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FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project

Executive Summary

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

About Cambodia and REDD+

Cambodia has been classified as a country with “high forest cover”, and “high deforestation rate”. According to FAO (2010), Cambodia has approximately 10.1 million ha of forest, constituting 57% of the total land area. During recent decades Cambodia has experienced high rates of deforestation, for instance, 1.2 % per year between 2005 and 2010 (FAO 2010).

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) recognized REDD+ as a key strategy to tackle the deforestation in the country. REDD+ is a recent global initiative and stands for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. In Cambodia, REDD+ has been viewed as a potentially significant source of funding for effective implementation of key strategies, such as the National Forest Programme, the National Protected Areas Strategic Management Plan and the Strategic Planning Framework for Fisheries 2010-2019. The implementation of REDD+ would also help Cambodia to achieve its national target of maintaining 60% forest cover, one of the main objectives of the RGC's Rectangular Strategy.

Thus far, among others, supporting frameworks such as the UN-REDD programme and Cambodia REDD (CAM-REDD) have provided their financial and technical support for the RGC to be ready for REDD+. As shown in Table 1, these frameworks place differing focuses of their support on four main REDD+ outcome activities.

Table 1: Major supporting frameworks supporting implementation of the Cambodia REDD+

Outcomes	Major supporting frameworks						
	UN-REDD	CAM-REDD	FCPF	FAO's TCP-NFI	REDD projects in CF/CPA	Embassy of Japan	Potential others
Outcome 1: Institutional Arrangements	√√	√	√√				√√
Outcome 2: Strategies/policies	√√	√	√√				√√
Outcome 3: Projects/Sub-national Development	√	√√	√		√√	√√	
Outcome 4: MRV/ RELs/ Reporting to GHG inventory	√√	√√	√	√√	√	√√	

About the FCPF project and its objective

FCPF is the World Bank's global REDD+ initiative to support REDD+ activities in developing countries. In 2013, the FCPF approved the revised Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) submitted by the RGC. Subsequently, the project document was signed by Forestry Administration and UNDP (UNDP has been selected as a delivery partner for the FCPF project in Cambodia).

The FCPF project builds on existing supporting frameworks for REDD+ and aims to further assist the RGC to be ready for REDD+. The project provides financial and technical support for the four main outcomes to be achieved (see Table 2 for four outcomes and their budget amounts):

Table 2. Four outcomes and budget estimates

Outcomes	Budget
1. Establishment of effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principles	1,019,800
2. Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework	1,270,000
3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels	749,200
4. Designing monitoring system for REDD+ with capacity for implementation.	761,000
Total	3,800,000

II. RESULTS FRAMEWORK

The project components will be divided in accordance with the following four expected outcomes. Table 3 presents key planned activities and budget amounts under the four outcomes.

- **Outcome 1** will be achieved through the project's support to 1) national REDD+ readiness coordination mechanism and readiness processes; 2) consultation with and provision of information to stakeholders; and 3) establishment of grievance mechanism.
- **Outcome 2** will be achieved through the project's support to 1) the Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce and line agencies for the implementation of REDD+ strategies and additional strategies if necessary, and 2) the analyses of key elements of the REDD+ national strategy and implementation framework such as national REDD+ fund, benefit-sharing mechanisms and safeguards, and 3) the development of plans for the necessary policy and legal reforms to implement REDD+.
- **Outcome 3** will be achieved through the project's support to various sub-national bodies for the planning and implementation of REDD+. Sub-national guideline will be developed for REDD+ implementation in line with the national policies, regulation and guidelines.
- **Outcome 4** will be achieved through the project's support for the establishment of monitoring system. The project will also provide assistance to the Government agencies to collect and collate the necessary data on forest cover and emissions factors.

Table 3: Key activities within the results framework and proposed budget plans allocated for FCPF

EXPECTED OUTCOMES	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	BUDGET (USD)
1. Effective National Management of the REDD+ Readiness process and stakeholder engagement in accordance with the consultation principles	1.1. National REDD+ Readiness Coordination Mechanism Institutionalized	50,800
	1.2. Support to national REDD+ readiness process	579,000
	1.3. Stakeholders are engaged in the REDD+ Readiness process	140,000
	1.4. Provision of information to stakeholders	50,000
	1.5. Grievance mechanism established	200,000
SUBTOTAL: outcome 1		1,019,800
2. Development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Implementation Framework	2.1. Implementation of priority measures for individual REDD+ strategies	1,059,000
	2.2. Valuation of co-benefits	20,000
	2.3. Benefit sharing studies	64,000
	2.4. Establishment of REDD+ fund mechanisms	27,000
	2.5. Policy and legal development for the national REDD+ implementation framework	40,000
	2.6. Establishment of a nationally appropriate system of safeguards	60,000
SUBTOTAL: outcome 2		1,270,000
3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational levels	3.1. Development and institutionalization of National REDD+ intervention guidelines at sub-national level	32,000
	3.2. Development of sub-national capacity	717,200
SUBTOTAL: outcome 3		749,200
4. Monitoring system designed for REDD+ with capacity for implementation	4.1. Establishment National MRV/REL Technical Team and build appropriate national capacity	400,000
	4.2. Improvement of assessment of activity data to support the national forest monitoring system for REDD+	100,000
	4.3. Acquisition of new emission factors for REDD+	100,000
	4.4. Support the development of a REDD+ related GHG Reporting System	100,000
	4.5. Monitoring other impacts of REDD+ interventions	61,000
SUBTOTAL: outcome 4		761,000
TOTAL		3,800,000

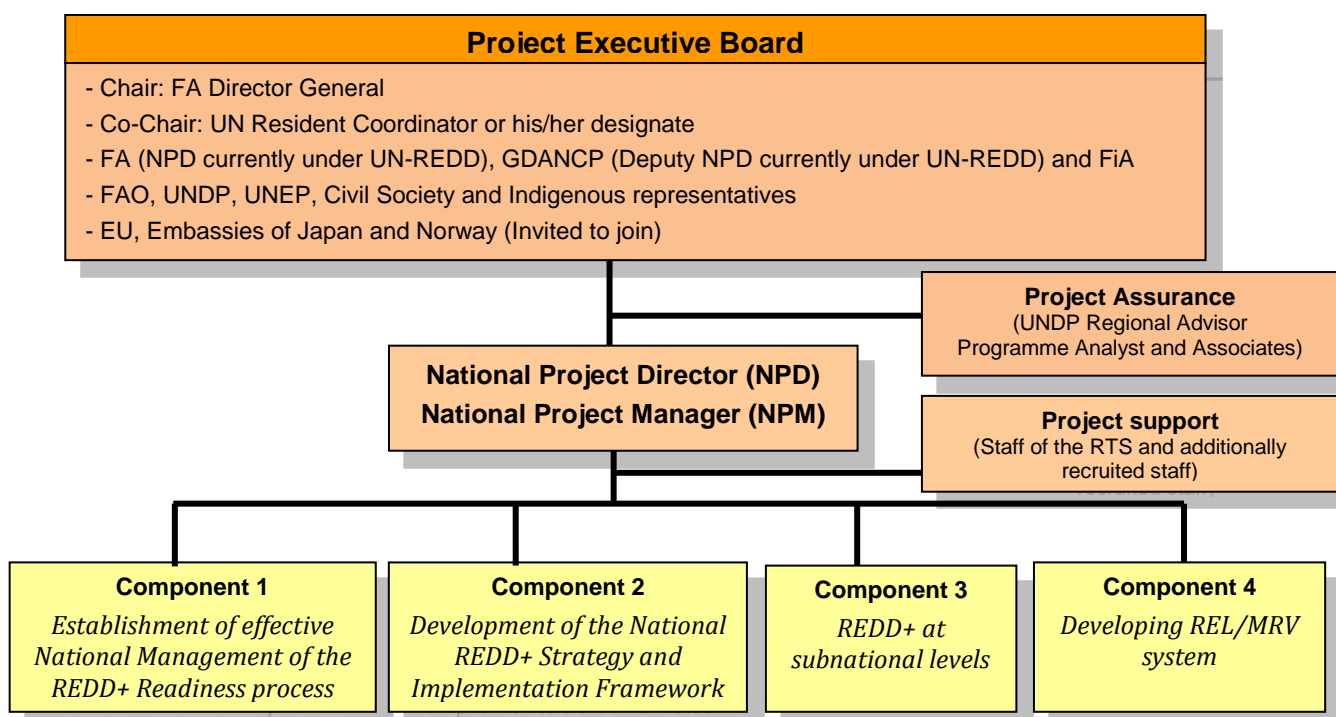
III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The project will be implemented for 3.5 years: from 2014 to 2017 with UNDP as a delivery partner. The FCPF activities will be managed by the Forestry Administration (FA) as an implementing partner under the National Implementing Modality (NIM) of UNDP. Key responsible parties are General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP), and Fisheries Administration.

The project will be built on the existing institutional structure and human resources under the national REDD+ taskforce (see Figure 1). Thus, FCPF activities, performance and results will be overseen by the existing UN-REDD Programme Executive Board (PEB) where the director general of FA and UN Resident Coordinator have acted as co-chairs. Other UN-REDD PEB members include representatives from FA, GDANCP, FiA, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples, EU, and Embassies of Japan and Norway. The PEB will be responsible for making management decisions on a consensus basis, including approval of project revisions. PEB will be held at least every 4 months to evaluate activities and progress. Based on the approved annual work plan (AWP), the PEB may review and approve project quarterly plans when required and authorise any major deviations from these agreed quarterly plans.

The existing staff at the National REDD+ taskforce secretariat (RTS) will continue to provide their technical and administrative support for the project. The RTS consists of staff seconded from FA, GDANCP, and Fisheries Administration and additional staff hired through the UN-REDD Programme. Under the direction of the NPD, the Project Manager appointed by FA will be responsible for all four outcomes to be delivered by the respective agencies on time, and on budget, as well as for the application of all UNDP procedures and efficient use of funding. The project will also recruit staff such as 1) a national project advisor, 2) a project assistant, and 3) a stakeholder engagement specialist. The quality of the project will be regularly monitored and assured by UNDP staff, such as regional advisor, programme analysts and associates.

Figure 1. Project Organisation Structure



IV. MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND EVALUATION

The project will be monitored on quarterly and annual bases. Mid-term and final evaluations shall be conducted. The project will be also subjected to the annual Audit, including interim audits or spot check in between following UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules and applicable Audit policies as per NIM procedures, based on certified financial statements provided.