**REQUEST FOR TARGETED SUPPORT[[1]](#footnote-1)**

*Knowledge management, private sector involvement and REDD+ strategy monitoring in Costa Rica*

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| I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST (complete cells in white) | |
| Main objectives | **1. The National Forest Monitoring System (FAO):** Establish national forest monitoring system arrangements and their operative link to the national greenhouse gas inventory.  **2. Knowledge Management (UNDP):** Document and systematize indigenous and peasant consultations for REDD+ in Costa Rica.  **3. Strengthen the Strategy and private sector involvement in REDD+ (UNDP – UNEP):** Strengthen the way the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica addresses deforestation drivers  Develop capacities and raise awareness among actors of the private and financial sectors in Costa Rica concerning the risks and opportunities of REDD+ to their business model.  **4. Finance and markets (UNEP):** Carry out an economic analysis of strategic options for REDD+ as an input to identify priority and potential REDD+ actions for each strategic option identified in the REDD+ National Strategy.  Explore financing options for implementing REDD+ activities in Costa Rica, including a plan for leveraging private financial resources and options to promote the local demand for REDD+ actions.  **5.** **Adapt PES (UNDP):** as a benefit sharing mechanism for the REDD+ strategy, considering new modalities and adjustments for certifying *emission reductions* in areas beyond the Programme’s scope. |
| Main results expected | **1. A National Forest Monitoring System:**  1a. Emission reduction measurement and reporting plan for strategies aiming to control illegal logging, manage forest fires, as well as indigenous and peasant PES modalities.  1b. Coordination and documentation of governance and decision-making bodies for the national forest monitoring system.  1c. Institutional arrangements for a National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification (including information on multiple benefits).  1d. Manual of procedures for the National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification.  1e. Establishment of national forest monitoring system arrangements and their operative link to the national greenhouse gas inventory.  **2. Knowledge Management:**  2a. Case studies of indigenous consultations in Costa Rica: *Systematization of indigenous consultation in the information, pre-consultation and consultation phases*  **3. Strengthening of the Strategy and private sector involvement in REDD+:**  3a. Strengthening of the way the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica addresses deforestation drivers  3b. REDD+ policy inputs through the identification of options for private sector involvement in implementing strategic options for Costa Rica's REDD+ strategy  3c. Capacity development on private sector involvement in REDD+ for actors jointly identified in Costa Rica through workshops and training events  **4. Finance and markets:**  4a. Inputs for the development of strategic options in Costa Rica that identify priority areas and actions for REDD+, based on a cost-benefit analysis of the strategic options identified in the country.  4b. Complementation of the strategy for canalizing public and private resources to implement REDD+ in Costa Rica by identifying financing relevant options and financial mechanisms  4c. Options to stimulate the demand for REDD+ actions in Costa Rica as an input to REDD+ policy design in the country.  **5. Adaptation of PES**  5a. New PES modality designed for indigenous peoples, peasants and public lands  5b. Proposal for adjustments to the REDD+ implementation framework in Costa Rica for certifying emission reductions taking place beyond the scope of the PES National Programme. |
| Total amount requested (US$) | $ (To be re-estimated) (PNUD: 210,000, UNEP: 400,000 FAO: 150.000 ) TOTAL: USD 760.000 |
| Related Work Area/s[[2]](#footnote-2) as defined in the [UN-REDD Programme Strategy](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4598&Itemid=53) 2011-2015 | The National Forest Monitoring System: Work area 1: REDD+ countries have systems and capacities to develop and implement MRV and monitoring.  Knowledge Management: Work area 4 - Indigenous peoples, local communities, civil society organizations and other stakeholders participate effectively in national and international REDD+ decision-making, strategy development and implementation.  Private Sector Engagement: Work area 2 - Development of inclusive and reliable national governance systems for REDD+ implementation  Finance and markets: Work area 6 - REDD+ as a catalyst of a green economy |
| Planned period of implementation[[3]](#footnote-3) | September 2014 - December 2015 (17 months) |
| Please select below type of funding as appropriate | |
| ❑ 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. | |

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| **II. BACKGROUND[[4]](#footnote-4)**  Please describe the background to the request. Examples of relevant content:   * Brief description of status of REDD+ readiness in the country and the national REDD+ efforts. * Rationale for the needed support (it should represent additional and specific contribution to national REDD+ efforts with a view to fill gaps or to leverage other activities). * Clearly provide linkages to National REDD+ strategies. * If the country has a UN-REDD National Programme or is the pipeline for a National Programme, review how the needed support fits into the National Programme/R-PP. * If the request is addressing results of a country needs assessment, please contextualize within overall results of the needs assessment. |
| *Positioning of FCPF and REDD+*  Costa Rica is in the pipeline of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to receive result-based payments verified for $63,000,000 or the equivalent to 12,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide. This agreement is expressed in the country's letter of intention to the World Bank, drafted in September 2013. Prior to this letter, Costa Rica developed its R-PP and R-PIN building on the original ideas of the emissions reduction programme (ER Program). We expect to conclude the R-package and ER Program in the first half of 2015 with the purpose of entering the phase in which the emissions reduction purchase agreement (ERPA) will be negotiated, in the second half of 2015. The ER Program is a priority in Costa Rica and builds on the Payments for Environmental Services (PES) program operated under FONAFIFO. In this pilot, as well as in the REDD+ National Strategy, the country has committed to double its current PES coverage.  *The need for a National Forest Monitoring System*  In order to effectively determine if PES have helped achieve emissions reduction goals, it is necessary to strengthen the current inter-agency forest monitoring structure. This structure is established between the National Conservation Areas System (SINAC) and FONAFIFO. For REDD+ purposes, SINAC is in charge of producing baseline information on changes in these forestlands and carbon pools. FONAFIFO, in turn, is in charge of comparing the resulting information with the reference emission levels, aiming to report CO2 emissions and absorption as a result of REDD+ activities (annex 1 and 2). Both FONAFIFO and SINAC have reporting responsibilities towards the National Meteorological Institute (IMN), to which they report biannually, submit national communications and GEI inventories. |
| Currently, national monitoring capacity is limited to the implementation of the national forest inventory (2013-2014), FONAFIFO cover maps, and SINAC's monitoring of illegal logging and forest fire management. In order to establish a robust National Forest Monitoring System, in line with the country expectations in the context of the UNFCCC, the definition of institutional arrangements, manuals of procedures and an emissions reduction measurement plan for logging control strategies and forest fire management is proposed. Simultaneously, it is necessary to implement a communication plan in order to disseminate and promote the use of the National Forest Monitoring System, INBio-CATIE's early alert system and their website. This is an essential requirement to raise awareness among the population on the State's control of the programmes proposed under REDD+. REDD+ has a highly political profile, and this communication plan intends to strengthen it. Likewise, the outcomes in terms of monitoring for REDD+ and the forestry sector should be integrated in the national greenhouse gas inventory. For this purpose, targeted support is requested. Finally, all technical/institutional development must be validated by the relevant governance bodies (Monitoring System Roundtable, Forest Inventory Committee and Remote Sensing Committee). For this reason, we are requesting funds for coordinating and documenting their agreements, intending to meet the required transparency standards.  *Consultation process in indigenous territories*  Costa Rica has entered an information phase with 19 indigenous territories, and we are expecting their pre-consultation and consultation proposals by mid-2014. Indigenous territories play a central role in the proposal of consultation processes and methods in the country. For this reason, we are requesting targeted support in order to systematize these processes. The representative of 19 indigenous territories in the country has requested targeted support so that they can adequately document consultation activity. Funding requested for this systematization includes a potential participation of the six remaining indigenous territories respecting their specific circumstances. This would imply a differentiated national process that is also inclusive of the opinions of all indigenous territories. FONAFIFO has started a dialogue process with the remaining indigenous territories with the purpose of finding out the most adequate modality, according to its worldview, to carry out REDD+ consultation. The current proposal endeavors to harmonize the information and consultation process in all territories.  *Strengthening of the Strategy and private sector involvement in REDD+*  In 2014, the Action Plan for a Responsible Strengthening of Pineapple Production and Trade in Costa Rica 2013-2017, which merges the efforts of the Government of Costa Rica, the agri-food sector, MINAE, the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) and UNDP Costa Rica was proposed. The current targeted support intends to strengthen the approach to one of the main deforestation drivers – pineapple production – within the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica by monitoring forest areas affected by pineapple harvesting. This is to positively react to the corporate responsibility of Dutch importers. This mechanism aims to inform Dutch importers on which producers carry out deforestation and forest degradation activity. We expect to take market measures against companies not observing forest legislation.  Additionally, targeted support would be used to promote the involvement of other private sector actors working in the timber sector by raising awareness among them and among actors of the financial sector on the opportunities and risks of REDD+ for their business model; and by developing capacities in the timber sector for its potential involvement in REDD+ activities.  ***Finance and markets*** *(economic analysis of strategic options identified in Costa Rica's REDD+ strategy and assessment of potential financing options for the implementation of REDD+ activities in the country).*  The implementation of the REDD+ strategy, through the identified strategic options, will implement specific activities in order to meet the REDD+ goals in Costa Rica. Strategic options have been identified, but it is necessary to develop them and identify actions and potential targeted activities that allow their implementation.  Recently, FONAFIFO has coordinated a series of activities to move forward with the strategic options found in the R-PP. For example, hiring a REDD+ expert through the IUCN. Besides, additional support channeled through WISE for establishing a dialogue with the sectors during the Social and Environmental Strategic Assessment (SESA), which will inform a more specific development of the options. For prioritizing options and their cost-benefit analysis, Terra Global Capital has provided its support in the context of a regional climate change project (PRCC) financed by USAid.[[5]](#footnote-5)  Current targeted support intends to contribute to the work carried out so far to identify strategic options by analyzing the costs and potential benefits of implementing prioritized strategic options in coordination with Terra Global Capital. For the strategic options identified, REDD+ opportunity, transaction and implementation costs, as well as potential cash and non-cash benefits, will be analyzed. This analysis will contribute to the development of strategic options within the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica by identifying REDD+ areas, priority actions and potential activities that can be implemented under each strategic option. These results could inform action plans and budgets required to implement the options, which are, in turn, critical requirements of the REDD+ readiness pack under the FCPF.  Complementary to the strategic options analysis, various financing options for the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica will be analyzed. Contributing to the development of the REDD+ financing strategy in Costa Rica, various financing options will be proposed based on several REDD+ business models that assess activities implementation and private sector involvement in REDD+, to be developed and assess in collaboration with public and private actors – who are also potential funders of REDD+ implementation in Costa Rica. These actions should also be coordinated with Terra Global Capital. For this purpose, a part of the targeted support requested to UN-REDD should be earmarked to develop capacities within FONAFIFO to achieve an effective coordination of both initiatives.  These business models could be proposed in order to assess various options for private sector involvement in REDD+ both in financing or implementation, including productive activities, private-public agreements, conservation areas, areas relevant to ecosystem services (other than carbon), among others. This work will contribute to the feasibility and potential extent of private sector involvement in various investment options (to be identified through the proposed business models). This work should also build on the progress resulting from discussions between FONAFIFO and the timber sector, for instance, through the FCPF project implemented by IUCN. FONAFIFO will request additional US$ 1,000,000 to FCPF for developing business models. For this reason, current targeted support should lay the foundations for coordination, and support dialogue with the private sector on relevant topics.  Additionally, we plan to contribute to the development of a strategy to channel resources from both public and private (national and international) sectors through the analysis of financial mechanisms that could leverage REDD+ financing, exploring investment options in REDD+ "indirect activities" so that other sectors become involved in REDD+ implementation in Costa Rica and assessing options to leverage resources from various existing public and private financing sources for REDD+ implementation in the country. Also on this topic, Terra Global Capital has defined actions, e.g. the identification of financing sources/purchase of emission reductions, the development of a trade plan, and the advice to FONAFIFO on how to negotiate purchase agreements.[[6]](#footnote-6)[[7]](#footnote-7)  The latter includes the exploration of options to promote the demand for mitigation activities under REDD+ among various sectors (public and private), including international funds and domestic financing. This also involves identifying options to finance REDD+ actions through domestic sources, for instance, through the domestic carbon market in Costa Rica.  Due to the clear coincidence of goals worked on with the support of Terra Global Capital and those that would be worked on with targeted support, an optimal coordination among organizations is necessary. In order to carry out a thorough analysis of the strategic options, their prioritization, cost-benefit estimate, credit trading strategy and their likely positioning and negotiation, a joint effort is required. This would be impossible without UN-REDD support, especially for generating a demand for REDD+ activities and involving the private sector.  *Adaptation of PES as benefit sharing mechanism for a REDD+ strategy*  The implementation mechanism of the National REDD+ Strategy is the Payment for Environmental Services (PES) and its different modalities. PES is being implemented in indigenous and private territories for individual and legal entities and is considered a priority based on the area selection criteria defined by SINAC. This excludes certain forest areas in the country and some forest landowners/users. In order to increase the inclusiveness of PES, especially in the context of indigenous/peasant PES, a REDD+ strategy needs to make adjustments and improvements to the main instrument of the implementation framework and to benefit sharing. The methodological framework of the Carbon Fund states that the ER Program entity should demonstrate that it has the capacity to transfer the ownership of ER to the Carbon Fund and, simultaneously, respect land tenure rights and those of potential owners. In its indicator 36.2., the methodological framework mentions that sharing the benefits set forward in the Benefit Sharing Plan could be a key tool to demonstrate capacity to transfer ER ownership. Therefore, possible adjustments to the implementation framework as well as new PES modalities are likely to be explored in order to (1) meet the requirements of the methodology framework by making ER ownership external to the National PES program; and (2) achieve integration with other incentive mechanism for productive sectors that exacerbate deforestation and forest degradation – or those that could promote deforestation. |

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| **III. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**  Please describe the main objectives and activities of the request.   * provide details on type of support requested and include any needs for in-kind support such as knowledge, capacity building or technical information. * If the country has a UN-REDD National Programme, describe how the requested support will fill gaps / be complementary to the already received funding for the National Programme. |
| **1. The National Forest Monitoring System (FAO technical support):**  1a. Preparation/strengthening of an emissions reduction measurement and reporting plan for illegal logging control and forest fire management strategies, and indigenous and peasant PES modalities  1b. Coordination and documentation of governance and decision-making bodies for the national forest monitoring system  1c. Institutional arrangements for the National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification (including information on multiple benefits)  1d. Preparation and use of the Manual of procedures for the National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification  1e. Establishment of national forest monitoring system arrangements and their operative link to the national greenhouse gas inventory  For implementing the above-mentioned activities, a detailed plan is being prepared and a joint team between FONAFIFO and FAO, in coordination and collaboration with other national institutions, will be established as required. We intend to make use of knowledge and request the support of FAO staff, and hire external consultants for local support. Part of the budget will be earmarked for socialization/dissemination workshops, training courses and related logistic expenses.  **2. Knowledge Management (UNDP):**  2a. Case studies of indigenous consultations in Costa Rica: Systematization of indigenous consultation in the information, pre-consultation and consultation phases: one documenter with cultural indigenous knowledge  **3. Strengthening of the Strategy and private sector involvement in REDD+** (**technical support of** UNDP – UNEP)**:**  3. a Strengthen the way the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica addresses deforestation drivers  3.b Capacity building and awareness raising among private sector actors for their involvement in REDD+ implementation identifying the risks and opportunities underlying their participation  **4. Finance and markets** (UNEP technical support)  Carry out an economic analysis of strategic options for REDD+ as an input to identify priority and potential REDD+ actions for each strategic option identified in the REDD+ National Strategy  Explore financing options for implementing REDD+ activities in Costa Rica, including a plan for leveraging private financial resources and options to promote the local demand for REDD+ actions.  4.a Cost-benefit analysis as an input for the development of strategic options under Costa Rica's National REDD+ Strategy  Support for developing strategic options by identifying priority areas and actions, as well as potential activities to be implemented under each strategic option.  4.c Identification of various financial options for REDD+ implementation in Costa Rica, including private domestic and international sources and alternative financial mechanisms.  4.d. Explore options to stimulate the demand for REDD+-related emission reductions in Costa Rica, including the linkage to the domestic carbon market (MVDCCR).  **5. Adaptation of PES as a benefit sharing mechanism for the REDD+ strategy (UNDP)**  5a. New PES modalities designed: one PES expert and/or policy instruments for designing a modality; and logistic expenses for two cross-sectoral workshops in Costa Rica held with potential beneficiaries of these new modalities. In addition to this, a contribution to their refinement.  5b.Proposal for adjustments to the REDD+ implementation framework in Costa Rica for certifying *emission reductions* taking place beyond the scope of the PES National Programme. An expert in legal issues for the adjustment of the REDD+ implementation framework in Costa Rica, and logistic expenses for two workshops to validate the legal adjustment proposal. |
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| **IV. IMPLEMENTATION**  Please describe the implementing arrangements for the activities planned.   * Include the main implementing institutions and partner institutions. * Explain what measures were taken to involve indigenous peoples and civil society, as applicable |
| **General coordination**  The general coordination of the REDD+ strategy is a task of FONAFIFO. The REDD+ Secretariat provides support by facilitating and documenting decision-making processes. The REDD+ focal point will function as general coordinator, and he/she can find support in the Secretariat for more specific activities.  **Consultants coordination**  Consultants coordination is also a responsibility of FONAFIFO and the REDD+ focal point in the country. Likewise, they can turn to the Secretariat for specific and technical support required to assess outputs, as deemed convenient by FONAFIFO. |
| **Partner institutions and stakeholders**  For the activities stated in this document, the support of SINAC, FONAFIFO and the National Meteorological Institute (IMN) is required at a national level. When it comes to stakeholders, under outcome 3, collaboration with indigenous territories is necessary. However, along the whole process, governance bodies will participate in the developments (including the Executive Committee), which implies the representation of the 19 indigenous territories, the civil society, over-used territories, the industrial timber sector, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Farming (MAG), the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE) and the National Bank. Through the Inter-agency Commission, 18 public institutions and the Academia are represented.  **Relevant parallel activities**  FONAFIFO coordinates other related activities that are relevant to goals 1-4, namely:  **1. The National Forest Monitoring System:**The World Bank, by means of the funds granted to Costa Rica by the Carbon Fund for designing their ER Program, will hire two companies that will rebuild the temporary land-use changes series in the historic period, as well as the definition of the reference emission level/reference level. The second company will provide specific guidelines for measurement, reporting and verification for the ER Program. The REDD+ Secretariat is the entity in charge of harmonizing these guidelines, as relevant, for the accomplishment of the ER Program and for the final design of a REDD+ strategy. Besides, INBio-CATIE, through a donation from the Ministry of Environment of Norway, has the funds to identify lessons learned from REDD+ in Costa Rica; for instance, the definition of deforestation and degradation drivers and the identification of REDD+ co-benefits.  **2. Knowledge management:** through the FCPF Readiness Fund, an indigenous coordinator, who also serves as representative of the 19 indigenous territories, was hired by the REDD+ Secretariat. This coordinator would actively participate in the dialogues with indigenous territories and adapt the project goals to the needs of these territories. With GiZ support, the Cultural Mediators Program was created for REDD+ consultations, whose goal is to train indigenous people for this activity. These people would be the operating link between the Government and the territories in terms of information transfer and discussion. An information process is expected to take place with the six remaining indigenous territories that have not taken part of the REDD+ information phase yet. This will need to be systematized, always respecting their specific circumstances. The latter should be negotiated with the representatives of the six indigenous territories.  **3. Strengthening of the Strategy and private sector involvement in REDD+:** UNDP, through the National Platform for the Responsible Production and Trade, will convene pineapple producers and purchasers, and will provide methodological assistance for creating a Working Group analyzing and proposing linkages to the National REDD+ Strategy in Costa Rica. UNDP and FONAFIFO, together with the Platform team, will link the Working Group on REDD+ to the rest of working groups created and to the social audit process on the observance of the action plan, taking place between July 2014 and December 2015. Besides, UNDP will support FONAFIFO to develop a corporate linkage strategy to modify trade partners' purchase policies, which result in a direct impact on reducing one of the main deforestation drivers. .  **4. Finance and markets:** (TBD)  **5. Adaptation of PES as a benefit sharing mechanism for the REDD+ strategy:**FONAFIFO is receiving support to develop a financial plan for its REDD+ strategy. During the design of the PES modality, as in other adjustments to the benefit sharing mechanism, the costs and benefits of reducing deforestation in potential priority sectors should be taken into account. Also for financial planning, the ER Program will have to take into account the costs and effectiveness of planned PES modalities. |

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| **V. FUNDING SOURCE**  Please indicate any co-funding for the planned activities |
| There is no co-funding for the planned activities, as these are implementation gaps in REDD+ readiness as per the definition of milestones in Costa Rica's readiness pack. Milestones were defined during the World Bank's mission in Costa Rica in March 2014. |

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| **VI. SUMMARIZED WORKPLAN WITH BUDGET AND TIMELINE**  *(Please expand space as needed. Alternatively, add Annex with workplan, budget and timeline* | | |
| Description of planned outputs and activities | Amount (US$) | Implementation period *(from month /year to month/year)* |
| NFMS:  1a. Emission reduction measurement and reporting plan for strategies aiming to control illegal logging, manage forest fires, as well as indigenous and peasant PES modalities  1b. Coordination and documentation of governance and decision-making bodies for the national forest monitoring system  1c. Institutional arrangements for the National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification (including information on multiple benefits)  1d. Manual of procedures for the National Forest Monitoring System and measurement, reporting and verification  1e. Establishment of national forest monitoring system arrangements and their operative link to the national greenhouse gas inventory | 150.000 | Sep/14 – Dec/15 |
| 1. Document and systematize indigenous and peasant consultations for REDD+ in Costa Rica | 45.0001 | Sep/14 – Dec/15 |
| 3. a Strengthen the way the REDD+ strategy in Costa Rica addresses deforestation drivers | 65,000 | Oct/14- Oct/15 |
| Develop capacities and raise awareness among actors of the private and financial sectors in Costa Rica concerning the risks and opportunities of REDD+ to their business model | 50.000 | Sep/14 – Oct/15 |
| Carry out an economic analysis of strategic options for REDD+ as an input to identify priority and potential REDD+ actions for each strategic option identified in the REDD+ National Strategy  4.a REDD+ cost analysis per strategic option (opportunity, transaction and implementation costs)  4.b Support for developing strategic options by identifying priority areas and actions, as well as potential activities to be implemented under each strategic option | 155.000 | Sep/14 – Oct/15 |
| Explore financing options for implementing REDD+ activities in Costa Rica, including a plan for leveraging private financial resources and options to promote the local demand for REDD+ actions.  4.c Identification of various financial options for REDD+ implementation in Costa Rica, including private domestic and international sources and alternative financial mechanisms.  4.d. Explore options to stimulate the demand for REDD+-related emission reductions in Costa Rica, including the linkage to the domestic carbon market (MVDCCR). | 135.000 | Sep/14 – Dec/15 |
| Coordinator of activities on "finance and markets" and administrative costs for the duration of the project | 60.000 | Oct/14 -– Dec/15 |
| 5a.  *Adaptation of PES as a benefit sharing mechanism for the REDD+ strategy*  5a. Policy instruments for the design of a PES modality  5b. Cross-sectoral workshops in Costa Rica with stakeholders potentially benefiting from new modalities to asses and contributing to their refinement.  5c. Adjustment proposal for the REDD+ implementation framework in Costa Rica  5d. Workshops to validate the legal adjustment proposal | 100.000 | Oct/14 -– Dec/14 |
| **Total amount requested (US$)** | **$760,000** | |

\* We expect to have FAO staff available to support activities.

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| **VI. MONITORING OF PROGRESS AND REPORTING**  Please describe how the progress of planned activities and outputs will be monitored and reported by time. |
| FONAFIFO will be responsible of monitoring and reporting the progress of all outputs, with the support of the Secretariat. The frequency of reports will be defined by UN-REDD, as deemed necessary. Progress made on specific outputs will be assessed by FONAFIFO. |

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| IV. UN-REDD COUNTY FOCAL POINT  (name and title) [[8]](#footnote-8) | Alexandra Sáenz, REDD+ Director and Focal Point |

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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](http://www.un-redd.org/PolicyBoard/8thPolicyBoard/tabid/78556/Default.aspx).

   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](mailto:un-redd@un-redd.org)). The Resident Coordinator to be copied on the request. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The work areas are: Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV), Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, Multiple Benefits, Transparency & Accountability, Green Economy. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Period: from month/year to month/year. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Depending on the phase of the country in its REDD+ efforts, some of these details are relevant. Others may be too detailed and can be further elaborated if the request is approved. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Widening Informed Stakeholder Engagement for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Some examples of financial mechanisms that can be assessed in the context of REDD+ are payments for environmental services, fiscal incentives, credit services offered by financial institutions, corporate social responsibility, rates, commissions, among others. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Indirect REDD+ activities refer to those activities that achieve REDD+ goals without technically being REDD+ activities, e.g. sustainable agricultural or livestock activities or forest conservation activities for the sake of other natural resources such as watersheds. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. It is recommended that the UN-REDD Country Focal Point submits the request. See also footnotes on page 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)