Second Program Evaluation of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Evaluation Purpose

- Improve effectiveness and delivery by learning lessons from REDD+ implementation
- Improve strategic alignment with the priorities of REDD+ Country Participants and other stakeholders, and with the emerging global architecture of REDD+



Evaluation Matrix

- Ten key evaluation questions (EQs)
- Approaches: lines of enquiry, issues to explore
- Sources of information to be used in answering the EQs (i.e. desk studies, on-line survey, interviews, group discussions, field visits), seeking multiple sources of evidence for each finding to build a robust and reliable set of conclusions



Evaluation Questions (EQs)

- Relevance (2 EQs): why do countries join, why do they stay, and what do they think they gain by it?
- Effectiveness (6 EQs): how have REDD+ readiness, stakeholder engagement, multi-sector dialogue and knowledge sharing been supported, and how has this changed with time and context?
- Impact/sustainability (1 EQ): major long-term changes?
- Efficiency (1 EQ): performance in delivering support?



Evaluation Process

- Information: use of quantitative and qualitative information - on-line survey and desk review (47 countries), remote interviews (17 countries), face-toface interviews and group discussions (3-6 countries, plus international meetings and institutions)
- Analysis: portfolios, hypotheses, timelines, ER-PINs, triangulation to minimize bias, validation of findings
- Synthesis: conclusions, recommendations



Inception	Document Collection and Review	Stakeholder Consultations	In-country Missions	Analysis	Results
Database design	Data Compilation	In-depth Interviews	Focal group discussions	Hypothesis building and testing	Triangulation of results
Survey design		Group discussions	Field consultations and	Portfolio Analysis	
Field protocol development	Document Review		observations	Timeline Creation	Feedback analysis
Communication Plan		Surveys	Validation sessions	Consultation database analysis	
Inception report	Database Development	Consultation database development	Mission Evaluation Report	Document database analysis	Final report



The Three-tiered Approach

Tier 1: 47 countries

All REDD+ Country Participants.

Tier 2: 17 countries

Countries with an ER-PIN and/or a Preparation Grant agreed in 2011-2013, plus one country from each region that has not progressed after its Preparation Grant proposal was reviewed, minus Tier 3 countries.

Tier 3: 3-6 countries

Countries that are likely to be most informative with regard to Evaluation Questions.

Online survey sent to FCPF focal points and portfolio analysis

Remote interviews (inc. FCPF focal point & Delivery Partners)

Country visit: face-toface interviews, focal group discussions and field visits



Tier 3 country selection

Selection criterion	Implications for country selection		
Primary : ER-PIN proxy for prolonged engagement with FCPF (EQs 1, 4, 9).	Included: Chile, Congo Republic, Costa Rica, DRC, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Lao PDR, México, Nepal, Perú, Vietnam.		
Secondary : forest-dependent IPs & caste proxy for exclusion or disadvantage (EQs 2, 4, 7).	Included : Congo Republic, Costa Rica, DRC, Guatemala, Indonesia, Lao PDR, México, Nepal, Perú, Vietnam.		
Secondary : LDC proxy for exclusion or disadvantage (EQs 2, 7).	Included: DRC, Lao PDR, Nepal.		
Tertiary : size (proxy for complexity and evaluability).	Included : Chile, Ghana, Guatemala, Lao PDR, México, Nepal, Perú, Vietnam.		
Tertiary : baseline (1st Evaluation case study).	Included: DRC, México, Nepal.		
Special factor: travel warning.	Excluded: DRC, Guatemala.		
Special factor: natural forest.	Excluded: Chile, Vietnam.		
Net inclusion (one secondary and one tertiary criterion, and no special factor exclusion).	Included : Ghana, Lao PDR, México, Nepal, Perú (plus Madagascar as a complementary megadiversity African LDC and an 'early starter/slow progresser').		



15-24+ Interviewees per Tier 3 Country

- 2-3+ government people responsible for the FCPF
- 1-2+ other government people involved in the FCPF
- 2-3+ technical advisors involved in readiness work
- 2-3+ people for private-sector viewpoints
- 2-4+ people for civil society viewpoints
- 1-2+ people for Indigenous Peoples' viewpoints
- 3-4+ people for donor agency & partner organization viewpoints
- 2-3+ other knowledge holders



Topics for Interviews

- Expectations of the FCPF
- Alignment with priorities
- Accomplishments, and usefulness of the FCPF
- Effects on participation and dialogue
- Changes or trends noticed over time
- Impact on forest policy and/or forest use
- Disappointments of the FCPF
- Improvements wanted



Topics for Group Discussions

- Held under the Chatham House Rule
- Positive experiences and lessons from participating in the FCPF that should be carried over into the future work of the FCPF
- Negative experiences and lessons from participating in the FCPF from which the FCPF should learn and adjust its work



The on-line Survey

- Anonymity assured
- Neutral questions on overall opinions, expectations, benefits of participation and issues arising
- Multiple-choice/rating options, allowing people to choose from a range of opinions
- Requests for explanation, encouraging people to explain their answers



Database Development

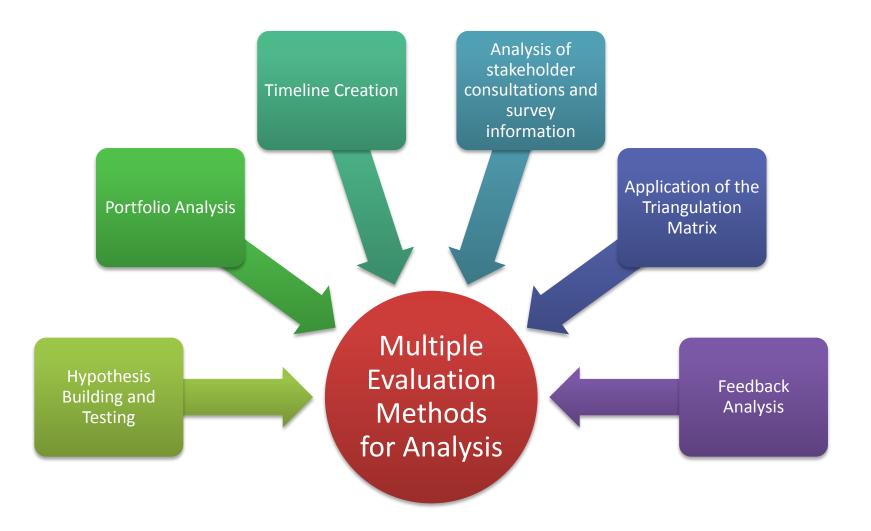
Stakeholder database

- Manages stakeholder contact details and profiles
- Pivot feature enables
 easy look up
- Also used to log and track consultations

Document database

- Tracks all sources used in the evaluation
- Links sources to matrix questions
- Enables efficient
 triangulation of
 evidence







Evaluation Progress

- Important guidance has been received from the Oversight Committee and Reference Group
- The document and stakeholder databases have been established
- Potential informants are being identified
- The on-line survey is almost ready for launch
- The in-depth interviews are underway
- The country visits will start as soon as possible



Timeline and Outputs

- Information gathering (desk studies, remote surveys and interviews): ongoing → progress reports
- Tier 3 country visits: Nov 2015 Feb 2016 → field visit reports
- Core Team (internal) workshop: Feb 2016 \rightarrow findings
- Draft report: Mar/Apr 2016
- Comments by Oversight Committee and Reference Group: Apr 2016
- Final report: May 2016

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