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Geneva, 15 April 2015

Dear Mr Chencho Norbu,

With reference to your letter received on 9 March 2015, requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding from the Government of Bhutan for building capacity for generating information for the NFMS and MRV has been approved.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will financially support the proposal with a total amount of US\$ 100,000 as specified in the request. This support will assist the country to reach the expected outputs as follows:

- Enhanced capacity to complete a National Forest Inventory as part of a NFMS.
- Capacity built on FREL/FRL, Satellite Land Monitoring System, and GHG inventory for the LULUCF Sector.

It is noted that this support will build on the results under earlier approved targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme to Bhutan and closely relates to the activities under the country's R-PP.

The UN-REDD Programme is available for any information and further assistance that you may need. Please do not hesitate to contact and further engage with the regional team. In this regards, Mr. Ben Vickers (<u>ben.vickers@fao.org</u>) and Julian Fox (<u>julian.fox@fao.org</u>) are the contact persons and available for discussing the next steps and providing any further information.

The UN-REDD Programme is looking forward to continued collaboration with Bhutan in the country's REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,

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