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

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)  
From: 26 Feb to: 1 Mar

3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping

4. Clients  
UNDP CO – Chhum Sovanny (Programme Analyst), Ngin Navirak (SGP NC), Moeko Saito-Jenson (Policy Analyst)  
  
PMU – Anupam Bhatia (CTA), Sovanna Nhem (Manager), Lun Kimhy (Coordinator), Tolasreypeou Sem (Communications Officer)

5. Purpose of mission  
a) Participate in the FCPF Reflection Workshop: REDD+ Pilot and Implementation Approaches (27 – 28 Feb)  
b) Planning discussion for Gender Group  
c) Review emerging lessons from CBR+ grants, plan for national and global knowledge management, determine next steps for SGP's co-financing

6. Documents, materials, resources  
Workshop agenda

7. Mission members  
Celina Yong

8. Costs  
FCPF Program Fund

9. Brief summary of the mission

9.a Main Findings

- Reflection Workshop: REDD+ Pilot and Implementation Approaches, 27 – 28 February
  - Around 110 participants from 5 pilot initiatives attended the workshop: Protected areas in Koh Kong and Siem Reap by GDANCP, mangrove and flooded forests in Sihanoukville and Kampong Chnang by FiA, community forestry in Pursat by FA (funded by FCPF Readiness Fund); Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project in Kampong Thom by FA; and Community-Based REDD+ Small Grants Programme Cambodia by UNDP (funded by UN-REDD Programme and GEF SGP). These initiatives were designed to involve local communities in the solutions to address the prevailing drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation in those areas.
  - Key observations include the fact that it was not always clear or consistent which drivers were addressed; how sustainable these interventions are once financial support has finished; how these initiatives were informed by the draft National REDD+ Strategy; or how these lessons would in turn inform the development of the REDD+ Action plan. In fact, one field FA officer, in his presentation, found it difficult to evaluate how much of the activities conducted in his particular area would actually contribute to REDD+.
  - Noteworthy interventions are illustrated in attempts
    - To identify and secure additional income streams that could be used to fund forest patrolling activities, for instance, introduction of solar panels that generate electricity which could be “sold” to broader communities. Net profit generated are then channelled into a community development fund that is partially used to pay for fuel for motorcycles used in patrolling.
    - To demarcate communal boundaries through installation of pole markers and/or the creation of small canals that serve a dual purpose of creating fire breaks and preventing illegal logging. In Keo Seima, the boundary demarcation exercise was a precursor in successful indigenous land title registration.
  - However, the following remains:
    - **Structural and systemic challenges:** military, “powerful actors” and Vietnamese investors’ encroachment into community land and forests for numerous objectives ranging from agri-production to investment to livelihoods; absence of integrated land use planning nationally leading to overlapping land allocated for differing purposes (for instance, a community in Oddar Meanchey was assigned to a neighbouring forest area that they have never managed or protected); resettled communities and the competition for limited productive land with existing

communities; institutional restructuring in MAFF and MoE with on-going attempts to clarify jurisdictions, mandates, roles and responsibilities.

- **Procedural challenges:** process to secure community network registrations is generally time-consuming due to different interpretations about requirements in the respective guidelines (CF, CFI, CPA) (for instance, different understanding about the scale of maps required in one community network led to a 2-year delay in approving the management plans due to clarifications required at commune, district, provincial and national levels); lag in response time to requests for local authorities to assist with illegal loggers.
- CBR+ Review and Plans for 2017
  - Globally, 2017 is a critical year to showcase the lessons learned and knowledge gained from linking grassroots implementation and policy formulation in the 6 pilot CBR+ countries with a view to secure additional funding for the next phase of CBR+.
  - Co-financing from GEF SGP will be allocated to capture scalable and replicable lessons as basis for further extension of CBR+. This consists of several components: analysis of KM outcome in each of the completed CBR+ grants (5 out of 10 grants); development of a video based on key messages derived from analysis, targeting donors and international communities; a high level national event targeting policymakers; study tour for NSC members and key government REDD+ stakeholders. The CBR+ NSC will be heavily involved in each of these components.
- Planning for Gender Group 2017
  - Based on instruction by the REDD+ Taskforce to continue to include the GG in the next stage of REDD+, the GG has developed a semi-annual work plan with help from the RTS. The overall objective is continuing to ensure the GG has the capacity to engage technically and reflect gender considerations in all phases of REDD+.
  - In a discussion with Lum Kimhy and Tola, it was agreed that the RTS will:
    - Support each GG member in their effort to establish a REDD+ Gender Network in each of their ministry with the aim of expanding capacity to engage in REDD+ using training materials developed under UN-REDD National Programme, and to solicit technical feedback for key stages in REDD+ such as development of REDD+ action plan;
    - Invite the GG to review the mid-term reports of FCPF-funded pilot sites using the REDD+ gender checklist developed earlier, with the objective of assessing if, how and to what extent gender considerations were included, and/or implemented; what gender lessons could be replicated; and what recommendations to propose if gender was not adequately considered;
    - Share a tentative timeline for the development of the action plan with the GG. The purpose would be for the GG to identify when their technical inputs are required, and when they would need to mobilise their internal REDD+ Gender Networks.

#### Bilateral Discussion

- The on-going institutional restructuring in both MAFF and MoE, and the remaining uncertainty related to jurisdictions, mandates, roles and responsibilities, as well as lag time for implementation on the ground should be factored into any decisions to be taken on REDD+.
- The question of how detailed the action plan would be is not only dependent on the above factor, but also available sources of funds to finance the proposed activities. At the time of discussion, the draft NRS is still with MoE for review, but is expected to be submitted to the Prime Minister for signature in the near future.
- Likewise, the SiS, as the remaining component of the Warsaw Framework yet to be completed, will be informed by what available existing and future funds there will be for operationalisation. The on-going drafting of the Environmental Code introduced by MoE contains numerous provisions for safeguards, such as provisions for environmental and social impact assessments; grievance redress mechanisms; free, prior and informed consent; and indigenous peoples.

#### 10. Key counterparts

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#### 12. Distribution list

UNDP REDD+ team, UNDP CO, SGP NC, RTS



## Cambodia REDD+ National Programme

### Agenda

#### Reflection Workshop REDD+ Pilot and Implementation Approaches in Cambodia

Time	Activities	Facilitator/Presenter
<b>Day One</b>		
08:00 - 08:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Registration</li> </ul>	RTS staff
<b><u>Session 1: Workshop Opening, Overview, and Implementation</u></b>		
08:30 - 08:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Anthem</li> </ul>	Dr. Keo Omaliss
08:35 - 08:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome Remarks</li> </ul>	Dr. Chea Sam Ang
08:45 - 09:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening Speech</li> </ul>	Dr Khorn Saret
09:05 - 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview Cambodia REDD+</li> </ul>	TBC
09:20 - 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary - Mondolkiri, GDANCP</li> </ul>	TBC
09:40 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Oddar Meanchey Community Forestry - Oddar Meanchey, FA</li> </ul>	TBC
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Group Photo and Coffee</b>	
<b><u>Session 2: REDD+ Pilots: Activities, Results, and Challenges</u></b>		
10:20 – 10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protected Areas - Koh Kong and Siem Reap, GDANCP</li> </ul>	Mr. Heng Hong
10:40 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mangrove and Flooded Forests - Sihanoukville and Kampong Chnang, FiA</li> </ul>	Mr. You Chanpraseth
11:00 - 11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Forestry - Pursat, FA</li> </ul>	Mr. Chea Nareth
11:20 - 11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project - Kampong Thom, FA</li> </ul>	TBC
11:40 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Based REDD+ Small Grants Programme - Cambodia, UNDP</li> </ul>	Ms. Ngin Navirak
12:00 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Guidelines for Group Discussion</li> </ul>	Mr Lun Kimhy
12:15 - 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>	Provided
<b><u>Session 3: Group Discussion: Best practices, lessons, challenges</u></b>		
13:45 - 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Learning from pilots and approaches</li> </ul>	Mr. Lun Kimhy

**Coffee in Groups**

15:15 – 16:30	<b>Session 4: Groups Report to Plenary</b> ▪ Five Groups (Each group 15 minutes)	Group Representative
16:30 - 16:45	<b>Session 5: Looking Ahead to Day Two</b> ▪ Review of Day One	Mr. Nhem Sovanna
16:45 - 17:00	▪ Guidelines for Group Discussion for Day Two	Mr Lun Kimhy
17:00	<b>Gathering Dinner and Close of Day One</b>	Provided
<b>Day Two</b>		
08:30 – 11:00	<b>Session 6: Group Discussion: Action Plans</b> ▪ Planning in Teams	Mr. Lun Kimhy
<b>Coffee in Groups</b>		
11:10 - 11:30	<b>Session 7: Groups Present Action Plans to Plenary</b> ▪ Protected Areas - Koh Kong and Siem Reap, GDANCP	Group Representative
11:30 – 12:00	▪ Mangrove and Flooded Forests - Sihanoukville and Kampong Chnang, FiA	Group Representative
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Provided
13:30 - 14:00	<b>Session 7 continued: Groups Present Action Plans to Plenary</b> ▪ Community Forestry - Pursat, FA	Group Representative
14:00 - 14:30	▪ Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project - Kampong Thom, FA	Group Representative
14:30 - 15:00	▪ Community Based REDD+ Small Grants Programme - Cambodia, UNDP	Group Representative
15:00 – 15:15	<b>Coffee</b>	
15:15 - 15:45	<b>Session 8: Closing of Workshop</b> ▪ Feedback from participants on workshop	Mr Lun Kimhy
15:45 – 16:00	▪ Closing remarks	Dr. Chea Sam Ang

16:00

**Closure of Workshop**