

## Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

### Readiness Fund

#### Simple Guidance on Support Available to REDD Countries through the Readiness Fund of the FCPF

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*This note is designed to 1) respond to REDD Country Requests at PC19 for more guidance on what support is available to them that is typically part of the Readiness Fund Operating Budget, and 2) encourage REDD Country Focal Points to feed into the budget construction process through their Delivery Partner regarding their targeted support needs.*

#### 1) **Support Available to REDD Countries through the Readiness Fund of the FCPF**

While the FCPF budget is built around five core activity types: Country Implementation Support; Country Advisory Services; REDD Methodology Support; the FCPF Secretariat; and Fund Administration. It is **Country Implementation Support** and **Country Advisory Services** that represent the core work of both the Delivery Partners (DPs) and the Facility Management Team (FMT) in their direct work to facilitate countries' getting ready for REDD+. The **REDD Methodology Support** category rounds out the full package of support to countries. As of June 30, 2015, expenses for these three cost categories account for 74% of the total expenses of the Readiness Fund to that date.

##### a. **Country Implementation Support**

The work of the implementing agency or delivery partner falls under **Country Implementation Support**. This covers the direct implementation support, including technical assistance, from Delivery Partners (World Bank, IDB and UNDP). This includes the key role of grant supervision and country level review, related to environmental and social due diligence, procurement and financial management policies and procedures of the Delivery Partners and the Common Approach to Environmental and Social Safeguards. As more countries sign Readiness Preparation Grants and as UNDP and the Inter-American Development Bank become active as Delivery Partners, this category of expenditures will continue to make up a substantial portion of the total budget.

##### b. **Country Advisory Support**

Also within Services to REDD Countries, **Country Advisory Services** consist of FCPF team coordination of, and feedback on, R-PPs, Mid Term Reviews and R-Packages. The work of providing guidance on FCPF social and environmental due diligence (SESA guidelines, etc.) also falls under this category. Sharing cross-country experiences, developing and sharing guidance (e.g., social inclusion, piloting forest governance grievance redress mechanisms, and linking local REDD initiatives to national REDD+ strategies) with individual REDD Country Participants is another key component.

### c. **REDD Methodology Support**

Finally, **REDD Methodology Support** rounds out the support to REDD Countries with activities such as the development of program cost assessment tools, the implementation of the Methodological Framework, Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) reviews of R-PPs and R-Packages. Other key responsibilities include the close liaison with UN-REDD and international REDD+ programs (FIP, CIFs) as well as analysis on key REDD+ topics, lessons learned, and knowledge management (e.g., MRV, Reference Levels, Registries).

- 2) In response to feedback from some REDD Country Focal Points that they would like to have the opportunity to feed into the annual FCPF operating budget construction process, the FMT would like to encourage REDD Country Focal Points to communicate their targeted support needs through their Delivery Partners. The fiscal year that runs from 1 July to 30 June dictates the budget construction timeline. The FMT will encourage both the Delivery Partners and the REDD Country Focal Points to coordinate and relay thoughts on budget needs to their FMT focal point in advance of March 2016 so the Fund Management team is able to reflect these needs in the proposed budget to be approved by the PC at PC21.