



REDD+ National Strategy/Action Plan

Pakistan



1. PLANNING THE NS/AP DESIGN PROCESS

Do you have a Roadmap for preparation of a NS/AP? (Yes)

- Initial analyses of DoD, land tenure, forest governance, gender and safeguards conducted during formulation of R-PP and consultation with stakeholders during 2013 and 2014;
- Consultative workshops (national, provincial and district levels) conducted on elements of NS. Government notified four working groups on (i) Governance and management of REDD+; (ii) Stakeholder engagement and safeguards; (iii) NFMS/MRV; (iv) DoDD. Presently WG-NFMS is active;
- At the highest level, National Steering Committee on REDD+ is the decision making body for NS which has representation of all provinces, NGOs, UN-agencies and other stakeholders. At provincial levels, designated Provincial REDD+ Focal Points undertake consultation process and get endorsement of respective authorities before sending to NFP-REDD+;
- Pakistan's national REDD+ programme (R-PP) has strong linkages and integration of NS with other three requirements under the Cancun agreement (FRL, NFMS and SGs).

2. ANALYZING DRIVERS OF DD, AND OTHER ANALYTICAL WORK

Have you conducted analyses of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation? (Yes)

- More than 20 workshops conducted at district, provincial and national levels to build consensus among stakeholders of diverse interests;
- Indirect DOD were studied/debated in 4 categories i.e. social, political, legal, economic;
- Presently, no plan to quantify GHG emissions from each category of DoD (in view of technical capacity).

3. SHAPING THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR REDD+

Have you identified how REDD+ fits with broader development objectives? (Yes)

- Scope of integrating REDD+ in the broader legal and planning framework will be defined after preparation of NS / FRL in 2017;
- Presently. National Climate Change Policy of Pakistan (2012) in Mitigation chapter has specific measures related to REDD+. Provincial Green Growth strategies like that of Khyber-Pahtunkhwa have integral component of REDD+; Other provinces are also incorporating REDD+ in their respective policies of development sectors;
- Priority drivers not selected as yet.

4. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF PAMS

Have you designed a preliminary set of PAMs for REDD+? (No)

5. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION

Have you designed an implementation framework for your NS/AP? (Yes)

- In provinces, REDD+ NS will be mainly implemented by permanent organizations like Provincial Forest Department through REDD+ Cells and Grievance Redress Units (against consultant-provided services during Readiness);
- At national level, permanent bodies including NFP, NSC-REDD+, and four WG will work on permanent basis for coordination, steering, monitoring and technical backstopping during implementation of NS

Key Challenges

- Forestry is a provincial domain on the constitution whereas implementation of international agreements including UNFCCC/Cancun agreement on REDD+ fall in federal jurisdiction. The REDD+ activities have to be MRV-ed at national level with the contribution of all federating units.
- Absence of committed financing for implementation of NS
- Presently, forest carbon ownership and rights are not defined in relevant laws and regulations. UN-REDD support (TS) provided to Pakistan for PLR will help identifying gaps that need legal and policy reforms

CHALLENGES

Majority of the stakeholders realize that REDD+ is the only feasible and long-term solution to D&D in developing countries. However, learning from the bitter experiences of CDM (A/R) during the last 10 years, they seek firm and non-competing commitments for REDD+.

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