

# **REDD+ Readiness Nigeria**

**Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Participants  
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# Country Context

- Nigeria is considered to have one of the world fastest deforestation rates, having lost 409,650 ha or 2.38% of forest area per year between 1990 and 2010 (FME 2010).
- In 2021, it lost 96.5Mha of natural forest, equivalent to 58.5Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.
- The Nigeria REDD+ is to provide technical and financial support to Scale-up REDD+ Readiness activities at the national and selected states

# Technical and Financial Supports from the Bank

- Project Amount (USD million) 8.74 (*3.8M (parent);4.94M (AF)*)
- *The project period: 2015 – 2018, AF 2019-2022*
- The Bank provided supports to Nigeria in areas of data analysis and capacity building for the MRV system that was designed
- The Bank also organized the South-South Knowledge Exchange and internal knowledge exchanges.
- Scale up of REDD+ Readiness activities to Seven (7) states.

# Project Achievements

1. Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) Developed which will help Nigeria for NDC reporting and local planning.
2. National Strategy developed and also Launched to a wider international audience at COP26, in Glasgow
3. National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) developed and in UNFCCC website along other countries FREL
4. Safeguards & Safeguards Information System (SIS)

# Project Achievements. Cont'd

- Bank supported the feasibility studies that was done to know the types of carbon business to invest in the carbon market, e.g forest investment to minimize the high rate of deforestation in Nigeria

# Future implementation of the REDD+ in Nigeria

1. Nigeria has development agenda (calls for building Climate Resilient) and its NNDC
2. Increased desires by number of sub-national governments wanting to key into the REDD+ programme
3. Pre-feasibility study done to evaluate and analyze the potential to set up a Nigerian National Carbon Market Facility (NNCMF) based on investigation and research.
4. CPF CORE OBJECTIVE 10: Enhance climate resilience

# R- Package

- Commending Nigeria for the effort and rigor of doing the self-assessment and the high quality of the information provided in the R-Packages even when Nigeria is not in Carbon funds countries
- An indication of the country preparedness for its next phase being investment that will attract payments for result benefiting from emerging carbon markets.

# Issues to Consider in implementing the work programme

- Lack of long-term financing for REDD+ implementation and implementation of REDD+ Strategy.
- Lack of data for sub-national forest inventory for the selected states;
- Operationalization of National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Safeguards Information System (SIS).
- The need to improve on the Forest Reference Level (FRL) data using a step-wise approach
- The need to develop the national REDD+ registry
- Enhancing carbon credit market



# Recommendations

- Mobilize long-term financing for REDD+ implementation including the implementation of REDD+ Strategy
- Institutionalize and operationalize the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Safeguards Information System (SIS) through continued engagement and participation of all relevant stakeholders
- Continue the improvement of the Forest Reference Level (FRL) data using a step-wise approach to improve the REDD+ Program, including addition of the excluded activities in previous FRL, woodland categories and carbon pools

# Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Continuous improvement of the Forest Reference Level (FRL) by including activities not captured in previous FRL. (degradation, enhancement, sustainable forest management and conservation).
- The country is encouraged to develop a National REDD+ registry to open up the Carbon credit market.
- Clearly define the roles and responsibilities assigned to the MRV Technical Committee (MRV-TC) regarding operationalizing the NFMS, which has been created in the National REDD+ Secretariat (NRS) to support the NFMS process in Nigeria.

# Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Improve the functioning of the sub-National REDD+ states which were set up during the project Readiness phase

# Picture of high level engagement in Nigeria



# Community engagement with forest dependent communities



# Tree planting campaign



# Stakeholder engagement in REDD+ community



A photograph of a gorilla in a forest. The gorilla is the central focus, looking directly at the camera. It has dark brown fur and a prominent silverback on its back. The forest floor is covered in brown leaves and green plants. The background is filled with trees and foliage.

**Thank you**