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(With semi-annual update)

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This is Uganda's Annual Progress Report of Uganda's National REDD+ Programme for the period July 2014-June 2015. It is prepared as part of the requirements for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) but it covers all the activities undertaken under the National REDD+ Process over the same period.

Uganda became a Participant of FCPF in 2008 and in 2009 received a first US\$200,000 Grant through the World Bank to prepare a REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). Uganda embarked on R-PP preparation phase in March 2010 which was approved during the ninth Participants' Committee meeting in Oslo in June, 2011 with comments. Uganda submitted an acceptable and updated R-PP in May 2012 after which a second US\$3,634,000 Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement was signed on July 10, 2013 between the Government of Uganda (GoU) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD/World Bank). Additional support has been received from the Grant Agreement with Austrian Development Agency¹(Euros 650,000 or US\$ 870,000) and UN-REDD Programmes Targeted Support (US\$ 75,000); National UN - REDD Programme (US\$ 1,798,670) (in preparation) and GoU contribution (UGX. 800 million annually (US\$ 250,000).

The over-all development objective for the WB/FCPF support is to contribute to the design of a socially and environmentally viable national strategy for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation as compared to a reference level. The following are the specific results:

- a. A national draft REDD+ strategy and actions for addressing deforestation and forest degradation and enhancing carbon stock that has been consulted upon and validated by national stakeholders;
- b. A preliminary national/sub national forest emissions reference level that is based on updated and quantified information of forest resources and national circumstances; and
- c. A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment that is completed and findings are validated by stakeholders and integrated into the design of the REDD+ strategy.

In addition, Uganda envisions; i) Recognition and active promotion of REDD+'s catalytic role in restoring the forests and the value of the forestry sector as an integral part of Uganda's green economic growth; ii) Institutionalization of REDD+ Processes and Coordination Structures to deliver on its aims.

¹ The Austrian Development Agency (ADC) represented by the Coordination Office for Development Cooperation of the Austrian Embassy Addis Ababa in Kampala

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

2.1 Over-all Progress

2.1.1 January – June 2015

1. Over the period covered by this report the following are the are salient features of progress:
 - A. R-PP implementation has continued to take root with the designation of FSSD staff to serve as focal points (Contract Managers) for each of the R-PP components. A joint FSSD and REDD+ Secretariat retreat/meeting was held in March 2015 purposely to strengthen the coordination and integration of REDD+ within the FSSD. This action was intended to further strengthen institutional ownership and participation in the R-PP implementation and formulation of Uganda’s REDD+ Strategy.
 - B. A REDD+ Secretariat Office space was provided by the MWE within the NFA/FSSD grounds at Nakawa. The Office was occupied in May 2015 with furniture and most equipment’s installed. The RSP financed vehicle was delivered in June 2015. In addition, there was continued communication and participation/engagement between the National REDD+ Secretariat and FSSD, NFA and MWE regarding the R-PP implementation process and requirements.
 - C. The National REDD+ Focal Point maintained communication and liaison with REDD+ partners (World Bank/FCPF, ADC, U-N-REDD and CSOs) and within government circles. The National REDD+ Focal Point/REDD+ Secretariat represented Uganda’s REDD+ process to various in-country meetings and stakeholder platforms, including the FCPF participants meeting in Washington in May 2015 and Climate Change Talks - the forty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 42) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 42), as well as the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP2-9) in Bonn, Germany.
 - D. There is increased understanding and appreciation of REDD+ Programme as a key contribution to forestry resources development and management, climate change mitigation and or adaptation measures among the stakeholders, including development and CSO partners. In this regard, the REDD+ Secretariat prepared Uganda’s application (Inception Note) to participate in the Climate Investment Funds (Forest Investment Plan). Uganda’s Inception note was approved in May 2015 with a budget of USD 250,000 to support the preparation of a detailed Forestry Investment Plan (FIP).
 - E. Uganda Government finalized negotiating the technical support with the UN-REDD National Programme amounting to US\$ 1,798,670. By time of this reporting, the UN-REDD Programme Partners (UNDP, UNEP and FAO) had signed the Programme document committing their support. The financing agreement between Uganda and UNDP committing this support is expected to be concluded in July 2015.
 - F. A joint Mission of REDD+ partners in Uganda (World Bank, UN-REDD and ADC) was conducted in March 2015. The Mission was positive about the progress of R-PP implementation, albeit the delays mainly associated with the procurement of technical services/consultants under the RSP project. In addition, the Mission generated consensus on the coordination between the different components

of Uganda REDD+ process.

- G. The WB and National REDD+ Focal Point maintained regular communication on all aspects of R-PP implementation through emails and monthly Video Conference meetings hosted at the WB Kampala offices effective April 2015.
- H. The National Focal Point hosted the Climate Change Senior Technical Specialist, Christopher Warner, at the REDD+ Secretariat Office on 25th June to review the implementation progress of the RSP.
- I. The REDD+ Secretariat Staff participated in the Uganda's Climate Resilience Forum co-hosted by the World Bank and MWE on 25th June 2015. The Climate Resilience Forum provided an opportunity for REDD+ Secretariat to contribute to the debate on perspectives on Uganda's progress on addressing climate change, country climate change scenarios, adaptation and mitigation challenges and opportunities.
- J. On the part of coordination and supervision mechanisms, one Steering Committee meeting was convened in March 2015; two National Technical Committee meetings was also held in March 2015. The documentation for the establishment of the National Technical Committee and the Taskforces was completed and their appointment was underway by time of reporting.
- K. Regarding capacity building, four trainings/awareness raising workshops were held with: (1) Staff of the Directorate of Environmental Affairs; (2) all relevant stakeholders including government institutions, NGOs, CSOs and private sector, (3) the Multi-stakeholder National Technical Committee on the national Forest Baseline Scenario and the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and (4) the Multi-stakeholder National Technical Committee on the development of the Safeguards Information System (SIS).
 - i. The first workshop targeted all the staff from the Directorate of Environmental Affairs (FSSD and Environment). The workshop was aimed at sensitizing the staff on Uganda's REDD+ Readiness Project and its concepts so as to promote their understanding of REDD+ process and underline their anticipated roles and responsibilities in the REDD+ process. The expected outcome of this undertaking was the ownership of the R-PP, increased understanding of REDD+ and the commitment by the staff to participate in the implementation of the R-PP.
 - ii. The second training workshop involved all relevant stakeholders from government institutions, NGOs, CSOs, and private sector and it was aimed at increasing their knowledge and gain support for the national REDD+ process. In addition, the workshop also aimed at understanding institutional roles in the national REDD+ process and subsequent implementation of the national strategy; which would ultimately enhance stakeholder participation and engagement in the National REDD+ Process, leading to ownership, transparency, and effective dissemination of the R-PP.
 - iii. The focus of the third technical training workshop was the national forest baseline scenario and a functional National Forest Monitoring System. The purpose of the workshop was to share information and have a deeper understanding on international guidance that has been provided on designing and constructing REDD+ both a national forest baseline scenario (reference emission level and/or forest reference level) (FREL/FRLs) and a functional national forest monitoring system (NFMS) (including from the UNFCCC). Participants included the REDD+ National Technical Committee and the Taskforces.
 - iv. The fourth workshop was a technical workshop on the development of a Safeguards

Information System (SIS) for REDD+ in Uganda as well as understanding how these safeguards will be "addressed and respected" throughout the implementation of REDD+ activities. The overall objective of the workshop was to define and agree on a process and roadmap for developing an integrated system of information on safeguards. Participants included the REDD+ Multi-stakeholder National Technical Committee and members of the National REDD+ Secretariat

- L. Establishing a National Forest Emissions Reference Levels (FREL/FRLs) and for the establishment of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS); the implementation of this component continued according to the work schedules. Three capacity strengthening meetings have been held and a set of deliverables agreed. Field data requirements were listed and a detailed terms of reference and field protocols for the collection, analysis and reporting of this data is in preparation.
- M. Initial interpretation of the remotely sensed data is almost complete and its results have formed the ground truthing activities being undertaken by NFA and have so far covered the greater Mt Elgon Ecosystem/Landscape area (Greater Bugisu, Tororo and Kapchorwa) covering 500,000 Ha; Northern Eastern Uganda Ecosystem/Landscape area (Greater Karamoja & Teso) covering 4,000,000 Ha; Western Proper Uganda Ecosystem/Landscape area (Greater Bunyoro & Toro) partially done under Norway support to the oil sector covering 3,000,000 Ha., thus a total area covered is 7,500,000 Ha.
- N. By reporting time, 4 procurement packages were being processed through Requests for Proposals stage while two components were already under implementation. The status of these recruitments as at 30th June is provided in section 2.2).
- O. Activities for the establishing a National Forest Emissions Reference Levels (FREL/FRLs) and for the establishment of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS); including for safeguards information system (SIS) is well underway. The implementation of this component continued according to the work schedules. Three capacity strengthening meetings have been held and a set of deliverables agreed. Field data requirements were listed and a
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- Q. detailed terms of reference and field protocols for the collection, analysis and reporting of this data is in preparation.
- R. Developing the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework: the consultant presented the Inception report to the REDD+ Secretariat. The Consultant is progressing with the task.

2.1.2 July 2014-June 2015

- A. R-PP implementation has continued to take root with the recruitment of RSP personnel (RSP TA, FAO TA and CO/PO) and acquisition of office and facilities. R-PP implementation has continued to take root with the nomination of Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) Staff to serve as Contract Managers for the different procurement packages. MWE held a retreat in March 2015 purposely to strengthen the coordination and integration of REDD+ within the FSSD and the MWE as a whole. This action was intended to further strengthen institutional ownership and participation in the R-PP implementation and formulation of Uganda's REDD+ Strategy.
- B. The National REDD+ Focal Point maintained communication and liaison with REDD+ partners (World Bank/FCPF, ADC, UNREDD and CSOs) and within government circles. The National REDD+ Focal Point/REDD+ Secretariat represented REDD+ process in both within and outside the country in various meetings and stakeholder Platforms, including the UNFCCC COP 20 (December 2014), FCPF's

7th Participants' Assembly / 18th Participants Committee (PC) and UN-REDD 13th Policy Board meeting in Arusha, Tanzania (29th October – 8th November 2014), FCPFs' 19th PC meeting in Washington D.C in May 2015 and Climate Change Talks - the forty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 42) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 42), as well as the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP2-9) in Bonn, Germany.

- C. There is increased understanding and appreciation of REDD+ as a key contribution to forestry resources development and management, climate change mitigation and or adaptation measures among the stakeholders, including development and CSO partners. In this regards, the National REDD+ Secretariat prepared Uganda's Expression of Interest to participate in the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) (Forest Investment Plan). The CIF Administrative Unit approved Uganda's Inception note in May 2015 with of USD 250,000 to support the preparation of Uganda Forestry Investment Plan.
- D. Uganda Government finalized negotiating the technical support with the UN-REDD National Programme amounting to US\$ 1,798,670. By the time of this reporting, the UN-REDD partners (UNDP, UNEP and FAO) had signed the Programme document committing their support. The financing agreement between Uganda and UNDP committing this support is expected to be concluded before end of August 2015.
- E. The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED) allocated a Project Code to the National REDD+ Programme.
- F. The WB and National REDD+ Focal Point maintained regular communication on all aspects of R-PP implementation through emails and monthly Video conference meetings hosted at the WB Kampala offices effective July 2014. The National Focal Point hosted the Senior Technical Specialist, on Climate Change, Christopher Warner, at the REDD+ Secretariat Office on 25th June to review the implementation progress of the RSP.
- G. A joint Mission of REDD+ partners in Uganda (World Bank, UNREDD and ADC) was conducted in March 2015. The Mission was positive about the progress of R-PP implementation, albeit the delays mainly associated with the procurement of technical services/consultants under the RSP project. In addition, the Mission generated consensus on the coordination between the different components of Uganda REDD+ process.
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- K. The REDD+ Secretariat Staff participated in the Uganda's Climate Resilience Forum co-hosted by the World Bank and MWE on 25th June 2015. The Climate Resilience Forum provided an opportunity for REDD+ Secretariat to contribute to the debate on perspectives on Uganda's progress on addressing climate change, country climate change scenarios, adaptation and mitigation challenges and opportunities.
- L. Steering and Coordination mechanisms: one meeting for the Expanded Climate Change Policy Committee was held on 1st and 2nd November 2014. The meeting served as a platform for inaugurating the Committee, validated/endorsed Uganda's National Program for support by UN-REDD; Joint sensitization sessions were carried out with the Climate Change Department (CCD). In addition, one Steering Committee meeting was convened in March 2015; one National Technical Committee meeting was held in March 2015. The documentation for the establishment of the National Technical Committee and the Taskforces was completed and their appointment underway by time of reporting.
- M. Collaborative linkages between the National REDD+ Programme and related programmes or activities continue to thrive. The following programmes or activities benefited from this collaboration; among others.
 - i. The Low Emissions Development Capacity Building Project especially with regard to the joint sessions on GHG systems design & Design for NFMS.
 - ii. The EU-Supported Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCU) Project especially with regard to joint awareness planning in the Uganda's "cattle corridor".
 - iii. The Biomass Strategy Development Process of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development especially on the joint identification of the options for addressing forest degradation which partly underlined by high dependency on woody biomass for energy.
- N. By reporting time, 4 procurement packages were being processed through Request for Proposals stage while two components were already under implementation. The status of these recruitments as at 30th June is provided in section 2.2).

2.2 Key Achievements with focus on higher level results

1. *Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation:*

- a. The following R-PP implementation structures have been put in place or supported/facilitated:
 - i. The REDD+ Secretariat offices were occupied and equipments/facilities installed. The RSP Project vehicle was delivered.
 - ii. REDD+ Steering Committee held its 2nd meeting on 18th March 2015. Among the key deliberations, the meeting endorsed Uganda's application to the FIP and the Scope of work (TORs) for the Joint Mission of REDD+ Partners.
 - iii. The National Technical Committee held its 2nd meeting on 17th March 2015. Among the key deliberations, the meeting reviewed and recommended the Uganda's concept to FIP for adoption by the Steering Committee.
 - iv. Procurement of consultants and staff to support the REDD+ Secretariat (including for establishment of an elaborate M&E) is ongoing albeit at different Stages Table 1:

Component	Status as at 30th June 2015
Review and assessment of existing benefit sharing arrangements and recommendations of options for benefit sharing for REDD+	Technical Proposal under review by the Evaluation Committee
SESA	Technical Proposal under review by the Evaluation Committee
Strengthening participatory structures, and conducting capacity building trainings to enhance stakeholder engagement at national and sub national levels and Development of communication materials / tools for all components	Revised procurement procedure submitted to the WB for no objection
Strengthening National Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism for REDD+	Technical proposal under review by the Evaluation Committee
Preparation of (a nationally acceptable, and internationally peer reviewed) interim Guidelines, Standards and Modalities for the Design and implementation of sub national, and, or demonstration REDD-plus Activities	Technical proposal under review by the Evaluation Committee
Undertake mid-term review of the RSP	TORs approved by WB and recruitment (Searching for suitable consultants) undergoing.
Development of the M & E Framework for the REDD+ programme activities	Implementation of the contract ongoing

- v. The National REDD+ Focal Point and Alternate National Focal Point participated in FCPF Participants meeting in Washington in May 2015. The Alternate National Focal Point attended Climate Change Talks - the forty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 42) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 42), as well as the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP2-9) in Bonn, Germany.
- vi. REDD+ Secretariat provided input into the government budget for 2015/16. Government counterpart funding was incorporated in the budget. The REDD+ support budgets (WorldBank, ADC and UN-REDD) were incorporated in the MWE budget framework paper.
- vii. A joint Mission of REDD+ partners in Uganda (World Bank, UN-REDD and ADC) was conducted in March 2015. The Mission was positive about the progress of R-PP implementation, albeit the delays mainly associated with the procurement of technical services/consultants under the RSP project. In addition, the Mission generated consensus on the coordination between the different components of Uganda REDD+ process.
- viii. The WB and National REDD+ Focal Point maintained regular communication on all aspects of R-PP implementation through emails and monthly Video Conference meetings hosted at the WB Kampala offices effective April 2015.
- ix. The National Focal Point hosted the Senior Technical Specialist on Climate Change, Christopher Warner, at the REDD+ Secretariat Office on 25th June to review the implementation progress of the RSP.
- x. The REDD+ Secretariat prepared Uganda's application (Inception Note) to participate in the Climate Investment Funds (Forest Investment Plan). Uganda's Inception note was approved in May 2015 with budget of USD 250,000 to support the preparation of Uganda Forestry

Investment Plan.

- xi. On the part of Coordination and supervision mechanisms, the documentation for the establishment of the National Technical Committee and the Taskforces was completed and their appointment underway by time of reporting.

2. Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- a. Procurements of Consultants to prepare the REDD+ Strategy is ongoing (refer to Table 1).
- b. A nationally generated first version of the interim guidelines standards and modalities for the design and implementation for sub-national and/ demonstration REDD+ activities was prepared. Procurements of Consultants to support the technical aspects of the interim guidelines is ongoing (Table 1).

3. Component 3: Emissions Level/Reference Levels

- a. Preparation of National Reference Scenario for REDD+ is ongoing with FAO support.

4. Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

- a. Procurements of Consultants ongoing (Table 1).

Important issues / Problems that arose during the reporting period

1. The effect of the delay experienced in July-December 2014 period continued to be felt. However, there has been tremendous improvement with regards to the procurement packages by end of June, 2015.
2. There were delays in accessing funding for the ADC due to changes in the component budget format and administration. Reviewed documents were submitted for consideration/application effective 2015/16 financial year.
3. There were delays in concluding the commitment for additional funding and technical support by the UN-REDD. By reporting period, the final documentation was pending GOU signature.

Highlights of the next steps (July – December 2015)

1. Continued strengthening of the R-PP implementation structures are, as the basis for ensuring a well supervised and coordinated National REDD+ Process; including but not limited to:
 - a. Convening one REDD + Steering Committee to review and provide guidance on the progress on R-PP implementation, consider the progress of preparing Uganda's FIP, consider the TORs for process for the mid-term review, among other business.
 - b. Convene two National Technical Committee Meetings to: consider the inception reports of the Consultants; consider the progress reports of applicable consultancies.
 - c. Convene Taskforces for ongoing consultancy packages, as appropriate.
2. Regular reporting, the coordination and supervision enhancement of the R-PP implementation including;
 - a. Complete the procurement of consultants for the respective consultancy packages.
 - b. Participate in regional and international fora on behalf of the REDD+ Secretariat and GoU.
 - c. Conduct field supervision/monitoring visits for the ongoing consultancy packages

- d. Participate/facilitate, as appropriate, ongoing activities under respective consultancy packages.
- e. Maintaining reporting and communication processes within MWE and with the WB and other REDD+ partners.

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.2.B.i.):	
Source: CIF/FIP (in preparation)	Amount provided: USD 250,000
Source: UN-REDD Programme (in preparation)	Amount provided: USD 1,867,000
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 1.2.B.i.):	
Source: n/a	Amount provided: n/a

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.

Uganda's National REDD+ Process has the following multi-stakeholder participation (including for consultations) decision-making processes and institutions;

1. The over-all Policy & Political coordination and harmonization with regards to REDD+ is the responsibility of the Policy Committee on Environment under the Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda. The Policy Committee on Environment is a legal organ established in 1995 under the Environment Act of Uganda (Cap 153). The Policy Committee on Environment has inter-ministerial membership consisting of Prime Minister (Chair), ministers responsible for: i) Natural Resources and Environment; ii) Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries; iii) Finance, Planning and Economic Development; iv) Education and Sports; v) Health; vi) Lands, Housing and Urban Development; vii) Local governments; viii) Gender and Community Development; ix) Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities; and x) Trade and Industry.

For purposes of the National REDD+ Program, the Policy Committee on Environment performs the following functions: (i) Harmonize Government policies pertaining to REDD+ with sectoral ministries; (ii) Liaise with Cabinet on issues affecting the smooth implementation of REDD+ Strategy; (iii) Harmonize the implementation of REDD+ with broader Climate Change initiatives in Uganda, in accordance with the Climate Change Policy.

2. The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) is the responsible ministry. It is supported by the Climate Change Policy Committee (CCPC) which serves as a Steering Committee for the REDD+ process, and an official platform for policy level stakeholder participation.
3. The National REDD+ Technical Committee (NTC) ensures technical quality and adequacy to the work plan implementation and deliverables. In its course of work the NTC is supported by theme based technical Taskforces. Initially three (SESA, Methodology and C&P) Taskforces have been established.
4. The REDD+ Secretariat (led by the National REDD+ Focal Point) based in the Forestry Sector Support Department (FSSD) of the MWE is responsible for managing Government of Uganda (GoU) obligations on all matters of REDD+ process work plans. The key responsibilities of the National REDD+ Focal Point are to manage partnerships between GoU and other development partners (World Bank's FCPF, ADC, UN-REDD, and other partners). The REDD+ Secretariat services Steering Committee (CCPC), NTC and Taskforces, manages the consultancies and other members of the National REDD+ Process operations and work plan activities and assumes full responsibility for the successful delivery of the RSP work plan and Uganda's REDD+ Strategy.
5. To ensure that all stakeholder categories participate and are consulted upon during the National REDD+ Process, the consultancy on Participatory Structures "Strengthening participatory structures, and conducting capacity building trainings to enhance stakeholder engagement at national and sub national levels and Development of communication materials / tools for all components"... will carry out a stakeholder mapping exercise and recommend strategies and actions for engaging stakeholders nationwide.

Please describe the level of participation and engagement for the following stakeholder categories:

1. CSO and Indigenous Peoples representatives: in various ways, including Focused Group Discussions, PRAs, consultations and validation workshops or meetings at all stages of R-PP implementation and REDD+ Strategy formulation. This will be realized through the implementation of the respective Consultancy packages.
2. Meetings of the REDD+ Steering Committee, National Technical Committee and Taskforces.

Examples of stakeholder engagement platforms in country which meet regularly to discuss and provide inputs to the REDD+ Readiness process (<i>FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.</i>):	
<p><u>Frequency:</u></p> <p>a. Bi-annual meetings of REDD+ Steering Committee</p> <p>b. Quarterly meetings of National Technical Committee</p>	
Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.	
Planned under the component of Strengthening Participatory Structures due 2015/16	

Number and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.B.</i>):
<p><u>Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are:</u></p> <p>Underway: N/A</p> <p>Completed: N/A</p> <p><u>Please describe these policy reforms:</u> N/A</p>

Design of national REDD+ Strategies addresses indicators for enhancement of livelihoods of local communities and for biodiversity conservation (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.</i>):
<p><u>Provide examples of how national REDD+ Strategies address livelihoods of local communities and biodiversity conservation.</u></p> <p>N/A....the undertaking to design REDD+ Strategy is due 2015/16</p>

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:

Over-all, the progress in developing the Country Readiness package includes:

- a. **National REDD+ management arrangements (R-PP Component 1- Readiness organization and Consultation):** the national REDD+ management and supervision structures and processes are fully operational with full time REDD+ Secretariat, National REDD+ Steering Committee, National Technical Committee and Task Forces for MRV, Policy and SESA.
- b. **Consultation, Participation and Outreach:** the consultancy for this task due to start in August 2015
- c. **Assessment of Land use, Land use change drivers, Forest law, Policy and Governance:** The consultancy for this task due to start in October 2015
- d. **REDD+ Strategy Options:** the consultancy for this task due to start in October 2015
- e. **Implementation frame work:** Combined with #d above
- f. **Social and Environmental Impacts:** Combined with #c above
- g. **Reference Emissions level/Reference levels:** on-going
- h. **National Forest monitoring System:** on-going
- i. **Information System for Multiple benefits, Other impacts, Governance and Safeguards:** on-going




















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

² Supported activities from the FCPF are not very explicit but are linked to component 3

³ Supported activities from the FCPF are not very explicit but are linked to those under 2d.

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 ⁴ :	Tracking ⁵ :															
<p>a. Support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations.</p> <p>b. A national draft REDD+ strategy and actions for addressing deforestation and forest degradation and enhancing carbon stock that has been consulted upon and validated by national stakeholders.</p> <p>c. A preliminary national/sub national forest emissions reference level that is based on updated and quantified information of forest resources and national circumstances.</p> <p>d. A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment is completed and findings are validated by stakeholders and integrated into the design of REDD+ strategy.</p>	<p>Satisfactory...on-going </p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="979 327 1044 380"></td> <td data-bbox="1052 327 1125 380"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 327 1437 380"><i>Significant progress</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="979 390 1044 443"></td> <td data-bbox="1052 390 1125 443"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 390 1437 443"><i>Progressing well, further development required</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="979 453 1044 506"></td> <td data-bbox="1052 453 1125 506"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 453 1437 506"><i>Further development required</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="979 516 1044 569"></td> <td data-bbox="1052 516 1125 569"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 516 1437 569"><i>Not yet demonstrating progress</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="979 579 1044 632"></td> <td data-bbox="1052 579 1125 632"></td> <td data-bbox="1133 579 1437 632"><i>Non Applicable</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p>			<i>Significant progress</i>			<i>Progressing well, further development required</i>			<i>Further development required</i>			<i>Not yet demonstrating progress</i>			<i>Non Applicable</i>
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This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework

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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

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R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	<p>Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>	<p>a. R-PP Implementation Structures in place and functioning well</p> <p>b. Well Coordinated and Supervised R-PP implementation</p> <p>c. Stakeholder ownership and participation in R-PP implementation</p>	<p>a. The following is the progress during January-June 2015</p> <p>i. The REDD+ Secretariat offices were occupied and equipments/facilities installed. The RSP Project vehicle was delivered.</p> <p>ii. REDD+ Steering Committee held its 2nd meeting 18th March 2015. Among the key deliberations, the meeting endorsed Uganda’s application to the FIP and the Scope of work (TORs) for the Joint Misison of REDD+ Partners.</p> <p>iii. The National Technical Committe held its 2nd meeting on 17th March 2015. Among the key deliberations, the meeting reviewed and recommended the Uganda’s concept to FIP for adoption by the Steering Committee.</p> <p>iv. Procurement of consultants and staff to support the REDD+ Secretariat (including for establishment of an elaborate M&E) is ongoing albeit at different Stages Box 1:</p> <p>v. The National REDD+ Focal Point and Alternate National Focal Point participated in FCPF Participants meeting in Washington in May 2015. The Alternate National Focal Point attended Climate Change Talks - the forty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 42) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 42), as well as the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP2-9) in Bonn, Germany.</p>			Significant progress
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Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach <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> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (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	a.	Strategies and actions for conducting consultations and facilitating participation of stakeholders	Procurement of the following consultancy packages that will address the milestones is underway:		
			a.		Significant progress
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			b.	x	Further development required
					Not yet demonstrating progress
	b.	Strategies, actions, messages and tools for raising awareness and communicating about REDD-Plus and R-PP implementation			Non Applicable
	C.	Strategies and actions for addressing conflicts and grievances arising out of REDD+ and R-PP implementation			






Please explain why:
Procurement for consultant on-going






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R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance <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> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (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	a. Updated Status report on trends in Land use, Forest Policy and Governance	a. Procurement of the SESA consultancy packages that will address the milestones is underway b. Some components of the milestone being addressed under the FREL/NFMS work being supported by FAO.			Significant progress
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<p>Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options</p> <p><i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i></p> <p><u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</p>	Approved REDD+ Strategies for Uganda	Procurements of Consultants to prepare REDD+ Strategies is ongoing	<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>x</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> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>Procurement for consultant on-going</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required		x	Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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<p>Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework</p> <p><i>Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</i></p> <p><u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (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>a. Approved Implementation Framework</p> <p>b. National Capacity for implementing REDD+ Strategy</p>	<p>c. The first version of the interim guidelines standards and modalities for the design and implementation for sub-national and/ demonstration REDD+ activities was prepared and approved by the 8th Meeting of National Steering Committee.</p> <p>d. Procurement for consultancy “<i>Preparation of (a nationally acceptable, and internationally peer reviewed) interim Guidelines, Standards and Modalities for the Design and implementation for sub national, and, or demonstration REDD+ Activities</i>” is underway.</p>	<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>x</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> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>Procurement for consultant on-going</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required		x	Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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<p>Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts <i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</i> <i>(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>a. ESMF for Uganda's REDD+ Strategy b. Capacity to implement ESMF</p>	<p>a. The ESMF will be prepared after a thorough SESA. Procurement for consultancy to carry out the SESA is underway.</p>	<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>x</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> <p><i>Please explain why:</i></p> <p>Procurement for consultant on-going</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required		x	Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable		
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R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference	R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels <i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i> <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>	a. Data/information on Uganda’s Future Scenario b. Capacity and facilities for establishing and measuring/monitoring future scenario	a. Preparation of National Reference Scenario for REDD+ is ongoing with support from FAO			Significant progress
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				And explain why: Work on-going with support from FAO		

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R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and	Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System <i>Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time</i> <u>Country Self-Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests	a. System and procedures for Monitoring, Reporting and Verifying REDD+ activities b. Capacity and facilities for MRV implementation	a. Preparation of National Monitoring System for REDD+ is ongoing with support from FAO and additional support expected from UN-REDD Component.			Significant progress
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					x	Further development required
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And explain why: Initial capacity building work implemented with support from UNREDD. Activity linked to R-PP component#3						

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<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>a. System and procedures for Monitoring and Reporting Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</p>	<p>a. Procurements of Consultancy "Review and assessment of existing benefit sharing arrangements and recommendations of options for benefit sharing for REDD+" underway.</p>	<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>x</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> <p>And explain why:</p> <p>Procurement for Consultant on-going</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required		x	Further development required			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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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:	<u>Component 1: Support the Coordination and Monitoring of REDD+ Readiness Process</u>
Strengthening Capacity for:	Out of the activities planned during 2014/15, under the <u>FCPF REDD+ Support</u> , the following is the progress:
a. National Technical Committee meetings;	a. <u>Two (2) National Technical Committee meetings; 2 meetings held in November 2014 and March 2015</u>
b. Task Forces meetings;	b. <u>Eight (8) Task Forces meetings; 2 meeting of MRV taskforce held. Other taskforces depend on the commissioning of the respective components</u>
c. Sectors and agencies	c. <u>Capacity strengthening activities/training for the sectors and agencies involved in REDD+ coordination and implementation. 2 capacity building efforts, the National Baseline Scenario & National Forest Monitoring</u>

<p>involved in REDD+ coordination and implementation</p> <p>d. National Focal Point</p>	<p><u>System (NFMS) and the National Safeguards Information System (SIS) trainings conducted by the REDD+ Secretariat. Additional training being delivered under the MRV component.</u></p> <p>d. <i>Participation of 2 people in two (2) regional and 2 people one (1) international meetings.</i></p> <p>i. <u>International</u></p> <p>a. <u>FCPF meeting in Arusha October/November 2014 (attended by NFP and ANFP)</u></p> <p>b. <u>Climate change Conference in Peru November /December 2015 (attended by NFP and ANFP)</u></p> <p>c. <u>FCPF Participants Committee and UN-REDD Policy Board meeting in Washington May 2015 (attended by NFP and ANFP);</u></p> <p>d. <u>Climate change Conference in Germany May/June 2015 (attended by NFP and ANFP)</u></p> <p>ii. <u>Regional</u></p> <p>a. <u>Three UN-REDD Meetings in Nairobi on Safeguards, Strategy development and REDD+ and illegal timber initiatives development (attended by over 10 ANFP and other government, CSO and country based DP participants from Uganda)</u></p> <p>b. <u>USAID supported meeting in Zambia on safeguards development</u></p>
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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>	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	<u># of participants # of men / # of women</u>		<i>Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined</i>
<p><u>Component 5: Preparation of National Reference Scenario for REDD+ Including Inventory of Forest Resources</u></p> <p>a. <u>Capacity building for developing National Reference Scenario (FERL/FRLs) among technical staff was conducted by FAO on 11th-12th December 2014 and for stakeholders on 14th-16th April 2015 (NFMS (FREL/FRL)) and 5th-6th May 2015 (Safeguards Information System (SIS))</u></p>	<u>2 days</u>	<u>14 participants 5 women; 9 men (including 2 FAO facilitators)</u>		
	<u>Technical staff training</u>			
	<u>3 days for the NFMS</u>	<u>53 participants 10 women; 43 men (including 1 woman FAO international consultant)</u>		
	<u>days for the SIS</u>	<u>41 participants 22 women; 19 men</u>		<i>Non Applicable</i>

<p>b. Designing a plan for designing National Reference levels. The National Forestry Inventory Field work and capturing of historical data, finalizing time series land cover mapping</p> <p>c. Compiling and assessing suitability of historical data for use in REL/RLS development. as above</p> <p>d. Developing tools and training is use of tools for linking and harmonizing various national databases...NO progress to report</p>		(including 2 women UNEP international consultants)	
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3.3. Knowledge sharing

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

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

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?		
Yes/No:	<u>List the South-South learning activities:</u>	# of men:(IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives) # of women: (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
No	N/A	

4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

Challenge	Remedial action
Planning based on the R-PP where work plans are based on lower level results. This makes implementation harder and leaves no room for flexibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of the result areas where some of the outputs will be merged., e.g., under the MRV component supported by ADC
Coordination of multiple donor program (FCPF/WB, ADC, UN-REDD Program and GoU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmonization and synergization of activities. Prepared WP&B matrix
Inadequate institutional capacity to implement the R-PP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institutional capacity strengthening and development• Recruitment of personnel to support the REDD+ Secretariat. Technical advisors / experts from WB/FCPF & UN-REDD program
Integration of REDD+ Process into the FSSD JDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Ministry of Water and Environment signed Memorandums of Understanding with NFA & Makerere University Kampala• Stream of Consultants to be procured – to build capacity of the sector• Process of Integrating REDD+ into FSSD Job Descriptions on-going

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

N/A

