# 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)**

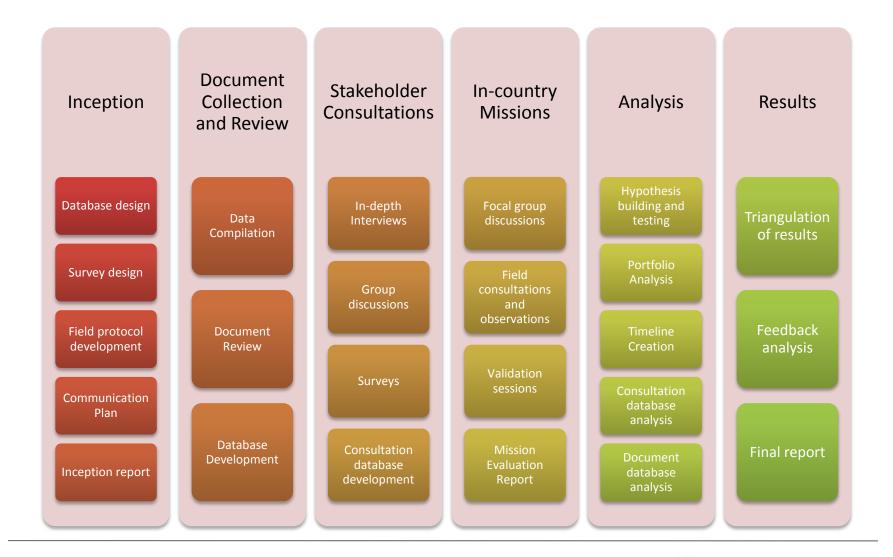
- Relevance (2 EQs): why do countries join, why do they stay, and what do they think they gain by it?
- Effectiveness (6 EQs): how have REDD+ readiness, stakeholder engagement, multi-sector dialogue and knowledge sharing been supported, and how has this changed with time and context?
- Impact/sustainability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







### 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 & <u>Del</u>ivery Partners)

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



# Tier 3 country selection

Selection criterion	Implications for country selection
<b>Primary</b> : 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.
<b>Tertiary</b> : 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**

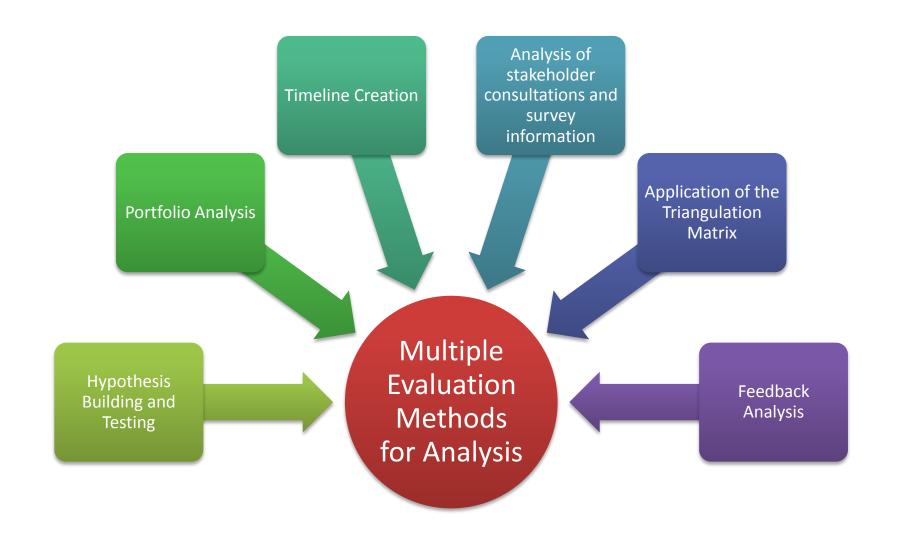
#### Stakeholder database

- 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 → findings
- Draft report: Mar/Apr 2016
- Comments by Oversight Committee and Reference Group: Apr 2016
- Final report: May 2016



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