



**Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
VIETNAM**

**Mid term report and request for
additional funding**

Participant Committee Meeting 19

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Introduction

- Presentation from Vietnam FCPF project
- FCPF, UN-REDD II and others
- Vietnam REDD+ Office
- Vietnam Forest Administration

REDD+ IN VIETNAM

- Involved in REDD+ since 2007
- UN-REDD phase I 2009-11/2012
- FCPF 2013-11/2015
- UN-REDD phase II 2013-12/2015
- Other REDD+ related projects funded by Norway, Finland, USA, Japan, Germany, etc.

LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

- Law on Forest Protection and Development 2004
- Biodiversity Law 2008
- Decree 99/2010 on payment for forest environment services
- Decision 2139/2011 on national strategy for climate change
- Decision 3119/2011 on reduction of greenhouse gases in agriculture and rural development
- Decision 57/2012 on forest protection and development 2011-2020
- Decision 799/2012 on national REDD+ action plan
- Decision 1393/2012 on national strategy for green growth
- New Land Law 2014
- New Environmental Protection Law 2014

REDD+ ORGANISATION

- National Inter-ministerial REDD+ Steering Committee since 2011
- Provincial Inter-agency REDD+ Steering Committees in 11 pilot provinces
- Vietnam REDD+ Office since 2011
- National REDD+ Network (multi-stakeholder) since 2011
- Technical and 6 sub-technical working groups (multi-stakeholder) since 2011

REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION

- National REDD+ Action Plan (NRAP) approved June 2012
- National Safeguards roadmap for NRAP developed 2013
- 2 Provincial REDD+ Action Plans (PRAP) approved in 2014 and January 2015; 8 underway to be approved end 2015
- Gender, land tenure and ethnic minorities (indigenous peoples) issues integrated in PRAP
- ER-PIN adopted June 2014
- Letter of Intent signed January 2015

REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION (cont.)

- CSOs/NGOs involved in gender, land tenure, ethnic minorities, awareness raising and consultations
- Community forestry and land allocation to households have been promoted
- FPIC applied for PRAPs and site level planning processes
- National Feedback, Grievance Redress Mechanism under development
- Start designing national Safeguard Information System

REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION (cont.)

- Draft National REDD+ Fund sent out for comments to be finalised in June 2015
- BDS under development for piloting and finalised in 2017
- National RLs under development for COP21 and nested regional RLs for ER areas to submit early 2016
- National Forest Inventory underway and MRV under development
- Start REDD+ Academies with 2 Universities

REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION (cont.)

- SESA and ESMF processes just started in May 2015
- VPA/FLEGT negotiations to be completed in 2015
- Review NRAP in 2015 to update and/or design M&E system
- REDD+ Registry ongoing to be linked with SIS-REDD+ Geoportal-FORMIS Platform
- Improve forestry governance: Participatory Governance Assessments piloted in 1 province

FCPF location

Works at the national level with three pilot provinces, two in ER-PIN area

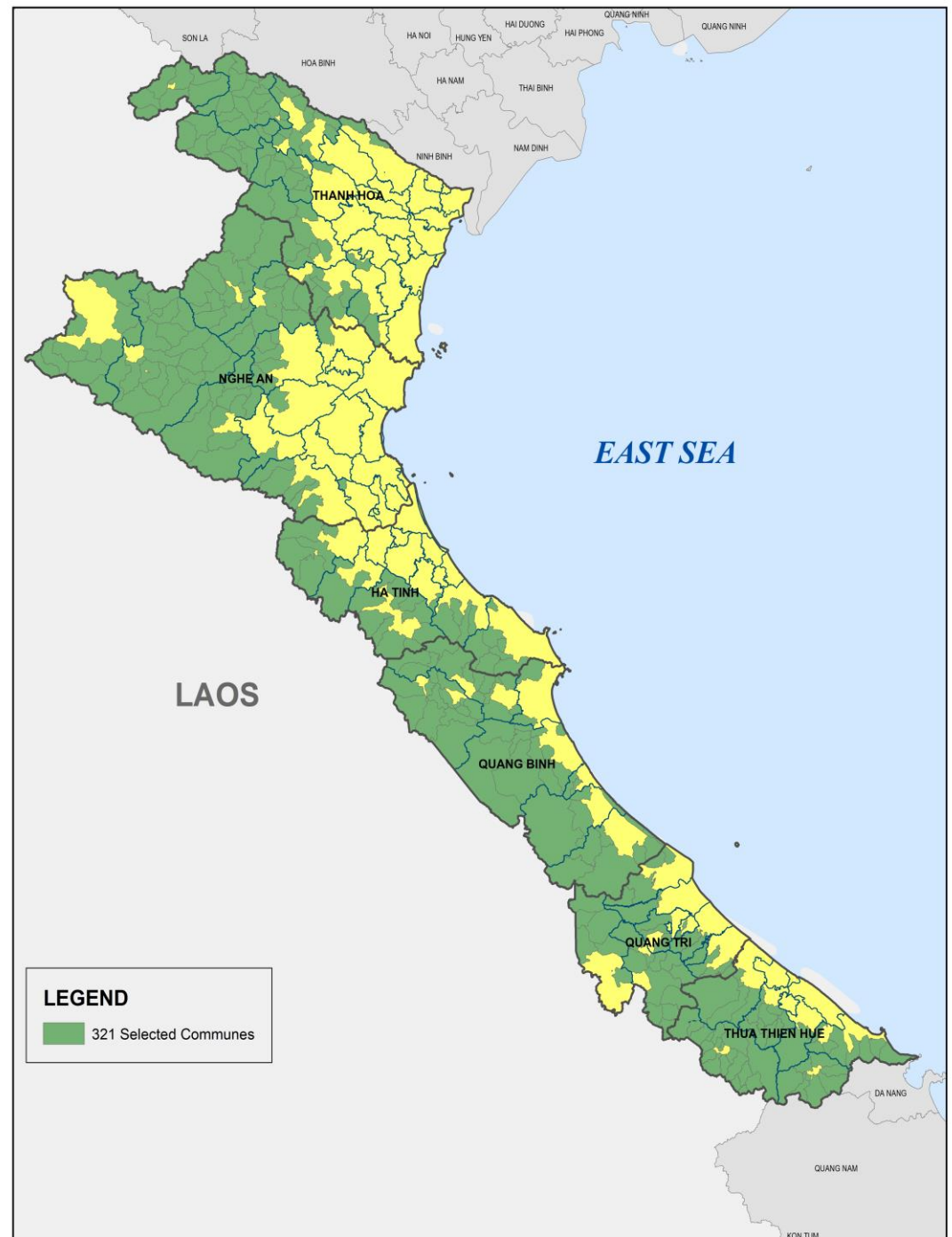
ER-PIN includes six provinces: Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue

More implementation responsibilities and coordination: 4 projects/programs

The program area:

- 50 districts, 321 communes
- 2.2M ha of forest (1M plantations), land area of 3.2M ha
- 1.1M ethnic minorities from seven major groups and three to four minor groups (the total population is about 10M)

Map of the Emissions Reduction program area showing six provinces, 50 Districts and 321 communes (green)



MTR assessment process

- An independent consultant, consultations with stakeholders at various levels
- MTR reviewed the R-PP and the WB Readiness Preparation Assessment Note document
- Combined and updated the R-PP Monitoring Matrix with the Readiness Assessments
- The revised monitoring matrix will be used in the R-Assessment

REDD FCPF Readiness Preparation activities

Component	Activities	Main achievements
Component 1	Analytical studies and development of capacities to support REDD+	NRAP, ER-PIN and ER-PA, REDD+ SCs, Regional coordination of ER-P area projects and six provinces
Component 2	Policies review, SFC reform for REDD+ service provision	Work under way on State Forest Company (SFC) reform and privatization in two provinces
Component 3	Stakeholder consultation and Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment	Initial stakeholder analysis completed and further definition of program area and target populations – known to include seven major ethnic minority groups and three to four minor groups
Component 4	Project management and monitoring and evaluation	Initial work on FLEGT, work on developing MRV and refining FRL, national and nested regional

Summary of specific FCPF achievements cont.

- Three provinces with multiple stakeholder consultations at all levels
- Communications and stakeholder consultation plan for potential stakeholders
- Set up five FCPF REDD+ Provincial Steering Committees
- Initial work with two State Forest Companies
- Awareness raising and training of trainers for FPIC in 3 provinces

Updated financing plan

Component	Funds needed (US\$ mil)	FCPF (US\$ mil)	Committed (US\$ '000)	Disbursed (US\$ '000)	Funds available (US\$ '000)	Request to FCPF (US\$ mil)
1	4.0	1.36	210	321	829	1.1
2	2.0	0.70	201	48	451	1.0
3	3.0	0.86	248	296	316	1.5
4	1.0	0.88	226	649	5	1.4
Total	10.0	3.80	885	1.314	1.601	5.00

Total funds committed and disbursed to mid May US\$2.2M or 58%

Compliance with the common approach

- FGSM underway;
- Work on the National REDD fund and BDS/BSM
- Regional RLs to be included in ERPD
- Further work on environmental and social safeguards
- Improving forest land allocation, and further recognition of importance of communities and household groups

Gaps and challenges

- Support to the Provincial REDD+ Steering Committees (currently missing in one province)
- The complexity of FPIC, resources for consultation and participation with forest dependent ethnic minority communities
- Need to introduce SESA consultations and set the ESMF in all the ER-P provinces
- Technical support for SFM, CFM and commune and village level forest governance
- Further work on MRV and related M&E system
- Work on FLEGT started, it is a multi-agency multi-province

Gaps and challenges cont.

- Forestland allocation requires a comprehensive solution to land tenure arrangements
- Active participation of local people and recognize land tenure arrangements in many remote ethnic minority communities
- Further resources required for practicalities of designing, costing and supporting the implementation of PFES and BSM
- Support to two SFCs currently planned, but expand approach into other provinces and SFCs

Extension to the FCPF Grant

- Current due date 30th November 2015
- Extension of funding to June 2016 for further institutionalisation of the REDD+ processes and a smooth transition
- High levels of interest from the pilot provinces, SFCs, and village communities
- Develop an innovative sustainable approach of introducing practical PRAPs
- Introducing REDD+ into SFCs is an innovative privatization financing approaches

Need for additional financing

- Need for consistency and continuity in REDD+ in 2016-2018
- Activities with ethnic minorities are under-resourced, time consuming and provinces have relatively weak implementation capacity
- Clear operational and policy gaps at the central and more particularly in the provinces and work with ethnic minority communities
- Approval complex process, the project would face the prospect of the project closing and then having to re-mobilise

Summary budget for additional finance

Component	Proposed activities	Additional funds (US\$ M)
1 Analytical studies and development of capacities to support REDD+	Additional work on forest and land tenure, funding for PRAP in Quang Binh, work to support development of provincial and national policy to support REDD+, updating the NRAP	1.10
2 Policies review, SFC reform for REDD+ service provision	Support for other SFC interested in REDD+, benefit of additional rationalization of forest land tenure and forest management	1.00
3 Stakeholder consultation and Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment	Additional funding for SESA consultation and institutional capacity and development work; capacity building work with ethnic minority groups, esp. on land tenure, FLA and forest governance	1.50
4 Project management and monitoring and evaluation	Additional work on MRV and PFMS, M&E work	1.00

Total 5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

