



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Participants Progress Report Template

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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 30th 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 **15th 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

COMPONENT 1A. NATIONAL REDD+ MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- Designated and functional State Level REDD+ Secretariats in the additional four states of Plateau, Edo, Ogun and Kaduna States were commissioned and are functioning. The State REDD+ ensures the coordination of the various REDD+ pilot site activities in the state and interfacing with relevant ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) at the State levels. The State REDD+ Secretariat also oversees the activities of the local governments, NGOs, civil society, academia, the private sector, local communities and traditional authorities working in the field of environment, forestry and natural resource management.

- Formation of platform of Media and Civil society organization platforms for the Nigeria REDD+ programme was achieved.
- High Level Retreat with Parliamentarian held, with a communique highlighting areas of support and partnership in the development of REDD+ programme
- Safety and security Management Plan for REDD+ Readiness and Investment Process developed and currently been reviewed by the Bank.
- The preparation of Nigeria REDD+ R-PACKAGE completed, and to be presented at the forthcoming PA15/PC31 for review and approval. Though Nigeria is Not in the Carbon Fund, but because of it stride in its readiness process, had to develop it R-Package for PC assessment for possible future REDD+ investment opportunities.
- REDD+ IEC material for Publicity of REDD+ Programme Produced.
- Capacity-Enhancement and Training for National and State REDD+ Secretariat Officers undertaken.
- External Audit exercise for 2021 Conducted and report sent to the Bank

COMPONENT 1B. CONSULTATION, PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH

- Consultancy for the design of Nigeria's REDD+ Finance Framework including Forest Carbon Offsets /Credit Programme completed.
- Engagement meetings/ workshops with legislators National and States.
- the aim of the retreat was to develop options to enhance REDD+ contributions to National and Sub-National development; and strengthening legislative support for effective REDD+ governance and sustainable financing.
- The participants included:
- National Assembly members (6-Senators, 8-house of Representatives)
- A total of 21 State Legislators 3 each from seven REDD+ state and Honourable Commissioners of Environment & Agriculture were part of the Parliamentarian retreat held in May, 2022.
- Engagements with forest dependent communities of the 17 livelihood pilot sites in the 7 REDD+ States
- knowledge sharing within REDD+ Communities in 3 REDD+ States were organised , using the early readiness States of Cross River, Ondo and Nasarawa States.
- There were general outreach during the National Forest Carbon Inventory with forest dependent communities as well gathering of socio-economic data. Total number of people reached were 991. (Men 420 and Women 571). Some of the communities engaged were: Namu, Pankshin, Lantang, Bassa, Barkin Ladi, Mangu, Lange, Polwaya, Gwantu, kaura, Robo, Makarfi, Kudan, Kufana, Kagarko, Kagoma, Lere, kauru, Soba,

COMPONENT 2. REDD+ STRATEGY PREPARATION

- National REDD+ Strategy developed, validated and launched both Nationally and Internationally at COP26 in Glasgow.

COMPONENT 3; REFERENCE EMISSION LEVEL/REFERENCE LEVEL

- Additional data of Forest Carbon Inventory in 6 States (Edo, Ogun, Plateau Kaduna, Ondo nad Nasarawa States) undertaken. The Inventory team was made-up of Forest dependent community members, Academia, Civil Society organizations, NGOs, REDD+ secretariat MRV team and Relevant MDAs. Data to be use for country's modified FREL, planned to be submitted to UNFCCC on or Before January, 2023.
- Reviewed and Finalization of the Resettlement Policy Frame (RPF) and Process Framework (PF) submitted to the Bank.

COMPONENT 4a; NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM

- The development and operationalization of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) Completed.
- Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) for NFMS developed.
- National Forest Monitoring System Database/File server designed, developed and implemented.
- NFMS Technical Working Group formed.
- Procurement of GIS equipment for the seven REDD+ states completed this is to reinforce the existing capacity at the subnational level and also assist in jurisdictional forest carbon estimation and generating periodic forest cover change maps for evidence to GHG emission reduction efforts.

COMPONENT 4b; INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE BENEFITS, OTHER IMPACTS, GOVERNANCE AND SAFEGUARDS

- Report of the Gender analysis for inclusive and participatory REDD+ mechanism in Nigeria forestry and natural resource sector developed and functioning.
- REDD+ Documentary archiving and documenting Nigeria REDD+ process developed.

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

- Insecurity within the country inhibits conducting forest carbon inventory especially in plots consider to harbour forest type with High Carbon Value.
- Some bureaucratic delays at CBN resulted in the missing of achievements of some timelines as well payment apprehension from consultants that were hired by the REDD+ secretariat for some key activities
- The lack of clarity and assured REDD+ investment projects as the Readiness activity closes, which is generating uncertainty of the promised livelihood enhancements opportunities for forest dependent communities that have partnered with the REDD+ programme in keeping their forest.

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

- Demonstration of Safeguard Information System.
- Operationalization of National Forest Monitoring System in tracking changes in forest cover of all country's afforestation and sustainable forest management efforts.
- Demonstration/piloting of REDD+ Implementation/investment activities/projects towards result based payment for carbon credit.
- Engagement with partners to finance REDD+ investment plan developed by sub-nationals & other opportunities contained in the REDD+ Strategy Document.

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)
R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation		
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	5 Completed	X
	4 Significant progress	
	3 Progressing well, further development required	
	2 Further development required	
	1 Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0 N/A	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated sub-national REDD+ Secretariats in Plateau, Edo, Ogun and Kaduna States commissioned. Total of 7 sub-national REDD+ Secretariat established and functioning National and State Secretariats' capacity enhanced particularly in forest carbon estimation & REDD+ Project management. Preparation of Nigeria REDD+ R-PACKAGE for self-use completed.
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	5 Completed	
	4 Significant progress	X
	3 Progressing well, further development required	
	2 Further development required	
	1 Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0 N/A	
		General outreach activities executed. The Engagements were with forest dependent communities of the 17 livelihood pilot sites in the 7 REDD+ State & high-level meetings. A total 991 persons were engaged at our various engagements (591 female, 400 male).
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation		
Sub-component 2: REDD+ Strategy	5 Completed	X
	4 Significant progress	
	3 Progressing well, further development required	
	2 Further development required	
	1 Not yet demonstrating progress	
	0 N/A	
		The National REDD+ Strategy developed, launched in-country in Abuja by the Honourable Minister of environment, in a high-level launch having Diplomats, private sector investor, Forest dependent communities' representatives, media, CSOs and local investors in attendance. This Strategy was also launched to broader international partners in COP26 at Glasgow.

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)			Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	5	Completed		Additional Data Collected for Forest Carbon Inventory in 6 States including the four new states of Edo, Ogun, Plateau and Nasarawa.
	4	Significant progress	X	
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	5	Completed		Nigeria's REDD+ Finance Framework including Forest Carbon Offsets /Credit Programme deigned and validated.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required	X	
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	5	Completed		The implementation framework for the investment option in the REDD+ strategy is work in progress to be demonstrated with a possible REDD+ investment programme
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress	X	
	0	N/A		
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	5	Completed	X	Environmental and Strategic Management Framework in place which included PF & RPF ready for implementation during the second phase (Investment/implementation) of the REDD+ programme in Nigeria.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels				
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	5	Completed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Forest Carbon Data Collected in Edo, Ogun, Plateau and Kaduna, Ondo, Nasarawa States to improve data for the reconstruction of FREL as Nigeria modify submission to UNFCCC in 2023.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required	X	
	2	Further development required		
	1	Not yet demonstrating progress		
	0	N/A		
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards				
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	5	Completed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NFMS for Nigeria developed. It operationalization to be implemented as Nigeria makes progress in its REDD+ investment activities. Standard operation system developed.
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required	X	
	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)		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Forest Monitoring System Database/File server designed, developed and implemented. NFMS Technical Working Group formed. 		
Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	5	Completed	Safeguards Information System framework put in place following analysis of REDD+ states identified policies and Measures that addresses sustainable forest managements activities inline with CANCUN safeguards principles and criteria.	
	4	Significant progress		
	3	Progressing well, further development required		
	2	Further development required		X
	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		(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:

The Nigeria REDD+ Strategy captured livelihoods concerns. Details are provided in the finalized document.

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		(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

This is reflected in our National Strategy

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)
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EXAMPLES:

\$4,940,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	10/2019	Public	Grant / Loan / Other
\$3.8m	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	01/2015	Public	Grant / Loan / Other
\$250,000	Ministry of Environment	01/2014	Public	Grant/loan/Other
\$0.8m	CBR+ Grant	01/2014	Public	Grant / Loan / Other
\$0.131m	GCCF	01/2014	Public	Grant / Loan / Other
\$4m	UNREDD	01/2012	Public	Grant / Loan / Other

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
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
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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 central influence on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes					X

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

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

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 regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information				X	
FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our REDD+ related information requirements				X	
FCPF knowledge products are sufficient to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements		X			
The FCPF website 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:

Nigeria has progressed very well in its Readiness process building partnership with relevant stakeholders with the forest landscape. This effort can only be sustained, through prompt REDD+ investment or support opportunities so as not to dampen the expectation of forest dependent communities and other stakeholders with expectations on Carbon investment that will not only improve forest cover and reduce GHG emission but also bring livelihood enhancement opportunities to all.

Its is our hope that Nigeria REDD+ next step will benefit from the new financing frame work of Certify Emission Reduction Facility (CERF) by the Bank

