Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

TAP Review:
Vietnam's Readiness Package

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Milestones towards REDD+ Readiness

- After COP 13 in Bali in 2008, a series of preparatory studies and processes on REDD+ initiated including REDD+ Network and six Sub-technical Working Groups (STWGs).

- R-PIN and R-PP 2009 and 2011, launch of UN-REDD Vietnam Program Phase I.

- Emission Reduction Program Idea Note (ER-PIN) in 2014.

- Prepared its R-Package between 2015 and 2016.

- Produced an Advanced Draft ER-PD in August 2016.

Vietnam's Strategic Vision and Ambition

Increase of forest cover to 42 % by 2020.

- Increase from 13.7 million ha to 14.3 million ha by 2015, and to 15.1 million ha by 2020.

- Plantings of 2.6 million ha of new forest.

- Increase in regeneration zones to 0.75 million ha.

- The rehabilitation of 350,000 ha of degraded natural forests and.

- Increase in plantation productivity by 25% in 2020 compared to 2011.

Summary of the self-assessment results of Vietnam

REDD READINESS COMPONENT AND SUB-COMPONENT	PROGRESS INDICATOR
Component 1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	🟨
Sub-component 1a	🟨
Sub-component 1b	🟨
Component 2 REDD+ Strategy Preparation	🟨
Sub-component 2a Assessment of land use, Land use changers, Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	🟨
Sub-component 2b REDD+ Strategy Options	🟨
Sub-component 2c Implementation Framework	🟨
Sub-component 2d Social and Environmental Impacts	🟨
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Component 3 Reference Emissions Level/ Reference Levels	🟩
Component 4 Monitoring systems for Forests and Safeguards	🟨
Sub-component 4a National Forest Monitoring System	🟨
Sub-component 4b Information System for Multiple Benefits, other Impacts, Governance and Safeguards	🟨

Key gaps identified from the self-assessment

- Weak multidisciplinary coordination mechanisms for REDD+

- Deficiencies in the National REDD+ Action Plan (NRAP)

- SESA and strategic Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) - still work in progress

- Safeguards framework – not yet developed

- REDD+ Communication System and outreach to ethnic minorities

- Carbon rights - still need clarity

Main Observations by the TAP (1)

- R-Package is generally well written, clear and structured, and in line with the R-Package Assessment Framework.

- Clearly presents progress according to each of the 34 assessment criteria, useful references, documents and hyperlinks.

- Involved participation of the key stakeholders at both the national and local (provincial) levels.

- Key weaknesses and remedial measures presented.

Main Observations by the TAP (2)

- The process recognized weakness in multi-sector coordination for REDD+ - but no clear suggestion on way forward.

- Call for a review of the NRAPs is welcome – but the need to review of drivers of forest cover change did not come out clearly.

- Policy level actions that can leverage transformative change – is still weak.

- Overall ownership of the REDD+ process is adequate.

Summary assessment and recommendations to Vietnam

Despite significant progress, the TAP draws attention to the following aspects in R-Package:

- Mechanisms for inter-sector coordination should be a key aspect in the new national REDD+ action plan (NRAP) and in the ER-PD.

- The inclusion of ethnic minorities in the implementation of REDD+ and the sharing of its benefits should be legally strengthened.

- Need for a better articulated assessment of drivers and their underlying causes – to cascade to the design of strategy options to reduce emissions.

Summary assessment and recommendations to the PC

- Consideration for 'policy measures' that could generate 'transformative change' and help to achieve the stated emission reduction targets.

- Consideration for a shift of the reference period (e.g., 2005-2015) and an appropriate data collection process going forward. Implications on REL/RL.

- SESA and ESMF need to be completed, as are safeguards against the further loss of natural forests, which should be explicit in the R-package, NRAP and others.

Thank You!