

Request for Targeted Support for implementing REDD+ Readiness activities

Background

Bhutan became a partner country of the UN-REDD Programme in April 2010. Since then, Watershed Management Division (WMD) under Department of Forest and Park Services, with support from UN-REDD programme has carried out various activities including REDD+ inception workshops at the national level, awareness raising workshops at the local level, capacity building of staffs and other stakeholders, preparation of REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP), Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BDS), Anti-Corruption Measures (ACM) and documents. While the REDD+ Technical Working Group (TWG) comprising of members from various organizations provided policy and technical guidance, other officials and individuals contributed to the formulation and development of the R-PP document (Annex. II). Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal was approved at Participants Meeting 16 held at Geneva from December 12-16, 2013.

The BDS and ACM documents, which will be part of the National REDD+ Strategy document are still in draft form and require further improvement. The TS support is, therefore, requested to help finalize these documents. Further, various activities in R-PP are proposed to be funded by co-donors. Since works on Social and Environmental Safeguards, REDD+ Strategy development and National Forest Monitoring System have already been initiated with support from UN REDD programme, further TS support is sought to continue these activities which will complement the works to be undertaken through the FCPF funding.

Objective

The main objectives of the proposed Targeted Support are as follows:

1. In the context of REDD+ readiness, the focus for WMD during 2014 is the continuation of its work to ensure that REDD+ safeguards are addressed and respected, as elements of the National REDD+ Strategy. This includes work on anti-corruption measures, benefit distribution options measures for the full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, and measures to address environmental safeguards.
2. The focus of NFMS-related activities in 2014 is the development of a NFMS Action Plan, related capacity building of the stakeholders and support to the execution of carbon stock assessments as part of the national forest inventory. The development of a NFMS Action Plan will mark an important first step in the development and implementation of Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, as it will be the first document to set out Bhutan's current NFMS status, a comprehensive capacity assessment, a programme of outputs and detailed activities, a work plan and a budget. Once approved by government, this Action Plan will be the reference document for all NFMS-related activities in the country. In addition, support to the assessment of forest carbon stocks will mark a significant step



towards assessing Bhutan's forest carbon stocks and forest-related GHG emissions and removals. Providing information on safeguards, through a Safeguards Information System, will also be addressed through work on the NFMS

Key Outputs

1. Finalization of Benefit Distribution System and Anti-corruption Measures documents
2. Preparation of Stakeholder participation plan
3. Develop a nationally appropriate approach to ensure social and environmental safeguards
4. Capacity building of REDD+ focal office and other stakeholders
5. National Forest Monitoring System-Action Plan developed as per the template provided by UN REDD programme

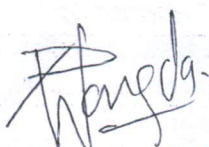
Budget

The total estimated budget is 245,000 for activities to be implemented from January to December 2014.

Activities	Estimated cost (USD)
National REDD+ Strategy document (BDS, ACM, Participation guideline, NFMS-AP)	135,000
Capacity building	80,000
Equipments	30,000
Total	245,000

The detail work plan with budget estimate is as per Annex. I.

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EXPECTED CP OUTPUTS and indicators including 18 months' targets	PLANNED ACTIVITIES List all activities including M&E to be undertaken during the year towards stated CP outputs		TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY		PLANNED BUDGET					
			2014				Implementing Partner	UN	Source of Funds	Budget Description	Amount (US\$)			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					2014	Total		
	4.1	Workshop (awareness, consultation & formation of TWG on NFMS)		X	X		WMD/FRMD	FAO	FAO	75700	10,000	10,000		
	4.2	International expert to be involved in the consultation meeting		X	X		WMD/FRMD	FAO	FAO	Consultancy fees	15,000	15,000		
	4.3	Drafting of NFMS-AP		X	X		WMD/FRMD	FAO	FAO	Consultancy fees	5,000	5,000		
	4.4	Validation workshop				X	WMD/FRMD	FAO	FAO	75700	10,000	10,000		
										Sub-total	40,000.00	40,000.00		
	5 Capacity building of NFMS-TWG & stakeholders													
	5.1	GHG inventory methodologies & database		X	X	X	FRMD/WMD	FAO	FAO	ex-country training	20,000	20,000		
	5.2	Carbon assessment		X	X		FRMD	FAO	FAO	ex-country training	10,000	10,000		
	5.3	Equipments		X	X		FRMD	FAO	FAO	Equipments cost	30,000	30,000		
												Sub-total	60,000	60,000
												UNEP	45,000	45,000
												UNDP	100,000	100,000
												FAO	100,000	100,000

Annexure I: Activities and Work Plan

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CT Output 4.2: Sustainable land management, biodiversity Conservation, and utilization of natural resources promoted/strengthened Indicator: 1. National capacity strengthened to address natural resource management issues through formulation of national plans to integrate biodiversity including agro-biodiversity conservation for sustainable utilization and management. 2. National REDD+ strategy in place (<i>Proj. Indicator</i>) Target: 1. 2 Workshop at the national level (REDD+ TWG) 2. Finalize draft ACM and BDS documents 3. Develop NFMS-AP Baseline: 1. Draft BDS and ACM reports 2. REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) document MOV: 1. Final ACM and BDS documnets 2. NFMS-AP Target: 1. Train officials in carbon assessment and GHG database management;	1	Development of National REDD+ Strategy document, Watershed Management Division/ Ministry of Agriculture & Forests											
	1	National REDD+ Strategy prepared											
	1.1	Recruit international expert for finalizing ACM & BDS documents	X				WMD	UNDP	UNDP-RR	71200	15,000	15,000	
	1.2	National level Workshop on ACM & BDS Document	X				WMD	UNDP	UNDP-RR	75700	5,000	5,000	
										Sub total	20,000	20,000	
	2	Capacity built on REDD+ Readiness processes											
	2.1	Attend Regional workshops on REDD+ readiness programs and process (ex-country)		X	X		WMD	UNDP	UNDP-RR		10,000	10,000	
	2.2	Local level workshops on REDD+ readiness process			X	X	WMD	UNDP	UNDP-RR		10,000	10,000	
	2.3	Development of stakeholder participation plan/guideline based on existing legislations, FPIC and tailored to local contexts		X	X	X	WMD	UNDP	UNDP-RR		60,000	60,000	
	3	Capacity built on Social and Environmental safeguards											
	3.1	Develop a nationally appropriate approach (including principles, criteria and indicators) to ensure environmental safeguards are addressed and respected		X	X	X	WMD	UNEP	UNEP		35,000	35,000	
	3.1	Attend international and regional level workshops on social and environmental safeguards programs		X	X	X	WMD	UNEP	UNEP		10,000	10,000	
											Sub-total	80,000	80,000
	4	Development of National Forest Monitoring System-Action Plan											