



# Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

## **Second Evaluation: Strengthening and Tailoring Readiness Support to Countries**

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# Second FCPF Evaluation: Recommendations R1 and R2

- R1. Continue working on the implementation of REDD Readiness through the structured Readiness Framework of the FCPF.
  - The PC should continue providing the REDD Countries with support for their REDD Readiness preparation and implementation by building on the positive experiences with the FCPF so far.
- R2. (RF&CF): Continue providing country-tailored technical support to REDD Countries.
  - The FMT should continue to provide REDD Country Focal Points and technical staff with tailored capacity building and technical assistance, especially for matters that can improve efficiency. Technical support could also help REDD Countries to identify options of how to bridge financing gaps in Emission Reductions Project implementation.

# Oversight Committee Request

- In an effort to optimize the readiness support to countries, the Oversight Committee requested the FMT to consider questions, such as:
  - whether there are ways the Readiness Fund and Carbon Fund can achieve greater efficiency with more of the same form of support;
  - whether the FCPF should provide the same level of intensive support to all countries; and
  - whether there are specific areas where tailored support could help accelerate REDD+ implementation.

# FMT proposal for strengthening and tailoring readiness support (for feedback)

- Two-pronged approach:
  - Continued support provided to all countries
  - Tailored support, specific to country needs
- To note, recommendations are:
  - With a view to deliver readiness efforts by the Readiness Fund's closing date
  - Based on existing funding envelopes
  - Implementation would entail a shared commitment between REDD Countries, Delivery Partners and the FMT

# Continued support on practical aspects of Readiness Grant implementation to all FCPF countries (1)

- Continue providing technical support on demand
- Support activity planning and strategic use of Readiness Grants
  - Support bundling and sequencing of related contracts and activities
  - Link with other related activities supported by Delivery Partner (e.g., Global Environment Facility (GEF)) to enhance synergies
- Translate lessons learned from REDD+ readiness into demand-driven, operationally-relevant knowledge and learning products
  - Good practice examples to enable countries to accelerate on technical elements of REDD+ readiness and REDD+ program development
  - Needs identified through FMT Knowledge Management portfolio tool, and annual knowledge surveys at FCPF meetings – See Communications and Knowledge Strategy 2017-2020

# Continued support on practical aspects of Readiness Grant implementation to all FCPF countries (2)

- Peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange between REDD+ Countries at different stages of program progress
  - Demand-driven sub-regional south-south learning exchanges, study tours, etc.
- Facilitate coordination among Delivery Partners and knowledge exchange
- Continue supporting development of tailored Terms of Reference
  - Provide example TORs as a basis from which to develop country-specific terms
  - Ongoing guidance to improve quality and timely delivery of products

# Continued support on practical aspects of Readiness Grant implementation to all FCPF countries (3)

- Continue supporting development of procurement and implementation plans
  - Provide country-specific procurement and financial management training
  - Forums to discuss bottlenecks along the procurement chain
- Explore synergies between REDD+ strategies and nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
  - Note: this is largely beyond the scope of planned activities and would require additional funds for any in-depth follow up activity

# Tailored support (1)

- **Group 1: REDD Countries in the Carbon Fund pipeline/portfolio**
  - Significant progress on national REDD+ Readiness, most reached mid-term, some with R-Package endorsed or being prepared
  - Generally have Additional Funding available
  - Also preparing ER Programs for implementation at jurisdictional level
- **Support tailored towards:**
  - Advancing ER Program preparation and implementation
  - Exploring options for bridging financing gaps in ER Program
  - Facilitating coordination with other development partners to leverage other support
  - Engaging strategically and at higher levels of government in support for REDD+ implementation



## Tailored support (2)

- Group 2: REDD Countries not in the Carbon Fund pipeline, but making steady progress on REDD+ Readiness
  - Generally advancing in national REDD+ Readiness, some reached mid-term, others are in the process
  - Some have Additional Funding allocated
  - Some could be ready to start moving towards designing ER programs in the near-term
- Support tailored towards:
  - Strategically pursuing other financing opportunities to help implement REDD+ strategies (e.g. supporting investment analysis and planning for REDD+ implementation, including accessing results-based payments)
  - Leveraging or supporting other complementary investments (e.g., bilateral, GCF, GEF, FIP, etc.), or the private sector
  - Deepening readiness work, subject to availability of Additional Finance

# Tailored support (3)

- Group 3: REDD Countries with limited progress to date and/or implementation challenges
  - Operational/political challenges to getting readiness programs off the ground
  - Some started readiness process later or advanced more slowly, for a variety of reasons
- Where political commitment exists to drive readiness process forward, support tailored towards:
  - Strengthening enabling environments and policy actions, while investing in capacity building to help overcome implementation challenges
  - Tailoring REDD+ strategy development to country context (e.g., to help meet NDC, SDGs commitments as they relate to REDD+), with less emphasis on specific requirements from results-based payments (such as, RL and MRV design, benefit sharing)
  - Attracting necessary investments for the implementation of the REDD+ strategy, where appropriate

We welcome feedback on the proposed actions.

*Thank you*

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# Status of Countries in Readiness Fund (March 2017)

- 8 R-Packages
  - 1 additional at PC23
- 19 MTRs with Additional Funding allocated
  - 5 additional at PC23
- 26 countries with < 50% total grant disbursement
  - 19 countries \$3.8m, 7 countries \$3.8m + \$5m AF allocated
  - Of which 11 have < 25% grant disbursement (\$3.8m)
- 5 countries with no grant agreement signed
- 19 countries in Carbon Fund pipeline
  - 17 have signed an LOI
  - 15 have Additional Funding approved (2 more requests at PC23)