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Annual Progress Report to the FCPF for Papua New Guinea for the period 1 January - 31 December 2018

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The Participants Committee (PC) at its ninth meeting in June 2011 approved UNDP to serve as Delivery Partner under the Readiness Fund. The Participants Committee approved the UNDP as the Delivery Partner under the FCPF for Cambodia, Central African Republic, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, and Suriname. Transfer Agreements were signed between the World Bank, acting as the Trustee of the FCPF, and the UNDP on August 9, 2012.

To ensure a uniform set of safeguard standards, the Common Approach to Environmental and Social Safeguards for Multiple Delivery Partners was also approved at the ninth FCPF PC meeting. The Common Approach is designed to provide the World Bank and the Multiple Delivery Partners with a common platform for risk management and quality assurance in the REDD+ Readiness Preparation process which is substantially equivalent to the World Bank's applicable policies and procedures on environmental and social safeguards, disclosure of information, and grievance and accountability mechanisms.

The report has been prepared by UNDP, based on materials prepared by the Papua New Guinea FCPF Project Management Unit. It solely reflects the perspectives of UNDP as a Delivery Partner.

Summary

Country:	Papua New Guinea
Project Title:	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Readiness Project (Phase 1 and Phase 2)
Implementing Partners:	Climate Change and Development Authority
Responsible Parties:	PNG Forest Authority
Implementation Modality:	National Implementation Modality

Project Timeline			
FCPF PC Resolution Approving R-PP	PC/14/2013/4 (Phase 1) PC/23/2017/6 (Phase 2)	Transfer of Funds to Country Office	USD 3,800,000 (Phase 1) on 12 May 2015 USD 5,000,000 (Phase 2) on 20 February 2018
Preparatory Grant	-	Inception Phase	<p>Phase 1: Official launch: March 2015 First PEB Meeting: 04 June 2015 PMU staffed: August 2015 – March 2016</p> <p>Phase 2: Official launch: January 2018 First PEB Meeting: 03 November 2017 PMU staffed: Same staff hired for FCPF - 1</p>
Project Appraisal Committee	28 October 2014 (Phase 1) 28 November 2017 (Phase 2)	Mid-term Review	15 November 2016 – 31 January 2017 for FCPF -1.
Project Signature	18 March 2015 (Phase 1) 04 December 2017 (Phase 2)	No-Cost Extension:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Duration of Project	March 2015 – December 2018 (Phase 1) January 2018 – December 2020 (Phase 2)	New End Date:	

2018 Results

1. Achievements

This Annual Progress Report provides an overview of the activities delivered and results achieved within the FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project (FCPF Project) for Phase 1 and Phase 2 in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for the period of 1st of January to 31st of December 2018. The overall goal of the FCPF Project is to contribute to the development of PNG's capacity to design a sound National REDD+ strategy, develop and sustain national readiness management arrangements, elaborate REDD+ strategy options, develop the REDD+ implementation framework, assess social and environmental impacts so that, by 2020, PNG is ready to implement policies and measures to reduce emissions from its forests and to enhance removals under the UNFCCC REDD+ mechanism. The initial phase of the project commenced in 2015 to build the country's capacity for efficient management of REDD+ and the development of National REDD+ Strategy.

Building upon the earlier REDD+ readiness efforts and successful implementation of phase 1, the second phase of the project with additional funding of USD 5,000,000 for a period of 2018 – 2020 began in January 2018. It aimed to enable the continuation of support to PNG's REDD+ Readiness Phase, to strengthen capacities for the efficient management of REDD+, to develop a National REDD+ strategy (NRS), support the continuation of the country's considerable achievements on National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), Forest Reference Level (FRL) and safeguards, and to increase engagement of diverse stakeholders (government, private sector, NGOs/CSOs and academia) in this process.

Through the strong partnership UNDP PNG Country Office established with UNDP Climate and Forest team, who provides overall policy advice, technical support and quality assurance for FCPF Programme Phases 1 and 2, the reporting period of 2018 was notably successful for the FCPF Project in PNG. After official endorsement of the National REDD+ Strategy in 2017, the Government of PNG (GoPNG) with the support from UNDP has commenced with the development of REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan (RFIP) to ensure implementation of the strategy on the ground. The RFIP captures ongoing work on REDD+ and most importantly to help catalyse additional finance for PNG and help to coordinate development partner and government finance across sectors. This contributed to current efforts to access finance from different financial institutions such as Green Climate Fund (GCF), European Union (EU), Global Environment Facility (GEF) to support elements of REDD+ implementation for a period of 2020-2025. These funding proposals aim to contribute to PNG's efforts to reduce GHG emissions and to safeguard the future of the country's forests.

As part of readiness efforts and developing RFIP, a number of assignments such as assessment of land use financial flows, the review of Climate Change (Management) Act (2015), National

Sustainable Land-Use policy, and Forestry Act, development of stakeholder engagement plans at the sub-national level, development of a Grievance Redress Mechanism and continuation of work on Safeguards and PNG's Safeguards Information System. Support to the design of PNG's multi-stakeholder Palm Oil Platform was also provided as described below.

UNDP PNG Country Office has also collaborated with the Green Commodities Programme to support the GoPNG on sustainable development of palm oil industry in PNG through establishment of Multi-stakeholder Palm Oil Platform (POP). This platform aims to improve transparency and accountability in an industry whose compliance on social and environmental safeguards is weak/ineffective. This has given interested and relevant stakeholders a mechanism for dialogue to improve sustainability, grow export opportunities and better support small-holder growers in a sector that has generated approximately 39% of PNG's agricultural export dollars over the last decade.

Furthermore, REDD+ Technical Annex to PNG's first Biennial Update Report (BUR) was prepared by a task force comprised of Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) and PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA) officers with assistance from FAO experts. The REDD+ Technical Annex contains PNG's REDD+ results for 2014 and 2015 against its Forest Reference Level (FRL) submitted to UNFCCC in 2017 and technically assessed in the same year. Stakeholder consultations for BUR including the REDD+ Technical Annex was held twice in June followed by the validation workshop in October 2018. The feedback from stakeholders were incorporated in the revised REDD+ Technical Annex which will be finalized and submitted to UNFCCC in 2019.

The project has also supported the development of PNG's REDD+ Communications and Knowledge Management Strategy that was endorsed by CCDA following extensive consultation with all stakeholders representing public and private sector as well as civil society organisations. The main goal is to support the REDD+ readiness process to further enhance communication and knowledge of all relevant stakeholders on REDD+ within PNG's context. It involves scaling-up awareness raising and image building, promotes and enhances communications and knowledge management, and capacity building among all relevant stakeholder groups. To strengthen REDD+ branding, a logo was developed and endorsed by all stakeholders while a REDD+ website is under development to help stakeholders access information on REDD+ and developments in the country.

PNG has also established a multi-stakeholder Technical Working Committee on Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES TWC) to serve as the primary platform for engaging stakeholders in its country approach to safeguards. The SES TWC is co-chaired by Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) and CCDA. Its members comprise representatives from government agencies, academic institutions, civil society organizations and private sector. At the

national legislative and policy level, the Climate Change (Management) Act (2015) also gives consideration towards addressing and respecting the Cancun Safeguards.

A Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) for the NRS was developed based on earlier findings from the GRM scoping study. Finalized in August 2018, the GRM guidelines outlined the scope and supporting elements of a GRM, proposed an institutional structure, identified and differentiated steps for national-level and subnational-level GRMs. Stakeholder engagement plans that are sensitive to the socio-cultural and political dynamics in Madang, East and West New Britain are currently being developed. These plans build on robust stakeholder mapping and analyses that also considered gender equity. Capacity development tools, including developing operational tools for gender and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) are under development and expected to be finalized in 2019. In the meantime, the advancement on safeguards and safeguards information system is slightly behind schedule and is awaiting the availability of the REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan (RFIP) to undertake a more informed risk and benefit review against the Cancun safeguards. However, the SES TWC continues to remain active through their engagement on GRM and stakeholder engagement plans.

As part of capacity building and inter-agency cooperation on REDD+, a REDD+ Expert training for more than 70 (45 are women) representatives of government, private sector and civil society was carried out. The training covered basic principles of REDD+, key differences between REDD+ in the voluntary market and under the UNFCCC, elements of the Warsaw REDD+ framework, and the nature of a REDD+ Strategy / Action Plan and how these links with the existing structures and capacities in PNG. It also provided opportunities for stakeholders to both learn and through ‘real world’ exercises input into the development of the National Strategy and provide feedback on key elements of PNG’s approach to REDD+.

More than 550 representatives (37% female) of national government agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector attended a number of stakeholder consultations on the discussion of RFIP as well as how to deliver REDD+ results on the ground. The consultations were organised within the different types of assignments supported by the Project.

Overall, out of four design elements of REDD+, PNG has achieved three: National REDD+ Strategy, National Forest Monitoring System, and Forest Reference Level. The FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project in PNG has been providing support towards the achievement of Safeguards and SIS through stakeholders’ consultations and capacity building activities.

At the Country Office level, an Environment and Energy portfolio was established to support PNG’s transition to low emission and climate resilient development as a prerequisite for sustainable human development. Currently totalling 13 projects, this supports initiatives in a number of sectors, among them: environmental protection and biodiversity conservation;

climate adaptation and mitigation; disaster preparedness and the promotion of renewable energy for the most disadvantaged. The value of this portfolio in 2018 was approximately US\$30 million. The value of activities delivered over the reporting period was initially set at USD 9.6 million. As in the previous four years, the portfolio successfully exceeded its initial delivery target. In 2018, this was exceeded by approximately 3%.

The Project Executive Board was held in December to discuss project achievements and lessons learned in 2018 (Minutes Annex 2).

The portfolio's efforts directly promote and further the implementation of a number of Sustainable Development Goals. These are: No poverty (1); No hunger (2); Gender equality (5); Renewable energy (7); Goods jobs and economic growth (8); Reduced inequalities (10); Climate action (13); Life below water (14); Life on land (15); and Partnerships for the goals (17).

2. In Focus

During the reporting period, the following results have been achieved:

Outcome 1 - Capacities exist for effective and efficient management of REDD+, including full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders

- In 2018, the project supported operations of the Technical Working Committees (TWC) on National REDD+ Strategy (NRS), Safeguards and Safeguards Information System and National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS). These TWCs contributed to the development and implementation of the NRS by providing feedback, sharing information, and increasing policy dialogue and collaboration;
- As part of capacity building and inter-agency cooperation on REDD+, a capacity building training¹ and different stakeholder consultations for than 620 representatives (37% female) of national government agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector were carried out in five different provinces of PNG. Both trainings and stakeholder consultations were directed to discuss basic principles of REDD+, key differences between REDD+ in the voluntary market and under the UNFCCC, elements of the Warsaw REDD+ framework, and the nature of a REDD+ Strategy / Action Plan and how these links with the existing structures and capacities in PNG. They provided opportunities for stakeholders to both learn and through 'real world' exercises input into the development of the National Strategy and provide feedback on key elements of PNG's approach to REDD+².
- Four technical officers from PNGFA and CCDA joined the other 31 forestry and Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) experts in a five-day Asia-Pacific workshop hosted by Cambodia from 17-21 September 2018. Papua New Guinea (PNG) together with four other

¹ <https://www.thenational.com.pg/govt-urged-learn-partners-redd-plan/>

² https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/fcp/files/Papua%20New%20Guinea_FCPF-RF%202018%20Report%20Final%20.pdf

countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Nepal, and Vietnam, exchanged knowledge and experiences to effectively operationalize NFMS.

- The FCPF project has also supported participation of PNG delegation at the COP24 in Katowice, Poland December 2018. PNG's delegation was led by the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) with additional representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA), and the support of PNG missions in Brussels and New York. The objectives of this missions were to position the government as a key supporter of NDC implementation with support from development partners, particularly in linking REDD+ targets to development goals and integrating progress on the Paris Agreement Rulebook with the SDGs.
- UNDP also provided technical oversight to assist the development of the country's first ever National Sustainable Land Use Policy (NSLUP); review and revise the Forestry Act, Climate Change Management Act (2015); strengthen the Land Information Management System; develop of Provincial Forest Plans for East New Britain, West New Britain and Madang Provinces. These reviews, revisions and endorsements of the respective policies and laws will be approved in 2019;
- In 2018, the FCPF project had a successful communications workshop bringing about 20 key communications professionals and technical officers from the government, private and civil society organisations who have contributed through meaningful discussions in proposed activities planned for raising stakeholder awareness on REDD+ in PNG for 2019-2020. In particular, the workshop established the focus for all REDD+ awareness and communication priorities and activities as outlined in REDD+ communications and knowledge management (CKM) strategy. This included identifying target audiences relevant to REDD+ Readiness in PNG, key messages, recommendations on communication mediums and approaches for delivering those messages, activities for raising and enhancing knowledge about forest and REDD+ related issues, as well as communication responsibilities.
- These communication workshops successfully mobilisation communication experts' inputs that enabled the project to develop an action plan for 2019-2020. The plan consists of key activities to support the implementation of the REDD+ CKM strategy and to build more awareness to key stakeholders and general public. The implementation of the plan will enhance stakeholders' knowledge on forest and REDD+ issues and enhance their capacity to support the implementation of REDD+ in PNG. Main proposed outreach activities for 2019-2020 include stakeholder outreach, multi-media and social media outreach, and through using the voice of stakeholders and champions.
- In 2018, a number of key communications products (the list of articles and publications is attached in Annex 1) were also produced and disseminated. These included news articles³, press releases⁴, social media⁵ contents, posters and a 2019-year calendar. The project has

³ <https://unredd.net/announcements-and-news/2898-progress-update-papua-new-guinea-s-redd-finance-and-investment-plan.html>

⁴ http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/03/21/celebrating-forests-and-sustainable-cities.html

⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/PNGREDDPlus/>

also reproduced 3,000 copies of REDD+ policy briefs⁶ and were distributed at strategic events such as REDD+ expert trainings, high level meetings targeting key policy and decision makers. Copies have also been made available for key sector agencies to share with key stakeholders within their network. The project has also produced 500 copies of the NRS and delivered to key government, private and civil society officials. Copies of these publications have also been made available on the online⁷ platforms for wider accessibility.

- Work on the development of the REDD+ website kicked-off in November 2018 with the completion of the first two of five phases in the development of the site. The first phase involved analysis of existing website, development of proposed structure, mapping communications target for the site, and identifying preferable design for the development of the REDD+ website. In the second phase, the site wireframe was developed, reflecting the skeletal framework of the website. By 2018, the development of content management systems, integration of responsive design and mobile friendly features, social network sharing functions and site testing were completed⁸. The website serves as a main information hub for REDD+ developments. Its links to other communication platforms will increase the strength of its reach to target audiences in communicating REDD+ and forest related issues and remain a knowledge hub for REDD+ developments in PNG and abroad. A website training in the coming phases will equip government designated officials to manage the website in 2019 and beyond.

Outcome 2 – Endorsement of PNG’s National REDD+ Strategy and REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan (RFIP)

- In 2018, the Project has initiated the development of PNG’s RFIP. The RFIP, in particular, intended to bring together ongoing work on REDD+ and to help catalyse additional finance for PNG and help to coordinate development partner and government finance across sectors and is linked with efforts to access finance from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support elements of REDD+ implementation from 2020-2025. The GCF concept note aims to contribute to PNG’s efforts to reduce GHG emissions and to safeguard the future of the country’s forests.
- UNDP also facilitated sector-based retreats to identify and align sectoral priorities with the REDD+ Financial Investment Plan (RFIP) were completed for PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA), the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA), Department of Lands and Physical Planning (DLPP) and Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL). These sectoral retreat findings and alignment process informed the sectoral strategic planning and the subsequently endorsement of PNG’s concept note on a REDD+ investment to Green Climate Fund.

⁶ <http://www.pngreddplus.org.pg/images/PDF/IntroductiontoREDD.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.pngreddplus.org.pg/images/PDF/PNGNationalREDStrategy.pdf>

⁸ <http://pngreddplus.org.pg/>

- In 2018 UNDP supported the review of financial flows related to land-use mitigation and adaptation⁹ throughout all sectors in PNG. It revealed the major flows of climate-relevant land use finance in the country, to understand how revenues and expenditures can be redirected to align with climate change outcomes, while continuing to support livelihoods, and economic growth in PNG. It also presents existing revenues and expenditures of land-use finance in PNG - including the identification of finance that is aligned with climate change outcomes, i.e. that contributes to conserving forests, or planting new forests, and finance that is currently contributing to emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. The qualitative and quantitative recommendations have been presented to the GoPNG for reforming and redirecting these financial flows to ensure that domestic government budget, private sector and international financial and technical partners maintain and enhance forest carbon stocks in PNG. The financial flows in its turn will contribute to fill up the gaps in relevant government sectors through revisiting recurrent budgets, development partners as well as mobilisation of private sector agencies. It will be an integral part of the RFIP¹⁰ to effectively implement NRS in PNG.
- The Project has established strong partnership with UNDP's Green Commodities Programme to continue support on the establishment of PNG's Palm Oil Platform¹¹ and development of national policy on sustainable palm oil. This initiative is aimed to address one of the main drivers of deforestation of Commercial Agriculture driven by unsustainable Palm Oil in PNG. For this reason and to kick-off the work of the platform, UNDP PNG Country Office recruited a National Coordinator and a Technical Specialist.
- The Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) held its first National Consultative Planning Summit in Lae province of PNG in March 2018 to inform the development of a Third National Mid-term Development Strategy (MTDP). The summit was strongly focused on inclusive economic growth with the theme "Securing Our Future through Inclusive Economic Growth" and the target to double revenue over the next 5 years (2018-2022)". It was very well attended with more than 500 people (up to 30% female) present including both the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister as well as the Chief Secretary to the government, many Heads of Departments and Agencies, as well as Ministers, Governors and Open Members and many districts and provincial heads.
- Based on official invitation by the GoPNG, UNDP delivered a presentation on global best practices on commodity platform with specific focus on PNG Palm Oil Platform which was very well received and acknowledged by the heads of government agencies¹².

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http://www.pg.undp.org/content/dam/papua_new_guinea/docs/Projects/PNG%20FCPF%20REDD%2B%20Readiness/Landscape%20of%20Land-Use%20Finance%20in%20Papua%20New%20Guinea%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf

¹⁰ <https://news.pngfacts.com/2018/05/finance-and-investment-plan-to-support.html>

¹¹ <http://www.greencommodities.org/content/gcp/en/home/countries-and-commodities/papua-new-guinea-palm-oil.html>

¹² http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/05/14/a-new-step-to-strengthen-sustainable-palm-oil-in-png.html

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- A Declaration on PNG's Sustainable Palm Oil was developed by a working group comprised of key representatives from the relevant government agencies, the private sector and the civil society organisations in April 2018.
 - The PNGPOP team facilitated number of Coordination Committee meetings¹³ to oversee the platform. This committee is made of senior government officers at the level of Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Managing Directors and Divisional heads, heads of organisations from CSO and Chair of Associations from the Private Sector and representation from UNDP. The PNG Palm Oil Platform Coordination Committee (PNGPOPCC) is a multi-stakeholder advisory and decision-making forum established to oversee and drive the platform work forward.
 - As a follow up activity of the PNGPOP Communications Workshop, the PNGPOP team developed a list of communications products which includes the following: logo, information brochure, standard PNGPOP PowerPoint presentation, pull up banner and a 3-minute PNGPOP explainer video. The materials have been endorsed by the PNGPOP Coordination Committee. To have all PNGPOP communication materials secured, a branding guideline has been developed to guide the correct use of logos and text on communication materials. More of these materials will be developed as PNGPOP progress through the years.
 - Through a consultative process between the DAL, CCDA, NPM, National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology, Department of Trade Commerce and Industry and PNGPOP under UNDP, a policy submission has been jointly developed and submitted to the National Executive Council (NEC) with the support of the respective Ministers.
 - UNDP supported participation of government representatives at the 16th Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Conference in Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia. The PNG government representatives were very warmly received by many in the RSPO community who were more familiar with stories and representations from Indonesia and Malaysia. The PNGPOP team hosted a successful side event, with over 40 people (30% female) in attendance. The majority of people who attended heard for the first time, the quality of the PNG palm oil sector and the determination of the PNG government to guard its palm oil reputation. The warm reception encouraged the government officials to be more determined to run the POP and create a high-quality sustainable palm oil standard for PNG.
 - It is anticipated that PNGPOP will be officially launched after the GoPNG endorses the PNGPOP Policy Submission. A month of planning and programming will take place once the results of the NEC decision is received.
 - The FCPF project has supported the Government in the development of future scenario for private sector in forestry, aimed to develop an information set to guide the implementation of the government's objectives to increase domestic processing of logs vis-à-vis exporting logs and the expansion of planted forest estate to 800,000 ha nationally by 2050. This is to be achieved by broad stakeholder consultation, development of a series of discussion papers and conducting a scenario planning exercise. Following an inception workshop in May 2018,

¹³ <https://twitter.com/UNDPinPNG/status/1015114516449775616>

consultations with government departments, landowners, growers, processors and exporters industries at national and provincial levels: Madang, East and West New Britain were conducted. A series of four briefing papers: plantation development, increased sustainability of timber operations, downstream processing and the context for timber operations in PNG, are under preparation for the scenario planning workshop.

- A Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) for the NRS guidelines was developed based on an earlier GRM scoping study. Finalized in August 2018, the GRM guidelines outlined the scope and supporting elements of a GRM, proposed an institutional structure, identified and differentiated steps for national-level and subnational-level GRMs.

Outcome 3: Sub-national stakeholders have capacity for REDD+ planning

- UNDP in close partnership with the PNG Forestry Authority reviewed PNG’s Provincial Forest Guidelines (PFP)¹⁴ to improve forest governance and logging operations which are a major issue in the country. The Provincial Forest Plans will be piloted in three provinces of Madang, East and West New Britain and upon successful integration, will be scaled up throughout other 19 provinces of PNG.
- UNDP has been striving to pilot an integrated approach in target provinces of East New Britain¹⁵ and West New Britain¹⁶ as well as Madang¹⁷ and one of the examples is the development of provincial stakeholder engagement plans¹⁸ and tools that are customized to province-specific social and cultural constructs, norms and practices. More than 800 people (48% female) participated in undertaking the stakeholder’s engagement plans development process. The outcome of the assessment demonstrates that the provincial administrations are likely to be the single most important group for facilitating information exchange around REDD+ within the provinces. These plans and operational tools for gender inclusion and Free, Prior and Informed Consent will be finalized in 2019.

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http://www.pg.undp.org/content/dam/papua_new_guinea/docs/Projects/PNG%20FCPF%20REDD%2B%20Readiness/Draft%20Assessment%20Report%20on%20the%20Review%20of%20Provincial%20Forest%20Plans.pdf

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http://www.pg.undp.org/content/dam/papua_new_guinea/docs/Projects/PNG%20FCPF%20REDD%2B%20Readiness/Consultation%20workshop%20report%20Madang.pdf

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http://www.pg.undp.org/content/dam/papua_new_guinea/docs/Projects/PNG%20FCPF%20REDD%2B%20Readiness/Full%20report%20Stakeholder%20engagement%20mapping%20and%20analysis.pdf

Outcome 4 - Capacities exist for NFMS and FREL management and development

- In 2018, UNDP PNG Country Office has signed UN Agency to UN Agency Agreement with FAO to implement Outcome 4 of the FCPF Project. FAO will continue to support PNGFA and CCDA to prepare and report its first Biennial Update Report (BUR) and the further development and operation of PNG's NFMS as PNG moves towards piloting of REDD+ activities. REDD+ results in 2014 and 2015 against the REDD+ FRL was estimated and the report was produced as REDD+ Technical Annex of PNG's first Biennial Update report (BUR) in 2018, expected to be submitted to UNFCCC in April 2019¹⁹.
- As process of the preparation and submission of BUR and its REDD+ Technical Annex, stakeholder consultation workshop was held in June and October 2018, and stakeholder validation workshop was held later in October 2018. The former was participated by more than 50 representatives (30% female) of various relevant government agencies, private sector, non-government organizations and donor agencies. At the workshop, BUR and REDD+ Technical Annex was explained, PNG's annual emission in AFOLU sector since between 2001 and 2015 was presented and the options of REDD+ results reporting was discussed²⁰. Based on the outcomes of the workshop, REDD+ Technical Annex was drafted and presented at the 2nd consultation workshop held in October 2018. REDD+ Technical Annex was then finalized by incorporating the discussion outcomes and comments provided at the 2nd consultation workshop and it was validated at the validation workshop for 80 participants (50% female) from different sectors held later in October 2018²¹.
- Field assessment of National Forest Inventory (NFI) was conducted at 19 clusters with 72 plots in three provinces: 13 in Madang, 2 in Eastern Highlands, and 4 in West New Britain in 2018 in collaboration with an EU-funded project. Forest biomass data, which is essential for estimating Emission Factor, and biodiversity data, which is crucial for improving the national safeguards framework and information system were presented at NFI Research Conference held in February 2018²². Conference proceedings containing 21 research papers was published²³.

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this project. (300 words)

- Since the project is operating under a National Implementation Modality (NIM), government agencies are fully involved in the decision making, implementation and monitoring of the project. CCDA as the Implementing Partner, with PNGFA as responsible party, coordinates

¹⁹ PNG's first Biennial Update Report is available to public at [UNFCCC website BUR submission page](#).

²⁰ [Workshop report](#) / [Media article](#) in regard to the workshop posted on UN-REDD website.

²¹ Media release: <http://www.fao.org/papua-new-guinea/news/detail-events/en/c/1176450/>

²² Media release: <http://www.fao.org/mountain-partnership/news/news-detail/en/c/1104380/>

²³ [Proceedings of a NFI research conference 2018](#)

activities with support from the FCPF Project Management Unit to ensure the delivery of agreed outcomes. However, there are still some capacity issues within the CCDA and other government agencies on REDD+. To address the capacity constraints, the FCPF Project is providing day-to-day support to CCDA's REDD+ Division and organizing fortnightly coordination meetings to build the capacity of CCDA staff to lead on project activities such as REDD+ Expert Training events.

- Another challenge identified during the project implementation is data collection from government sectors for the development of the RFIP and funding proposals. The FCPF project is continuing to engage government departments, promote transparency and increase their understanding on the importance of their engagement in the implementation of the project.

4. Describe progress in addressing social and environmental issues (including safeguards) related to the project. Is the SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach? Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach? (300 words)

- A social and environmental screening was undertaken by UNDP as part of the project inception process, and a medium risk rating was assigned. In compliance with the Common Approach, UNDP, as the delivery partner, has been applying its Social and Environmental Standards (SES) to the project in adherence to environmental and social safeguards. The Safeguards TWC is comprised of representatives from different government departments, civil society organizations and private sectors was established. The objective of the TWC is to meet the need for PNG to respond to the multiple international safeguard requirements, in particular, those under the UNFCCC (Cancun safeguards) and the FCPF [Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)], through the adoption of a Country Approach to Safeguards (CAS).
- The RFIP will include an assessment of potential environmental and social risks and benefits from the implementation of the specific PAMs (SESA), and actions to mitigate these risks and enhance the benefits (ESMF). In turn, the SIS will track how these safeguards are addressed and respected.

a) Describe the progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, and disclosure of information and the FGRM, related to this project (300 words)

- The FCPF project has been taking a collaborative approach to engage representatives of the government agencies, CSOs and the private sector in the implementation of the project. The participatory mechanism used by the project includes extensive awareness raising, consultations and collaboration. CSOs through the Consultative Implementation and

Monitoring Council (CIMC), an umbrella organization with national and provincial memberships in environmental, governance and social backgrounds, are represented in the PEB.

- In 2018, more than 60 cross-sectoral consultations, including sector-based retreats, face-to-face consultations as well as capacity building trainings with participation of over 800 (up to 40% female) representatives from the relevant agencies and sectors to discuss the RFIP was carried out by the project. To demonstrate a national ownership, all these consultations were led by the CCDA as the lead national agency for coordination of climate change related activities in the country.
- During the reporting period all Back to Office Reports (BTOR) related to technical support missions from UNDP Regional Hub as well as terms of reference for consultancy assignments and Assessment Reports were uploaded to the UNDP PNG Country Office website²⁴
- As noted above, the FCPF project has been supporting the government to establish Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) through scoping studies and development of the GRM guidelines for the Government. This mechanism was widely discussed during the SES TWC meetings and validated by the members. It is expected to consider the GRM during the development of RFIP and Stakeholder Engagement Plans which include the scope and supporting elements of a GRM, proposed an institutional structure, identified and differentiated steps for national-level and subnational-level GRMs.

b) In Numbers

	Year 1 (2015)	Year 2 (2016)	Year 3 (2017)	Year 4 (2018)
Number of civil society organizations actively engaged in different aspects of the programme (please indicate when possible Men/women ratio)	15	15	15	15
Number of people trained	55 (35 men/	120	600 (318 men/282 women)	1,420 (806 men/614 women)

²⁴ All BTORs and ToRs, including assessment reports on UNDP PNG website - http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/operations/projects/environment_and_energy/forest-carbon-partnership-facility-reddt-readiness-project.html

on REDD+ and climate change (please indicate when possible Men/women ratio)	20 women)	(80 men/40 women		
Number of people trained on the four WF elements (please indicate when possible men/women ratio)	26 (18 Men /9 women)	70 (60 men/10 women	600 (318 men/282 women)	1,420 (806 men/614 women)
Number of national consultation workshops held.	1 (Inception Workshop) 2 (Trainings) 1 (REDD+ TWG meeting)	22 National Consultation Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - REDD+ Expert Training • 10 – Issues and Options Consultation Workshops • 2 – Palm Oil Consultation Workshops • 4 – Safeguards/SIS Consultation workshops • 2 – Gender Consultation workshops • 2 TWG Meetings; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 REDD+ Expert trainings in March and November 2017; • Sector planning retreat; • PreCOP23 Workshop with Private sector; • Lands Retreat • Forestry Retreat • CEPA Retreat; • GRM consultations • RFIP/GCF Consultation workshop; • Provincial consultations in ENB, Madang and WNB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 REDD+ Expert Training; • 3 RFIP Consultations; • 6 Provincial Capacity building trainings; • 15 stakeholder consultations on different elements of NRS; • 1 Communications and Knowledge Management workshop; • 3 Technical Working Committee Meeting;

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c) Financial Data

The table below provides up-to-date cumulative financial progress of the R-PP implementation on planned, committed and disbursed funds, at the end of the reporting period and including all cumulative yearly disbursements.

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IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS				
OUTPUTS	Amount Transferred by UNDP	Cumulative Expenditures up to 31 December 2018		
		Commitments (B)	Disbursements (C)	Total Expenditures (D) = B + C
Outcome 1. Capacities exist for effective and efficient management of REDD+, including full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders	\$1,041,000		\$973,500.00	\$973,500.00
Outcome 2: The National REDD+ strategy	\$1,803,000		\$1,504,673.00	\$1,504,673.00
Project Management	\$956,000		\$944,288.00	\$944,288.00
Sub-total	\$3,800,000		\$3,422,461.00	\$3,422,461.00

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IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS				
OUTPUTS	Amount Transferred by UNDP	Cumulative Expenditures up to 31 December 2018		
		Commitments	Disbursements	Total Expenditures
				(D) = B + C
Outcome 1. Capacities exist for effective and efficient management of REDD+, including full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders	\$1,351,628		\$ 375,005	\$ 375,005
Outcome 2: The Endorsement of PNG's National REDD+ Strategy and National REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan (NRFIP)	\$962,536		\$ 1,027,713	\$1,027,713
Outcome 3: Sub-National Stakeholders have capacity for REDD+ Planning	\$1,294,458		\$ 611,335	\$ 611,335
Outcome 4: Capacities Exist for NFMS and FREL management and development	\$800,000		\$274,219	\$274,219
Project Management	\$406,193		\$ 291,825	\$ 291,825
Sub-total	\$5,200,000		2,580,097.00	2,580,097.00

Annex 1. Picture and caption



PNG National Development Summit



Forestry future scenario with PS engagement



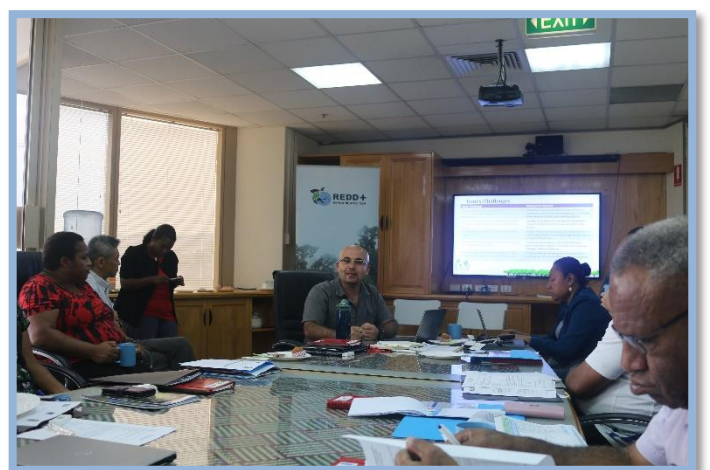
REDD+ Sub-national Development



REDD+ Awareness on the World Environment Day



REDD+ Capacity Building and Consultation Workshop



FCPF Project Executive Board Meeting

Annex 2. Minutes of the FCPF Project Executive Board held in December 2018.

Annex 3. Sources for news, articles and publications supported by the FCPF Project

Celebrating Forests and Sustainable Cities

21 March 2018-UNDP website

http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/03/21/celebrating-forests-and-sustainable-cities.html

Agriculture sector planning retreat focuses on climate change

26 April 2018-UNDP website

http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/04/26/agriculture-sector-planning-retreat-focuses-on-climate-change

Finance and investment plan to support climate actions in Papua New Guinea

26 April 2018- UNDP website

http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/04/26/finance-and-investment-plan-to-support-climate-actions-in-papua-new-guinea

Progress update: Papua New Guinea’s REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan

15 May 2018-UN-REDD Programme website

<https://unredd.net/announcements-and-news/2898-progress-update-papua-new-guinea-s-redd-finance-and-investment-plan.html>

A new step to strengthen sustainable palm oil in PNG

14 May 2018-UNDP website

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Papua New Guinea promotes social and environmental benefits from REDD+

13 June 2018 -UN-REDD Programme website

<http://www.un-redd.org/single-post/2018/06/13/Papua-New-Guinea-promotes-social-and-environmental-benefits-from-REDD>

Papua New Guinea’s REDD+ journey

03 September 2018- UN-REDD Programme website

<http://www.un-redd.org/single-post/2018/09/03/Papua-New-Guinea%E2%80%99s-REDD-journey>

Workshop generates knowledge to improve national forest monitoring systems

21 September 2018- UN-REDD Programme website

<https://www.unredd.net/announcements-and-news/2944-png-workshop-generates-knowledge-to-improve-national-forest-monitoring-systems.html>

REDD+ Stakeholders Mapping in Three Provinces for a Better Engagement Plan

12 November 2018-UNDP website

http://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/11/12/png-redd-stakeholders-mapping-in-three-provinces-for-a-better-engagement-plan/

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Development of future scenario to make PNG's forest sustainable

10 December 2018- UNDP PNG website

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Development of future scenario to make PNG's forest sustainable is underway

07 December 2018- UN-REDD Programme website

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Mainstream media and online news

Finance and investment plan to support climate actions in PNG

01 May 2018-PNG Today (Online news)

<https://news.pngfacts.com/2018/05/finance-and-investment-plan-to-support.html>

Kimbe hosts climate change workshop

Published on 02 May 2018

Publisher: Post-Courier Newspaper, page 19

REDD+ Investment Plan to support climate change

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Sectors discuss climate change

Published on 03 May 2018

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A new step to strengthen sustainable palm oil in PNG

Published on 11 May 2018

Publisher-Post Courier, page 20

Govt urged to learn from partners on REDD+ plan

28 May 2018 The National (Online)

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Forests and land preservation efforts continue

20 May 2018-PNG Loop News

<http://www.looppng.com/png-news/land-preservation-efforts-continue-76696>

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31 October 2018- EMTV (Online)

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08 December 2018 (PNGLOOP News)

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26 April 2018-UNDP Twitter page

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Stakeholders deepen knowledge on REDD+

22 May 2018-UNDP Twitter page

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Field trip complementing National REDD+ Expert Training- Kokopo

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First PNG Palm Oil Coordination committee meeting

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REDD+ Social and Environmental Safeguards Committee workshop

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Successful REDD+ Readiness Project in PNG Project Executive Board (PEB) meeting

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