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Annual Progress Report to the FCPF for Suriname

for the period 1 January –
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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. On the ground in more than 170 countries and territories, UNDP offers global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.

The Participants Committee (PC) at its ninth meeting in June 2011 approved UNDP to serve as Delivery Partner under the Readiness Fund. The Transfer Agreement was 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 and solely reflects the perspectives of UNDP as a Delivery Partner.

Summary

Country:	Suriname
Project Title:	Strengthening national capacities of Suriname for the elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy and the design of its implementation framework
Implementing Partners:	National Environmental and Research Institute in Suriname, Cabinet of the President (NIMOS)
Implementation Modality:	National Implementation Modality (NIM)

Project Timeline			
FCPF PC Resolution Approving R-PP	PC/14/2013/7	Transfer of Funds to Country Office	\$200,000 22 Oct 2013
			\$3,600,000 21 Aug 2014
Preparatory Grant	17 October 2013	Inception Workshop	
Project Appraisal Committee	21 May 2014	Mid-term Review	
Project Signature	31 May 2014	No-Cost Extension: New End Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	(ceremony 11 June 2014)		
Duration of Project	3 years		

2014 Results

1. Achievements

This report reflects the results from the Transition project (financed by the FCPF preparatory funds) and the UNDP-FCPF project, and covers the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. The transition project has at the end of 2014 been operationally closed and therefore in going forward the 2015 report will only include information on the UNDP-FCPF project.

a. Progress on how the project activities are being coordinated with other REDD+ related initiatives, included those funded by others.

Project implementation has not started yet. Coordination with other REDD+ readiness initiatives will take place through the meetings of the project board, as well as through regular meetings to discuss more technical matters.

b. any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the project activities

There are no changes in the technical design or approach related to the project activities to report.

Arrangement are made and allow for effective management of the REDD+ process in Suriname

The full Suriname R-PP REDD+ project document was finalized and signed at the end of May 2014. UNDP supported the government in the preparation of the requisite terms of reference for the Project Management Unit (PMU). The UNDP recruitment of project management staff was discontinued in light of government preference to take this task upon themselves, which is possible within the context of the National Implementation Modality (NIM). The recruitment process of the government is still underway, hence the PMU is not yet in place and project activities have been delayed.

Notwithstanding the delays, UNDP has undertaken three in-country missions by the Regional Technical Advisor and technical support staff out of Panama and Geneva, during the reporting period.

Once the PMU is recruited by NIMOS and once the Project Board is installed, an extensive training session will be organized, followed by the official inception workshop, concluding with the first meeting of the project board of the UNDP-FCPF project.

General human capacities are built, information is shared and dialogue and participation is effective with key stakeholders group

Information sharing and sensitization has taken place through one targeted meeting with REDD+ assistants as well as one Major Groups Collective. This has been somewhat disrupted by the discontinuation of the transition project team member's contract and not having in place PMU for the full R-PP REDD+ project.

Based on the training workshop feedback there is a high appreciation from the different stakeholders to be updated on a more regular basis on developments in relation to the R-PP REDD+ project. This would also ensure momentum for REDD+ is maintained.

Indigenous and maroon people are specifically supported, engaged and ready for implementing REDD+

Indigenous and tribal peoples through the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders (VIDS) and Association of Saramaka Authorities (VSG) participated in a knowledge exchange with Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of Colombia, as well as participation of VIDS in the UNFCCC CoP20 in Lima, Peru. Part of this support also facilitates the VIDS internal discussion on indigenous and tribal people's future development and role within REDD+.

International support is secured to assist and fund REDD+ investment strategy in Suriname

As one of few HFLD countries worldwide, Suriname took the initiative to organize and host a two-day international REDD+ conference for HFLD countries on 14 and 15 May 2014. Bhutan, Guyana, Belize and UNDP REDD+ advisors from Geneva and Panama participated in the conference. The organization of a follow-up global meeting specifically for HFLD countries in the context of REDD+ have been agreed upon.

2. In Focus

Following the agreement of the UNFCCC Warsaw Framework for REDD+, UNDP support is mapped below as per its contribution to country progress against elements of the UNFCCC's four Warsaw pillars.¹

National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan: No developments to report.

Forest reference emission level (FREL) / forest reference level (FRL): No developments to report.

National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS): No development within the context of the project, however the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB), drafted a National Forest Monitoring Plan. The UNDP as delivery partner was part of the consultation process.

Safeguard Information System (SIS): No developments to report.

¹ Paragraph 71 of the UNFCCC decision 1/CP.16 requests countries to have the following elements in place for REDD+ implementation and to access results-based payments / results-based finance. The four elements requested by this paragraph are 1) A national strategy or action plan; 2) A forest reference emission level (FREL) of forest reference level (FRL); 3) A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system for the monitoring and reporting of the five REDD+ activities; and 4) a safeguard information system (SIS).

3. Risks and responses

The main risks remain as identified under the project document and R-PP assessment note.

The delays in the start-up of the project, recruiting the PMU and holding the inception phase cause a significant risk to being able to complete the project in the expected duration. A no-cost extension is likely to be needed

4. Progress in addressing key capacity issues of the Programme Management Unit (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this project.

In response to key challenge of the decision making process, UNDP has explored a number of avenues as well as employed a gradual upscaling strategy, while being sensitive to the concentration policy of the government in general but more specifically on environmental management in the office of the President. This can be seen through the efforts of the Country Office Energy and Environment programme staff, REDD+ technical support out of Geneva, Deputy Resident Representative, Regional Technical Advisor, Principal Technical Advisor as well as the UN Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the UNDP.

The training session on UNDP HACT/NIM programming has taken place with NIMOS and SBB staff. This will be repeated when the PMU is onboard.

The UNDP has also been engaged with the Wider Stakeholder Engagement for REDD+ project coordinated by Conservation International with funding from the US State Department. This also is a means to ensure synergies and close coordination with the full R-PP REDD+ project.

5. 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?

NA for the report at this time.

6. Progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, and disclosure of information and the FGRM, related to this project

In the finalization of the project document for the full R-PP REDD+ project all stakeholders from the R-PP preparatory process were involved. It is noted that subsequent to signing and also due to discontinuation of the transition project team there has been less information and consultation on the R-PP REDD+ project. This need was voiced during the Inception workshop as well as from bilateral meetings between UNDP and Indigenous and Tribal peoples. Having the PMU in place is anticipated to result in increased information sharing.

	Year 1 (2014)	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Number of civil society organizations actively engaged in different aspects of the programme	5			
Number of people trained on REDD+ and climate change (please indicate when possible Men/women ratio)	0			
Number of people trained on the four Warsaw Framework elements (please indicate when possible men/women ratio)	0			
Number of national consultation workshops held (men/women ratio)	4			

7. 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.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS				
OUTPUTS	Amount Transferred by UNDP	Cumulative Expenditures up to 31 December 2014		
		Commitments	Disbursements	Total Expenditures
				(D) = B + C
Transition Phase to implement Suriname Readiness Proposal	200'000	0.00	112'985.72	112'985.72

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OUTPUT 1 - Human capacities and stakeholders engagement	1'729'000	0.00	35'496.02	35'496.02
OUTPUT 2 - REDD+ strategy	1'091'000	0.00	27'190.36	27'190.36
OUTPUT 3 - Implementation Framework and tools	780'000	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3'800'000	0.00	175'672.10	175'672.10