

Implementing the Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC) in Viet Nam

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Introduction on the UN-REDD Vietnam Programme







Long-term Objective:

Assist the Government of Viet Nam in developing an effective REDD regime in Viet Nam and to contribute to reduction of regional leakage

Specific objective:

To build capacity to aim at by the end of 2012 Viet Nam is REDD-ready and able to contribute to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation nationally and regionally

ROGRAMME



Introduction on the UN-REDD Vietnam Programme







- Expected Outcomes:
- Outcome 1: Improved institutional and technical capacity for national coordination to manage REDD activities in Viet Nam
- Outcome 2: Improved capacity to manage REDD at district-level
- Outcome 3: Improved knowledge of and promotion of regional cooperation of the REDD+ implementation to reduce regional leakage











Our opinion

Implementation of FPIC is to ensure the safeguards to be respected;

 SFM and REDD+ implementation REQUIRE active and effective participation of local stakeholders, esp. local communities - Implementation of FPIC is essential;

 FPIC is living process which should be suitable with country/local-specific situation – one cloth is not fit for all;





Context of the FPIC Implementation in Vietnam







- Vietnam is one of the first countries to pilot FPIC exercise. No internationally detailed guidance existed;
- GoV confirms to promote and create enabling environment for various stakeholders, including ethnic minority to participate in and benefit from socio-economic development policies;
- Land and Forest Tenure in the country's Constitutions and Laws;
- Forest management and protection in two pilot districts;
 UN-RFDD

PROGRAMME



FPIC Implementation: a phased approach



- Piloting FPIC exercise is divided into 3 phases:
 - ✓ Phase 1: 20 villages
 - ✓ Phase 2: 31 villages, and
 - ✓ Phase 3: 25 villages



Purpose: draw experience and lessons from previous phase(s)





FPIC principles, 8 step process

Interlocutors provide information on climate change, REDD+, planned activities of UN-REDD and respond to questions raised by villagers and facilitate their discussions.

5. Village



Through hand voting and ballot

meetings

Contact and meet Head of village, villagers to prepare for consultation meeting

4. Preparation of village meeting



Recruit, train, practice and draw lessons to be ready for village meeting

2&3 Recruitment and training of interlocutors

1. Local awareness raising

7. Interlocutors document and report to the UN-REDD VN Prog. The record of consent or nonconsent of each village to be provided to the UN-REDD Prog by each interlocutor



Independent verification and evaluation of FPIC process and dissemination of lessons

and evaluation of **EPIC** process

Verification

0. Preparation:

- *A summary of the legal basis for local community engagement/FPIC in Viet Nam and Communications materials are prepared
- Advance consultation with provincial and district authorities on the proposed process are conducted

Local awareness raising workshops at district and commune level

Distributing leaflets, sticking posters and discussing with villagers

Awareness raising to have better understanding on REDD+





All the engaged people have belief in the next steps!























Some preliminary lessons

- Public awareness raising is very important for the FPIC. It is time-consuming and difficult process;
- Need to be well planned;
- The socio-economic and local cultural situation should be taken into account;
- Ideally, interlocutors are local people;
- Interlocutors should be well trained to provide right and enough information to local people;











Some preliminary lessons

- Local people should be given enough time for digesting information, doing internal consultation, then taking their own decision;
- Local NGOs should be involved in the FPIC process;
- FPIC which should be:
 - ✓ Consistent with international negotiation process and guidance;
 - ✓ Consistent with the process of REDD+ implementation in the country and area – and of UN-REDD VN Prog;
 - ✓ Suitable with country/local-specific situation one cloth is not fit for all;









Thank you!









