



Annual Joint Programme Progress Report - Zambia

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I. PURPOSE

Programme Goal:

To prepare Zambian institutions and stakeholders for effective nationwide implementation of the REDD+ mechanism.

Programme Objectives:

- i) Build institutional and stakeholder capacity to implement REDD+.
- ii) Develop an enabling policy environment for REDD+.
- iii) Develop REDD+ benefit-sharing models.
- iv) Develop Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for REDD+.

Programme Outcomes:

Outcome 1: Capacity to manage REDD+ Readiness strengthened.

Outcome 2: Broad-based stakeholder support for REDD+ established.

Outcome 3: National governance framework and institutional capacities for the implementation of REDD+ strengthened.

Outcome 4: National REDD+ strategies identified.

Outcome 5: MRV capacity to implement REDD+ strengthened.

Outcome 6: Assessment of Reference Emission Level (REL) and Reference Level (RL) undertaken.

The UN-REDD programme supports Zambia towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, especially MDG 7: “Ensure environmental sustainability” by integrating the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reversing the loss of environmental resources.

The main executing partner for UN-REDD in Zambia is Forestry Department, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources.

II. RESOURCES

Zambia developed its national joint programme (NJP) with a total budget of US\$ 4.49 million. The NJP was submitted to UN-REDD policy board and approved in March 2010. The UN-REDD programme document was signed in September 2010 by the participating UN Organizations and Government of Zambia.

The allocation of the total budget for the first year, 2011 (out of three) is outlined below.

Outcomes	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	TOTAL
1. Capacity to manage REDD+ Readiness strengthened.		\$345,796	\$56,075	\$401,844
2. Broad-based stakeholder support for REDD+ established.		\$112,149		\$112,149
3. National governance framework and institutional capacities for the implementation of REDD+ strengthened.		\$163,549		\$163,549
4. National REDD+ strategies identified.			\$56,074	\$56,074
5. MRV capacity to implement REDD+ strengthened.	\$531,801			\$531,801
6. Output. Assessment of Reference emission level (REL) and Reference level (RL).	\$309,500			\$309,500
GMS 7%.	\$58,891	\$43,504	\$7,850	\$110,245
Total Resources:	\$900,192	\$664,996	\$120,005	\$1.685,193

Finland/FAO is implementing the Integrated Land Use Assessment (ILUA) II from 2010-2013, which will complement the UN-REDD programme and provide important data (emission factors and baseline information to assist in establishing reference emission levels). ILUA will have direct linkage with components 5 and 6 of the programme.

III. RESULTS

- Several stakeholders meetings were held in 2010. One was to validate the NJP before its submission to the policy board in March 2010. Another stakeholder meeting in August 2010 reviewed the programme after incorporation of comments from stakeholders, policy board and reviewers.
- The UN-REDD Policy Board approved the budget allocation of US\$ 4,49 million for Zambia in March 2010¹ and tasked the country to finalise the UN-REDD Programme document based on comments provided.
- UNDP, UNEP and FAO organised a joint mission to Zambia in June 2010, with a dual objective of ensuring the linkages with Zambia's Integrated Land Use Assessment Programme and finalising the UN-REDD programme document. The mission succeeded in strengthening the alignment of the UN-REDD vis-à-vis other environment and natural resources sector programmes, and agreeing on common institutional arrangements.
- Building on the work carried out during the first phase of the Integrated Land Use Assessment (ILUA), 2005-2008, and the linkages with REDD, the National Joint Programme (UN-REDD Programme) and the second phase of ILUA (ILUA II) were jointly launched in Lusaka on November 23rd 2010 by the Zambian Deputy Minister of Tourism Environment and Natural Resources, Ms Vera Tembo. The United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ms. Kanni Wignaraja represented the UN System at the launch. More than 70 stakeholders from various organizations, NGOs, government ministries, academia,

private sector, media, and civil society organizations participated in the launch. The main message for stakeholders was that the UN-REDD should not be seen as a one off project/activity but a process and one of the strategies for sustainable forest management and community empowerment in the Zambia.

- The UN agencies involved in the UN-REDD Programme (FAO, UNEP and UNDP) had a four day mission during 22nd to 25th November to support the Forestry Department with organizations of the launch of the programme, as well as to assist in preparation of the annual work plan for year one, 2011.
- One of the requirements of the implementation was to undertake the harmonized approach to cash transfer (HACT) assessment for the implementing partner (Forestry Department). The first draft of the HACT assessment was delivered in late December 2010, and the assessment will be finalized by the end of January 2011.

IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

- The work plan and budget for the year 2011 was finalized by the FD and the involved UN agencies by the end of the year 2010. The first year work plan focuses on:
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 - REDD+ Readiness coordination and management bodies to be established and functioning within the Forest Management Unit,
 - Engaging stakeholders into the process and introducing REDD+ to the national planning processes,
 - REDD+ awareness raising and consultative studies in preparation to REDD+ readiness and implementation,
 - Reviewing of existing studies on drivers of deforestation and undertake required additional analysis,
 - Global good practices and the Zambian experiences for forest management and REDD+ activities to be reviewed aimed at identifying appropriate approaches for Zambia,
 - Developing a framework and roadmap for MRV, and
 - An assessment of historical forest area change, GHG emissions at national level.
- A stakeholder consultative meeting on the 2011 Work plan and Budget was held on 14 January 2011 in Lusaka. A number of stakeholders representing different agencies including Government, Civil Society, Private Sector and Cooperating Partners attended the meeting, and provided input into the general approach to the implementation of the National Joint Programme for the first year (annual work plan and budget). The process of consultation work planning will facilitate signing of the Annual Work Plan and Budget and readiness for implementation.

V. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION

Participating UN Org.	Total Transferred Up to 31 December 2010	Cumulative Up to 31 December 2010 ACTUALS

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		Commitments	Disbursements
FAO	USD 900,192.00	USD 0	USD 0
UNDP	USD 664,997.00	USD 7600	USD 0
UNEP	USD 120,005.00	USD 0	USD 0
Total	USD 1,685,194.00		

UNDP:

Funds were received from the MDTF Office at UNDP HQ in October 2010. They were released to UNDP Zambia country office at the end of December 2010. The annual work plan for year 2011 was approved in Atlas in early January 2011. The delay was due to operational clearance and procedures needed to be established at country level.

UNEP:

Funds received in mid-October 2010.

FAO:

Funds were received at FAO HQ in October 2010. They are to be released to FAO Zambia Country Office in early January 2011. The delay was due to operational clearance and procedures needed to be established at country level.