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Effective Local Stakeholders engagement in REDD+: Lessons from the Cambodia CSOs REDD+ Network

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Introduction

- The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) is a membership organization that builds NGO cooperation and capacity, supporting NGO networks and other civil society organizations to engage in policy dialogue, debate and advocacy for poor and vulnerable people.
- The NGO Forum has 89 member organizations and 8 networks
- The Cambodia CSOs REDD+ Network (CSO-REDD+) is one of the networks which consist of 26 members from national, international NGOs, academia, IPs, CBO who work related to REDD+ such as natural resource management, climate change, biodiversity.

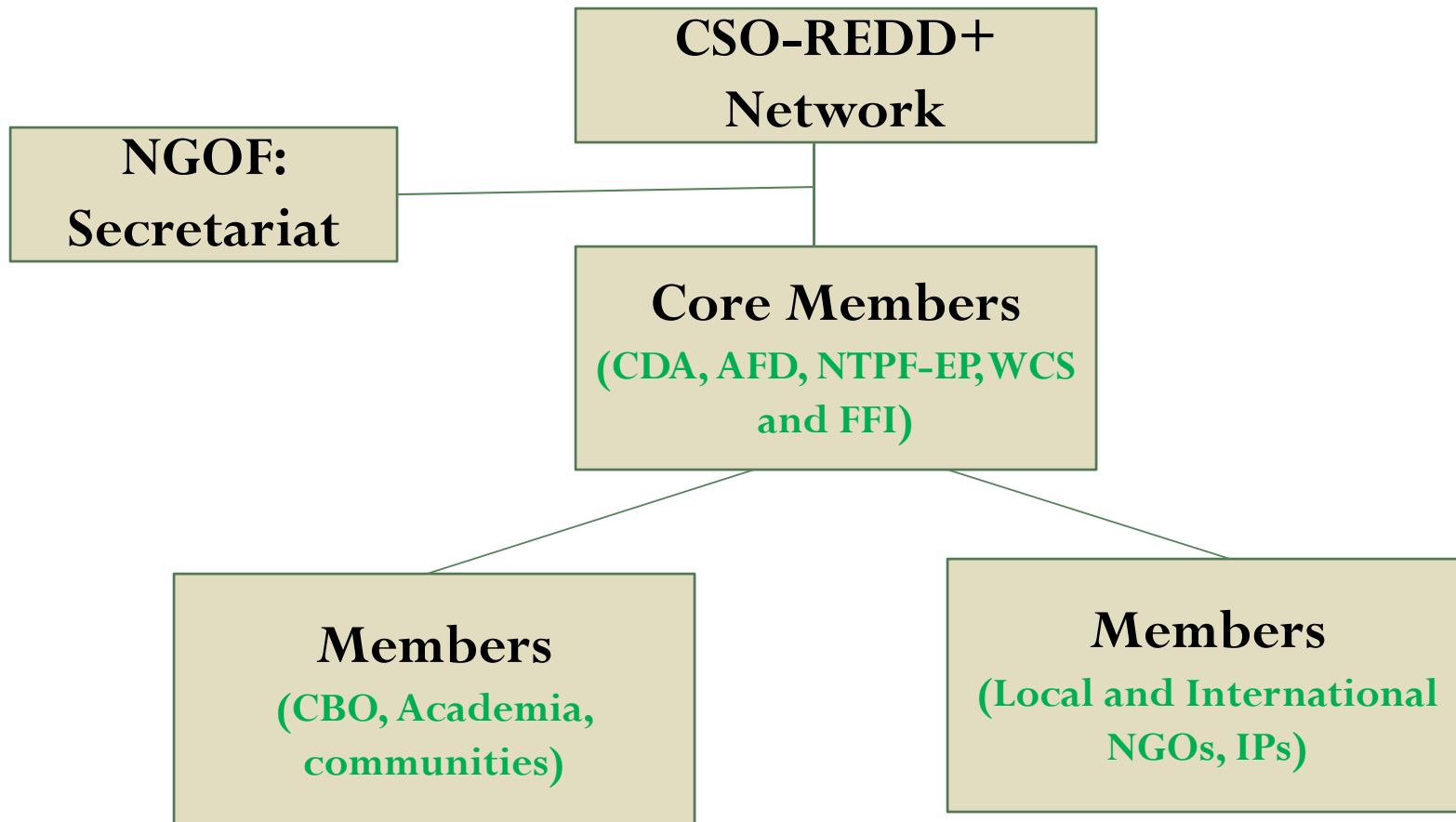


Why Cambodia CSOs REDD+ Network (CSO-REDD+)?

- Representatives of IP/CSO participated in consultation since REDD+ roadmap development process
- A group of CSOs (CDA, NTFP-EP, EWMI, NGOF, CPN, CIYA, IRAM and other NGOs based in provincial level) conducted REDD+ awareness raising at provincial and regional levels in 11 provinces in Cambodia in 2010.
- CSO-REDD+ Network was formed in 2012 to serve as a platform for sharing information and to engage with policy dialogues and debates on protecting the benefit of indigenous peoples and forest-dependent communities in REDD+.
- The objectives: to ensure full and effective participation of stakeholders in the implementation of REDD+ roadmap for development of National REDD+ Strategy and promote the implementation of REDD+ with transparency and good governance.

Why Cambodia CSOs REDD+ Network (CSO-REDD+)?

- Structure of CSO-REDD+:



**Full and
Effective
Participation**

**Information
Delivery**

Consultation

**Benefit
Sharing &
Safeguards**

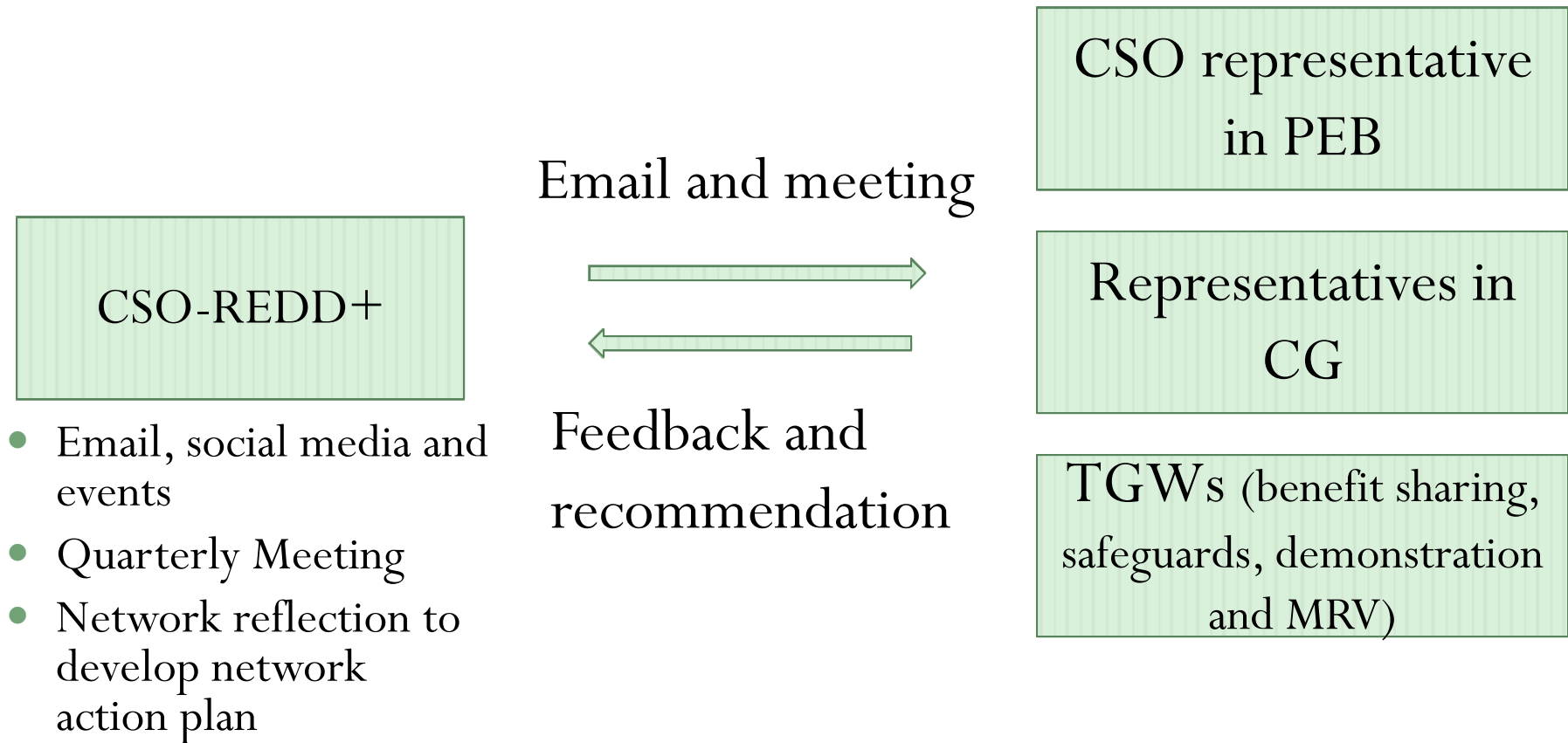
Why CSO-REDD+?

Empowering

**Involvement &
Collaboration in
decision-
making**

**Transparency
& Good
Governance**

Information Flow



Key Achievements

■ Awareness Raising:

- Youth debate on REDD+ attracted university students and public
- Speakers from different stakeholders have been invited to share their experiences and practice related to REDD+ via radio.
- Workshop series on climate change, REDD+ and forest governance have increased knowledge of university students.



Key Achievements (Con't)

- Capacity building to members:
 - Perspectives of CSOs on social and environmental safeguards have been discussed during the workshop.
 - Network members have increased knowledge on REDD+ concepts, forest governance and climate change.
 - Empower CSOs engagement in ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN)



Key Achievements (Con't)

- Policy Consultation:
 - Facilitate network members to provide inputs and recommendations on related policies, law and regulations to Cambodia REDD+ Coordination Arrangements (e.g. Taskforce, Technical Teams, Consultation group...)
 - Meeting and consulting with members to identify the main issues and how to address the issue from local to international levels related to forestry, social inclusion, and REDD+.

Challenges

- REDD+ is new to Cambodia. Although, some trainings and awareness workshops were provided, the capacity of network members to contribute to REDD+ Readiness is still limited.
- Awareness raising materials on REDD+ in Khmer language is limited which makes its difficulty for network members.
- Some of network members in the provinces are difficult in access to the internet or email and some limit capacity in using it.
- Limited fund support of the REDD+ activities at the grassroots level.
- The REDD+ CG is the platform for effective stakeholder engagement in REDD+. However, some of the members in the CG have limited capacity in providing recommendation for REDD+ Taskforce as well as no funding support for representatives to conduct consultation with their contingencies.

Way Forward



- Promote fair and effective participation of network members in Cambodia REDD+ readiness processes.
- Strengthen network members and information flow.
- Strengthen collaboration with government, development partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- Continue to build capacity of network members.
- Empower and strengthening CSOs and communities in protecting forest and natural resource.

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