



**Liberia M&E Framework for the
REDD+ Readiness process
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Why Liberia has developed its M&E Framework?

- Important to systematically track readiness progress right from beginning
- Be able to report comprehensively at national and international level on Liberia's readiness including to the FCPF

Steps towards developing the M&E Framework (1)

- Preliminary draft was included in component 6 in the R-PP (2011) but not complete and operational M&E system
- Developing the M&E framework we followed standard good practice
 - The Result Chain and Logical Framework together provide a strategic overview of the Readiness process
 - The Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), which is the key internal management tool for the REDD implementation Unit

Steps towards developing the M&E Framework (2)

- On the basis of the activities described in the R-PP document, key outputs, outcomes and impacts the readiness process is aimed to achieve were identified whilst ensuring logical links between them
- ‘SMART’ indicators defined for each output, outcome, and to the extent possible, for impacts, in order to track progress
- Definition of baseline values, target values by project end, source of information, frequency of data collection, and responsibilities (who will collect what indicator and when)
- Consultation with stakeholders, and validation of proposed Performance Management Framework

Functions of the M&E Framework

- Monitoring : track progress over the readiness phase,
- Reporting: annually with semi annual updates ; mid-term progress reports, reporting on Readiness Package
- Evaluation: will also include a snap shot of impacts identified in the framework

Draft M&E framework and milestones for reporting at level of R-PP sub component completed per FCPF reporting template.

Liberia Results-Chain (extract)

| Outputs (Component 1) | Outcomes (Component 1) | Intermediate Impacts | Longer-term Impacts |
|---|---|--|--|
| NCCSC Secretariat (NCCS) and RTWG/RIG meet regularly and provide guidance on R-PP process and REDD Pilot sites identification | <p data-bbox="664 815 1035 1029">Adequate capacity at National, county and local level to manage and engage in REDD implementation</p> | <p data-bbox="1132 1033 1489 1249">Best land use options apply in Liberia for forest conservation, agriculture and other uses</p> | <p data-bbox="1562 1033 1792 1249">Reduced greenhouse gas emissions</p> |
| REDD+ Implementation Unit (RIU) established within FDA/MPEA and operational | | | |
| REDD+ communication strategy implemented | | | |
| Platform for continuous dialogue with key stakeholders established | | | |
| Capacities strengthened within institutions involved into REDD+ | | | |
| Stakeholder Consultation, Monitoring and Feedback Forums established and functional | | | |
| Grievance and complaints handling mechanism in place and functional | | | |

Liberia Logical Framework (extract)

| | Results | Indicators | Target by 2016 | Assumptions |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| R-PP component 1 | Organize and Consult | | | |
| Outcome 1 | Adequate capacity at National, county and local level to manage and engage in REDD implementation | O1 Number of REDD pilot sites established with all relevant functions to make them effective, through technical support from the national structure out in place | At least 3 sites have been established with all relevant management function to make their operations effective | |
| R-PP sub-component 1.a: National Readiness Management Arrangements | | | | |
| Output 1.a.1 Activities: - Appoint personal to Secretariat - Develop detailed ToRs of Secretariat - Organize regular NCCSC and RTWG/RIG meetings - Define agenda of items where guidance is needed - Establish working communication channels between RIU, RTWG/RIG and NCCSC | NCCSC Secretariat (NCCS) and RTWG/RIG meet regularly and provide guidance on R-PP process and REDD Pilot sites identification | 1.a.i Number of meetings dedicated to R-PP process every year 1.a.iii Number of potential REDD pilot sites defined | NCCSC: 1, RTGW/RIG: 3 At least 8 potential REDD pilot sites identified by 2016 | The GoL remains fully committed to the REDD+ agenda and national consultations |
| Output 1.a.2 Activities: - Recruitment of the National REDD coordinator (FDA), National RTWG coordinator , the procurement specialist (FDA), the SESA coordinator (EPA), the policy coordinator (MPEA), one team assistants - Procurement of office equipment, 2 vehicles | REDD+ Implementation Unit (RIU) established within FDA/MPEA and operational | 1.a.2 Number of staff recruited | 4 by end of 2013 | The basic skills sets require to effectively fill the staff positions are readily available in Liberia The social and economical context allow civil society and other relevant stakeholders to actively engage in the process |
| R-PP sub-component 1.b: Information sharing and early dialogue with key stakeholder groups | | | | |
| Output 1.b.1 Activities: - Design a communication and Information sharing strategy targeted at Key Stakeholders Groups and their constituencies - Prepare and produce appropriate local language and accessible media for this strategy, including best practice key messages - Conduct media campaign to promote REDD awareness at National, County and Stakeholder levels through newspaper, radio and TV; | REDD+ communication strategy implemented | 1.b.i Examples of activities undertaken and knowledge products published, including at national level, to generate and institutionalize awareness on REDD+ such as through the inclusion of REDD+ in curricula in schools and universities 1.b.ii Number of individuals (men and women) reached with these these knowledge products | tbd in communication strategy Tbd in communication strategy 10 | Dedicated government staff is nominated for capacity strengthening and |

Liberia Performance Measurement Framework (extract)

| Results | Indicators | Baseline | Target by 2016 | Methods/sources of information | Frequency of data collection and reporting | Responsibility | Traffic light |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|---------------|
| R-PP component 1 Organize and Consult | | | | | | | |
| Outcome 1 Adequate capacity at National, county and local level to manage and engage in REDD implementation | O1 Number of REDD pilot sites established with all relevant functions to make them effective, through technical support from the national structure out in place | 0 | At least 3 sites have been established with all relevant management function to make their operations effective | MoU signed between forest community and FDA/county/other government authorities | 6-month | FDA/Implementing partners | |
| R-PP sub-component 1.a: National Readiness Management Arrangements | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.a.1: NCCSC Secretariat (NCCS) and RTWG/RIG meet regularly and provide guidance on R-PP process and REDD Pilot sites | 1.a.1i Number of meetings dedicated to RPP process every year 1.a.1ii Number of potential REDD pilot sites defined | n/a 2 | NCCSC: 1; RTGW/RIG: 3 At least 8 potential REDD pilot sites identified by 2016 | RTWG/RIG and NCCSC meeting minutes, RIU progress reports REDD website, implementing partners reports on REDD | Yearly Yearly | NCCSC, RTWG/RIG, RIU coordinator RIU/RTGW/Implementing partners | |
| Output 1.a.2 REDD+ Implementation Unit (RIU) established within FDA/MPEA and operational | 1.a.2 Number of staff recruited | 1 | 4 by end of 2013 | Staff contracts at FDA, MPEA, WB CO | Yearly | RIU coordinator | |
| R-PP sub-component 1.b: Information sharing and early dialogue with key stakeholder groups | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.b.1: REDD+ communication strategy implemented | 1.b.1i Examples of activities undertaken and knowledge products published, including at national level, to generate and institutionalize awareness on REDD+ such as through the inclusion of REDD+ in curricula in schools and universities (Prog.level indic. 4.1.d) 1.b.1ii Number of individuals (men and women) reached with these knowledge products (RT 3.2.4) 1.b.1iii Number of Liberian experts who participated in any South-south learning activities (disaggregated by | n/a n/a 0 | tbd in communication strategy Tbd in communication strategy 10 | Signed contracts with and products from media companies Communication strategy monitoring reports Workshops minutes/mission orders | Yearly 6-month 6-month | RIU coordinator RIU coordinator RIU coordinator | |

REDD + country progress reporting(1)

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.2 million USD)

| Components | Sub-components | Support from FCPF (Yes/No) |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Readiness Organization and Consultation | 1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements | Yes |
| | 1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach | Yes |
| 2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation | 2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance | No |
| | 2b. REDD+ Strategy Options | Yes |
| | 2c. Implementation Framework | No |
| | 2d. Social and Environmental Impacts | Yes |
| 3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels | | Yes |
| 4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards | 4a. National Forest Monitoring System | No |
| | 4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards | No |

REDD + country progress reporting (2)

Summary progress report on readiness

Level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.2 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.b.):

Planned Milestones²:

- 1.1 National readiness Management established Arrangements and activities undergoing
- 1.2 Information sharing and Early Dialogue with Key Stakeholder Groups completed
- 1.3 Consultation and participation process for REDD strategy development completed
- 1.4 Consultation and participation process for SESA completed
- 1.5 National feedback and grievance redress mechanism functional
- 2.1 SESA completed
- 2.2 REDD+ Strategy Finalized
- 3. Reference level scenario (including Forest Cover Mapping and forest inventory in priority areas) completed
- 4i. Semi-annual Progress reports submitted
- 4ii. Mid-term Progress report submitted by end of 2014
- 4iii. Final Readiness assessment submitted by 2016

Level of Achievement³:

Tracking⁴:

Please select your light rating:

- Significant progress
- Progressing well, further development required
- Further development
- Not yet demonstrating
- Non Applicable

Please explain why: R-PP implementation has just actually started a few months ago, therefore no milestones have been reached over the reporting period.

We have had problems with procurement. Recruitment of staff have been slow due to the World Bank procurement process and some internal/institutional problems at the Forestry Development Authority, the implementing institution.

REDD + country progress reporting (3)

At sub-component level

| | Sub-component | Overall progress | Progress against annual targets | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Planned milestones | Expected Annual target 2013 | Expected Annual target 2014 | Expected Annual target 2015 | Expected Annual target 2016 |
| R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation | Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements <i>Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies</i> <i>Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism</i> | O1 Management arrangement in place to ensure that at least 3 pilot sites have been established to make their operations effective | 0 | 0 | 2 | +1 |
| | | 1.a National REDD+ management arrangement established and operational | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | 1.a.1i At least 1 NCCSC and 3 RTWG/RIG meetings dedicated to RPP process every year | 1 NCCSC; 3 RTWG | 1 NCCSC; 3 RTWG | 1 NCCSC; 3 RTWG | 1 NCCSC; 3 RTWG |
| | | 1.a.1ii At least 8 potential REDD pilot sites identified by 2016 | 2 | +2 | +4 | +0 |
| | 1.a.2 Four RIU staff recruited | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |

REDD + country progress reporting (4)

Qualitative information

Nb. and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.*):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are:

- Underway:
- Completed:

Please describe these policy reforms:

National Land Rights Policy approved by the Land Commission May 21, 2013. This Land Rights Policy concerns four land rights categories (Public Land, Government Land, Customary Land, and Private Land), and a cross-cutting sub-category called Protected Areas, which must be conserved for the benefit of all Liberians. For Public Land and Government Land, the Policy sets forth critical policy recommendations regarding: how the Government transfers such land, and how the Government acquires land, especially through the exercise of eminent domain (i.e. forced acquisition).

Informing the FCPF Results Framework (examples)

Localisation in Liberia logframe

Program-level indicator (adapted to Liberia context)

Impacts

I3 Liberia enters into an international REDD+ funding modality

I3ii Number of tons of CO2 saved (RT I.1.B)

R-PP component 1 Organize and Consult

R-PP sub-component 1.b: Information sharing and early dialogue with key stakeholder groups

Output 1.b.1: REDD+ communication strategy implemented

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1.b.1ii Number of individuals (men and women) reached with these knowledge products(RT 3.2.4)

1.b.1iii Number of Liberian experts who participated in any South-south learning activities (disaggregated by gender)(RT 3.2.4)

Output 1.c.1: Stakeholder Consultation, Monitoring and Feedback Forums established and functional

1.c.1iii Number of stakeholders (segregated by type, gender and age) that have participated into stakeholder consultation workshops (Prog Level indic. 3.1.b and 3.1.a)

Looking Forward

- The M&E framework enables to get an overall picture (FCPF and non-FCPF funded) including the contribution from implementing partners;
- Together with reporting framework, it is a tool for project management, strategic planning and extension proposal;
- Informing indicators on a regular basis requires getting data from partners, which may be challenging and therefore needs to be well organized;
- Moving forward, further strengthening of in country M&E capacities is essential to ensure implementation.



THANKS!