

REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING (with semi-annual update)

COUNTRY: LIBERIA

PERIOD: 1 September 2012 – 30 September 2013

This country reporting framework has been developed following the structure of the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, its logical framework and PMF, so as to facilitate and systematize the data analysis. The semi-annual country reporting should provide the FMT with indications of REDD+ countries' progress towards the achievement of their readiness activities and the implementation of their ER programs overtime, in a way that data are easily consolidated and provide indications on the level of achievement of the FCPF output, outcome and impact indicators as defined in the FCPF M&E Framework.

This suggested format below is an improvement over and replaces the national Readiness Progress Fact Sheets template that countries currently use to report progress before each PC meeting. This country reporting also builds on the structure and content of the R-PP template version 6 and its guidelines, and the R-Package Assessment Framework. A sample of assessed R-PPs and their Component 6 on M&E Framework and a sample of national Readiness Progress Fact Sheets have been reviewed as part of the development of this country reporting framework.

Submitted country reports should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD + (component 6 of R-PP) and should be prepared in consultation with members of REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated into national reporting, and divergent views indicative of lack of consensus on specific issues should be recorded in the country report.

It is expected that the annual progress country reporting will be submitted to the FMT by August 30th each year. A self-assessment of progress will be conducted as part of this country reporting. An update of this country reporting will also be submitted by March 30th each year.

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the report, its main purpose and sections. Short description of FCPF support in country.

2. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Summary of progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period (key bullets only)

3. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention "does not apply – n/a".

3.1 PROGRESS AT THE IMPACT LEVEL (if any data available)

Please provide here any quantitative and qualitative information, if available on the following criteria/indicators.

Number of tons of CO2 emissions from deforestation and forest degradation reduced in the country during the reporting period as compared to the measured REL/RL, if any (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.1.B.*):

National Forest Reference Emission Level (REL)/Reference Level (RL) defined: n/a

Number of tons reduced during the reporting period as compared to REL/RL: n/a

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.*):

Source: no non-FCPF investments received to date Amount provided: 0

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Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.*):

Source: no non-FCPF investments received to date Amount provided: 0

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Level of multi-stakeholder participation and engagement in decision making processes related to emission reductions and forest resource management (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.A.*):

Please describe the process of engagement and consultation implemented:

A broad consultation process occurred (information workshops, awareness radio campaign, etc.) was implemented during the R-PP preparation process. This was concluded by the R-PP document validation workshop in March 2011.

A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed. A communication strategy will also be designed and implemented.

Information sharing and sensitization workshops then continued: Gender and Climate Change information sharing and plan of action workshop; REDD+ workshop with local authorities and FDA regional staffs in Sinoe County; workshop for the National Forest Forum (NFF) on REDD+ and Forest Governance; National REDD+ and Land use workshop for the Liberia National Chainsaw Union on REDD+ and Forest Governance for the actors in 15 counties; workshop for students of the UMU Agriculture College in Gbason Town, Sinoe County on REDD+ to inform them about REDD as alternative forest use options; community REDD+ early information sharing and awareness workshop for 75 communities member in Zorzor District, Lofa County; and multi-stakeholder workshop on forest governance for REDD+ in April 2013.

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

- Government Ministries/ agencies:
 - ✓ Office of the Energy, Environment and Climate Change Advisor to the President
 - ✓ Lands, Mines & Energy
 - ✓ Agriculture
 - ✓ Gender and Development
 - ✓ Youth & Sports
 - ✓ Forestry Development Authority
 - ✓ Environmental Protection Agency

- ✓ Bureau of Maritime Affairs
- ✓ Lands Commission
- Civil Society Organization
 - ✓ NGO Coalition representative
 - ✓ SDI, GA, AACCL, SADS, SAMFU, FCI, SEC, LDI etc
- Private Sectors:
 - ✓ Chain Saw operators,
 - ✓ Charcoal Union Association
 - ✓ Logger/ Timber Industry
 - ✓ Marketing Associations etc.
- Forest Dependent People
 - ✓ Farmers association
 - ✓ Hunters
 - ✓ Rural youth
 - ✓ Rural Women Networks
- Donors/ Partners:
 - ✓ CI
 - ✓ FFI
 - ✓ IUCN
 - ✓ WB
 - ✓ USAID
 - ✓ Global Witness
 - ✓ CARE
 - ✓ UNDP

Nb. and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.*):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are:

- Underway:0
- Completed: 1

Please describe these policy reforms:

National Land Rights Policy approved by the Land Commission May 21, 2013. This Land Rights Policy concerns four land rights categories (Public Land, Government Land, Customary Land, and Private Land), and a cross-cutting sub-category called Protected Areas, which must be conserved for the benefit of all Liberians. For Public Land and Government Land, the Policy sets forth critical policy recommendations regarding: how the Government transfers such land, and how the Government acquires land, especially through the exercise of eminent domain (i.e. forced acquisition).

3.2 PROGRESS AT THE OUTCOME AND OUTPUT LEVEL

3.2.1. REDD Readiness Progress

- Outcome level

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.*):






Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

- Output level

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.2 million USD)		
Components	Sub-components	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes
	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	No
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
	2c. Implementation Framework	No
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		Yes
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	yes

Level of implementation of R-PP ¹ as a whole:
<p><u>Please describe the current R-PP implementation stage:</u></p> <p>R-PP implementation is at an early stage only. The REDD implementation Unit (RIU) members recruited (Project Coordinator, RTWG coordinator, procurement specialist and SESA Coordinator).</p> <p>Application documents for the delivery of SESA services solicited and under review.</p> <p>MOU between FDA and the EPA completed and signed by both parties.</p> <p>MOU between FDA and LISGIS is in process</p> <p>RPP national monitoring and evaluation plan completed and endorsed by the RTWG members</p> <p>Two RTWG technical working groups held</p>

¹ Please note that you will be able to assess progress on the implementation of RPP-P components and sub-components in table included in the following pages.






Level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.2 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.b.):		
Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement ² :	Tracking ³ :
<p>1 Land-use plan validated by 2015</p> <p>At least 10% of community forests have signed an MoU to engage into a pilot REDD project by 2016</p> <p>At least 1 site benefits from REDD funding by 2016</p> <p>XX tons of CO2 saved</p> <p>At least 3 pilot sites have been established with all relevant management function to make their operations effective</p> <p>National REDD+ strategy validated and endorsed by NCCSC and RTWG</p> <p>2 LISGIS annual reports on carbon stocks published</p> <p>REDD+ Monitoring systems validated by 2016</p> <p>0% of outputs have failed due to lack of financial resources</p> <p>Mid-term Progress report submitted</p> <p>Final Readiness assessment submitted</p>		<p>Please select your light rating:</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Significant progress</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Further development required</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable</p> <p>Please explain why: R-PP implementation has just actually started a few months ago, therefore no milestones have been reached over the reporting period</p>

² Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, additional grant of up to \$5 million. For instance, under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.2 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+











³ The level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved RF grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale "Non Applicable" can be selected.

This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework






Degree of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component and sub-component (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.c.).
Countries are expected to rate progress toward the implementation of R-PP sub-component only once a year, as part of the reporting submitted by August 30th each year






	Sub-component	Overall progress		Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁴ (Please select your light rating)
		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements <i>Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism</i>	National REDD+ management arrangement established and operational	Not yet	Yes	Not yet	 <input type="radio"/> Significant progress
		At least 1 NCCSC and 3 RTWG/RIG meetings dedicated to RPP process every year	2RTWG	1 NCCSC; 3 RTWG	2RTWG	 <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required
		At least 8 potential REDD pilot sites identified by 2016	2	2	2	 <input type="radio"/> Further development required
		4 RIU staff recruited	1	4	1	 <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress
						 <input type="radio"/> Non Applicable
						Please explain why: R-PP implementation has just actually started a few months ago






⁴ The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale 'Non Applicable' can be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.






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		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach <i>Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision- making</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes</i>	Functional web platform for disclosure of REDD relevant documents and feedback from stakeholders	0	Yes	Not to date	  Significant progress
		Communication through media campaign reaches key stakeholder groups	0	Yes		  Progressing well, further development required
		10 Liberian experts have participated in South-South learning activities	0	0	0	  Further development required
		3 national level sector- specific meetings each year	0	2	0	  Not yet demonstrating progress
		3 KSG meetings per year	1	2	1	
		Capacities strengthened within institutions involved into REDD+ through training of a number of people	Tbd	Tbd	Tbd	  Non Applicable
		Stakeholder engagement platforms organized (Community level forums, County level forums, National level meetings, Industry actors meetings and Legal review meetings)	0	i) Community level forums (35/year) ii) County level forums (2- 3/year) iii) National level meetings (1/year) iv) Industry actors meetings (1/year) v) Legal review meetings (1/year)	0	
		2500 stakeholders have participated into stakeholder consultation workshops	74	500	74	
		100% of formal complaints and grievances processed	n/a	100%	n/a	






And explain why: R-PP implementation
has just actually started a few month
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	Sub-component	Overall progress		Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁴ (Please select your light rating)
		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance <i>Purpose: identification of key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv) actions plans to address natural resource right, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy</i>	National Land use suitability maps available		No		 <input type="radio"/> Significant progress
		Forest Resources Assessment Report published		No		 <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required
		Chainsaw Logging Recovery Study published		No		 <input type="radio"/> Further development required
		National Regulation plan for orientating REDD+ friendly agricultural development available into REDD+ Strategy		No		 <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress
		Wood Energy Market Survey published		No		 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable
		Policy reforms initiated and completed, complying to REDD+ standards		No		And explain why: R-PP No target for year 2013
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		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options <i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies</i>	Forestry, agriculture and energy regulations include recommendations from the assessments conducted 5 reforestation and afforestation ER sites identified and included into REDD+ Strategy Analysis of REDD strategy on other sectoral policies Draft REDD strategy published		No o No No		<div>  <input type="radio"/> Significant progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable <i>And explain why:</i> No target for year 2013 </div>






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		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework <u>Purpose:</u> Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options <u>Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities	Legal context fully adapted to REDD+ implementation and carbon finance CSO/IP representation in institutional arrangements is real and central to the process Global framework on carbon benefit sharing arrangements validated Implementation framework is fully operational		No Yes No No		<div>  <input type="radio"/> Significant progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p>And explain why: component implementation has not started yet</p>






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		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts <i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i>	1000 stakeholders consulted and trained during SESA process and SESA validated ESMF validated and operational : REDD+ strategy, monitoring systems and ER-Programs incorporate indicators related to biodiversity		No No		<div>  <input type="radio"/> Significant progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p>And explain why: component implementation has not started yet</p>

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		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels <i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines</i>	Baseline data on deforestation and degradation published and updated every year Data on carbon stocks at national level and reference-level scenario published Reference scenarios and emissions modeling published		No No No		<div>  <input type="radio"/> Significant progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p>And explain why: component implementation has not started yet</p>

	Sub-component	Overall progress		Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁴ <i>(Please select your light rating)</i>
		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System <i>Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests</i>	4 FMU annual reports disseminated		1		 <input type="radio"/> Significant progress
		3 FMU produced forest cover change maps (national sets) available		0		 <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required
		3 forest cover change annual update reports available		0		 <input type="radio"/> Further development required
		MRV system validated		No		 <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress
		2 pilots ready for REDD+ carbon finance, incl. through the Carbon Fund		0		<input type="radio"/>
		XX staff trained in each organization FDA/LISGIS (men and women)		tbd		 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable
		And explain why: component implementation has not started yet				















	Sub-component	Overall progress		Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁴ (Please select your light rating)
		Planned milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual target	Achievements of the Annual target	
	Subcomponent 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards <i><u>Purpose:</u> Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country</i> <i><u>Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards</i>	3 Social, environmental and governance impact monitoring reports available 100% of draft monitoring reports actually reviewed and commented by relevant stakeholder groups		0 0%		<div>  <input type="radio"/> Significant progress </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Further development required </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p>And explain why: component implementation has not started yet</p>


Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.2 million USD) , in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
RF Grant - disbursement rate vs. planned full disbursement (\$200,000)		<p><i>Please select your light rating:</i></p> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40 % variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> More than 40 % variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div>

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
RPP Budget - disbursement rate vs. planned Initial disbursement (\$300,000)		<p><i>Please select your light rating:</i></p> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40 % variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> More than 40 % variance </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div>

3.2.2. Key elements of performance-based payment systems for emission reductions generated from REDD+ activities

- Outcome level

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:	
Are carbon accounting, programmatic elements and pricing operating as planned in your pilot, if relevant (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 2.A.</i>)	<div>  <input type="radio"/> Yes </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Overall yes, but with some discrepancies </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Overall no, but with some positive signs </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> No </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p><u>Please describe progress made:</u> no pilots to date</p>
Is the benefit sharing scheme being implemented according to plans within your pilot, if relevant (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 2.B.</i>)	<div>  <input type="radio"/> Yes </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Overall yes, but with some discrepancies </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> Overall no, but with some positive signs </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> No </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div> <p><u>Please describe progress made:</u> no pilots to date, and therefore no benefit sharing schemes in place.</p>
Percentage and/or amount of monetary benefits shared with beneficiaries in approved pilot, if relevant (<i>FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 2.C.</i>)	<div>  <input type="radio"/> Percentage and/or amount targets to be defined </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div>

	 Non Applicable <u>Please describe progress made:</u> no pilots to date
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- Output level

Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the CF and/or others (FCPF M&E Framework 2.3.a):	
Yes/No	<u>Please briefly describe the content of these early ideas or ER-Program:</u>
NO	

Has your country signed an ERPA (FCPF M&E Framework 2.4.b):	
Yes/No	<u>Please briefly describe the content of this ERPA:</u>
NO	

Amount and date of disbursements for ER Program according to plans, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 2.5.):	
<u>Date:</u> N/A	<u>Amount provided:</u> n/a
<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>
<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount provided:</u>

3.2.3. Engagement of stakeholders to sustain or enhance livelihoods of local communities and to conserve biodiversity within the approach to REDD +

- Outcome level






As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please describe indicators related to biodiversity conservation and forest community livelihood development included in the ER Program, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.A.):	
<u>Amount:</u> N/A	<u>Please describe how these funds target biodiversity and forest community livelihood development:</u>



Please provide relevant examples on the inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):	
<u>Examples of inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+:</u> n/a	




- Output level

Number of examples of actions where IPs, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.a.):	
<u>#:</u>	<u>Please describe these actions on enhanced livelihoods and BD conservation , and</u>

	<p><u>restoration where, local communities and CSOs and local communities participate actively:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional dialogue and information sharing workshops REDD+ held in 15 counties was organized during the R- PP formulation phase, which included forest depended people and civil society representative Three National Civil Society Dialogue Workshops held with representative from all civil society groups including NGO, academia, media, youth groups, women group Nationwide radio campaign for REDD+ and R-PP awareness raising – Dissemination of REDD+ and R-PP (FCPF) information in both Liberian English and translated into 16 local Liberia languages, and broadcast via 54 local radio stations nation- wide for local people. A national validation workshop was held March 2011 in Kakata City, and participants include representatives from CSOs, forest dependent people, rural women, government institutions
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Number of IP and REDD country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):			
<u>Please list the training conducted:</u>	<u>Duration (# of days)</u>	<u># of participants # of men / # of women</u>	
No FCPF training program organized to date			<div>  <input type="radio"/> targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </div>

Frequency of meetings of stakeholder engagement platforms (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):	
<u>Frequency:</u>	
	<div>  <input type="radio"/> targets in terms of frequency to be defined </div> <div>  <input type="radio"/> </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> </div>

	   <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable
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Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities (<i>FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.b.</i>):	
Yes/No: N/A	<u>Please describe these activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities:</u>

Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at conserving biodiversity (<i>FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.c.</i>):	
Yes/No: N/A	<u>Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:</u>

Does your country R-Package and/or ER Program include SESA, an operational Grievance Mechanisms, and an ESMF that captures SESA results (<i>FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.d.</i>):	
Yes/No: N/A	<p><i>If yes, please select your light rating:</i></p> <p>  <input type="radio"/> Degree of advancement or implementation targets to be defined  <input type="radio"/>  <input type="radio"/>  <input type="radio"/>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Non Applicable </p> <p><u>Please describe the measures implemented:</u></p>

3.2.4. Knowledge sharing

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liberia RPP Process and REDD+ awareness brochures was produce by RTWG through FFI supports • The Liberia RPP Process and REDD+ awareness posters, stickers and T- shirts was produce by RTWG through FFI supports • A REDD+ multi- media awareness tape was produce by the RTWG with support from IUCN
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How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:
Overall number by product: N/A
<u># of Men:</u>
<u># of Women:</u>

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?		
<u>Yes/No:</u> <u>Yes</u>	<u>List the South-South learning activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• REDD+ governance and benefit sharing workshop held in Kenya by the FCPF• REDD+ pilot knowledge exchanges and information sharing workshop	<u># of men:</u> 2 <u># of women:</u> 1

4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.

It is expected that the country monitors any changes in the assumptions that underpin the logic of intervention of FCPF at the national level and other significant risks that may arise. This section should explain through a narrative any changes in the level of risk associated with the different assumptions, or describe new risks that may have emerged and have a significant bearing on the national work-planning with respect to FCPF support for the next year and beyond, along with the associated measures required to address this change.

Problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results, and actions taken
The major constraint experience in making progress towards achieving intended results is due to the World Bank rigorous recruitments processes and delays in hiring the procurement specialist, as goods and services will have to be procured using the bank procurement guidelines. However, to ensure that another RIU member understand the procurement requirements, the project Coordinator and the hired Procurement Specialist is attending a short- term training course of procurement in Accra, Ghana.

Change in assumptions and risk monitoring	
<p>Assumptions from Logframe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government remains supportive to land use planning and regulation - REDD+ international funding modality exist - Liberia political situation remains stable - The GoL remains fully committed to the REDD+ agenda and national consultations - The social and economical context allow civil society and other relevant stakeholders to actively engage in the process - Dedicated government staff is nominated for capacity strengthening and participation into the REDD+ process - Conservation and Protected Areas are maintained - International partners for REDD+ readiness financing remain active and open to Liberia 	

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learnt since the beginning of the readiness process. As this is a semi-annual report, it is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learning documents, and/or events developed and dealing with issues of particular interest with respect to readiness of carbon funding under REDD+.

There are several lessons learned since the readiness grant was approved and signed in June 2011, the below are just a few:

1. Managing stakeholders' expectation in the frequencies of information flows and on the implementation of the ground activities. The RPP development process had lots of energies and involvement from the general public and forest dependent communities, and many thought that the next of implementing the RPP would have happen soon. Not even the Liberia team knew that it would had taken 24 months before directly accessing of readiness grant to continue the rate at which information were reaching stakeholders. Most stakeholders seen to lose the enthusiasm, energy and had forgot early information disseminated on this process; and the Liberia will have to work exceedingly to bring stakeholders to date. The lesson learnt is that we need to know how the system of fund flows work under the FCPF grant, develop a clear message on funding flow to be able to clearly articulate when confronted in meetings; and ensure that information are regularly disseminated to relevant stakeholders identified in local communities earlier and on time.