



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country
Participants Progress Report
Guyana

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FCPF Readiness Fund: REDD+ Country Participant Annual Progress Report

About this document

This template is for use by Readiness Fund (RF) REDD+ Country Participants to report their annual progress on REDD+ readiness activities in general, and on FCPF-supported activities in particular. The data provided through these reports represents a central information source for measuring progress against the FCPF's expected results and performance indicators, as articulated within the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework.

Report preparation

Reports cover progress through 30th June of each year.

When preparing the report, RF REDD+ Country Participants should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD+ (component 6 of the R-PP) and should consult members of the national REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated, with any divergent views recorded as appropriate. Detailed, indicator-by-indicator definitions and reporting guidance are provided within the FCPF M&E Framework (<https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/monitoring-and-evaluation-0>).

Reporting schedule

Completed reports should be submitted to the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) by **15th July** every year.

SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. In brief, what were the main REDD+ readiness-related activities delivered within your country during the last year?
 - Activities - For example, strategy / policy drafting, stakeholder consultation events, capacity building / training, awareness raising initiatives
 - Achievements - For example, x number of individuals attended REDD+ consultations (sex disaggregated, if available), national REDD+ strategy was finalised, government formally adopted national REDD+ related policy/s, NFMS was established, partnership agreement with private sector association signed
 - Please be as specific as possible, e.g. name, date and number of participants in consultation events (sex disaggregated, if available), name of policy being drafted, institutions involved in policy drafting

➤ STRATEGY/POLICY DRAFTING

Development of the Grievance and Redress Mechanism:

The development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism for REDD+ implementation in Guyana was finalised in July 2018. Products developed under this consultancy (December 2017 to July 2019) are seen below. This process was multi-sectoral and involved stakeholders from academia, private sector, public sector, civil society and indigenous communities and ngos.

1. Guyana GRM website - <https://www.guyanagrm.com/>
2. Deliverables 1&2: Grievance analysis assessment of mechanisms
3. Deliverable 3&4: Joint Action Plan and Implementation framework

4. Deliverable 5: Operations manual
5. Deliverable 6: Database user manual and Grievance registry <http://grievance.saminfosystems.com>
6. Deliverable 7&8: Plan for consultation and information sharing and posters for education and awareness

The final GRM wrap up workshop was held within the reporting period and details are provided below.

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown	25 th July, 2018	14	22	36

Eighteen attendees were from Government Agencies, five from the Private Sector, two from Indigenous Representative groups, two from Non-Governmental Organizations, six from Civil Society and three from the Diplomatic community. The objectives of this gathering were to:

- To present and discuss the work completed on the development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) for REDD+ Implementation, including an online registry system capable of receiving REDD+ related grievances
- Gather feedback on the materials/tools prepared
- Determine next steps

GRM News Links

<https://dpi.gov.gy/guyana-closer-to-developing-grievance-and-redress-mechanism-for-fcpf-project/>

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/consultation-starts-for-redd-grm-mechanism/>

<https://guyanachronicle.com/2018/04/23/communities-being-consulted-to-develop-redd-grm>

Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements on REDD+

The consultancy for the development of a Communication Strategy and Action Plan along with communication and outreach materials started in December, 2017. The objective is to ensure that key stakeholders understand REDD+ and have strong participation in the readiness process and the REDD+ Strategy development ensuring the consultation processes are: clear, inclusive, transparent and facilitate timely access to information in a culturally-appropriate form. Products under this consultancy for the period June 2018 – June 2019 are seen below along with the ongoing stakeholder engagement activities.

Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes

Final Report approved in July 2019. The specific objectives pursued were:

- a) To conduct an analysis of stakeholders and develop a stakeholder map in order to identify stakeholders at the national and subnational levels, and stakeholder groups that are likely to be affected by the implementation of REDD+.
- b) To undertake a Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes to determine the baseline perceptions, level of awareness, and knowledge of and attitudes towards REDD+. The baseline survey provides baseline data for future comparison, which will be used to determine the extent to which the expected outcomes defined in the Communication and Outreach Strategy have been achieved.

The stakeholder consultations for this report were documented in the June 2018-June 2018 Country Report, with approximately 230 stakeholders participating.

REDD+ Communication and Outreach Strategy and Action Plan

The major outcome was the identification of three (3) overall strategic objectives that would form the basis of the Communication Strategy.

- Objective 1: Improve access and sharing of information about the REDD+ related topics and its Consequences

- Objective 2: Increase the perception of the benefits of the REDD+ for the communities and particularly for indigenous people and forest-dependent communities
- Objective 3: Widen understanding about REDD+ strategies, plans and programs

As a result, a comprehensive kit of Knowledge Communication Products (KCPs) were prepared for dissemination to various stakeholder groups. Inclusive of Videos, radio slots (3 versions), brochures (3 versions), posters (3 versions), online communication campaigns (website, facebook, twitter, email campaign etc) and a guide for school campaign. Materials were developed in culturally appropriate forms, inclusive of five (5) languages. These are English and four (4) indigenous languages; Macushi, Patamona, Akawaio and Wapishana. All FCPF materials developed are available on the website <https://reddplusguyana.org/>.

The development of the REDD+ Communication and Outreach Strategy and Action Plan and Knowledge Communication Products (KCPs) was guided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Project Steering Committee members.

Implementation of Stakeholder Engagement Plan

This process unfolded in March 2019. Stakeholders participated in workshops/clusters which focused on;

- 1) Updating communities and organisations on work of readiness preparation under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, focusing on Guyana's REDD+ communication strategy and products, and dissemination possibilities and actions;
- 2) Introducing the range of communication products elaborated by the consultants and
- 3) Engaging communities and organisations into informing their peers about REDD+ and actively participating into the ongoing readiness process.

Below provides a breakdown of these engagements and the communities/stakeholder groups involved.

Location	Number and name of communities	Date	Male	Female	Total
Region 9 - Bina Hill, Annai	6: Surama, Wowetta, Kwatamang, Anna, Reupertee, Aranaputa	4 th March, 2019	16	8	24
Region 9 - Bina Hill, Annai	7: Apotery, Rewa, Crashwater, Yakarinta, Massara, Quimatta, Kawatamang	5 th March, 2019	13	3	16
Region 9 - Yupukari	6: Yupukari, Katoka, Fly Hill, Quatata, Semonie, Kaicumbay	6 th March, 2019	15	16	31
Region 9 - Karasabai	8: Rukumata, Karasabai, Yurong Paru, Tipuru, Tiger Pond, Kakshibai, Taushida, Pai Pang	7 th March, 2019	25	3	28
Region 8 - Mahdia	5: Mahdia, Campbelltown, El Paso, Brian Sucree Junction, Micobie	12 th March, 2019	11	9	20
Region 8 – Mahdia/Cluster	6: Mahdia, Campbelltown, El Paso, Brian Sucree Junction, Micobie, Tumatumari	12 th March, 2019	11	13	24
Region 8 - Paramaktoi	3: Paramakatoi, Yawong, Mountain Foot	14 th March, 2019	19	15	34
Region 7 - Bartica	8: Bartica, Kartabo, Dagg Point, Fall Mouth/ River's View, River's View, Potaro Esseg, Batavia, Agatash	18 th March, 2019	10	12	22
Region 7 – Bartica/Cluster	10: Bartica, Kartabo, Dagg Point, Fall Mouth/ River's View, River's View, Potaro Esseg, Batavia, Agatash, Mazaruni, Pauna	18 th March, 2019	15	15	30

Region 7 - Mainstay	5: Whayaka, Bethany, Capoey, Mashabo, St. Denys	19 th March, 2019	15	5	20
Region 7 – Mainstay/Cluster	6: Whayaka, Bethany, Capoey, Mashabo, St. Denys, Red Rock	19 th March, 2019	19	10	29
Region 1 - Charity	6: Akawini, Wakapoa, St. Monica, Karawab, Pomeroon, Kabakaburi	21 st March, 2019	19	7	26
Region 1 - Moruca	18: Assakata, St. Cruz, Warapoka, Manowarin, Kokerite, Parakeese, Kwebanna, Waramuri, Haimapacrabra, Karaburi, Wallaba, Cabrora, Kamwatta, Ko.Ko, Rincon, St. Rosa, Mora, Kumaka	22 nd March, 2019	30	14	44
Region 1 – Moruca/Cluster	18: Assakata, St. Cruz, Warapoka, Manowarin, Kokerite, Parakeese, Kwebanna, Waramuri, Haimapacrabra, Karaburi, Wallaba, Cabrora, Kamwatta, Ko.Ko, Rincon, St. Rosa, Mora, Kumaka	22 nd March, 2019	31	19	50
Region 4 - Public sector and Academia	Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Climate Change, Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, Ministry of the Presidency (Department of Environment), National Centre for Educational Resource Development (Ministry of Education), Guyana School of Agriculture, United Nations Development Programme, University of Guyana (Ecotrust Society), Department of Public Information, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Forestry Training Centre Incorporated, European Union, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Guyana Forestry Commission, Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana Energy Agency, GSDS Coordination Office/ UN Environment, Ministry of Finance, University of Guyana (department of Natural Science), Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inter American Development Bank	25 th March, 2019	24	9	33
Region 4 - Ministry of Communities	Various employees of the Ministry of Communities, including Regional Democratic Council from the hinterland regions	25 th March, 2019	19	2	21
Region 4 - Private sector & CSO	A, Mazaharally & Sons Limited, Caribbean Youth Environment Network Guyana, National Amerindian Development	26 th March, 2019	8	18	26

	Foundation, Guyana Human Rights Association (Policy Forum Guyana), Conservation International Guyana, Women and Gender Equality Commission, Exxonmobil, Guyana National Youth Council, Caribbean Youth Environment Network Guyana, Iwokrama, Kurunduni Logging & Development Incorporated, Williems Timber, The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG), Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association, Guyana National Newspaper Limited (Chronicle), Amerindian Peoples Association, Guyana Information Agency (GINA) Ministry of Natural Resources, Women Across Difference (WAD), Merundoi Incorporated, A. Mazaharally & Sons Limited				
Region 4 – Press conference	Representatives from Media houses and the Ministry of Natural Resources	28 th March, 2019	12	3	15
TOTAL			312	181	493

News articles

https://issuu.com/guyanachroniclee-paper/docs/guyana_chronicle_e-paper_03-30-2019

<http://guyanachronicle.com/2019/03/29/new-redd-strategy-seeks-to-broaden-involvement-of-women-youths>

Development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana

As Guyana begins full implementation of its REDD+ preparation phase, it is undertaking the development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana (April 2018 – November 2019) that must be geared towards maintaining the country's current low rate of deforestation and forest degradation, as described in the Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). To achieve the most appropriate and lasting results, the development of the Strategy will be participatory and inclusive of all relevant stakeholders, and be based on the country's sustainable development priorities as articulated in the Green State Development Strategy. Guyana aims to ensure that environmental and social considerations are appropriately integrated into the REDD+ Strategy. Therefore, the development of the country's Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) will be undertaken in tandem with the Strategy development. Initial consultations have seen the development of a **Multi-Stakeholder Core Group** to provide key guidance, advice, and input from their diverse perspectives, to aid in the development of the REDD+ Strategy and SESA. Major deliverables on the Strategy and SESA for the period June 2018 to June 2019 are seen below;

- 1) Forest Governance Drivers
- 2) UNFCCC and FCPF Safeguards alignment
- 3) REDD+ Strategy Draft 1, 2 & 3
- 4) Draft SESA Report: Preliminary identification of social and environmental risks associated with the proposed REDD+ activities

The Multi-stakeholder Core Group continues to meet and provide guidance, advice, and input from their diverse perspectives, to aid in the development of the REDD+ Strategy and SESA.

Location	Date	Stakeholder Composition
Georgetown	October, 2018	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	January, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	April, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society

Elaboration of the REDD+ Strategy and SESA has led to National and Regional Consultations. Draft of the National REDD+ Strategy was completed in March, 2019 and was open for stakeholder feedback. In this regard and in keeping with the principles of free, prior and informed consent, a national multi-stakeholder consultation on Draft One of the REDD+ Strategy was held in Georgetown on 7 and 8 March 2019. The workshop convened stakeholders from government, private sector, civil society and indigenous peoples. The objectives of the national consultations on draft one of the REDD+ Strategy were:

- 1) To provide information on the design of Guyana's REDD+ Strategy
- 2) To gather input from stakeholders to improve the design of the REDD+ Strategy and identify how they can participate in its implementation

Further, input from stakeholders was expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- 1) A basic understanding of how stakeholders perceive the REDD+ Strategy and whether proposed implementation is possible
- 2) A sense of whether stakeholders believe the strategy options are feasible
- 3) Ideas on what the strategy options could look like when implemented
- 4) Identify gaps in the current strategy options presented

REDD+ Strategy Draft 2 was then made available online for additional comments from stakeholders

<https://reddplusguyana.org/redd-strategy/>.

The objectives of the SESA engagements were:

- 1) To build awareness of risks and benefits associated with REDD+ implementation
- 2) Gather input from people on the potential negative and positive impacts of the draft strategy options
- 3) To provide an overview on the REDD+ and progress on the readiness phase in Guyana

Below are the stakeholder engagements for the reporting period on the REDD+ Strategy & SESA for Guyana.

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
National REDD+ Consultations				
Georgetown, Region 4	7 th – 8 th March, 2019	44	37	81
Regional SESA Consultations				
Kamarang, Region 7	6 th June, 2019	26	21	47
Mabaruma, Region 1	11 th June, 2019	11	12	23
Linden, Region 10	14 th June, 2019	18	12	30
Paramakatoi, Region 8	18 th June, 2019	25	13	38
Total		124	95	219

News articles

<http://guyanachronicle.com/2018/06/23/mnr-drafting-national-strategy-for-redd>

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/1st-draft-of-guyanas-redd-strategy-ready-for-national-consultations/>

<https://dpi.gov.gy/first-draft-of-guyanas-redd-strategy-ready-for-national-consultations/>

<https://guyanachronicle.com/2019/06/22/indigenous-and-forest-dependent-stakeholders-consulted-on-draft-redd-strategy>

Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to Inform the Allocation of Carbon Rights and Benefits and the Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of REDD+ in Guyana

The objectives of this activity are to provide information and recommendations related to carbon ownership and the allocation of benefits and rights related to carbon offset payments, as well as to develop an equitable and mutually agreeable Benefits Sharing Mechanism for REDD+ Implementation in Guyana. Products developed under this consultancy (April to June 2019) are seen below. The process will conclude in December 2019.

Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to inform the allocation of Benefits and Rights

- Report on carbon rights in Guyana.
- Comparative review of how land tenure, land rights and carbon ownership are recognized in REDD+ countries.
- Proposed system for the allocation carbon rights and benefits for implementation of REDD+ in Guyana.

This process has resulted in several rounds of stakeholder engagements. These were done to provide an introduction to the Consultancy and provide a clear timeline for stakeholders to provide input for the development of the allocation system for carbon rights and ownership, and the benefits sharing mechanism; provide background information related to definition of carbon rights, as well as the experience of other countries in establishing carbon rights and ownership; and present initial findings on the land tenure and the legal and regulatory framework in Guyana, that both provide a basis for establishing carbon rights in Guyana.

Location	Date	Stakeholder Composition
Georgetown – Region 4	4 th April, 2019	Public Sector, Private Sector, Indigenous NGOs, Civil Society
Georgetown – Region 4	5 th June, 2019	National Toshias Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	7 th June, 2019	Public Sector, Private Sector, Indigenous NGOs, Civil Society
Annai – Region 9	10 th June, 2019	North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)
Sand Creek - Region 9	12 th June, 2019	South Rupununi District Council (SRDC) South Central People's Development Association

➤ **CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING/AWARENESS RAISING INITIATIVES**

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Support of the National Toshias Council, Indigenous NGOs and Forest Dependent Community Organisations

With the aim of effectively supporting continuous REDD+ consultation and engagement activities with indigenous and other forest dependent communities' capacity building and training activities have begun with indigenous groups and forest dependent communities. Specifically focusing on;

1. National Toshias Council (NTC)
2. Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)
3. Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)
4. National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
5. National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)

6. South Central People's Development Association (SCPDA)
7. South Rupununi District Council (SRDC)
8. North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)
9. Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG)
10. North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC)

The FCPF Project is implementing a program of institutional capacity building including providing support for institutional structures, governance, and financial management developed and agreed by the groups. In addition, it will identify the specific areas in which the groups require training and capacity-building in order to effectively engage and support REDD+ readiness and REDD+ implementation. Workshops have begun for the institutional and needs assessment report with recommendations for the identified groups;

Location	Date	Stakeholder Composition
Georgetown – Region 4	August, 2018	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	August, 2018	National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)
Georgetown – Region 4	1 st October, 2018	Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)
Chenapou – Region 8	3 rd – 7 th October, 2018	North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC)
Georgetown – Region 4	12 th October, 2018	National Amerindian Environmental Education Development Foundation (NADF)
Georgetown – Region 4	October, 2018	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Annai – Region 9	26 th October, 2018	North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)
Lethem – Region 9	24 th November, 2018	Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG)
Georgetown – Region 4	14 th – 15 th November, 2018	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	30 th November – 1 st December, 2019	National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)
Shea – Region 9	8 th December, 2018	South Rupununi District Council (SRDC) South Central People's Development Association
Georgetown – Region 4	18 th December, 2018	Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples (GOIP)
Georgetown – Region 4	5 th February, 2019	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Paramakatoi – Region 8	10 th February, 2019	North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC)
Georgetown – Region 4	25 th - 26 th February, 2019	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	1 st -2 nd March, 2019	National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)
Sand Creek Village, South Rupununi – Region 9	14 th March, 2019	South Rupununi District Council (SRDC) South Central People's Development Association
Georgetown – Region 4	27 th - 28 th March, 2019	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Lethem – Region 9	6 th April, 2019	Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG)
Annai – Region 9	4 th May, 2019	North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB)

Georgetown – Region 4	May, 2019	National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)
Georgetown – Region 4	24 th May, 2019	Indigenous Women Workshop
Georgetown – Region 4	3 rd - 7 th June, 2019	National Tosaos Council (NTC)

The 10 organisations during this period have benefited from;

- 1) An assessment of their institutional capacity
- 2) Provision of communication and office supplies and administrative support to the National Tosaos Council (NTC) (see link below).
- 3) Training and capacity-building in order to effectively participate in REDD+ readiness and REDD+ implementation. The training also includes modules on good governance, free prior and informed consent (FPIC), gender etc.

News articles

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/natural-resources-ministry-makes-donation-to-ntc/>

FCPF Gender Inclusion in REDD+

When the FCPF Project Execution Unit (PEU) commenced its work in September 2016, it was recognized that initial project activities lacked consideration of gender issues. Further arising from observations at engagements with stakeholders, gender considerations in the FCPF Project was identified as a major shortcoming that could seriously affect outcomes of readiness and future REDD+ activities in Guyana. Against this background, the FCPF has committed to a REDD+ readiness process that nurtures awareness on the importance of gender to the success of REDD+ activities in Guyana; where men, women, youth, boys and girls are recognized as key REDD+ stakeholders; and that they have equal opportunities to access, participate and make inputs to relevant REDD+ framework being developed in the current readiness phase. These gender considerations in the FCPF understands that in local communities, REDD+ is mostly perceived as targeting merely men due to the focus on forestry and mining activities, as two main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation. However, women and youth are also users of Guyana's forests, though their activities, role and knowledge may differ from men.

On the 3rd August, 2018 the first of a series of Gender Workshop was held under the theme "Readying Women for REDD+". The workshop had the specific goals to raise awareness around the gender issues in forest management and conservation, and to make the first step of establishing the Women's Task Force. The workshop was well attended with 59 participants, and covered areas related to the REDD+ readiness process and activities in Guyana, gender mainstreaming, and examining the needs of women in IFDCs. The women were representatives of the 10 administrative regions of Guyana who work in the natural resource sector and/or have support the governance village lands.

News articles

<http://dpi.gov.gy/women-being-educated-on-redd-to-play-a-greater-role/>

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/govt-reintegrates-women-into-redd-plus-readiness/>

<http://demerarawaves.com/2018/08/03/guyana-taps-into-womens-knowledge-in-forest-management-to-combat-climate-change/>

<https://www.stabroeknews.com/2018/news/guyana/08/04/women-enlisted-in-battle-to-conserve-forests/>

<http://www.ncnguyana.com/11/index.php/news/1180-readying-guyanese-women-for-redd>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nea4cc6J8_A

<https://www.kaieteurnewsonline.com/2018/08/05/women-from-10-regions-being-educated-on-redd/>

FCPF REDD+ Readiness Stakeholder Consultations

For the Reporting Period June 2018 – June 2019, the FCPF Project Execution Unit (PEU) has partnered with community groups (Tosaos, Councillors and Community Forestry Groups) that are committed to the protection and enhancement

of the natural resources, traditional values and livelihoods of its member communities to provide information on the REDD+ Readiness Process. Locations are identified below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Lethem, Region 9	22 nd – 24 th November, 2018	30	10	40
Shea, Region 9	5 th – 9 th December, 2018	26	16	42
Lethem, Region 9	3 rd – 6 th April, 2018	30	10	40
Annai, Region 9	2 nd – 5 th May, 2019	24	10	34
Annai, Region 9	30 th May, 2019	13	7	20
Total		123	53	176

FCPF Project Steering Committee Meetings

The Project Steering Committee comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Toshias Council, North Rupununi District Development Board, National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organizations, Amerindian Peoples Association, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences-University of Guyana, Guyana Forestry Commission, Office of Climate Change, Forest Producers Association, Transparency International Guyana, Red Thread and Guyana Youth Environment Network. Meetings held for the reporting period are seen below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown	20 th September, 2019	12	7	19
Georgetown	29 th November, 2019	9	2	11
Georgetown	3 rd April, 2019	10	4	14
Total		31	13	44

School Outreach Programme in collaboration with the Office of Climate Change (OCC) of the Ministry of the Presidency

For the period March to June 2019 the FCPF PEU of the Ministry of Natural Resources collaborated with the Office of Climate Change (OCC) of the Ministry of the Presidency for a school outreach and awareness session on climate change and REDD+ related topics. As part of the gender component of the FCPF, the inclusion of youth and sharing of knowledge form the basis of this partnership which will extend until December 2019. Below are the details for the period March – May 2019. Approximately 320 students from primary and secondary schools benefited from these climate change and REDD+ related knowledge sessions. REDD+ memorabilia were developed and shared at these sessions, inclusive of t-shirts, flash drives, shopping bags and travel mugs to students who participated in the question and answer sessions.

NO.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS	REGION	MONTHS					
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS								
1	Amelia's Ward	10						
2	Diamond	4						
3	Mocha Arcadia	4						
4	New Amsterdam	6						
5	Ithaca	5						
6	2 Miles	7						
7	F E Pollard	G/Town						
SECONDARY SCHOOLS								
8	McKenzie High	10						
9	Ann's Grove	4						
10	Bladen Hall	4						

11	Tutorial Academy	6					
12	Belladrum	5					
13	HopeTown	5					
14	3 Miles	7					
15	Brickdam Secondary	G/Town					

PARTNERSHIPS

FCPF PEU and Indigenous NGOs – (APA, GOIP & NADF). Support for Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+

Stemming from the assessment of the institutional capacities of Indigenous NGOs, the FCPF PEU began a programme in January 2019 of engaging on their role in the REDD+ Readiness process. The Indigenous NGO's proposed to broaden and strengthen participation by indigenous peoples through involvement of other representative bodies and to build capacity for engagement among a broad cross section of indigenous organizations in the REDD+ consultation process by holding one (1) national training workshop for indigenous resources persons, including Guyanese Organization of Indigenous Peoples (GOIP), National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF), Amerindian Peoples Association (APA), National Toshias Council (NTC), North Pakaraima District Council (NPDC), Upper Mazaruni District Council (UMDC), South Rupununi District Council (SRDC), North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB), Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group (KMCRG), Moruca District Council organizations, among others, that would cover the following issues:

- General orientation to REDD+
- Introduction to draft national REDD+ strategy
- Introduction to social and environmental safeguards, including SESA and ESMF
- Discussion of key issues including land tenure, FPIC, equitable benefit sharing, carbon rights and others

Resource persons would have two primary functions: 1) to participate in government sponsored consultation workshops on the REDD+ strategy, SESA, ESMF; and 2) carry out further village level educational, awareness raising, gather of inputs and consultation activities within their constituencies.

To date the PEU has supported the Indigenous NGOs in their "National Training of Indigenous Support Persons for REDD+ Consultation Process in Guyana" workshop and looks forward to continued collaboration on the sharing of FCPF REDD+ information at the village level. Details are provided below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown, Region 4	24 th – 26 th June, 2019	N/A	N/A	40
Total				40

Design and Implement REDD+ Pilot Activities for Guyana

This consultancy runs from March to December, 2019. The objectives are to prioritize, design and implement three REDD+ pilot projects in consultation with stakeholders, consistent with the REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana. Key deliverables produced within the reporting period are;

- Prioritization and Selection Criteria for Pilot Projects
- Three documents describing the REDD+ Pilot Projects, including a description of activities, investment requirements, a description of gender considerations included in the project design, results matrix, implementation arrangements including monitoring and evaluation

This had led to a partnership with three communities as Pilot Projects for REDD+. These are;

Pilot Project # 1 – Muritaro, a titled indigenous community located in the Demerara River, Region 10.

- Overall project title is: SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- Specific title is: SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST INVENTORY AND FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Pilot Project #2 - Shulinab, an established community recognized in the Amerindian Lands Commission, South Rupununi, Region 9

- Overall project title is: INTEGRATED FIRE MANAGEMENT

Pilot Project #3 – New Haven/Siriki, an established community recognized in the Amerindian Lands Commission of 1969 Lower Pomeroun, Region 2.

- Overall project title is: DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE INCOME PROJECTS FOR FOREST-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES.
- Specific title is: SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-BASED AÇAÍ PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING

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

- For example, lack of engagement from key stakeholders, political barriers, limited funding

- Influencing changes in perceptions of REDD+ among key stakeholders. Initial assessments suggests that the FCPF is perceived as a continuation of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS).
- The cautious approach by Indigenous organisations to engaging in REDD+ activities, including engaging with consultants, has led to delays of project components.
- Delays in consultants reports. The outcomes from some of these reports are needed to inform other consultancies or parts of the same consultancies. Due to the delays, there was need to readjust deliverable timelines.

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

- For example, hold x consultation events, submission of R-Package to the PC, finalisation of SIS, commission research into REDD+ strategy options

Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements on REDD+

Achievements	Date of completion
Implementation of Stakeholder Engagement Plan I Seven (7) cluster workshops in Regions 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, &10. With an additional 4 outreach workshops per region. Those workshops will be directed at different groups of stakeholders identified in the consultation process (e.g.: youth groups, women groups, educators’ groups, etc.). The knowledge and communication products developed (posters, brochures etc) will be distributed to the communities during the engagements/workshops.	July - August 2019
Final monitoring and evaluation report of the Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan presenting on results with the pre-determined indicators until November 2019.	November, 2019

Development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana

Achievements	Date of completion
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MCDA tool developed for strategy alternatives (review of modelling methodology; final model)	June-July 2019
Final REDD+ Strategy Report	October 2019
Draft SESA Report: Preliminary identification of social and environmental risks associated with the proposed REDD+ activities	June-July 2019
Final SESA Report	August 2019
Draft ESMF	October 2019
Final ESMF	November 2019

Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to Inform the Allocation of Carbon Rights and Benefits and the Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of REDD+ in Guyana

Achievements	Date of completion
Final version of the proposed system for the allocation carbon rights and benefits for implementation of REDD+ in Guyana	July 2019
Paper on the requirements of international best practices for benefits sharing and the options in the REDD+ context for Guyana	September ,2019
Report on examination and assessment of existing international and national benefits sharing mechanisms and identification of models applicable to REDD+ implementation in Guyana	September ,2019
Paper identifying any institutional (legal or organizational) changes that may be required to implement the mechanism; and the financing mechanisms that will ensure long term sustainability	November 2019
Design of an equitable benefits sharing mechanism and an action plan to roll out the benefits sharing mechanism for REDD+ in Guyana including a capacity building plan for relevant stakeholders	December 2019

Design and Implement REDD+ Pilot Activities for Guyana

Achievements	Date of completion
Three documents describing the REDD+ Pilot Projects, including a description of activities, investment requirements, a description of gender considerations included in the project design, results matrix, implementation arrangements including monitoring and evaluation	June-July 2019
Progress monitoring report describing the progress of each pilot project in terms of planned outputs, achievement of milestones and lesson learned, including a section on the community-based MRV (10% per progress monitoring report	September ,2019
A document presenting the final evaluation of the three Pilot Projects, including recommendations and an Action Plan for scaling-up of the successful Pilot Project experiences during the implementation of REDD	December 2019

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Support of the National Toshaos Council, Indigenous NGOs and Forest Dependent Community Organisations

Achievements	Date of completion
Delivery of Curricula in modular form for capacity building on REDD+ and Governance for the following entities: I. NTC II. APA III. GOIP IV. NADF V. SRDC VI. SCPDA	September 2019

VII. NRDDDB	
VIII. KMCRG	
IX. NPDC	
X. NSCCFO	
Final Report on the compilation of the overall processes, outcomes and recommendations on activities emanating from capacity building sessions. This must include annexes with the names, organizations, job titles, age, gender and contact information of participants who have benefitted from these engagements.	October 2019
<u>National Survey of Perception of REDD+</u>	
Achievements	Date of completion
National Survey on the Perceptions of REDD+ (Final Survey)	September 2018
<u>FCPF activities to start between the period June 2019 to December 2019 are:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training on the Interpretation and Implementation of Natural Resources Legislations, Policies and Guidelines 	
Procurement process is ongoing. Consultancy is expected to commence in July 2019.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of local institutional capacities and development of a Training Plan 2. Development of training manuals and other materials 3. Capacity building on the interpretation and implementation of natural resources legislation, policy and guidelines. 	




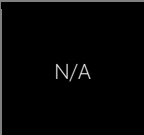











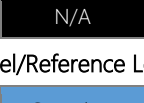
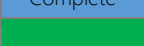




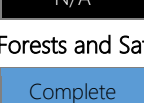





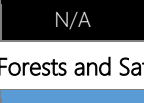





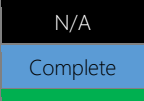






SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

4. Please provide your own assessment of national progress against all REDD+ readiness sub-components:
(Indicator OV.1.B: Number of FCPF supported countries that have in place a National REDD+ Strategy, FREL/FRL, NFMS and SIS; Output 1.3 indicators)

Progress rating key:

Complete	The sub-component has been completed
	Significant progress
	Progressing well, further development required
	Further development required
	Not yet demonstrating progress
N/A	The sub-component is not applicable to our process

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation		
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Complete	
		X
	N/A	
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	
		X
	N/A	
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation		
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	
	N/A	X
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
	   	X	Draft 3 of the REDD+ Strategy is currently under review and there have been national and regional consultations on the development of the Strategy and SESA for the reporting period. This is a key component under the FCPF Readiness activities and the Ministry looks forward to having a REDD+ Strategy, SESA and ESMF that has benefited from stakeholder inputs by November, 2019.
	     	X	
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	     	X	<p>The Analysis of Land Tenure and Carbon Ownership to inform the allocation of Benefits and Rights and the Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of REDD+ in Guyana commenced in March 2019. Work continues to progress towards this overall objective.</p> <p>Training on the Interpretation and Implementation of Natural Resources Legislations, Policies and Guidelines. This is currently an ongoing procurement activity. Contract is expected to be executed over a 5 months period.</p>
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	     	X	The development of the country's Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) will be undertaken in tandem with the Strategy development, ensuring that the Strategy appropriately addresses environmental and social concerns and the SESA considers relevant strategic priorities.
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels			
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	     	X	
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards			
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	     	X	
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	     	X	

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)?

(Indicator 3.2.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods)

Yes

If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:

Design and Implement REDD+ Pilot Activities for Guyana

This consultancy runs from March to December, 2019. The objectives are to prioritize, design and implement three REDD+ pilot projects in consultation with stakeholders, consistent with the REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana. Key deliverables produced within the reporting period are;

- Prioritization and Selection Criteria for Pilot Projects
- Three documents describing the REDD+ Pilot Projects, including a description of activities, investment requirements, a description of gender considerations included in the project design, results matrix, implementation arrangements including monitoring and evaluation

This had led to a partnership with three communities as Pilot Projects for REDD+. These are;

Pilot Project # 1 – Muritaro, a titled indigenous community located in the Demerara River, Region 10.

- Overall project title is: SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- Specific title is: SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST INVENTORY AND FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Pilot Project #2 - Shulinab, an established community recognized in the Amerindian Lands Commission, South Rupununi, Region 9

- Overall project title is: INTEGRATED FIRE MANAGEMENT

Pilot Project #3 – New Haven/Siriki, an established community recognized in the Amerindian Lands Commission of 1969 Lower Pomeroon, Region 2.

- Overall project title is: DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE INCOME PROJECTS FOR FOREST-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES.
- Specific title is: SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-BASED AÇAÍ PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING

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)?

(Indicator 3.3.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity)

No

If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach

REDD+ Strategy still in Draft stages. Strategy Options approval in November 2019. Initial Draft Strategy Options are seen below.

Strategic Option	Actions to create enabling conditions	Direct actions to reduce emissions
1. Strengthen policy, legal and institutional framework.	Increase communication and cross-agency reporting, including instituting quarterly or annual meetings of key leaders and joint reporting.	
	Require cross-agency approval of the largest mining and forestry concessions.	
	Require cross-agency approval of road-building within concessions.	
	Increase budgets and efforts to ensure compliance with existing regulations in all sectors (mining, forestry, and agriculture), including employing more updated technologies.	
	Update legal framework to create more consistency and coherence among sectors and to give support to and correct incentives for activities aimed at sustainable development	
	Achieving land tenure clarity and security prior to implementation of REDD+ activities	
2. Direct actions in mining and forestry sectors to slow deforestation and forest degradation	Develop regulations, codes of practice, and guidelines that require use of best management practices and practices that increase efficiency, with effective monitoring and verification.	Implementation of best management practices for mining operations
	Develop subsidy mechanisms for mining operations to implement best management practices or new measures to increase efficiency in mining operation (measured in terms of reductions in deforestation).	New practices to increase efficiency in mining operation
	Develop toolkits and educational programs to increase efficiency in mining operations (measured in terms of reductions in deforestation).	
	Encourage certification (FSC or other) on all forest concessions.	
	Develop subsidies to encourage certification for forest concessions.	
	Strengthen existing toolkits and educational programs and develop new ones as necessary to increase efficiency and reduce impact in forestry operations.	Implementation of best management practices for forestry operations
3. National land use planning and implementation	Comprehensive (cross-sectoral and multilevel) land use planning in order to efficiently manage and rationally use natural resources, either by ensuring and/or modifying current national land use plans and its proper adoption by law.	
	Strengthen management plans and guidelines for development of infrastructural planning and implementation to ensure low environmental impact practices, mainly in road construction, and to improve efficiency.	
	Increase administrative and other costs for road-building	
	Incorporate new areas to the National Protected Area System.	
	Enhance mineral mapping combined with and reducing lands available for mining and forest concessions.	
	Implement common property resource systems on suitable lands.	
	Allow for monitoring within project and activity budgets, to ensure implementation.	
4. Actions to preserve and improve forests' capacity to store carbon	Development of instruments or mechanisms to finance and encourage replanting and regenerating forests after mining activities (including mine tailings).	Replanting and regenerating forest after mining activities.
	Regulations/subsidies to improve efficiency in the forestry sector by reducing waste and forest degradation (e.g., reduced impact logging).	Implementation of best management practices in forestry operation
	Promote agroforestry via regulations or subsidies.	Implementation of agroforestry systems
	Implement more holistic and integrated approach on managing forest fires.	
	Develop PES system to pay for avoided deforestation or other environmental services.	
	Develop a national system to offset carbon emissions through a cap on energy generation emissions or a carbon tax	
	Direct promotion of mangrove systems to protect the coast as well as associated carbon stocks	
5. Encourage economic alternatives to mining	Develop income-generating activities in low-lands and coastal zones (non-forested areas) to reduce migration and reduce reliance on extractive industries.	
	Increase production of value-added products in the agricultural and forestry sectors.	
	Increase use of wood products in building materials.	
	Increase productivity of agriculture in coastal areas	

	Build capacity in population to engage in non-extractive industries	
	Promotion of productivity and value-added in coastland agriculture	
	Development of suitable infrastructure (telecommunications, renewable power, etc.) to promote development in non-extractive sectors	
	Use of finance from oil income to promote economic development in non-extractive sectors	
	Retraining opportunities for those engaged in extractive industries	
	Financial incentives for those engaged in extractive industries to invest in non-extractive industries	

SECTION D: FINANCE

7. Please detail the amount of all finance received in support of development and delivery of your national REDD+ readiness process since the date that your R-PP was signed. Figures should only include secured finance (i.e. fully committed) – ex ante, (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions should not be included:
(Indicator 1.B: Amount of finance received to support the REDD+ Readiness process (disaggregated by public, private, grants, loans))

Amount (US\$)	Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department)	Date committed (MM/YY)	Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate)	Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate)
\$3,800,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	02/2014	Public	Grant

FCPF Disbursement

Approved project cost (IDB) total:	3,800,000
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) total until 30/06/2019 (report date):	2,403,333
Planned disbursements (IDB) for report period 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019:	2,282,774
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) for report period 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019:	1,506,000

8. Please detail any ex ante (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions that you hope to secure in support of your national REDD+ readiness process:

Amount (US\$)	Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department)	Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate)	Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate)
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

9. To help build an understanding of the FCPF strengths, weaknesses and contributions to REDD+, please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

(Indicator 4.B: Participant Countries' assessment of FCPF's role within and contribution to national REDD+ processes)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely agree
The FCPF's support has had a central influence on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes				X	
The FCPF's support has improved the quality of our national REDD+ systems and processes				X	
The FCPF's support has improved national capacities to develop and deliver REDD+ projects				X	
The FCPF's support has helped to ensure substantive involvement of multiple stakeholders (including women, IPs, CSOs and local communities in our national REDD+ systems and processes)				X	

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

10. To help assess the usefulness and application of FCPF knowledge products (publications, seminars, learning events, web resources), please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

(Indicator 4.3.a: Extent to which FCPF learning, evidence and knowledge products are used by Participant countries)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely agree
We regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	
FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
FCPF knowledge products are sufficient to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
The FCPF website is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information				X	

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

SECTION F: FINAL COMMENTS

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

The Office of Climate Change within the Ministry of the Presidency has been monitoring and assessing the advances made by the REDD+ Readiness process in country.