Request for targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme:
Support the implementation of the REDD+ regular meetings and MRV action plan

Dear Ms Thais Linhares-Juvenal,

With reference to the UN-REDD Policy Board directives on procedures on targeted support (UNREDD/PB8/2012/INF/7) and your earlier communication of 19 December 2011, Bangladesh would like to take the advantage of the opportunity to ensure the continuity of the REDD+ regular meetings the implementation of the MRV action plan for the next 12 months.

After discussion with in-country and regional representatives from the participating UN agencies, we would like to request the following funding support:

Activities to be implemented under this request:

- Contribute to the implementation of the national REDD+ readiness roadmap and particularly, MRV, policy and measures, institutional arrangements;
- Support the institutional and procedural arrangements between the agencies involved in REDD+;
- Ensure coordination between the different agencies involved in REDD+;
- Coordinate and organize all the regular meetings of REDD+ steering committee;
- Provide updated information on the progress of the REDD+ process;
- Assist and collect all different data and methodologies used for the development of the MRV system (forest inventory data, training manuals, the national database for tree species, forest cover analysis, national forest definition, forest stratification, allometric equations, volume tables etc.);

The table below shows in short the main activities to be performed with budget lines, which have been given in detail in the attached spreadsheet:

Work Area	Amount (USD)	Explanation
• Technical capacity building for the GHG inventory for the LULUCF sector; under this working area several training and associated tasks is planned. They are as follows: 1. Trainings on GHG inventory for the LULUCF 2. GIS for Forest Management 3. Remote Sensing for forest assessment and monitoring 4. Training on National Forest Inventory and use field equipments 5. Training on allometric Equation development and biomass calculation	70,000	They are partial combination of five roadmap activities (Roadmap activity 4 of 'Building capacities to implement the GHG inventory for the forest sector'; activity 3 of 'Develop a satellite forest monitoring system; activity 3 of 'Design a National Forest Inventory'; activity 1 of 'Support scientific research on key issues' of section 6). Activities those are related to GHG inventory in the LULUCF are selected to train the stakeholders for capacity building. Five different areas

6. Develop the database of existing allometric equations 7. Organize consultations on national forest definition and provide recommendations on forest definitions		(LULUCF inventory, NFI, Forest monitoring allometric equation development and geospatial data management) are chosen in this regards.
• Support Institutional Arrangements for GHG National Inventory System for the LULUCF sector; under this working area several assignment need to be accomplished. They are as follows: 1) Assessment of the existing institutional arrangements (NFI, SFM, GHG Unit, sharing platform) 2) Propose institutional arrangement for effective implementation 3) Identify the role, organization, coordination mechanism and contact information for those providing relevant data for estimating emissions in LULUCF sector 4) Provide information on lead agencies, identify inventory management team members, Information for additional contacts for each sector, the status of the institutional arrangements in a concise tabular format 5) Identify policy support necessary for institutional arrangement and obtain govt. Approval (e.g. govt. Notification on institutional structure, role, mandate) for effective implementation 6) Identify the strengths in and recommend for potential Improvements in Management Structure of National Inventory System for LULUCF	40,000	Roadmap activity 3 of 'Building capacities to implement the GHG inventory for the forest sector' of section 6. Implementation of this activity will explore the existing national Institutional arrangement which will help in identifying the requirements for the implementation of GHG inventory for the LULUCF sector
• Organize regular MRV meetings	5,000	Roadmap activity 2 of 'Building capacities to implement the GHG inventory for the forest sector' of section 6. This will guide for the proper implementation of MRV activities.
Total	**115,000**	

Please note that the amount requested above will serve as co-financing to funding support that we received from UNDP and FAO country offices. These activities to be implemented through FAO would be complementing those by UNDP under targeted support.

We are confident that a combination of these efforts will allow us to ensure the continuity of the work performed to support the implementation of the MRV activities along with the other components under REDD+ Readiness Roadmap of Bangladesh..

Yours sincerely,

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