



# Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report - Guyana

v. 2020



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> July** every year.

## SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- 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

#### Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements on REDD+ (Consultancy has been completed)

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.

Deliverables Include;

1. Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes,
2. Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Strategy,

3. Communication and outreach materials,
4. Implementation of Stakeholder Awareness/Engagement Plan
5. Monitoring and evaluation report of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan/Action plan

Products under this consultancy for the period June 2019 – June 2020 are seen below along with the ongoing stakeholder engagement activities.

#### Implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan

This process was based on the REDD+ Communication and Outreach Strategy and Action Plan. A comprehensive kit of Knowledge Communication Products (KCPs) was 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/>.

Phase 2 implementation unfolded in June 2019 – August 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 in 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 4 - Georgetown	14: Baramita, Bumbury Hill, Wakapoa, Capoey, St Cuthbert's, Moraikobai, Orealla, Tassarane, Kako, Kanapang, Shulinab, Yupukari, Muritaro, Kimbia	6 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	-	-	14
Region 10 - Linden	10: Hururu, Dallawalla, Linden, Coomacka, Sand Hills, Kimbia, Coomacka Mines, Hururu Mission, Calcuni, Rockstone	16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	20
Region 10 - Linden	2: Ituni and Aroaima	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	21
Region 10 - Kwakwani	Kwakwani	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	18
Region 10 – Kwakwani Cluster	Kwakwani Cluster	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	18
Region 9 – Lethem	12: Lethem, Nappi, Tabatinga, Kaicumbay, Moco-Moco, Farmer's group Settlement, St. Ignatius, Maruranau, Kuma, Cracrana and, Sand Creek, Karasabai	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2019	-	-	33
Region 9 – Lethem Cluster	12: Lethem, Nappi, Tabatinga, Kaicumbay, Moco-Moco, Farmer's group Settlement, St. Ignatius, Maruranau, Kuma, Cracrana and, Sand Creek, Karasabai	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2019	-	-	33
Region 9 - Shulinab	12: Shulinab, Sand Creek, Meriwau, Rupunau, Potarinau, Katu'ur,	23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2019	-	-	46

	Katoonarib, Rider Hill, Sawariwau, Shiriri, Baitoon, Quiko				
Region 9 - Aishalton	9: Achawib, Awarewaunau, Para Bora, Churikadnao, Karaudarnau, Shea, Marurunau, Aishalton, Bashaizon	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	33
Region 1 - Mabaruma	12: Yarakita, Thomas Hill Community, Mabaruma Settlement, Hobodeia, Hosororo, Tobago, Kumaka, Red Hill, Arukama, Kariabo Arukamai, Santa Rosa Reservation, White Water	29 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019	-	-	20
Region 7 – Kamarang	18: Emoikeng, Jawalla, Chinoweing, Wax Creek, Warawatta, Baitoo, Waramadong, Amokokopai, Abau, Phillipai, Kamarang, Klaimalu, Paruima, Kako, Imb./ Kamaru, Quebanang, Iwaricqumu, Wayalayeng	2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2019	-	-	36
<b>TOTAL</b>			-	-	<b>292</b>

News articles

#### Development of a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana (Consultancy has been completed)

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 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.

Deliverables Include;

- 1) Forest Governance Drivers
- 2) UNFCCC and FCPF Safeguards alignment
- 3) REDD+ Strategy Draft 1, 2 & 3
- 4) Conflict resolution & Grievance Redressal Mechanisms for the implementation of the REDD+ strategy
- 5) Draft SESA Report: Preliminary identification of social and environmental risks associated with the proposed REDD+ activities
- 6) Final SESA
- 7) Final ESMF

Major deliverables on the Strategy and SESA for the period June 2019 to June 2020 are seen below;

- 1) REDD+ Strategy Draft 3
- 2) Draft SESA Report: Preliminary identification of social and environmental risks associated with the proposed REDD+ activities
- 3) Final SESA
- 4) Final ESMF

The Multi-stakeholder Core Group during this period continued 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	July, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	October, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society
Georgetown	December, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society

Elaboration of the REDD+ Strategy and SESA has led to National and Regional Consultations. Drafts 2 and 3 of the National REDD+ Strategy were completed during the Period June to December, 2019 and were open for stakeholder feedback online <https://reddplusguyana.org/redd-strategy/>. The Final Draft 3 report was presented to stakeholders and an official handing over was done in December, 2019. The following stakeholder engagements supported the development of Drafts 2 and 3 of the National REDD+ Strategy.

Location and Event	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown - Multi Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) Workshop	September 5 &6, 2019	14	9	23
Georgetown - ESMF workshops for the development of the REDD+ strategy	October 14, 15& 16 2019	40	33	73
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>96</b>
Georgetown – Presentation of Draft 3 REDD+ Strategy and handing over ceremony	December 3, 2019	Government, Private Sector, Indigenous People , Civil Society		

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
Regional SESA Consultations				
Kamarang, Region 7	6 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	26	21	47
Mabaruma, Region 1	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	11	12	23
Linden, Region 10	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	18	12	30
Paramakatoj, Region 8	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	25	13	38
<b>Total</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>219</b>

News articles

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

<https://dpi.gov.gy/fcpf-project-well-underway/>

**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 (Consultancy has been completed)**

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 (June 2019 to December 2019) are seen below. The process was concluded in December 2019.

Development of a Benefits Sharing Mechanism Report on carbon rights in Guyana.

- Examine benefit sharing arrangements in other REDD+ programs around the world that may serve as examples of best practices and lessons learned, and provide a review of applicable mechanisms and tools that have made benefit sharing arrangements from other countries successful. Examine international and other laws governing benefit sharing and provide a review of the relevant legal framework governing benefit sharing arrangements.
- Examine and Assess models in Guyana for benefits sharing mechanisms and identify models applicable to REDD+ implementation.
- Identify any institutional (legal or organizational) changes that may be required to implement the mechanism.
- Conduct Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Sessions.
- Design an equitable benefits sharing mechanism for REDD+ in Guyana- the proposed mechanism must be designed with complete operational plans.

This process has resulted in several rounds of stakeholder engagements. These were done to review the current status of the project, including the final proposal for the allocation of carbon rights and benefits (that was developed through previous consultations), to share information on best practices for developing Benefit Sharing Plans and to present the initial Draft of the Benefit Sharing Plan so that participants could provide comments that will be incorporated into the final draft.

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
Georgetown, Region 4 - NTC Workshop	12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	9	3	12
Shulinab Village, South Rupununi Workshop, Region 9	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	21	7	28
Georgetown, Region 4 – Government and Non Governmental Stakeholder Workshop	17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	8	5	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>

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

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

To effectively support 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	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Awarewaunau Village, South Rupununi– Region 9	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	South Rupununi District Council (SRDC) & South Central Peoples Development Association (SCPDA)
Georgetown – Region 4	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	27 <sup>th</sup> September	National Tshaos Council (NTC)
Georgetown – Region 4	October, 2019	National Tshaos Council Conference (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 Tshaos Council (NTC) (see link below).
- 3) Provision of office supplies to Indigenous NGOs eg. NRDDB, KMCRG, NPDC, GOIP, NADF( see link below)
- 4) Training and capacity-building 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/>

<https://dpi.gov.gy/indigenous-communities-pleased-with-redd-consultations/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YR85zXGWwg>

<https://www.kaieteurnewsonline.com/2019/10/11/natural-resources-updates-tshaos-on-work/>

### **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.

Spin-offs from August 2018 FCPF-REDD+ women and gender workshop: -

Targeted approach with gender considerations in REDD+ engagements: Stakeholders recommended a targeted approach to REDD+ engagements with gender considerations and which specifically addressed the communities' concerns on REDD+ and related issues. This resulted in several community-based workshops with indigenous and forest-dependent stakeholders at Mainstay (June 2019), Anna Regina (February 2020) and Linden (January 2020).

REDD+ in schools: One of the women and gender considerations of the FCPF-REDD+ Project to include school-age children in the REDD+ readiness process saw a partnership with the Ministry of Education to host the 2019 JOF Haynes Debating Competition. The final round in November 2019 saw the finalists of McKenzie High School and Anna Regina Multilateral debating the moot: "Is Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation important to the development of Guyana's economy?"

Further, in the North Rupununi, the FCPF-REDD+ through its women and gender component established a partnership with the Bina Hill Institute that saw REDD+ capacity building sessions with indigenous students of mainly Regions 8 & 9. Also, through a partnership with the Office of Climate Change, the FCPF-REDD+ Project conducted REDD+ awareness sessions in several primary schools.

### **Sustainable livelihood initiatives**

Under its women and gender component, the FCPF-REDD+ Project also established a REDD+ community-based livelihood initiative at Rockstone Village, Region 10, in collaboration with the Village Council and for the benefit of the Rockstone Women's Group. Solar-powered cold storage facilities were procured and installed for the women to store fish, meats, fruits and vegetables, which they use to prepare hot meals for the village's schoolchildren.

At Parikwarinau, in the South Rupununi, the FCPF-REDD+ supported a renewable energy project that supplies solar power to the primary school and teachers' quarter in the predominantly Wapishan-based community. The initiative also saw the nursery school equipped with beds and retractor fans.

Also, in the South Rupununi, the FCPF-REDD+ Project in December 2019 partnered and supported the South Rupununi District Development Council (SRDC) annual youth congress, which targeted the empowerment, capacity building and sharing of traditional indigenous knowledge to Makushi and Wapishan youth.

News articles

<http://guyanachronicle.com/2020/02/02/rockstone-womens-group-receives-timely-boost-for-community-initiatives>

<https://www.kaieteurnewsonline.com/2020/02/02/rockstone-womens-group-receives-cold-storage-facilities/>

<https://dpi.gov.gy/rockstone-womens-group-receives-cold-storage-facilities-through-ministrys-fcpf-redd-project/>

<http://guyanachronicle.com/2020/02/28/solar-energy-project-commissioned-in-region-nine>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apCoaYJOB3c&feature=youtu.be>

<http://guyanachronicle.com/2019/12/04/forest-carbon-partnership-facility>

<https://guyanachronicle.com/2019/11/09/mackenzie-high-takes-coveted-title>

### **FCPF REDD+ Readiness Stakeholder Consultations**

For the Reporting Period June 2019 – June 2020, the FCPF Project Execution Unit (PEU) has partnered with community groups (Toshaos, 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. Consultations with these organisations resulted in requests for financial training for umbrella organisations. As a result, training in Financial Management was developed for Indigenous and Forest Dependent Organisations. As a spin off from the Financial Training stakeholders from Forest Dependent Communities appealed to the



Hon. Minister of Natural Resources to have workshops specifically focusing on REDD+, Forestry and Sustainable Livelihood. Information provided below;

Location	Date	Male	Female	Total
<b>Financial Training</b>				
Georgetown, Region 4- National Steering Committee of Community Forestry Organisations (NSCCFO)	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019	-	-	25
Georgetown, Region 4- National Tshaos Council (NTC), Indigenous Women and Youth Leaders	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019	-	-	25
<b>Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods for Forest Dependent Communities</b>				
Linden – Region 10 – Forest Dependent Communities	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020	48	38	86
Anna Regina – Region 2 – Forest Dependent Communities	17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020			30
<b>Total</b>		-	-	166

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/toshaos-benefit-from-financial-management-workshop/>

<https://dpi.gov.gy/financial-management-training-for-natural-resources-divisions/>

<https://guyanatimesgy.com/region-10-forestry-stakeholders-benefit-from-sustainable-livelihood-symposium/>

#### **FCPF Project Steering Committee Meetings**

The Project Steering Committee comprises representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources, National Tshaos 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	26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	8	6	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>

### 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 in their role in the REDD+ Readiness process. The Indigenous NGO's proposed to broaden and strengthen participation by indigenous peoples through the 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 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	N/A	N/A	40
<b>Total</b>				<b>40</b>

### Design and Implement REDD+ Pilot Activities for Guyana (Consultancy completed)

This consultancy was 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.

- The 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

- The 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.

- The 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

During the project implementation, including the last year, the main REDD+ readiness-related challenges and/or problems were:

- Low perception of the benefits from the REDD+ for the communities and particularly for indigenous people and forest-dependent communities.
- Low perception of representation of the interests of the forest-dependent communities by REDD+.
- Superficial knowledge about the consequences of deforestation and forest degradation.
- Superficial knowledge about the REDD+ (activities, objectives, organizations, potential).
- Low perception of the contribution of REDD+ to improving the land tenure situation for Amerindian people.
- Skeptical or indifferent feelings towards REDD+ among key sectors (forestry and mining).

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

The FCPF Guyana Project applied for an extension for the period February 8, 2020 to December 31, 2020 through the Ministry of Finance to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) our delivery partner. However, this extension was not approved and the Project has ended. Activities that would have been supported for the new reporting period would have included;

1. Support for Indigenous NGOs for REDD+ Information Sharing Workshops. This would have been Phase 2 of the "FCPF PEU and Indigenous NGOs – (APA, GOIP & NADF). Support for Stakeholder Engagement on REDD+" where persons from each organisation trained would begin to have workshops in Indigenous communities sharing REDD+ Information.
2. Translation of REDD+ materials into Indigenous Languages. Key technical documents ( REDD+ Strategy, Benefits Sharing Mechanism and GRM) were to be translated using Indigenous Translators with REDD+ knowledge.
3. Sustainable livelihood initiatives – under its women and gender component, the FCPF-REDD+ Project planned to continue its REDD+ community-based livelihood initiative supporting communities with REDD+ Projects and continuing to support the REDD+ Pilot Projects in Muritaro, Shullinab and New Haven/Siriki.
4. Submission of R-Package

## 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:

5	Completed	The sub-component has been completed
4	Significant progress	Significant progress
3	Progressing well, further development required	Progressing well, further development required
2	Further development required	Further development required
1	Not yet demonstrating progress	Not yet demonstrating progress
0	N/A	The sub-component is not applicable to our process

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)		
<b>R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation</b>				
<b>Sub-component 1a:</b> National REDD+ Management Arrangements	5	Completed	Guyana has been able to make significant progress in all the indicators. A functional REDD Secretariat, NRWG, and a ready-for-use grievance and redress mechanism were established. There are still challenges that need to be addressed, namely: (i) to ensure that the feedback and grievance mechanisms operates properly at the national, subnational and local levels, and; (ii) to strengthen the national REDD+ institutions and management arrangements to ensure REDD+ activities are coordinated, integrated into and influencing the broader national or sector policy frameworks.	
	4	Significant progress		X
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
<b>Sub-component 1b:</b> Consultation, Participation and Outreach	5	Completed	Guyana has achieved to produce culturally appropriate communication materials on REDD+ and to disseminate them to IP communities. Although important progress has been made in terms of participation and engagement of key stakeholders and the respective consultation processes, Guyana still needs to address important challenges related to : (i) demonstrating transparent, consistent, comprehensive and timely sharing and disclosure of information in a culturally appropriate form, and; (ii) improving the public disclosure of consultation outcomes related to technical activities (e.g., reference level and monitoring and information systems development).	
	4	Significant progress		X
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
0	N/A			
<b>R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation</b>				
<b>Sub-component 2:</b> REDD+ Strategy	5	Completed	Guyana has defined its 5 REDD+ Strategic Options (SOs), namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen policy, legal, and institutional framework.</li> <li>2. Direct actions in mining and forestry sectors to slow deforestation and forest degradation.</li> <li>3. National land-use planning and implementation.</li> <li>4. Actions to improve and maintain forests' capacity to store carbon.</li> <li>5. Encourage economic alternatives to mining.</li> </ol>	
	4	Significant progress		X
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
0	N/A			
<b>Sub-component 2a:</b> Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	5	Completed	Guyana has given important steps in terms of analyzing land-use trends and drivers of deforestation/degradation. It has made important assessments of land tenure, rights, and resources governance. Nevertheless, for the component to be fulfilled completely, work still needs to be done regarding (i) community satisfaction with the implementation of the LCDS Opt-in Mechanism and benefit-sharing, and (ii) strengthening the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission (GLSC), the Ministry of Indigenous	
	4	Significant progress		X
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
0	N/A			

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
			Peoples' Affairs (MoIPA) to address resource rights, land tenure, governance.	
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	5	Completed	X	Guyana has identified its 5 SOs and underwent social, environmental, and political feasibility and prioritization assessments. Also, the potential impact of the priority REDD+ strategy options on deforestation rates has been identified. However, additional work is required to agree on the timeline and process to resolve inconsistencies and integrate REDD+ strategy options with relevant development policies.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	5	Completed		Guyana requires to make improvements in the adoption and implementation, or legislation and/or regulations related to REDD+ programs and activities. This includes the development of guidelines (e.g., carbon rights, benefit-sharing mechanisms, REDD+ financing modalities, procedures for official approvals, and grievance mechanisms) and the development of a benefits sharing mechanism. Guyana must move forward in the establishment of a national geo-referenced REDD+ information system or registry.
	4	Significant progress	X	
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	5	Completed		Guyana has completed the SESA but still requires addressing the Cancun safeguards, develop a Safeguard Information System (SIS), and submit their SOL to the UNFCCC. The ESMF is in place and it is expected that during Phase II of the project (Implementation) the environmental and social risks/potential impacts related to REDD+ activities will be properly managed.
	4	Significant progress	X	
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
<b>R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</b>				
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	5	Completed	X	Through the Guyana-Norway Agreement, it has been possible for GFC to deploy a Combined Reference Level Approach that reports on the percent of emissions per year. The use of the combined reference level is determined to be the most appropriate method for Guyana because it allows for the broadly accepted objective within the UNFCCC negotiations to be fulfilled. Through the GFC, Guyana has been able to access historical data and to fully comply with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
<b>R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards</b>				
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	5	Completed	X	The monitoring system has been established within the Guyana-Norway Agreement and has been technically reviewed by third parties (e.g., Pöyry, Indufor, NORAD, Conservation International, and Durham University). There are ongoing improvement efforts aimed at testing the use of low and no-cost technology options for the MRVS, explore new and emerging technology options, including new remote sensing products and Open Source software. The country also counts with the adequate institutionally (i.e., GFC, the MRVS Steering Committee) to address these tasks.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits,	5	Completed		GFC and Winrock International developed a study to establish baselines and to monitor ecosystem services beyond forest carbon. As of 2020, there is limited evidence
	4	Significant progress	X	
	3	Progressing well, further development required		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	2	Further development required	of a transparent system for periodically sharing consistent information on non-carbon aspects and safeguards. Also, the institutional arrangements, and capacities around non-carbon benefits, mainly water, is still not clear.
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0	N/A	

## 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	No	(delete as appropriate)
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:

Scenario 5 of the REDD+ Strategy (Encourage economic alternatives to mining) establishes 2 main opportunities to enhance livelihoods: 1. The intensification of agricultural activities, namely sugar cane and rice, by increasing inputs, such as fertilizer, water (irrigation) and/or machinery; 2. Increased efficiencies in the wood processing and increase value-added to reduce waste, enhance recovery and improve profitability.

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)

Yes	No	(delete as appropriate)
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach

Biodiversity conservation is one of the guiding principles of the implementation of the REDD+ Strategy. The strategy document establishes to: "i. Promote biodiversity conservation and enhancement, taking into consideration REDD+ interventions will not lead to the conversion of natural forests". This principle is intrinsic to the REDD+ SOs 2, 3, and 4.

- SO 2. Direct actions in mining and forestry sectors to slow deforestation and forest degradation to ensure the productive practices (mining, logging, agriculture) cause minimal or no harm to forest ecosystems while working to improve economic returns over the long term.
- SO 3. National land-use planning and implementation, to ensure several objectives: a) coherent land use across the country, b) effective monitoring and compliance, c) promoting mining, agricultural, and forestry operations with reduced impact to forest ecosystems.
- SO 4. Actions to improve and maintain forests' capacity to store carbon. Actions should be undertaken to maintain current forests and to increase their capacity to store carbon. This should include both well-preserved and degraded forests, and potentially even non-forest lands that could be returned to forest cover.

## SECTION D: FINANCE

(Please complete in US\$ ONLY)

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

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

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

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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 <b>regularly access</b> FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>relevant</b> to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
FCPF knowledge products are <b>sufficient</b> to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
The FCPF <b>website</b> is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information				X	

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

## 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 the country.