

REDD + ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORTING (with semi-annual update)

COUNTRY: Suriname
PERIOD: January – June 2015

Background: This country reporting framework has been developed following the structure of the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, its logical framework and Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), so as to facilitate and systematize the data analysis. The semi-annual country reporting should provide the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) with indications of REDD+ countries' progress towards the achievement of their readiness activities and the implementation of their Emission Reductions programs overtime, in a way that data are easily consolidated and provide indications on the level of achievement of the FCPF output, outcome and impact indicators as defined in the FCPF M&E Framework.

Report preparation: Submitted country reports should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD + (component 6 of R-PP) and should be prepared in consultation with members of REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated into national reporting, and divergent views indicative of lack of consensus on specific issues should be recorded in the country report.

Reporting schedule: It is expected that the annual progress country reporting will be submitted to the FMT by August 15th each year. The reporting should be based on a self-assessment of progress. An update of this country reporting will also be submitted by March 15th each year.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This section should provide a short description of FCPF support in country (bullets on FCPF-financed activities only). Information should summarize progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period should also be provided (key bullets only).

SUMMARY:

As 2015 was an election year, the nation's first and foremost priority was to conduct free and fair elections. In addition, because of the nation's diverse population and the need for inclusiveness, the management system for the REDD+ project needed to be planned well.

From April 10-14, NIMOS organized an evaluation workshop in order to:

- Review the progress made in 2014;
- Review and receive stakeholders (a.o. government, international development partners, governance systems of forest-dependent communities, REDD+ assistants¹, Major Groups Collective² and knowledge institutes) input on the Management Arrangements for the REDD+ program; and
- Discuss the planning for 2015 and 2016.

¹ REDD+ assistants have been trained and certified for facilitation of the local dialogues, execution of Consultation and Participation and other future local activities on REDD+.

² The Major Groups Collective, which is still in the process of being formalized, includes representatives of the Major Groups, recognized by the Government (Agenda 21): Business and industry, children and youth, farmers, indigenous and tribal peoples, local authorities, NGOs, scientific and technological community, women, workers and trade unions.

Other minor activities regarding the project 'Strengthening national capacities of Suriname for the elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy and the design of its implementation framework' have been the commencement of the recruitment process for a Project Coordinator and Project Administrator.

For Q1: Output: 90837 – Human Capacities

- N1/4: Advertisement for the PMU vacancies for the positions of Project Coordinator and Project Administrator in local newspapers
- N3/4: Furniture for PMU
- N4/4: Lease of the PMU building

Conservation International Suriname developed and implements the WISE REDD+ program. WISE stands for Widening Informed Stakeholder Engagement in REDD+. The most important stakeholder groups are the Indigenous and Maroon tribes in Suriname. This program is funded by the US Government.

During this reporting period, nine (9) meetings have been organized with the 4 Indigenous tribes and 6 Maroons of Suriname on the construction of, and communication strategy towards the establishment of the Project Steering Committee, and on the project implementation strategy. Currently, all representatives have been appointed for the Project Steering Committee making it possible to establish the Project Steering Committee in time and to move forward with the preparatory research activities for the design of the community engagement strategy and capacity - building workshops for the government.

Parallel with the work of Nimos, the State Forest Management and Control service, SBB, continues with the implementation of the National Plan for Forest Cover Monitoring, which is streamlined as much as possible with the R-PP, and contributes towards the establishment of a National Forest Monitoring System. The activities are carried out using funding provided by the regional projects coordinated by ACTO: "Monitoring the forest cover in the Amazon region" and ONFi: "REDD+ for the Guiana Shield".

During this reporting period, national capacities on monitoring the forest amongst others by using satellite imagery and institutional collaborations were strengthened. Additionally two regional products (maps) were finalized and shared with the national audience during two workshops. In the next period, the communication with the recently established PMU will be intensified.

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention "does not apply – n/a".

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):

Source:

Amount provided:

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Amount provided:

Source:

Amount provided:

Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of activities relevant to ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.2.B.i.):

Source: US Government

Amount provided: information not provided

Source:

Amount provided:

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Amount provided:

Describe how stakeholders are participating and engaging in REDD+ decision making processes (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.A):

Provide examples of how IPs and CSOs are represented in institutional arrangements for REDD at the national level.

In April 2015, a 3-day Evaluation workshop on the general REDD+ work plan and project management was held. The Major Groups Collective is a part of the governance structure of the REDD+ project board. For that workshop IP and CSO representatives, that are a part of the MGC, were invited to participate. Their input was requested and they gave positive responses to the topics discussed. No limits were set on their involvement and this resulted in active participation during the meetings. They also received ample time for their customary side meetings, in which they discuss uniform stand points and decisions.

22 IP and CSO people attended the meeting of the 73 people present. The responses of the IP and CSO to that meeting in general were:

- They stated that they had sufficient time to express their opinions and ideas.
- They look forward to a follow up of this meeting.

Meetings that were held under the CI Suriname WISE REDD+ program, during Q1 and Q2 are:

- Regional consultation of the coastal indigenous traditional authorities, 09 January 2015 (Redi Doti)
- Face-to-face consultations with the southern traditional authorities in their residence:
 - Kawemhaken, Kumakapan and Apetina (Wayana), 15-17 January 2015
 - Kwamalasamutu (Trio), 19-20 January 2015.
- Face-to-face consultations with the individual tribal traditional authorities in their residence:
 - Aluku: 8 January 2015; Cottica aan de Lawa
 - Saamaka: 20 January – 15 February 2015; 36 krutus in Brokopondo, Sarakreek and Upper Suriname River
 - Paamaka: Langatabiki; 27 January 2015
 - N'dyuka: Dritabiki; 29-31 January 2015
 - Matawai: Pusugrunu; 4-6 February 2015
 - Kwinti: Witagron; 27-28 February 2015.

Examples of stakeholder engagement platforms in country which meet regularly to discuss and provide inputs to the REDD+ readiness process (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):

<p><u>Frequency:</u></p> <p>Quarterly</p>	<p>The Project Board guides the REDD+ project and consists of: The project coordinator The UNDP country coordinator</p> <p>And one representative of: The major groups collective The REDD+ assistants The knowledge institutions The REDD+ ministries.</p> <p>Each representative is self-selected by the constituents of that stakeholder group.</p>
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Examples of resources made available to enable active participation of IPs , CSOs and local communities in national REDD+ readiness.

The notes of the April meetings were sent to the participants for their review and comments. No feedback was received.

Number and type of policy reforms initiated, completed or underway complying to REDD+ standards, if any (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.*):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are: N/A

Underway:

Completed:

Please describe these policy reforms:

Provide examples of how national REDD+ Strategies address livelihoods of local communities and biodiversity conservation.

In order to raise awareness on REDD+ and facilitate consultations with local communities, the Government of Suriname has trained and certified REDD+ assistants. These assistants are the representatives of the 10 tribal communities (6 Maroon and 4 Indigenous). Via the involvement of the assistants, Suriname is aiming to ensure that indigenous and tribal peoples are supported, engaged and made ready for implementing REDD+.

The REDD+ program enables the REDD+ assistants to convey the ideas and benefits of the implementation of REDD+ to their communities. During the April meetings they shared ideas for projects in their regions and communities. These still need to be developed into proposals and activities.

Under the CI Suriname WISE REDD+ program, workshops were designed to specifically strengthen the capacity of the following stakeholders:

1. Number of persons trained in climate change supported by USG assistance

- 39 participants- Redd+ and Climate Change Training for government representatives- 13 February 2015
 - A one day training workshop in REDD+ and stakeholder Engagement with as purpose that Stakeholders responsible for designing and implementing REDD+ stakeholder engagement processes need to understand the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders in REDD+, the value of their engagement and the key elements to achieve full, inclusive and effective participation in REDD+ planning, implementation and monitoring at the national, subnational or project level. A Self-Assessment survey was implemented at the beginning and at the end of the workshop in order to measure the increase of capacity. Attendance sheet was also signed.

2. Number of institutions with improved capacity to address climate change issues as a result of USG assistance

- 21 institutions- Redd+ and Stakeholder Engagement for government representatives and representatives from communities
 - A one day training Workshop for the Government and Governmental Institutions to build knowledge on REDD+ Readiness process and the roles that these institutions will need to fulfil in this process. A Self-Assessment survey was implemented at the beginning and at the end of the workshop in order to measure the increase of capacity. Attendance sheet was also signed.

Number of tools, documents and information materials shared to enhance stakeholder engagement in REDD+ process supported by USG assistance

- 9 products- Explaining REDD+, WISE REDD, and the role of the different stakeholder groups.

3. PROGRESS AT R-PP sub component level

3.1. REDD Readiness Progress

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.): up to 300 words, if applicable

Progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

Under this component several meetings between NIMOS and SBB were held to discuss managerial arrangements between the two institutions.

NIMOS in collaboration with the UNDP has developed the ToRs for hiring of technical staff for the PMU.
















Currently the project coordinator has been contracted. A Project Administrator has also been identified and is being contracted.

The PMU is making use of temporary services of a communications consultant and a community liaison officer. The recruitment process for the more permanent positions of administrative assistant, REDD+ technical officer, communications officer and community liaison officer is ongoing, and will be completed in Q3.

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)

Components	Sub-components	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes
	1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Yes
	2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
	2c. Implementation Framework	Yes
	2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels		No
4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No
	4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No

Level of overall achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.b.):






<u>Planned Milestones:</u>	<u>Level of Achievement</u> ³ :	<u>Tracking</u> ⁴ :															
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³ Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, on their Supplementary Grant Agreement for an additional grant of up to \$5 million. For instance, under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.4 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+






⁴ The level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved RF grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale "Non Applicable" can be selected.






This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework

Degree of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component and sub-component (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.c.).
Countries are expected to rate progress toward the implementation of R-PP sub-component only once a year, as part of the reporting submitted by August 15th each year

	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁵ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 1 – Readiness Organization and Consultation	Sub-Component 1a – National REDD+ Management Arrangements <i>Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies</i> <i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism</i>					Significant progress
						Progressing well, further development required
						Further development required
						Not yet demonstrating progress
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⁵ The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale 'Non Applicable' can be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.






Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁵ (Please select your light rating)	
	Planned milestones	Achievements		
<p>Sub-Component 1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</p> <p><i>Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes</i></p>		<p>With respect to Outreach, since December 2014 a website for the Suriname REDD+ Programme has been set up in both Dutch and English (www.surinameredd.org)</p>		Significant progress
				Progressing well, further development required
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				Not yet demonstrating progress
				Non Applicable
			<p>Please explain why:</p> <p>Just one meeting was held and the PMU was not fully staffed to implement any further activities.</p>	






	Sub-component	Progress against annual targets		Tracking ⁵ (Please select your light rating)		
		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 2 – REDD+ Strategy Preparation	<p>Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</p> <p><i>Purpose: identification of key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks</i></p> <p><u>Country Self- Assessment Criteria:</u> (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv) actions plans to address natural resource right, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within the framework of the regional ONF REDD+ for the Guiana Shield project, and in accordance with the in 2014 produced National Forest Cover Monitoring Plan, a study on the impacts of goldmining on forest cover for 2014 was finalized. - Within the framework of the ACTO Monitoring Forest in the Amazon Region project, and in accordance with the in 2014 produced National Forest Cover Monitoring Plan, the second National deforestation map for the period 2000-2013 is produced. 			Significant progress
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						Not yet demonstrating progress
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Please explain why:						

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<p>Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options</p> <p><i>Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation</i></p> <p><i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies.</i></p>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Further development</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please explain why:</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development		X	Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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<p>Subcomponent 2c: Implementation Framework</p> <p><i>Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options</i></p> <p><i>Country Self-Assessment Criteria: (i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities</i></p>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Further development</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please explain why:</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development		X	Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable	
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	<p>Subcomponent 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts</p> <p><i>Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework</i></p>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Further development</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>x</td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please explain why:</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required			Further development		x	Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable		
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R-PP Component 3 – Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	<p>R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</p> <p><i>Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines</i></p>			<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Significant progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Progressing well, further development required</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>Further development</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Not yet demonstrating progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Non Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p>And explain why:</p>			Significant progress			Progressing well, further development required		X	Further development			Not yet demonstrating progress			Non Applicable		
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		Planned milestones	Achievements			
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	<p>Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System</p> <p><i>Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests</i></p>		<p>-Trainings were held within the framework of two regional projects</p> <p>- Two workshops were held to share the results of two regional studies with the relevant stakeholders and create awareness about possible concepts of a National Forest monitoring System</p> <p>- continued collaboration with other institutions</p>	    	<p>x</p>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>
	<p>Subcomponent 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</p> <p><i>Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country</i></p> <p><i>Country Self- Assessment Criteria: (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards</i></p>			    	<p>X</p>	<p>Significant progress</p> <p>Progressing well, further development required</p> <p>Further development</p> <p>Not yet demonstrating progress</p> <p>Non Applicable</p>

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
RF Grant - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 More than 40% variance
		 Non Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3.d.):		
	Rate	Tracking
Total Budget in R-PP - disbursement rate vs. planned disbursements (including other funding sources and FCPF Readiness Grant)		<i>Please select your rating:</i>
		 Up to 10% variance with plans
		 Between 10-25% variance with plans
		 Between 25-40% variance with plans
		 More than 40% variance
		 Non Applicable

3.2. Engagement of stakeholders within the approach to REDD +

Examples of actions/activities where IPs, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.a.):	
<u>Action/activity:</u>	<p><u>Describe IP, CSO, and local community participation:</u></p> <p>During the Evaluation workshop in April a cross section of representatives of IPs, Maroons and CSO attended. Their continued participation is planned from Q3 onward as the PMU is fully staffed to coordinate and implement projects with them.</p> <p>Other activities were done by Conservation International Suriname under the WISE REDD+ project.</p>

Number of IP and REDD country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):					
Please list the training conducted:	Duration (# of days)	# of participants # of men / # of women			Targets in terms of number of men and women to be trained by country to be defined
					
					
					
					Non Applicable

3.3. Knowledge sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support:	
Yes/No: Yes	<p>Please provide the list of published REDD+ knowledge products, if any during reporting period :</p> <p>Minutes and presentations of the April and July meetings were printed and also electronically distributed.</p>

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any:
<p>Overall number by product:</p> <p>Under the REDD+ project:</p> <p><u># of Men:</u> 40</p> <p><u># of Women:</u> 40</p> <p>Under the WISE REDD+ project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total meetings with tribal and Indigenous, 29% of the attendants were women. Total meetings held in the maroon villages, 24 % of the attendants were women Total meetings held in indigenous village 47 % women were women. Meetings held in the city with the traditional communities, 17% of the attendants were women In the Awareness building workshop with the government, because 68% of the attendants

were women.

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-south learning activities? If yes, how many (men and women)?

Yes/No:	List the South-South learning activities:	# of men:(IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)
Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project steering committee meeting 20-21/1 in Guyana. # of Men: 2, # of Women 2. - Within ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project, regional training on methodology for mapping impact of goldmining 25/1-6/2. # of men: 1, # women: 1. - Within ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project, regional training on application of Radar for forest cover monitoring 13/4 – 17/4, Macapa. # women: 4 - Within ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project, FAO regional training in Land Cover Classification System 9-13/3, Paramaribo. # of men: 3, # of women: 5. - Within ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project, regional training on Analyzing and modeling deforestation 4-8/5, Cayenne. # of men: 2, # of women: 3. - Within ACTO Monitoring Forest in the Amazon Region project, training forest monitoring techniques for scientific community 18-29/5, Belem. # of women: 1. - ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project steering committee meeting 21-22/6 in Paramaribo. # of Men: 4, # of Women 2. - Within ONF REDD+ for Guiana Shield project, regional dialogue meeting 23-24/6, Paramaribo. # of Men: 4, # of Women 2. 	<p># of women: (IP/CSO representatives, private sector representatives)</p>

4. ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RISKS

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.

It is expected that the country monitors any changes in the assumptions that underpin the logic of intervention of FCPF at the national level and other significant risks that may arise. This section should explain through a narrative any changes in the level of risk associated with the different assumptions, or describe new risks that may have emerged and have a significant bearing on the national work-planning with respect to FCPF support for the next year and beyond, along with the associated measures required to address this change.

The project has had a long start up process, because REDD+ is new to Suriname. The management arrangements needed to be designed carefully, in order to ensure inclusion of the various stakeholders. One needs only to look at the Project Board with 30+ members to get a sense of the diversity of stakeholders. Nevertheless, the Government of Suriname was convinced that it was crucial to the success of the project to receive in-depth feedback from stakeholders.

Although not all representatives of the management structures have been identified, and/or officially nominated the prospect for the second quarter is good. The dedicated PMU will be responsible for day-to-day management of the REDD+ programme, and NIMOS and development partners will be able to oversee and steer the programs' progress.

The fact that 2015 was an election year, was also a challenge to the project. Elections were held on May 25, 2015. During quarter 1 and 2 of 2015 it was difficult to get stakeholders actively involved in the projects activities.

5. MAIN LESSONS LEARNED

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learned since the beginning of the readiness process. It is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learned, analysis documents developed, and/or experiences made in dealing with issues of particular interest to REDD+.

Communications is key, and because of the large number and diversity of stakeholders, has proven to be a challenge.

This will be a guiding factor for the development of a communications and engagement plan for the coming years during the REDD+ readiness phase.