

- Every country should have the Reference Level before developing a REDD+ Strategy.
- The development of REDD+, policies permit the orientation of a actions to be implemented.
- The International Cooperation has to be very respectful of the country's internal structures.