

Applying Free Prior Informed Consent to the UN-REDD Programme in Viet Nam

Phase I: Photo- documentary

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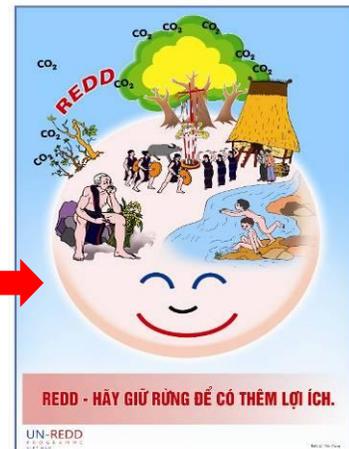
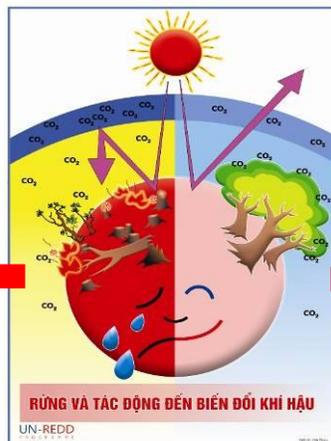
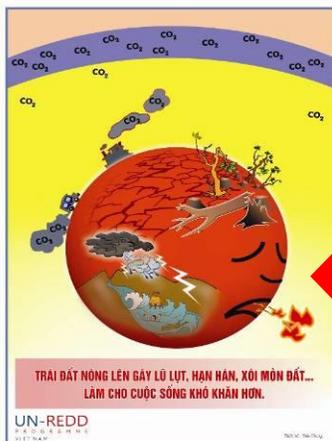
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1. Preparation of communication materials at central and provincial levels

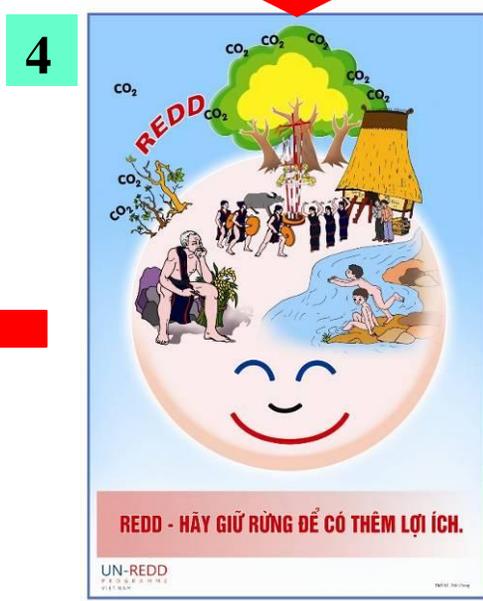
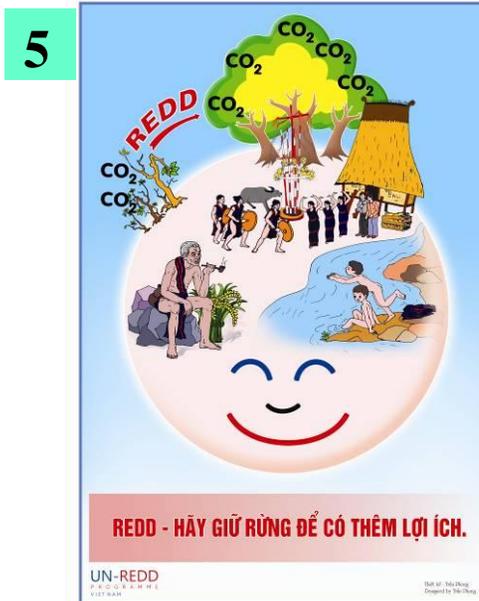
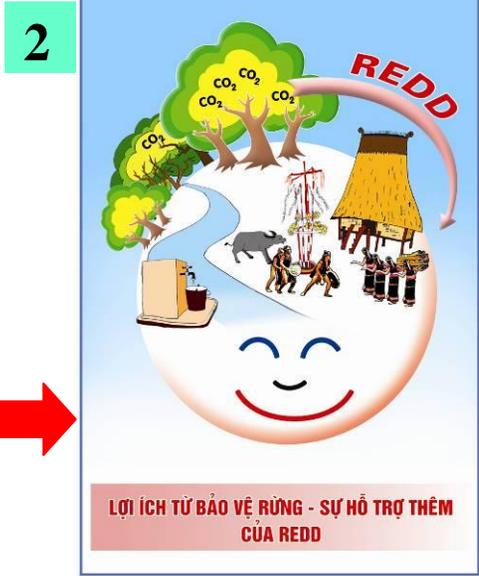
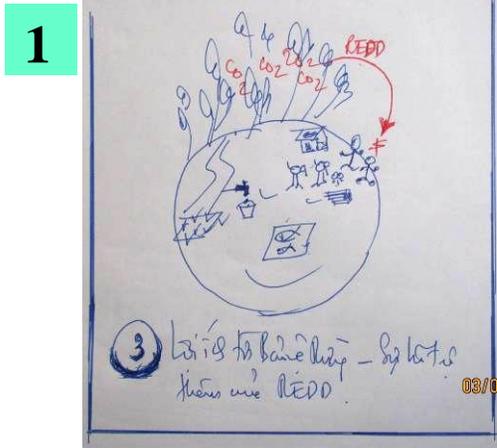
Based on a review of existing communication materials available internationally and in Viet Nam on Forests, Climate Change, and REDD+, the UN-REDD Office in Ha Noi developed initial materials for FPIC as follows:

1. A joint programme document in brief introducing the UN-REDD Programme in Viet Nam
2. A leaflet "To help you make decisions on the UN-REDD Programme"
3. A set of posters on the linkages between Forest - Climate Change- REDD
4. A video clip on the UN-REDD Programme in Viet Nam
5. A video clip on REDD+ (using the material from the Global Canopy Programme)



Particular attention was paid to the set of posters, which were pre-tested and revised through five different versions before being finally put into use.

The process of revising the poster on REDD+ benefits from V1 to V5

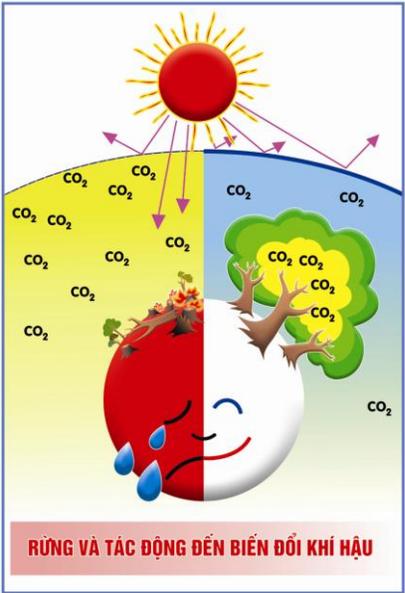


The process of revising the poster on Forest and its Impact on CC from V1-V5

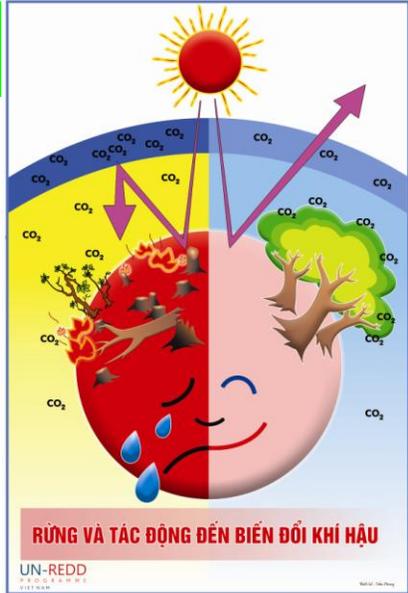
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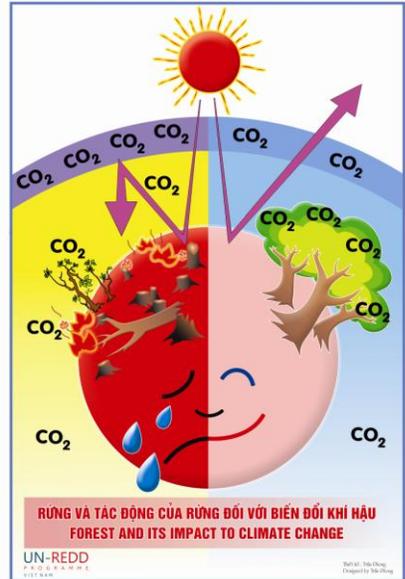
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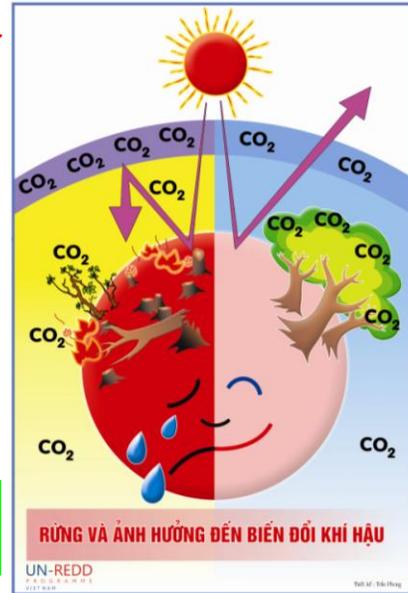
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2. Recruitment of interlocutors

2.1. Criteria for selection of interlocutors

1. Knowledgeable about forests and environment
2. Experienced in conducting training for, and working with the community
3. Good knowledge of the local languages and customs
4. Good listening skills
5. Good communication skills
6. Friendly and open-minded

2.2. Interview script

Interview time: about 25 minutes per person

#	Time	Areas to assess	Method
1	1minute	Appearance, style, confidence	Observations and greetings
2	5m	Knowledge and experience on environment, forest and climate change	Using Pre-set questions
3	5m	Experience in working with the community	Using Pre-set questions
4	8m	Presentation skill and problem solving during the presentation	Using the set of three posters-V1 Raising questions in the view of community people to test reactions of the candidates
5	6m	Other questions	Raising additional questions to confirm candidate's confidence and commitment when participating into FPIC activities
6	During the whole process, members of the interview panel observed and rated candidate's performance based on the selection criteria.		

2.3. Interlocutors' composition

A total of **24 interlocutors** were selected out of 35 interviewees

Ratios of ethnicity, geographical location and occupation were as below:

- **7/24 interlocutors (30%) are K'Ho ethnic minority people, 1/24 (4%) is Tày ethnic minority**
- **10/24 interlocutors (39%) are women**
- **8/24 interlocutors (33%) are doing different jobs in the two communes of Lam Ha and Di Linh districts, 12/24 (50%) are University teachers, 4/24 (17%) are working in Bidoup Nui Ba National Forest, Institute and Station for Bio-Forestry Experiments.**

2.4. Interview procedure (Da lat, 20-21.3.2010)

Step 1:

Candidates studied the materials and the poster set V1 to prepare themselves for the interview.



Step 2:

Candidates gave presentations in front of the interview panel, highlighting their knowledge, their skills in working with the community. They also answered questions raised by the panel.



Step 3:

Candidates selected a poster and presented it as if they were in front of the local community. Then they shared their comments on how to make the poster easier to understand and remember; and to be more attractive.



Step 4: The interview panel gave the ratings based on an established rating range and the six selection criteria. They discussed and agreed on the ranking of the candidates right after interviewing each of them in turn.



Members of the interview panel were the people involved in the design and operation of FPIC: UN-REDD Programme Manager, FPIC Consultant, Communication Consultant (the designer of the posters), Leader of District People’s Committee, Representative of Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Provincial Committee for Ethnic Minorities.

3. Organization of a workshop to raise awareness on CC, REDD+, UN-REDD and FPIC at district, communal and village levels

Eleven workshops and meetings were organized on “Awareness raising on CC, REDD+, UN-REDD and FPIC” and “Planning for community consultations at village level”.

- **Time:** on 1/4, 2/4, 11/4, 15/4/2010 at the People’s Committee offices in Lam Ha and Di Linh districts; and at People’s Committee offices in Gia Bac, Gung Re and Bao Thuan communes of Di Linh district and Phuc Tho, Lien Ha, Me Linh and Tan Thanh communes of Lam Ha district.
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness on climate change, deforestation and forest degradation, to introduce the UN-REDD Programme activities and to strengthen coordination during the implementation of community consultations on UN-REDD Programme in villages.
- **Participants:** 320 representatives from District People’s Committees and different units (Planning, Natural Resources, Culture), District Communist Party, civil society organizations (Fatherland Front, Farmers’ Association, Women’s Union), Forest Rangers, Forest Protection Management Boards and Forest Enterprises.

The selected interlocutors were invited to participate and facilitate the workshop with the purpose to help them: (1) obtain further information about the UN-REDD Programme, (2) meet with the people with whom they will work when delivering communication activities in the villages, and (3) collect comments on the poster-V2 for finalization before its printing and dissemination to villages.



Photos of the presentations and discussions during the workshops



■ Awareness raising workshops at the district level (from 1-2/4)

- Because of short notice of the workshops, representatives of many communes and villages that had been invited could not come. Consequently, not all communes to be engaged in the first phase consultations were able to benefit from the workshops. However, to rectify this problem, additional awareness raising events were organized.
- Because of the short duration of the workshops and the large number of items on the agenda, there was no time allocated for village heads to discuss in groups on issues about which they were not clear (group discussions). Again, supplementary events helped to rectify this problem
- Some village representatives, lacking a full understanding of the UN-REDD Programme, thought it would be difficult to invite villagers to come to village meetings. Generally, this turned out not to be a problem.

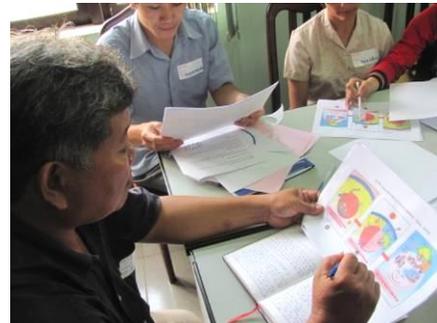
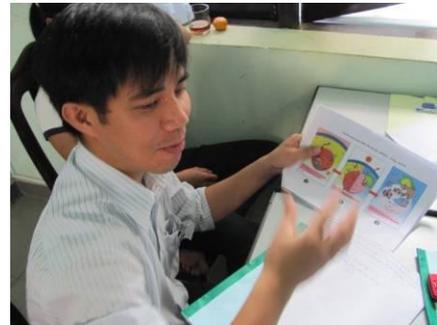
■ Village meetings (on 10,11,12,13 and 15/4)

- Some communes did not receive the information from the district about these meetings in time. Therefore, they were not ready to assign their staff to help arrange the meetings (Di Linh district);
- Village meetings held in the afternoon would not have a representative sample of villagers because Commune People's Committees rarely work in the afternoon;
- The initial and revised schedules for village meetings were not always notified to the communes in time, hence the communes were not always aware of village meetings and became passive when the plan changed. In the future, clear communication should be maintained whenever there are changes in the plan.
- Interlocutors visit the village only for a day, while the village head is always with the villagers. In order to ensure the UN-REDD Programme's sustainability, it is necessary to identify capable village representatives and train them to become interlocutors for UN-REDD Programme.



4. Training for interlocutors

Four modules were given: (1) Inter-personal communication; (2) Visual aid presentation skills; (3) Participatory facilitation skills; and (4) Usage of the Programme's posters



Interlocutors practiced role play in their groups and were supported by the trainer to review and summarize the lessons learnt before they started their actual work in this challenging field.



5. Conducting village meetings

- A total of **13 meetings** were held in **13 villages** in 4 communes of Lam Ha district- 10-13.4.2010 (around **780** people)
- A total of **7 meetings** were organized in 3 communes of Di Linh district - 14-16.4.2010 (around **470** people)

Unlike in the training, actual village meetings were much more diversified in terms of locations, participants, sitting arrangements and information introduction.



Village 9, Me Linh – Lam Ha, 12.4



Village 5, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 13.4



Village 10, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 12.4



Village 7, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 11.4



Cong Troi village, Me Linh – Lam Ha, 12.4



Village 6, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 13.4

Interlocutors creatively provided information to the local people and facilitated the discussions.



Village 7, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 11.4



Ka sa Village, Gia Bac – Di Linh, 16.4



Village 10, Tan Thanh – Lâm Hà, 12.4



Cong Troi Village, Me Linh – Lam Ha, 12.4



Village 6, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 13.4

Local people showed great interest in the information provided on CC, REDD+, UN-REDD and FPIC



...Interlocutors arranged between themselves to give additional explanations to the local people when required.

Local people had various opinions: some agreeing, some wishing to participate but many being puzzled about various issues.



It was impressive to see **participants casting their votes** to participate in UN-REDD Programme activities that will be undertaken in their districts.



Village 9, Me Linh – Lâm Hà, 12.4



Village 10, Tân Thành – Lâm Hà, 12.4



Cong Troi Village, Me Linh – Lâm Hà, 12.4



Hang Lang Village, Rung Ge–Đi Linh, 16.4



Village 6, Tân Thành – Lâm Hà, 13.4

Examples of friendliness between the interlocutor team and local people after the meetings



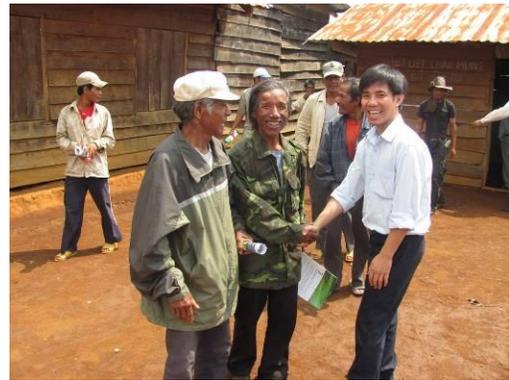
Village 1, Me Linh – Lam Ha,



Village 7, Phu Tho– Lam Ha, 10.4



Village 8, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 13.4



Village 7, Tan Thanh – Lam Ha, 11.4



Lang Ku Village, Gung Ge–Di Linh, 16.4

Some meetings were held in the Church.



Young people posing for photos right after the meetings



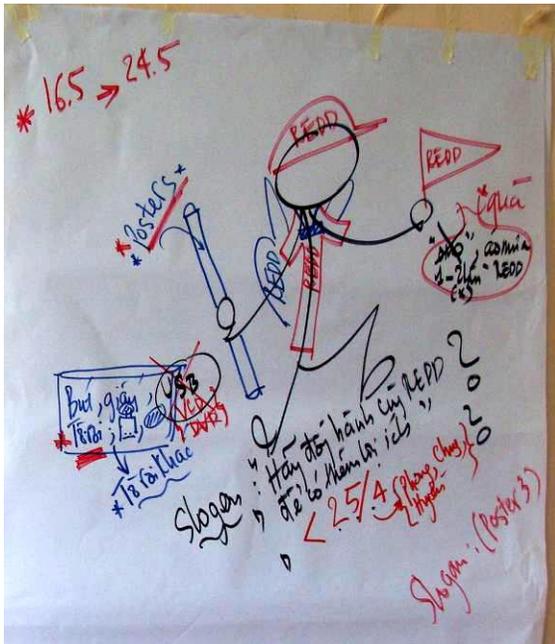
6. Findings from village meetings



In order to make the free prior informed consent of the local people sustainable and practical, more coordination needs to be undertaken by all stakeholders of the UN-REDD Programme

On 17.4, after Phase 1 of FPIC was completed, the interlocutors together with the consultants discussed and analyzed the responses of the local people and authorities and aspects to be improved before, during and after village meetings. Findings from village meetings were documented in a separate

report.



A "portrait" of interlocutors in the Phase 2 of FPIC needs to be developed. They should have specialized skills and tools. Advanced training for interlocutors will be held before the Phase 2 of FPIC, tentatively from 16-24.5.2010.



Initial achievements have been obtained. However, lessons learnt in all aspects of Phase 1 need to be carefully reviewed in order to make the second Phase of FPIC more effective and ensure the sustainability of the UN-REDD Programme in Lam Dong province.

All the engaged people have belief in the next steps!

