



I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST	
Main objective	The main objective of this targeted support is to strengthen capacity for development of the Forest Reference (Emission) Level (FREL/FRL) in Cambodia, and facilitate dialogue and exchange of information between Cambodia and four other Asian countries as they begin to interact with the UNFCCC.
Main results expected	Output 1. Enhanced capacity for Cambodia to develop and to submit a FREL/FRL to the UNFCCC. Output 2. Enhanced exchange between Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, and Malaysia on FREL/FRL development supported.
Total amount requested (US\$)	125,000
Related Work Area ² as defined in the UN-REDD Programme Strategy 2011-2015	Measuring Reporting Verification (MRV)
Planned period of implementation	February - December 2015
Please select below type of funding as appropriate	

¹ It is voluntary to use this form in the application process for UN-REDD Programme targeted support. If the country prefers using its own document, this form can be used as guidance on the content that is needed. See also guidance in the [Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support](#).

The requests for targeted support should be presented in coordination with the teams of the participating UN organizations (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) and the Resident Coordinator.

It is recommended that the UN-REDD Country Focal Point submits the request. The request should be sent to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (E-mail: un-redd@un-redd.org).

The work areas are: Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV), Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, Multiple Benefits, Transparency & Accountability, Green Economy.

- ☒ Request for funding for REDD + activities implemented in support of existing UN-REDD National Programmes.
- ☐ Request for funding for REDD+ activities complementary to other nationally-defined REDD+ activities (national strategies, RPP and/or bilaterally funded REDD+ activities) or for initiation of REDD+ activities. (The country has no UN-REDD National Programme.

II. BACKGROUND

As a member of UN-REDD programme, Cambodia would like intensive and enhanced support on the topic of Forest Reference (Emission) Level (FREL/FRL) development in 2015. Cambodia is in the process of compiling historical Activity Data and Emission Factors as part of the establishment of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), has recently agreed on a forest definition and land use classification system to be used for REDD+, and is conducting different studies relevant for the establishment of the NFMS. The result of the studies and the compiled Activity Data and Emission Factors can be used as the basis for constructing draft FREL/FRLs. But enhanced support will be required to guide Cambodia in the process of preparing a comprehensive FREL/FRL that meets the requirements and robustness to be submitted to the UNFCCC. Cambodia intends to submit a FREL/FRL to the UNFCCC during 2015, therefore high-level technical support and guidance is needed.

The UN-REDD National Programme in Cambodia will end June 2015. With support of the National Programme important components relevant for the FREL/FRL will have been built, including establishing a national forest definition for REDD+, land use classes, carbon pools covered, studies on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, improved activity data to support gain-loss approach emission calculation, etc., as well as a documented review of National Circumstances. In May 2015 the most up-to-date land use change data (until 2014) will be available allowing the computation of the historic average emissions level.

The targeted support requested will provide further support to guide Cambodia in the process of structuring and preparing their FREL/FRL's that meet the requirements and robustness to be submitted to the UNFCCC. It will thereby not create new information or data, but build on the results of the national programme.

The idea for this request was initiated by country representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Nepal at the Forest Monitoring Systems and Forest Reference Levels for REDD+ Regional Workshop in Hanoi, Viet Nam, 20-22 October 2014. There has been limited dialogue between countries on FREL/FRL development, but this dialogue is essential as countries start to submit and interact with the UNFCCC. Malaysia has been included because they are a UN-REDD Asia-Pacific country that has recently submitted their FREL/FRL, and can share experiences and technical expertise with the other countries.

Including Malaysia, which presented their FREL at COP 20, five UN-REDD countries are at a similar stage of FREL/FRL development and have identified a need for high-level support on FREL/FRL. With this in mind, the objective is to bring together lead technical experts (individuals directly involved in FREL/FRL development and submission under the UNFCCC) from these UN-REDD countries for intensive high-level capacity building, learning by doing exercises on their draft FREL/FRLs, develop work plans toward UNFCCC submission, and follow-up expert review of draft FREL/FRLs and guidance on the actual UNFCCC submission process from global experts on the topic. This approach is an efficient means for

delivering high-level technical support on FREL/FRLs to Asia-Pacific countries that are somewhat advanced in the development of FREL/FRL for submission to the UNFCCC.

Because Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Nepal, and Malaysia are at a similar point in FREL/FRL development, this support can be delivered simultaneously. This will foster south-south exchange between countries, and result in regional FREL/FRL experts who can have a dialogue and exchange information as countries begin to interact with the UNFCCC. Malaysia has submitted their FREL/FRL to the UNFCCC in December 2014, in which case their participation will be to enhance South-South knowledge sharing with Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal, and Indonesia on their submissions.

Prior to the workshop a stock-take of (draft) FREL/FRLs from the five countries will be undertaken by FAO and international experts to ensure targeted capacity building in the sub-regional setting. It is hoped that targeted technical support delivered during the workshop can advance the development of FRLs. With subsequent in-country discussions, the draft FRLs constructed in this workshop will provide a basis for the commencement of a dialogue on FRLs in the attendant countries.

The results of the sub-regional workshop will also serve as a means to develop materials and methodologies for regional and national events on FRLs capacity building, which are envisaged under the regional UN-REDD Knowledge Management programme for Asia and the Pacific.

Note: The FCPF Cambodia project (2014-2017), operating within the National Roadmap result framework will build on the result achieved under the UN-REDD national programme in strengthening and development of GHG inventory capacities and NFMS. The FCPF project will recruit an international Monitoring and MRV advisor but does not have specific outcomes or outputs to support development and submission of the Cambodian FREL/FRL.

III. SUMMARIZED WORKPLAN WITH BUDGET AND TIMELINE <i>(Please expand space as needed. Alternatively, add Annex with workplan, budget and timeline)</i>				
Description of planned outputs and activities Amount (US\$)		Location	Amount (US\$)	Implementation period (from month /year to month/year)
Output 1. Enhanced capacity for Cambodia to develop and to submit a FREL/FRL to the UNFCCC.	Activity 1.1 Continuous high level support from international FRL expert on UNFCCC submission, FAO experts and external expert FRL reviewers.	Remote	40,000	February – December 2015 (missions foreseen March and June, 2015)
	Activity 1.2 In-country expert guidance on FREL/FRL construction and submission ² 1) National FRL Facilitator ³ (30,000) 2) Administrative and technical support from FAOKH (10,000)	Phnom Penh	40,000	February – December 2015
Output 2. Enhanced exchange between Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal and Malaysia on FRL development supported.	Activity 2.1 Sub-regional capacity building workshop (One sub-regional workshop in Siem Reap, Cambodia)	Siem Reap	45,000	March 2015
Total amount requested (US\$)				125,000

² The targeted support will support only some part of resources and support needed the FREL/FRL construction; it will not create new information or data, but builds on the results of the national programme.

³ Under the targeted support a facilitator will be contracted to prepare and coordinate the sub-regional workshop, function as an interlocutor between the international experts and country actors, and from July 2015 onward facilitate a Cambodian consultation process to prepare the document for submission of the FREL/FRL.

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