

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: KENYA

June, 2012

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC6.
- \$200K FCPF Formulation Grant is signed and disbursed as of Sept 2010
- Revised RPP submitted to the FCPF in accordance with the PC 6 resolution
- FCPF Readiness Grant in preparation The REDD+ readiness work in Kenya is linked closely to the work on Natural Resources Management Project (NRMP). The latter has just gone through a restructuring process and an amount of up to \$1.8 million has been set aside for priority REDD Readiness activities.
Existing tensions and conflicts related to land tenure and access rights between Indigenous groups and the Government (particularly KFS) have been exacerbated under the NRMP and some IP groups have expressed similar concerns on the REDD+ agenda. As some of the issues raised by Indigenous Peoples in the context of NRMP implementation are critical for the REDD+ readiness in Kenya, it has been agreed that the readiness work in Kenya should start with the Strategic Social and Environmental Assessment (SESA).
The SESA is expected to enhance awareness and improve understanding of the REDD+ agenda, as well as challenges and opportunities. It will bring out issues and identify solutions in a consultative manner and through a practical process of engagement for stakeholders. The NRMP project has already made start up funding available to Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MoFW) – which acts as the National Focal Point for REDD+ - to launch the SESA process. This work should be initiated by the REDD+ Coordination as soon as possible and the World Bank will closely monitor how this will develop over next few months. It is proposed to review the progress both NRMP and SESA in October/November 2012 through a joint mission (Government of Kenya and World Bank) and come up then with an action plan for the FCPF Preparation grant (to be reflected in the R-PP Assessment note). With this it is envisaged that the signing of the Grant Agreement could be realized by the end of the calendar year 2012.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The apex body is the National REDD plus Steering committee. The Terms of Reference have been developed and approved during the first Steering Committee Meeting held on 15th December 2010.
- A National REDD + Technical Working Group will be established from the REDD+ Component Task Forces to play an advisory role for the National REDD+ Steering Committee. It will also liaise directly with the National REDD+ Coordination Office, whose mandate is to operationalize the R-PP
- The National REDD + Coordination officer (NRCO) - based at the head quarters of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife - has been recruited in March 2012 to facilitate implementation of R-PP activities.
- The REDD+ Component Task Forces will also be established within the NRCO to provide expertise and oversight on specific REDD+ strategy options.
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3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Consultations at national level with civil society began in 2008 as part of consultations on the National Climate Change Response Strategy
- A Stakeholder Consultation and Participation (C&P) Plan was designed and implemented in the formulation

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phase (November 2009- end May 2010).

- Series of 4 regional consultations, with participation from 10 forest conservancies, was organized during the R-PP formulation phase (one meeting for Western , Nyanza and North Rift conservancies; two in Mau conservancy with one of them aimed exclusively for Indigenous Peoples, one for Central highlands, eastern and Ewaso conservancies).
- A national validation workshop was held in. May 2010.
- KFS has developed its own website and REDD+ web pages can be found on this website. Communication material (brochures) were prepared before the consultations.
- A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed. Kenya is also developing a communication strategy on REDD.
- Information sharing and sensitization workshops continued.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Study on Forest Sector Background Paper completed.
- Thematic studies for filling in information gaps have been identified (Domestic timber supply and demand, Economic assessment of impact of ban on logging in plantations, and alternative livelihood activities etc.) and need to be instituted soon.
- Candidate strategies, their objectives and expected outcomes are described in the R-PP. Next steps will be to evaluate and monitor outcomes of early action testing followed by scaling up of measures deemed successful.
- A report is being prepared to align strategy options in the RPP with similar activities in the forestry sector to enable the strategy to draw from past experiences and avoid duplication of efforts.
- The country has also started preparation of a low carbon development strategy within which REDD+ will be anchored
- The Forestry sector with support of the Finnish Government has initiated the development of the National Forest Programme. An Assessment Note for the forest sector governance has been produced with support from the Finnish Government

5. Implementation Framework

- Options for implementation including those for Tracking and information systems for bringing transparency in R-PP implementation and conflict resolution and grievance management mechanisms to be tested
- A phased approach is proposed up to 2013 and beyond 2013.
- Next steps to be formalized.

6. SESA

- Draft ToRs for SESA were prepared and included in the R-PP. The assessment of social and environmental considerations will be integrated with REDD readiness and an expert team to lead SESA process is to be commissioned within the first quarter of FY 2013.

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7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- ToRs for developing Reference Scenario prepared.
- Discussions have already commenced among local stakeholders on data needs and availability to support development on a Reference scenario and the Monitoring system. A Workshop was held in 2011, that drew participants from key stakeholders in the forestry sector to further inform the process of developing the REL and Monitoring system.

8. MRV

- Discussions currently ongoing on how best to develop an effective MRV system. This is being done within the framework of a National Carbon Accounting System. Clinton Foundation is supporting this initiative.
- A Japanese Government supported program for supporting development of forest cover map to support forest cover change and monitoring system is under implementation. Preliminary results are becoming available.
- The Japanese Forest Preservation Programme seeks to enhance capability within the forestry sector in Kenya to carry out forest resource assessment and monitoring in support of REDD+ efforts kicked off.

9. Other

- Discussions have commenced with local development partners who wish to support implementation of specific components and activities within the RPP.
- A consultative meeting with stakeholders has been carried out in late November 2011 to share information on how best to implement the proposal.
- Information sharing and sensitization of communities continued.
- Finland through its *Miti Mingi Maisha Bora* Program has provided a budget to support some key components of R-PP implementation.
- Targeted discussions with key IP representatives are underway to elaborate a strategy on how to learn from experiences under the NRMP and ensure that engagement with IP communities as well as IP leaders and IPOs leads to a better understanding about the opportunities provided by REDD+. This includes close collaboration with OPCSs Dispute Solution and Prevention Unit.