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Executive summary

A priority for the second quarter was the management and implementation of the consultation process of the National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) with key government agencies and stakeholders; and finalization of proposals for REDD+ sub-national demonstration activities.

The second draft of the NRS has been reviewed and inputs received from FA, GDANCP and FiA, and the REDD+ Expert Group have been incorporated. The first consultation held in May 2015 also received comments from the REDD+ Taskforce, the four REDD+ Technical Teams, REDD+ Consultation Group, and Gender Group. A partial revision of the second draft has been completed and the third draft will be finalized following the second stakeholder's consultation that will be organized in July 2015.

The revised draft of the National Protected Area Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP), Ministry of Environment (MoE) has been reviewed and agreement reached to design a consultative process. Recruitment of a team of international and national consultants to finalize the NPASMP is being finalized.

The REDD+ Consultation Group has finalized and endorsed its byelaws, elected a new chairperson and has updated and approved its work plan. Several capacity building events for the Consultation Group and the Gender Group were arranged that included training on gender and REDD+, a review of the gender checklist for the NRS, and active participation in the NRS consultation process. REDD+ awareness through radio and television continued with several broadcasts while the call for proposals to start production of video programmes is now in its final stage to select a professional service provider.

Proposals for REDD+ sub-national demonstration activities have been formalized and implementation has started. A total of five sites in four provinces have been finalized. These include two protected area sites with the General Department for the Administration of Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP); two sites with the Fisheries Administration (FiA); and one site with the Forestry Administration (FA).

The implementation of pilot activities on the establishment of demonstration REDD+ fund management systems and development of REDD+ strategies in the Seima Protected forest (SPF) in collaboration with WCS has been completed. Key results from the implementation of this grant agreement include the validation under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS), lessons learned from the validation process and a revised project document. Additional outputs include a report on drivers and measures to reduce deforestation and forest degradation and evidence of effectiveness; and the development of a system to monitor biodiversity co-benefits. During the course of implementation at least 10 exchange visits from government officials and REDD+ related participants were facilitated to learn from the experience of the Seima Protected Forest REDD+ demonstration site. The technical reports from the implementation will make an important contribution to the National REDD+ strategy development process.

Significant progress was made to design the cost benefit spatial decision-making tool to support the REDD+ National Programme. A five-day training programme on the spatial GIS tool development was conducted. This capacity building process will make an important contribution to the development of the GIS tool that will result in enhancing the understanding of costs and benefits of REDD+ options.

Indigenous Peoples representatives from thirteen provinces of Cambodia approved its code of

conduct that would guide its participation and engagement in the Cambodia REDD+ readiness process. They have also elected their IPs representative and alternate to the Project Executive Board (PEB) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) project following the resignation of former representative. They have also reviewed and made recommendations to improve information flow and feedback mechanisms for REDD+ policies and activities.

II. Implementation progress

PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness Process, stakeholder engagement in accordance with consultation principles			
Output Indicators	<i>Baseline (June 2013)</i>	<i>Target (December 2015)</i>	<i>Current cumulative status (June 2015)</i>
1.1 Multi-agency Taskforce /Secretariat /Technical Working Groups/Consultation Group established and functional	Elements of national REDD+ readiness management established but not fully operationalized	<i>Effective operation of taskforce</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two PEB meetings organized • Regular TTs meeting conducted • Bi-monthly CG meetings organized 	<p>The 9th PEB meeting organized</p> <p>Three RTS meetings organized</p> <p>MRV/REL Technical team meeting organized to update on Outcome 4 progress</p> <p>One additional consultation group meeting organized bringing the total to three meetings upto June 2015</p> <p>Five Safeguards Technical Team and Expert Group Members participated in the regional expert group meeting on Safeguards organized by the Regional Office, Bangkok</p> <p>Five CSO and IPs representatives from the CG participated in a regional CSO and IPs representatives and leaders meeting in Bangkok</p>
1.2 Communication and awareness material developed	Elements of national REDD+ readiness management	<i>Development and dissemination of awareness raising</i>	Four additional (total nine up to June 2015) TV talk shows and

and used; REDD+ website regularly updated	established but not fully operationalized	<i>materials and training</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 10 TV talk shows and 8 video features / documentary produced and broadcast Up to 17 radio call-in shows, one minute video spot and two video documentaries produced, aired and broadcasted Four videos produced and disseminated Production of multiple products such as calendars and notebooks Series of news and articles uploaded to website 	<p>seven video features produced, broadcast and uploaded to the Cambodia REDD+ website</p> <p>Five additional (total 10 up to June 2015) radio call-in shows produced and aired. A one minute video spot produced and broadcasted on TVK. Production of two video documentaries production is underway</p> <p>Procurement of agency to produce videos is underway</p> <p>1,200 desk-calendars and 1,000 note books and 130 VCDs to build REDD+ awareness printed and distributed</p> <p>Several news items uploaded to website</p>
1.3 Improved knowledge and skills applied	Elements of national REDD+ readiness management established but not fully operationalized	<i>Enhanced capacity of taskforce, secretariat, partners and stakeholders</i>	<p>Series of Gender Group meetings organized</p> <p>Two training workshops on gender mainstreaming and REDD+ for Technical Teams and the CG conducted</p>
<p>- The 9th PEB meeting organized by the REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat noted significant progress related to REDD+ activities during 2014, including the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, and set ambitious goals and targets for the FCPF in 2015. The PEB supported the consultation progress to generate high level support for REDD+ from all relevant ministries. PEB approved the annual work plan and budget for the FCPF project, noted the status of the CBR+ in Cambodia, and the arrangement between UNDP and FAO for implementation of Outcome 4 of FCPF. PEB approved the terminal evaluation of the UN-REDD programme and looked forward to reviewing findings and recommendations at the next PEB meeting as an</p>			

ongoing process of strengthening the REDD+ programme in Cambodia.

- Three meetings of the RTS were organized in the first quarter of 2015 that had a total of 36 participants. Agenda items included approval of the roadmap of the NRS, institutional arrangements, review of comments for the second draft of the NRS, translation of the NRS into Khmer, follow up with UNDP Cambodia for target support budget, and approval of Terms of Reference for consultants.
- A MRV/REL Technical Team meeting was held with 19 participants. The meeting provided an update on Outcome 4 of the National Programme.
- A series of meetings of the Gender Group were organized that approved its annual work plan for 2015 and conducted two capacity building workshops for the four REDD+ technical teams and the REDD+ consultation group.
- Up to June 2015, ten radio call-in-shows were aired. In addition, a one-minute TV spot titled what is REDD+ has also been produced, broadcasted on TVK and has been uploaded to the Cambodian REDD+ website and the Face Book page. Two additional video documentaries on REDD+ safeguards and REDD+ benefits sharing/ incentives is under production.
- Up to June 2015, nine TV talk-shows on REDD+ related topics and frameworks have been produced of which 8 TV talk-shows were broadcast. Eight video features/documentaries of the TV talk-show topics on the two REDD+ pilot sites in Oddar Meanchey Community Forest and Siema Protected Forest in Monduliri province were produced and broadcasted as well.
- Additional articles on gender mainstreaming, REDD+, results of the PEB meeting, use of mass media tools to promote REDD+, training on REDD+ economic and spatial GIS tool development, and national REDD+ strategy consultation were prepared and uploaded to the REDD+ Cambodia website and Face Book page.
- Additional ten technical working papers and information notes were published. A total of 20 working technical papers have been produced up to June 2015.
- 1,200 desk-calendars and 1,000 note books and 130 master video DVDs with key REDD+ awareness building information and progress were printed, copied and distributed to government, NGOs, private sector, REDD+ technical teams, CG, GG, and universities.
- The announcement for call for proposal submission for the production of four videos on REDD+ Safeguards; REDD+ MRV and Monitoring; Co-benefits under REDD+; and Positive Incentives under REDD+ has been completed. Proposals review and assessment is underway and expected to be finalized in July 2015.
- Indigenous Peoples representatives from thirteen provinces of Cambodia approved its code of conduct that would guide its participation and engagement in the Cambodia REDD+ readiness process. The day-long event also elected Mr Man Pak as the IPs representative and Mr Li Lim as an alternate to the Project Executive Board (PEB) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) project following the resignation of Mr Nok Ven from the PEB in February 2015. Over thirty IPs representatives and representatives from the government, and national and international non-government organizations also reviewed and made recommendations to improve information flow and feedback mechanisms for REDD+ policies and activities. Observers at the meeting included the NGO Forum, Cambodia Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA), The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC), and World Conservation Society (WCS).

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Output 2: Development of the National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework					
Output Indicators	<i>Baseline (June 2013)</i>	<i>Target (December 2015)</i>	<i>Current status (June 2015)</i>		
2.1 National REDD+ Strategy endorsed	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	National REDD+ Strategy finalized	The second working draft of the national strategy has been completed. The third working draft is being developed		
2.2 REDD+ strategies of line agencies are developed	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	<i>Identification of FA, FiA and GDANCP REDD+ strategies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Protected Area Strategic management Plan (NPASMP) finalized. 	<p>The revised draft of the National Protected Area Strategic Management Plan (NPASMP), Ministry of Environment (MoE) has been reviewed and agreement reached to design a consultative process.</p> <p>Recruitment of an international and two national consultants to finalize the NPASMP is nearing completion.</p>		
2.3 Report on valuation of co-benefits	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	Completion of cost and benefit analysis,	<p>Preparations for additional research on the spread sheet and technical assistance for design and finalization of the cost benefit spatial planning tool completed.</p> <p>Field data collection to analyze costs and benefits of land use underway.</p> <p>Training on REDD+ economic and spatial GIS tool development conducted.</p>		
2.4 An initial analysis	Initial analyses of	Development of a	• N/A		

of potential benefit sharing models, workshops and meetings	components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	proposed approach to benefit sharing	
2.5 Initial analysis of existing funds workshops and meetings to discuss national options	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	Development of a proposed approach to REDD+ Fund mechanism	Several consultations and meetings held to identify Safeguard Information System (SIS), Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and REDD+ Fund Mechanism (RFM) requirements. Terms of Reference to undertake a legal review of policies, laws, and regulations for SIS, GRM and RFM is being finalized.
2.6 Establishment of grievance mechanism	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	Development of a proposed approach to grievance mechanism	Several consultations and meetings held to identify Safeguard Information System (SIS), Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and REDD+ Fund Mechanism (RFM) requirements. Terms of Reference to undertake a legal review of policies, laws, and regulations for SIS, GRM and RFM is being finalized.
2.7 Information paper on a proposed approach to national safeguards	Initial analyses of components of a national REDD+ strategy identified	Development of a proposed approach to national safeguards	Several consultations and meetings held to identify Safeguard Information System (SIS), Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and REDD+ Fund Mechanism (RFM) requirements. Terms of Reference to undertake a legal review of policies, laws, and regulations for SIS, GRM and RFM is being finalized. Updated summary on

			Safeguards in Cambodia has been developed
<p>The second draft of the NRS has been finalized after incorporating comments and inputs received from FA, GDANCP and FiA; and by the REDD+ Expert Group. The first consultation on the second draft of the NRS focusing on chapters 1-4 with the REDD+ Taskforce, four REDD+ Technical Teams, REDD+ Consultation Group and Gender Group was held in May 2015. The full revision of the second draft to produce the third draft will be finalized following the second stakeholder’s consultation scheduled for July 2015.</p> <p>The revised draft of the NPASMP, Ministry of Environment (MoE) has been reviewed and agreement reached to design a consultative process. Recruitment of an international consultant and national consultants to finalize the NPASMP is at the final stage and the consultants will start work from July onwards.</p> <p>Following the completion of preparations for additional research on the spread sheet and technical assistance for design and finalization of the cost benefit spatial planning tool, the costs and benefits (economics and spatial) analysis is being carried out in order to support REDD+ planning process under the Cambodian REDD+ National Program. Field data collection on costs and benefits of different land use types is being undertaken in Koh Kong and Mondulkiri provinces. A five-day training on REDD+ economic and spatial GIS tool development has also been conducted for 15 government officials from FA, FiA, GDANCP and NGOs in June 2015. Participants learned to use the open source application quantum GIS and worked with experts from UNEP-WMC to test and further develop a GIS tool that combines economic and spatial data.</p> <p>A summary update on the progress of the safeguards information system in Cambodia has been developed. The update outlines the proposal of a set of principles, criteria and indicators for a REDD+ safeguards system in Cambodia. The summary update will be discussed with TF, TTs, CG and GG in the upcoming REDD+ safeguards meeting in July 2015 for final comments and inputs.</p>			
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OUTPUT 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels			
Output Indicators	Baseline (June 2013)	Target (December 2015)	Current status (June 2015)
3.1 Development and institutionalization of National REDD+ intervention guidelines at sub-national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Diversity of technical documents in draft stage and include policy brief on monitoring biodiversity co benefits; and, options paper on design of conservation trust fundsRecommendations on new approaches to improve forest monitoring systems to address drivers of deforestation and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Development of subnational technical and training guidelinesDocumentation and adjustment of the subnational REDD+ demonstration activities based on lessons learned	The implementation of grant agreement on establishment of demonstration REDD+ fund management systems and development of REDD+ strategies in Seima Protection Forest has been completed. Key results including the project official validation under VCS Rules. Project document and continued

	<p>forest degradation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons learnt report on validation report underlines the complexity and challenge of validation demands 		<p>communication with validators; lessons learned from validation process captured and shared. Analysis and detailed report on drivers and measures to reduce deforestation and forest degradation and evidence for their effectiveness; testing and final report on a system to monitor biodiversity co-benefits of REDD+ project.</p>
3.2 Improved subnational capacity for REDD+ implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two demonstration activities sites (Udar Meanchey CFs and Seima Protected Forest) in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 6 additional subnational REDD+ demonstration sites initiated 	<p>Proposal for REDD+ sub-national demonstration activities covering 5 sites from FiA, FA and GDANCP prepared and endorsed. Letter of Agreement (LoA) between FCPF and the three institution officially signed. Field implementation stated.</p>

A total of 5 REDD+ demonstration sites have been selected to test REDD+ implementation. The proposal for the 5 demonstration sites has been completed and endorsed. Field implementation has just commenced. The 5 REDD+ demonstration sites are:

Two REDD+ demonstration sites have been proposed by the Fisheries Administration (FiA):

- Site 1: Fisheries Conservation Area (Former Fishing lot #1) in Kampong Chnang Province with a total flooded forest area of 3,433ha.
- Site 2: Preynup Mangrove Forest in Preah Sihanouk Province with a total area of 4,500ha in six community fisheries areas covering the whole area of mangrove landscape in Prey Nub District.

The goal of these REDD+ demonstration activities is to design and refine effective REDD+ policies and measures to be implemented in flooded and mangrove forests as part of the national REDD+ strategy, drawing on lessons from pilot sites.

Specific objectives of the project are to:

- 1) Identify and analyze major drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in flooded and mangrove forests
- 2) Propose and test a set of policies and measures to address the identified drivers
- 3) Strengthen capacity of staff, local communities, and stakeholders on REDD+
- 4) Generate lessons for the implementation of the national REDD+ strategy and protected area management.

Two REDD+ demonstration sites have been proposed by GDANCP, MoE:

- Site 1: Botum Sakor National Park in Koh Kong Province with a total forest area of 171,250 ha that covers the three districts of Botum Sakor, Kiti Sakor, and Koh Kong.
- Site 2: Phnom Kulen National Park with a total area of 37,373 ha in Svay Leu District, Siem Reap Province.

The goal of the project is to design and implement policies and measures that will lead to improved management of natural resources, expand livelihood opportunities, and reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Specific objectives of these two REDD+ demonstration activities are to:

- 1) Generate improved understanding of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- 2) Test a set of policies and measures to address the identified drivers
- 3) Strengthen capacity of staff, local communities, and stakeholders on REDD+
- 4) Generate lessons for the implementation of national REDD+ strategy and protected area management.

One REDD+ demonstration site in Samroang Commune, Kravanh District, Pursat province has been selected by the Forestry Administration (FA). The objective of the demonstration is to integrate lessons from earlier activities, and mainstream REDD+ governance at the sub national level and to draw lessons from the field level pilot implementation of policies and measures to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradations in order to better design approaches at the national level.

Specific objectives of the project are to:

- 1) Demonstrate an inter-institutional landscape approach to addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- 2) enhance capacity of Commune Council to undertake land use planning, consensus building, design management options, and implementation modalities
- 3) Integrate climate change risks and measures into commune land use planning
- 4) Generate lessons for the implementation of national REDD+ strategy

Field REDD+ demonstration activities implementation has commenced with the detail analysis and studies on the key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the 5 pilot sites follow by the discussion and prioritization of key measures to be tested in order to address the identified drivers

The implementation of a Grant Agreement (GA) between FCPF and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to assist the FA to develop and integrate the REDD+ fund mechanism for the Siema REDD+ fund project, to provide guidance for National REDD+ Readiness Process on the implementation of REDD+ strategies, monitoring of biodiversity co-benefits and to validate and verify the Siema REDD+ project document has been completed. The results and outputs to be delivered under this GA included the establishment of a fund management mechanism, the development and implementation of pilot REDD+ strategies, development of a system for monitoring biodiversity in the context of REDD+ implementation and validation of project design and preparation for verification. Key highlighted results from the implementation of this grant agreement including the project official validation under VCS Rules. Project document and continued communication with validators; lessons learned from validation process captured and shared. Analysis and detailed report on drivers and measures to reduce deforestation and forest degradation and evidence for their effectiveness; testing and final report on a system to monitor biodiversity co-benefits of REDD+ project. In addition, a total of 10 technical reports documented results and lessons learned from the implementation has been prepared and shared including 1). The assessment of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in SPF, 2). Options for fund management mechanism for SPF REDD+ projects, 3).

Information brief on monitoring biodiversity co-benefits in SPF REDD+ demonstration site, 4). Information brief on REDD+ strategies trailed in SPF and an assessment of effectiveness, 5). Information note with an overview of the total cost of bringing CO2 emission reductions to the voluntary carbon market, 6). Legal opinion on the development of sustainable forest financing mechanisms, 7). Draft documents for legal advice to establish fund management mechanism, 8). Draft document for project verification, 9). Validation of project design document for SPF REDD+ project			
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Output 4: Monitoring system designed for REDD+			
Output Indicators	Baseline (June 2013)	Target (December 2015)	Current status (June 2015)
4.1 Strengthened and consolidated national framework and capacity within NFMS	National Forest Monitoring System partially completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effective operation of MRV/REL technical teamImproved capacity for assessment of REDD+ GHG emissions	FCPF funds were not planned and budgeted for this quarter. All activities continue to be implemented with UN-REDD funds. The FCPF funds planned for outcome 4 is expected to kick start quarter 3.
4.2 Improved data available for reporting to UNFCCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved REDD+ Activity Data	Same as above
4.3 Methodologies to monitor REDD+ available		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved REDD+ Emission Factors	Same as above

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Output 1.4. Scaled up action on climate change adaptation and mitigation across sectors which is funded and implemented			
Output Indicators	Baseline (2013)	Target (December 2015)	Current status (June 2015)
National appropriate REDD+ safeguard system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of gaps in existing policies is completed 	Development of a proposed approach to national safeguards	Several consultations and meetings held to identify Safeguard Information System (SIS), Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and REDD+ Fund Mechanism (RFM) requirements. Terms of Reference to undertake a legal

			review of policies, laws, and regulations for SIS, GRM and RFM is being finalized. Summary Safeguards in Cambodia has been developed
National benefit sharing (allocation of incentives) system for REDD+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of options completed 	Designing of benefit sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

Gender Mainstreaming in REDD+

Following the first Capacity Building Workshop on Concept of Gender and REDD+ was organized by the Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat (RTS) at Preah Sihanouk province, the second training was also organized in Seim Reap for the Cambodian REDD+ Consultation Group members. Similarly, the workshop aimed to enhance understanding of the concept of gender, women's empowerment; discuss and identify entry points for gender mainstream considerations into REDD+ activities and programmes; and to familiarize itself with the gender checklist.

A total of 47 professionals participated in the workshop representing the REDD+ Consultation Group participated in a 3 days training workshop from 1-3 April 2015.

Participants have learned the concepts of gender and tools for gender analysis and methods to mainstream gender into the forestry sector with lessons drawn from REDD+ programmes from Indonesia and Vietnam. In addition, participants also reviewed the Gender Checklist that had been drawn earlier to provide guidance on possible ways to ensure gender issues could be promoted and mainstreamed within the National REDD+ Strategy as well as pre-tested the review of the National REDD+ Strategy to identify how gender issues had been considered in the first draft of the national REDD+ strategy and identified gaps. Preliminary comments and inputs on gender mainstreaming issues in the second draft of the National REDD+ Strategy has been discussed and has been provided to incorporate in the third draft of the NRS.

Updated project risks and actions

a. Update project risks and actions

Project risk 1: Commitment of RGC towards implementing REDD+ does not remain firm

Action Taken: Recent evaluations of the REDD+ programme have expressed the issue of commitment of the RGC as national ownership and institutionalization. The project has taken note of these findings and this issue was placed on the agenda of the 9th PEB meeting held in February 2015. In addition these issues continue to be discussed as part of the process to develop the National REDD+ Strategy. The project remains committed to enhancing the commitment of the RGC towards REDD+.

b. Update project issues and actions

Project Issue 1: The preparation of proposals for sub-national REDD+ demonstration took longer than expected due to unclear scope and scale of the National REDD+ strategy including drivers addressable. While start up issues are now resolved risks remains of slower than planned progress.

Action Taken:

- Proposals for REDD+ sub-national demonstration activities from FA, FiA and GDANCP covering five demonstration sites have been finalized and endorsed. Letters of Agreement (LoA) have been signed with the three institutions. Technical assistance has been procured to provide support to implementation activities.

Project issue 2: Potential impact on gender equality and women's empowerment

Action Taken:

- Two training workshops on Gender Mainstreaming and REDD+ organized for the four REDD+ Technical Team Members, representative from relevance key REDD+ institutions and the Cambodian REDD+ consultation group by REDD+ Gender Group (GG).
- Gender Group had been invited and continues to participate actively in the NRS consultation process.

Project issue 3: Status of Outcome 4 agreement between UNDP and FAO

While the UN-REDD project closed on 30 June 2015 the agreement between UNDP and FAO has not been finalized or signed as on 30 June 2015. This could lead to delay in implementation of Outcome 4 activities and utilization of budgeted funds.

Action Taken:

- Undertake thorough review of LoA
- Specific and realistic review of timeline and budgets
- Reallocate budget as required
- Ensure FAO takes appropriate steps to meet delivery

IV. Financial Status and Utilization

Table 1: Contribution Overview [Project started: 01 January 2014 – Project end: 31 December 2017]

Donor Name	Contributions		Actual Expense	Balance
	Committed	Received		
Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF-12100)	3,800,000.00	3,800,000.00	680,994.25	3,119,005.75
Total	3,800,000.00	3,800,000.00	680,994.25	3,119,005.75

Table 2: 2nd Quarter 2015 Cumulative Expenditure by Activities [01 April – 30 June 2015]

Activities - Description	Budget [2QT, 2015]	Cumulative Expenditure			Balance	Delivery (%)
		Govt/FCPF (Disbursed)	UNDP (Disbursed)	Total		
Activity 1: Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness Process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principle	164,190.00	17,344.33	39,338.93	56,683.26	107,506.74	35%
Activity 2: Development of the National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework	187,476.00	28,440.77	47,273.04	75,713.81	111,762.19	40%
Activity 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at Sub-National Levels	130,900.00	40,400.00	3,500.00	43,900.00	87,000.00	34%
Activity 4: Monitoring system designed for REDD+ with capacity for implementation	-	-	4.72	4.72	(4.72)	#DIV/0!
Total	482,566.00	86,185.10	90,116.69	176,301.79	306,264.21	37%

Table 3: Cumulative Expenditure by Activities [01 January – 31 December 2015]

Activities - Description	Budget [2015]	Cumulative Expenditure			Balance	Delivery (%)
		Govt/FCPF (Disbursed)	UNDP (Disbursed)	Total		

Activity 1: Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness Process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principle	410,770.00	41,272.02	73,231.73	114,503.75	296,266.25	28%
Activity 2: Development of the National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework	618,630.00	50,711.95	86,535.59	137,247.54	481,382.46	22%
Activity 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at Sub-National Levels	424,000.00	90,400.00	3,500.00	93,900.00	330,100.00	22%
Activity 4: Monitoring system designed for REDD+ with capacity for implementation	230,600.00	-	72.10	72.10	230,527.90	0%
Total	1,684,000.00	182,383.97	163,339.42	345,723.39	1,338,276.61	21%

Table 4: Cumulative Expenditure by Activities [Project started: 01 January 2014 – Project end: 31 December 2017]

Activities - Description	Total Budget [2014-2017]	Cumulative Expenditure			Balance	Delivery (%)
		Govt/FCPF (Disbursed)	UNDP (Disbursed)	Total		
Activity 1: Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness Process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principle	1,119,532.00	86,737.36	178,651.93	265,389.29	854,142.71	24%
Activity 2: Development of the National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework	1,275,068.00	156,490.29	164,494.57	320,984.86	954,083.14	25%
Activity 3: Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at Sub-National Levels	659,600.00	90,400.00	4,148.00	94,548.00	565,052.00	14%
Activity 4: Monitoring system designed for REDD+ with capacity for implementation	745,800.00	-	72.10	72.10	745,727.90	0%
Total	3,800,000.00	333,627.65	347,366.60	680,994.25	3,119,005.75	18%