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1. Practice area: BPPS / Sustainable Development and Resilience Cluster

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)

From: 23 to: 26 June

3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping

4. Clients

UNDP CO – Chhum Sovanny (Programme Analyst), Ngin Navirak (SGP NC)

PMU – Anupam Bhatia (CTA), Sovanna Nhem (Manager), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Nhem Sareth (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Officer)

5. Purpose of mission

UN-REDD related

- a) Field appraisal of a short-listed CBR+ funding proposal (24 – 26 June);
- b) Support the management of the REDD+ Gender Group and Consultation Group

FCPF-related

- a) Follow-up with Grievance Redress Mechanism

6. Documents, materials, resources

7. Mission members

Celina Yong

8. Costs

UNDP/UN-REDD global budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

9.a Main Findings (FCPF-related)

- GRM
 - FCPF PMU suggested a combined ToR that will review national PLRs to operationalise GRM, SIS and flow of REDD+ fund. A national law firm with the expertise to conduct this review has tentatively been identified, but has not progressed further. The CTA expects to share this ToR soon.
 - FCPF PMU is unclear whether the entire US\$ 200,000 from FCPF is earmarked solely for GRM. Currently, only less than \$60,000 has been allocated for the further GRM activities.
- Law for Associations and NGO (LANGO)
 - On 1 April 2015, the Prime Minister announced that the draft LANGO will be passed in the near future. The draft law requires associations and NGOs to declare sources of their funding, under the rationale of national security against terrorist groups. This restricts their freedom of association.
 - The civil society has requested the draft law to be made more publicly available, with limited success. At the time of the mission, there was an impasse in the National Assembly.
 - One opinion is that advocacy NGOs will be more affected than development-oriented NGOs, given that Cambodia recognises the roles NGOs play in development.

10. Key counterparts

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11. Distribution list

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