

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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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 is in preparation. The REDD+ readiness work in Kenya is linked closely to the work financed by the Natural Resources Management Project (NRMP), which closes June 30, 2013. The NRMP was restructured in 2011 and at this time up to \$1.8 million was targeted for priority REDD+ Readiness activities.

Tensions and conflicts on land tenure and access rights between Indigenous groups and the Government have existed in the country for decades (most recently involving KFS); some IP groups have expressed concerns that similar conflicts may manifest during the implementation of the REDD+ process. As some of the legacy issues raised by Indigenous Peoples Organizations in the context of NRMP implementation and the GoK more broadly are critical for the REDD+ readiness in Kenya, it was agreed earlier that the readiness work in Kenya should start with the Strategic Environmental and Social 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 (MFW, which acts as the National Focal Point for REDD+) to launch the SESA process. This work should be initiated by the REDD+ Coordination Office as soon as possible and the World Bank will closely monitor how this will develop over next few months. A World Bank mission in February 2013 took stock of the implementation progress of REDD+ related activities supported by the NRMP and activities that could possibly be supported by the FCPF in the future.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The apex body for REDD+ management is the National REDD+ Steering committee. The Terms of Reference have been developed and were 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.
- The National REDD + Coordination officer (NRCO) - based at the head quarters of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife - was recruited in March 2012 to facilitate implementation of proposed R-PP activities.
- The Steering Committee has approved the establishment of six thematic working groups to drive the REDD+ implementation process. Thematic Working Groups on SESA, Consultation and Participation and MRV have already been established and are operational. The TOR for the SESA process have been finalized and Recruitment for the SESA Facilitator will be concluded by the end of March 2013.
- The REDD+ Thematic Working Groups will provide expertise and oversight on specific REDD+ strategy options.
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3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

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- 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 phase (November 2009 to 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. REDD+ information is also available as a webpage within the MFW's webpage. Communication material (brochures and a policy brief) have been prepared to support stakeholder consultations.
- A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed. TORS for developing an information and communication strategy for REDD+ have been developed and will be implemented with Government funding.
- Information sharing and sensitization workshops continued.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- The study for the Forest sector background paper was 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 implemented soon.
- TOR for carrying out studies on domestic timber supply and demand and detailed assessment of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation have been finalized and a consultant recruited to undertake the Assignment. This assignment will be concluded by June 2013.
- TOR for undertaking a national charcoal value chain analysis have been developed and the process of recruitment for a consultant initiated. This will be concluded by end of March 2013.
- TOR for development of appropriate forest management systems that incorporate grazing have also been concluded and Consultant recruitment is expected very soon.
- TOR for piloting Options Assessment Framework for Benefit Sharing have been finalized and consultant recruitment initiated.
- 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 National Climate Change Action Plans to support climate change response strategy implementation are being finalized.
- A new Land Policy has been developed.
- The Environment Policy and the Forest Policy are currently being reviewed to align them with the Constitution and the National Development Plan (Vision 2030).
- The Forest Act is currently being reviewed to align it with the Constitution, REDD+ objectives and various Government Policies and to incorporate new emerging issues, including climate change.

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- Kenya is also formulating a Carbon Investment and Trading Policy to support implementation of mitigation and adaptation activities, including access to international climate change finance
- A National Performance and Benefit Sharing Framework is currently under formulation as part of NCCRS action plans.
- The country has also started preparation of a low carbon development strategy within which REDD+ will be anchored.
- The forest sector with support of the Finnish Government has initiated the development of the National Forest Programme. An Assessment Note for 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.

The UN-REDD has agreed to provide support with a total amount of US\$180,000 for the following key REDD+ activities:

- Undertake a comprehensive gap analysis of the forest related legal framework relevant to REDD+, and provide assistance for drafting REDD+ provisions to clarify and regulate major REDD+ legal issues prioritized by the Government through the R-PP, focusing on land tenure issues. Activities have already commenced with an inception workshop held on 29th January 2013.
- Advance the knowledge base and national dialogue on key governance issues for REDD+ in Kenya, particularly anti-corruption, carbon rights and benefit-sharing arrangements. This will serve to underpin a solid implementation of Kenya's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). A national and International Consultant have already been recruited and activities are expected to start immediately.
- Support to a workshop and high-level panel discussion on green economy investments in forests. The workshop was held in November 2012 and had the sole objective of advancing and promoting the role of forestry and REDD+ in overall national economy. A roadmap for implementing recommendations from the workshop has been developed and will be implemented through close collaboration with UNEP and other stakeholders.

6. SESA

- ToRs for SESA have been prepared and approved by stakeholders. The assessment of social and environmental considerations will be integrated with REDD readiness and an expert team to lead SESA process has been commissioned. Recruitment of SESA Facilitator ongoing.

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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 forest sector to further inform the process of developing the Reference Emission Level and Monitoring system.
- A detailed roadmap for establishing a National Reference Emission Level/Forest Reference Level has been completed through a wide consultation process.
- The design process of developing the national carbon accounting system for land based sectors has been completed with financial support from Australia Government and the Clinton Climate Initiative. The Design Document has been approved for implementation.

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 road map for establishing a national forest monitoring system completed through a detailed stakeholder consultation process.
- A Japanese Government supported program for supporting development of forest cover map to support forest cover change and monitoring system has been finalized. The following activities have already been covered:
 - o Reviewed requirements and gap analysis of capability of the key institutions in Support of Forest Mapping and REDD+;
 - o Established reference systems and standards for mapping and resource classification;
 - o Identified sources and accessed all existing forest, land use and map data ;
 - o Identified and accessed all required archive satellite imagery;
 - o Undertaken satellite imagery interpretation.
- The Japanese Forest Preservation Programme was intended to enhance capability within the forestry sector in Kenya to carry out forest resource assessment and monitoring in support of REDD+ efforts kicked off.
- The Planning phase of a full National Forest Inventory has commenced with support from the Finnish Government. The two year phase will involve planning activities that will focus on development of nation-wide inventory system that will produce comprehensive, objective and reliable information on forest and tree resources and carbon stock in Kenya.

9. Other

- Discussions have commenced with local development partners who wish to support implementation of

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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 with support from GOK, Finnish and Japanese Governments and USAID.
- 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 were carried out in November 2012 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 The World Bank/OPCS's Dispute Solution and Prevention Unit which has engaged in the context of both NRMP implementation and the broader dialogue on forest between IPOs and the GoK in Cherangany Hills.
- Initial discussions have commenced for possible development of a model REDD+ registry in the country and which can be used to inform similar registries in the East African region.
- Kenya in Partnership with Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia has expressed interest to develop a regional carbon map. This initiative is supported by Clinton Climate Initiative and COMESA.