



Paraguay Update

FCPF Participants Assembly Meeting

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Presentation Outline

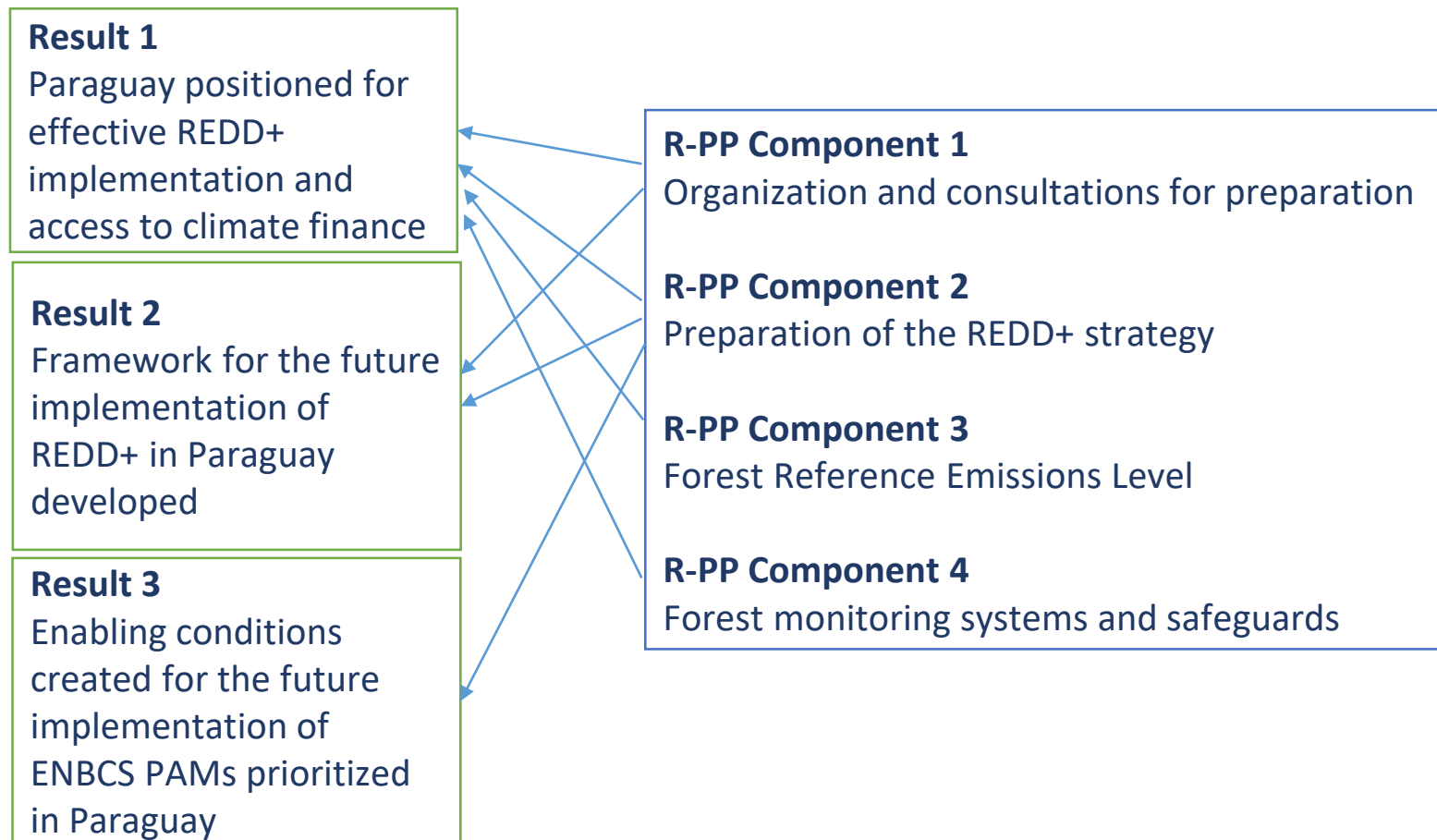
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1. UNDP support to REDD+ in Paraguay

- UNDP's Country Office in Paraguay – almost 25Y of support to Paraguay in the area of sustainable development (climate change, forests, others)
- Engaged on REDD+ readiness since 2008 (UN-REDD and FCPF)
- Readiness work builds on Paraguay's UN-REDD National Programme
- Complementarities with other initiatives supported by UNDP : Green Commodities (sustainable supply and demand); Asunción Sustentable; 4th National Communication; Climate Promise; Climate Action Enhancement Package
- Follows UNFCCC and GCF process
- Linked to the National Development Plan 2030 and its update
- Linked to the National Environmental Policy and the Environmental Legal Code

2. Objective and key process milestones

Support the Government of Paraguay in the implementation of its REDD+ Readiness Phase



2. Objective and key process milestones

- Ownership by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADES)
- 13 National Institutions involved in the development of the REDD+ National Strategy and its Implementation Plan (including local governments and the Institute of Indigenous Peoples).
- REDD+ Roundtable embedded in Paraguay's National Commission on Climate Change (CNCC)
- Sub-groups created within the REDD+ roundtable
- All REDD+ Warsaw Framework pillars completed, under a step-wise approach
- REDD+ results reported to the UNFCCC (2015 – 2017 / 26M tCO₂eq)
- Access to climate finance under the GCF REDD+ Results-based Payments Pilot Programme (US \$ 50M)

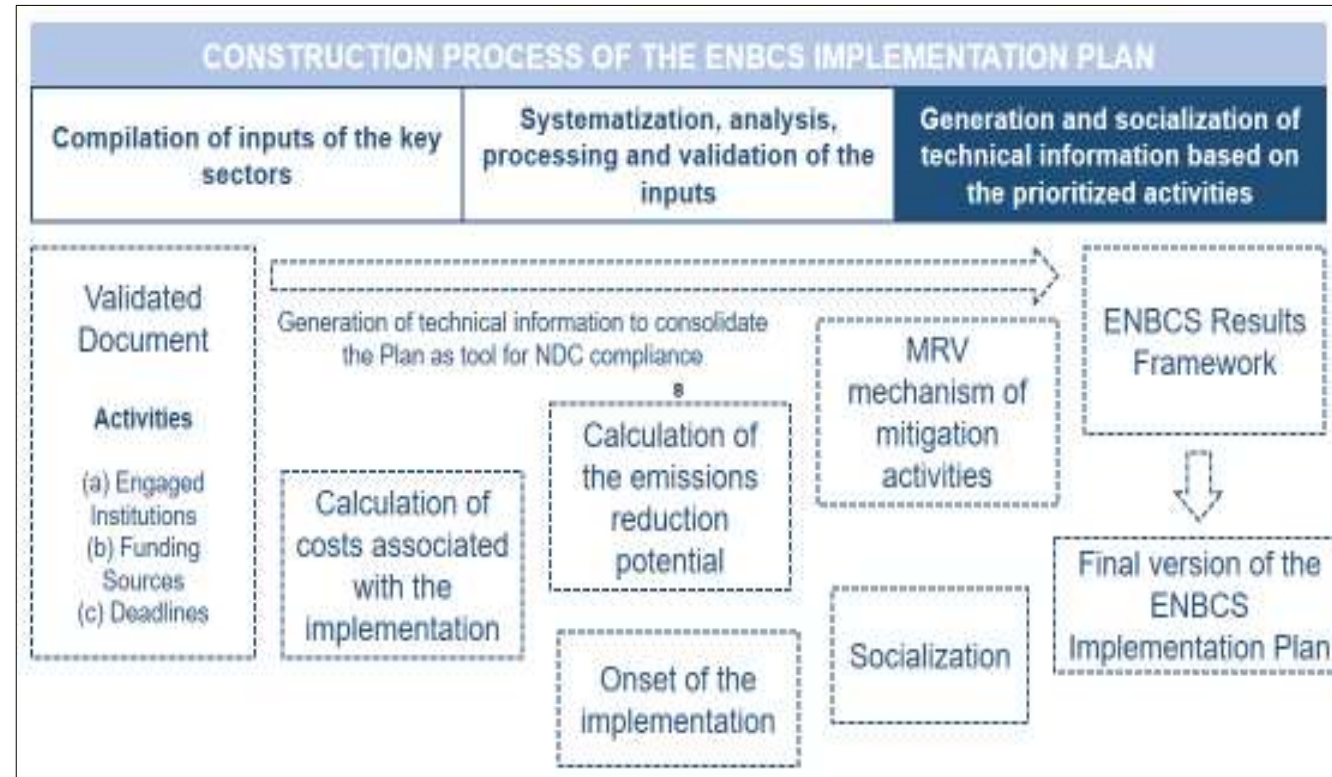
3. Overall Progress by component

Component one: 1a and 1b

- National REDD+ Management Arrangements
- Consultation, participation and outreach



- **Approval of the National Strategy on Forest for Sustainable Growth (ENBCS) under Ministerial Resolution No. 293/19**
- A **proposal for a Decree** with the aim of ensuring that key institutions are involved on the execution of the Implementation Plan after project closure.



3. Overall Progress by component

- a) Preparation of the REDD+ National Strategy
 - b) Options for the REDD+ Strategy
 - c) Implementation framework
 - d) Social and Environmental Impacts
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- ENBCS has 7 strategic measures, and 3 cross-cutting measures.
- [Validation process – 306 representatives](#) (43% women) of 120 institutions (public and private sectors, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, farmers communities, academia and the financial sector).
- [Implementation Plan is in final validation stage](#)
- SESA and ESMF under review of REDD+ roundtable

Summary of the participatory process to develop the ENBCS Implementation Plan					
N°	Workshops	Dates	Men	Women	Total
1	Instituciones de Gobierno	23/5/2019	22	30	52
2	Plataforma del Alto Paraná	20/6/2019	15	9	24
3	Sistema Financiero	26/6/2019	3	10	13
4	Gremios de la producción	27/6/2019	4	3	7
5	Pueblos Indígenas	2/7/2019	18	10	28
6	Organizaciones No Gubernamentales	5/7/2019	6	8	14
7	Organizaciones campesinas	10/7/2019	18	18	36
8	Plataforma de Itapúa	17/7/2019	21	16	37
9	Plataforma del Chaco	24/7/2019	23	5	28
10	Jóvenes y Academia	7/8/2019	12	54	66
TOTAL			142	163	305
Percentage of participation (%)			47	53	100

3. Overall Progress by component

Participation of Indigenous Peoples and other stakeholders on the consultation processes

- The [Stakeholder Engagement Plan](#) has been continuously updated. Notably, the [SESA](#) provided the most recent inputs. The [ESMF](#) includes messages and lesson learned from all participatory activities. Includes a section to improve the participation of various groups.
- Contributions to the REDD+ Strategy were received through an on-line [citizen consultation](#), open to the public for 21 days, through the MADES website.
- Indigenous Peoples are represented, as full members, in the REDD+ Roundtable and the National Commission on Climate Change.
- One of the **main lessons learned** is the need to adapt the methodology for stakeholder consultations to enable effective engagement (i.e. for [Indigenous Peoples, youth](#)).
- Working sessions with **Indigenous Peoples have been extremely enriching**. Allowed integration of important concepts in relation to forests, benefits for ecosystems and people, and the importance of participation of women in these spaces.

3. Overall Progress by component

Component 3: Forest Reference Emission levels



3a Improved subnational capacity for REDD+ implementation

- [Forest Reference Emissions Level](#) submitted in 2016 (national level; gross emissions from deforestation)
- Project supported the development of the REDD+ Technical Annex. Submitted to the UNFCCC in 2018, as part of the [2nd BUR 2](#)
- During the year 2020 a **Second REDD+ Technical Annex 2017-2018** is being developed. Will be included in Paraguay's [3rd BUR](#) to be submitted on 2021. Additional product of the project.

Component 4: National Forest Monitoring System



4a. National Forest Monitoring System

- The [National Forest Monitoring System](#) has been created within the framework of Law 6256/18
- This Law also prohibits the transformation and conversion of forest-covered areas in the Eastern Region.
- The project supported the promulgation of Decree 3.246 which creates an [inter-agency cooperation between MADES and Forestry Institute for the NFMS](#)
- Support provided on capacity building and provision of systems/equipment to the institutions involved (MADES/INFONA) for the generation and validation of information linked to forest monitoring (including FI).

3. Overall Progress by component

Component 4: National Forest Monitoring System



4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards

- 2019 - [MADES Safeguards working group](#) was established. Representatives of the National Climate Change Directorate and the Indigenous Affairs Unit. Group created to build consensus on the update of the SIS, GRM, SESA and ESMF, prior to socializing them with the CNCC, the REDD+ Roundtable and/or key actors.
- The most recent design of the SIS, and revised versions of SESA and ESMF were presented to the REDD+ Roundtable in August 2020 for consideration, prior submission to the CNCC for approval in October 2020.
- Paraguay submitted a [First Sol](#) on safeguards
- Final design and set up of SIS expected until December 2020, as well as a revised process for successive Sol.

4. DP accountability

Administrative accountability and FCPF common approach

Framework documentation	What to look for	YES/NO	Remarks
Regular accountability			
Project Document	Is the PRODOC signed, attached in Atlas? Is it available on IATI?	Yes	PRODOC signed by the implementing partner (MADES) and UNDP in September 2017. Posted in UNDP Atlas and available IATI.
LOA	Letter of Agreement signed? Implemented?	Yes	Available in UNDP Atlas
LPAC minutes signed	Attached in Atlas?	Yes	Available in UNDP Atlas
Minutes of the Project Board	Documented?	Yes	Three board meetings: July 2018 , June 2019 , and June 2020
Donor Reports	On time?	Yes	Available on UNDP Project website (2017, 2018) and FCPF Paraguay section website and MADES website
Final Reports	On time?	No	The project is under implementation
Finding on Project file	Review the process of procurement and asset inventory	No	The project is under implementation
Common Approach to Environmental and Social Safeguards for FCPF DP			
Stakeholder engagement	Is there a stakeholder engagement? Is it being implemented?	Yes	The stakeholder engagement plan has been continuously updated, adjusting the scope as needed. There is a latest version under development to guide the implementation of Paraguay's REDD+ NS.
Disclosure of information	Is relevant Project information disclosed publicly?	Yes	Available at UNDP Project website
GRM	Is there an operational GRM?	Yes	There is a temporary GRM available at UNDP Project website , while a National GRM for REDD+ is being set up (to be completed by closure of the project). Efforts have been made to communicate the availability of the temporary GRM to stakeholders.
SESA/ESMF	Has the SESA/ESMF been conducted? Has it informed the implementation of the Project?	Yes	Final draft under review of the REDD+ Roundtable, prior to endorsement by the CNCC. Findings integrated into the REDD+ NS Implementation Plan.

4. DP accountability

Mid-term Progress Review

Parameter	MTE Rating	Achievement description
Strategic considerations	Satisfactory	The Project’s goals are related to the Sustainable Development Goals, Paraguay’s National Development Plan 2030 (NDP 2030) and the National REDD+ Strategy. The project’s results are aimed to contribute to their achievement to these three levels. It is expected that, by the end of the project, the goals/results set out in project document will be achieved and only minimal adjustments will need to be made in order to comply with the timeframe set for the indicators.
Rating Scale		Description of the Rating
Highly Satisfactory (HS)		The goals/results set for the end of the Project are expected to be achieved or exceeded without major shortcomings. Progress towards the achievement of the goals/results can be presented as “good practice”
Satisfactory (S)		Most of the goals/results set for the end of the Project are expected to be achieved only with minimal shortcomings
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)		Most of the goals/results set for the end of the Project are expected to be achieved, but with significant shortcomings.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)		It is expected to achieve most of the goals/results set by the end of the Project with significant gaps.
Unsatisfactory (I)		Most of the goals/results set for the end of the Project are not expected to be achieved.
Highly Unsatisfactory (AI)		The mid-term goals/results have not been achieved and none of those set for the end of the Project are expected to be achieved

4. DP accountability

Financial delivery

Uses of Funds (in US \$ thousands) as of July 2020						
R-PP Component	Total needed (A)	Funds pledged (B)*	Funds used		Funds available (= B – C)	Financing gap (= A – B)
			Funds Commit-ted (C)	Funds Disbursed		
Project Initiation	160	160	153	153	7	0
OUTCOME 1 : Paraguay positioned for an effective implementation of REDD+ and access to climate finance	974	974	871	786	103	0
OUTCOME 2: Implementation framework for the future implementation of REDD+ developed	696	696	881	775	-185	0
OUTCOME 3 Enabling conditions created for the future implementation of priority PAMs in Paraguay	1,316	1,316	761	640	555	0
Project Management Unit	654	654	441	440	213	0
TOTAL	3,800	3,800	3,107	2,794	693	0

5. Challenges and key risks

- Frequent changes in relevant government authorities and focal points
- Key processes run by understaff units within relevant government entities
- Lengthy and costly process of participation (still not enough)
- Resistance from productive sector to engage on sustainable practices
- Effective engagement of other government sectors (indigenous affairs, planning, agriculture)
- COVID-19
 - Impose challenges for effective engagement of stakeholders
 - Bring a sense of urgency for investment in production – economic recovery

6. Opportunities and next steps

- ✓ REDD+ implementation framework provided options for further enhancement: CC fund, GCF funding proposal to Private Sector Facility, carbon market readiness.
- ✓ Renovated commitment for implementation of enhanced forest governance and multisectoral initiatives
- ✓ Access to REDD+ RBP finance achieved – reinvest on REDD+ implementation framework and REDD+ PaMs implementation

- ✓ Next steps:
 - Operation of the Grievance Mechanism
 - Final update of Stakeholder and Participation Plan (scope: REDD+ NS implementation)
 - Establishment of the National REDD+ Registry
 - Consolidation of the National Forest Monitoring System
 - Operationalize the Safeguards Information System
 - Roadmap towards pending milestones (legal framework, market readiness)



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Thank you for your attention

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