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Annual Report for the UN-REDD National Programmes

The Annual Report for the National Programmes (NPs) highlights progress over the twelve month period ending 31 December (1 January-31 December). This progress is reported against the consolidated Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2018, as approved by the National Programme Steering Committee or Executive Board.

The report includes the following sections:

- 1) National Programme Identification;
- 2) Progress Reporting;

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o Integrate a gender approach with the competency framework and capacity building plan. This is underway.

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Government & Non-Government Comments;

- 5) Results Matrix;
- 6) Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and Associated UNFCCC Decisions;
- 7) Financial Delivery;
- 8) Adaptive management; and
- 9) Targeted Support.

The lead agency for each National Programme is responsible for coordinating inputs to the Annual Reports, and for ensuring all agency and counterpart perspectives have been collected - in particular government and civil society organizations. The reports are reviewed and vetted by the agency teams, who provide quality assurance and recommendations to the national teams on articulating results and on adjustments to be made. It therefore follows an iterative process which serves to enhance the quality of the reports and enable a meaningful assessment of progress and identification of key lessons regarding knowledge exchange.

The Annual Report for the National Programmes should be submitted to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (<u>un-redd@un-redd.org</u>) as per timeline indicated below.

2. National Programme Identification

Please identify the National Programme (NP) by completing the information requested below. The Government Counterpart and designated National Programme focal points of the Participating UN Organizations are asked to provide their electronic signatures below, prior to submission to the UN-REDD Secretariat.

National Programme Title	UN-REDD Programme National Programme, Myanmar		
Implementing Partners1	Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental		
implementing raithers:	Conservation		

¹ Those organizations either sub-contracted by the Project Management Unit or those organizations officially identified in the National Programme Document (NPD) as responsible for implementing a defined aspect of the project.

Participating Organizations	FAO, UNDP, UNEP
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Project Timeline				
Programme Duration	4 years	Original End Date ²	27 Oct. 2020	
NPD Signature Date	28 Oct. 2016	No-Cost Extension	N/A	
Date of First Fund Transfer ³	7 Nov. 2016	Current End Date	27 Oct. 2020	

Financial Summary (USD) ⁴						
UN Agency	Approved Programme Budget ⁵	Amount Transferred ⁶	Cumulative Expenditures up to 31 December 2018 ⁷			
FAO	2,085,200	2,085,200	1,179,948			
UNDP	2,818,400	2,818,400	1,598,907			
UNEP	287,400	287,400	[input text]			
Indirect Support Cost (7%)	363,370	363,370	[input text]			
Total	5,554,370	5,554,370	[input text]			

Signatures f	Signatures from the designated UN organizations ⁸							
FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Government Counterpart					
[Signature]	[Signature] [Signature]		maine					
Date and Name of Signatories in Full:								
[Date]	[Date]	[Date]	14-5-2019					
[Name]	[Name]	[Name]	Dr. Thaung Naing Oo					

 $^{{\}bf 2}$ The original end date as stated in the NPD.

³ As reflected on the MPTF Office Gateway http://mptf.undp.org.

⁴ The financial information reported should include indirect costs, M&E and other associated costs. The information on expenditure is unofficial. Official certified financial information is provided by the HQ of the Participating UN Organizations by 30 April and can be accessed on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/CCF00).

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⁷ The sum of commitments and disbursement

⁸ Each UN organization is to nominate one or more focal points to sign the report. Please refer to the UN-REDD Programme Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Framework document for further guidance.

3. Progress Reporting

This section aims to summarize the progress and identify key achievements of the NP during the reporting period. Additionally, the section aims to identify key challenges and solutions/ lessons that could be shared with other countries. These will be used as input to the UN-REDD consolidated annual report so please stick to the word limits.

3.1 Achievements

Please provide a description of key achievements made by the NP in relation to the 4 pillars of the Warsaw Framework and how the NP has supported those. [250 words for each pillar]

- National REDD+ Strategy/Action Plan. Following UNFCCC guidance, preparation of the Strategy began with an analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and barriers to the "+" activities (conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks). The final report is on the REDD+ Myanmar website. For each priority driver and "+" activity, a problem/solution tree was prepared in consultation with experts, to identify draft "policies and measures" designed to address the drivers, especially indirect drivers. These policies and measures were consulted with six ministries with mandates relevant to the content of the policies and measures. These underwent sub-national consultation with government and non-government stakeholders in each state/region between November 2017 and April 2018. Additional consultations with 15 priority ethnic minorities have been initiated and continue. The draft strategy was posted for a period of public comment in April-May 2018. Based on feedback, additional consultations on five of the more contentious PAMs have been planned, with two completed in 2018.
- Revised FRL document, technically assessed, re-submitted and uploaded to UNFCCC website in January 2019, REDD+ activities included: Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Enhancement of Forest Carbon stocks, corresponding land monitoring capacities in Forest Department established; Uncertainty levels and error margins of area estimates compliant with higher-level tiers of GCF requirements (Score Card).
- National Forest Inventory, NFI, design and sampling approaches developed, multi-stakeholder consultation on NFI design carried out and (technical) approaches agreed with key stakeholders;
 NFI general design consistent with existing forest inventory grid system at FMU level and harmonized with land attributes for activity data and emission factor reporting (IPCC, GHG-I, FRA);
 NFI design developed with higher tier levels of GCF requirements in mind (Score Card);
- SIS. A Safeguards Roadmap was developed in 2017 under the auspices of the Technical Working Group on Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards and is available on the REDD+ Myanmar website. The safeguards roadmap provides information on the proposed goals and scope of Myanmar's safeguards approach, an overview of UNFCCC safeguards requirements, and a description of completed or ongoing initiatives in Myanmar that are relevant to its safeguards roadmap. It sets out the planned steps for developing a safeguards approach, including establishment of the SIS. An assessment of potential benefits and risks from REDD+, a review of policies, laws and regulations, a proposed design for Grievance Redress Mechanisms and a national clarification of the Cancun safeguards have been completed. An outline for draft design of Safeguard Information System, SIS, has developed, supported by an ongoing assessment of available information and data sources in the light of safeguard clarifications in the national context (to be finalized in 2019).

3.2 Challenges and solutions

Please provide a summary of the challenges faced and solutions put in place to address them. These could be of any nature, operational, good procedure, unsuccessful process that other countries

could benefit from. [150 words]

The physical isolation of the programme from FAO and UNDP Country Offices has occasionally complicated administration. A focus on increasing communication has improved the situation.

The legal framework for forests and environmental conservation is evolving rapidly in Myanmar, with new laws on Forestry and on Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected Areas passed in 2018. Actions to support the subsequent development of by-laws have therefore been supported, which were not originally anticipated.

The complex inter-ethnic conflicts mean that not only is consultation with ethnic minorities essential, but in some cases, due to the political situation, they are very difficult to arrange. For example, consultations with the Karen and their Ethnic Armed Organizations, the KNU and DKBA, and with the southern Shan and their Ethnic Armed Organization, the RCSS, were initiated in May 2018, but have yet to be completed.

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4. Government & Non-Government Comments

This section provides the opportunity to capture government and civil society perspectives and provide additional or complementary information.

4.1 Government Comments

Government counterparts to provide their perspective and additional complementary information not included in the overall progress assessment. [500 words]

On behalf of the Government of Myanmar, the Forest Department notes the progress made under the UN-REDD National Programme. It is pleased to note that the programme is on track to complete its intended results according to the original timeframe. Under the current political situation in Myanmar, engagement with ethnic groups, including Ethnic Armed Organization is essential, and the progress in this regard is very good. In the final two years of the programme it will be important to focus increasingly on arrangements for REDD+ implementation (phase 2).

4.2 Non-Government Comments

Civil society stakeholders to provide their perspective and additional complementary information (Please request a summary from existing stakeholder committees or platforms). [500 words]

It is very important and good approach that engaging with the Ethnic Armed Groups with the criteria because huge amount of forest covers is under their control areas. Not only that, engaging with the regional and local environmental conservation groups for the REDD+ awareness sharing for they are very active and voluntarily sharing the important of forest and environmental conservations.

Giving space for the participation of CSOs (MERN) and the Indigenous Peoples led NOG organization such as Promotion of indigenous Peoples and Nature Together (POINT) and Chin Human Right Organization in Taskforce is very effective strategies to fulfil the principle of full and effective participation of Local communities and indigenous peoples. However, it is important to support more diverse Local Community Representatives and Ethnic Groups/ Indigenous Peoples in order to reflect the concerns of the different groups although there might be the budget limit of the whole Project. More indigenous peoples are needed to know and understand REDD+ regime in-depth because active indigenous organization like POINT and CHRO cannot bring all the messages of REDD+ to all indigenous peoples' groups. More fruitful outcomes will be coming out if UNREDD and Government can contribute and support to achieve these.

Activities and achievements are very good considering gender aspects under this project in terms of quantity and quality for the effectiveness of women and youth participation in the series of consultation meeting happened in subnational level. Nevertheless, full and effective participation cannot be met without having proper knowledge, opportunities and capacity related with REDD+. That would be very supportive if there is specific strategy for the full and effective participation of women and youths from the active CSOs and indigenous people's groups in term of mainstreaming gender concept in REDD+ related activities and supports for the long-term participation of the meetings and workshops organized by the UNREDD program in the future.

It is crucial to scale up of awareness on REDD+, its strategy, potential risk and opportunities, including making sure the effective participation of Indigenous peoples, and local communities. It is what government and UNREDD should contribute in the future for more active and transparent engagement with stakeholders especially with indigenous peoples.

In addition, it is also needed to guarantee indigenous peoples' rights in legal framework. Recognition

of customary land tenure and Indigenous and local community conserved territories and areas is essential to guarantee in the legal framework that IPs and local communities are not negatively impacting by REDD+ implementation, benefiting from REDD+ program and for the success of REDD+ in Myanmar.

Finally, there are on-going protected areas establishment from the forest department. This is a good chance for the government to show their effective ways of engaging with indigenous peoples by having proper FPIC process. By this, indigenous peoples will have more trust to the government approaches and increased and active engagement in Myanmar REDD+ program.

5. Results Matrix

The results matrix aims to measure progress made in the reporting year against annual targets for outputs indicated in the annual work plan for the year. If the log frame has been amended following a mid-term review, this should be mentioned above the output table. For this section please provide:

- For each outcome, please provide the outcome title. The intention is to report whether the programme is on track towards meeting its target, not to assess if target has been met. Based on the previous annual report, please tick the box below each outcome and provide a short summary of progress made. If the country has not yet produced an annual report, do not tick any box.
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Please repeat this for all outcomes and outputs of the NP results framework.

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☐ Outcome Achieved; ☐ On track to achieving th		his outcome;			\square Expected significant delays
			☐ Corrective measures in pla	ace	\square Corrective measures in place
Progress towards Outcome: Progress towards the outcome is measures by 2 indicators: overall level of satisfaction with the REDD+ readiness process (discussed below, under output 1) and level of engagement in REDD+ readiness process. The 2 nd indicator, measured by a self-assessment in a survey, had a baseline score of 3.6 out of 10. The target for year 2 was to increase this above the year 1 result and this was achieved, with 92% being satisfied.					
Output 1: Strengthened sta	keholder representation and e	ngagement			
Output Indicators Bo	seline	Annual Target		Progress Against Target	
representation and consultation systems	Following implementation of Fargeted Support (TS), Informal systems (TWGs) have been established or Itrengthened; but the TF has not been established	Within 1 year of the start of the programme, representation and consultation systems are operational		include governmen	rk established; Taskforce and TWGs t, CSO and IP members; Taskforce is d its membership to include private
_	Zero (formal systems don't exist)	Within 18 months of the start of the programme, the level of satisfaction for al systems is at least 67% and remains at this level or higher thereafter		the stakeholder rep	those surveyed who characterized presentation and engagement ctory" was 69%. 27% characterized

The establishment of the REDD+ stakeholder engagement structures (Taskforce, TWGs, Network) has been completed and all are working effectively. The level of satisfaction in overall REDD+ readiness progress (outcome indicator), at 92%, far exceeds first year target of 55%, thus demonstrating that the structures are effective.

0 0		s also exceeded the target.			
Output 2: REDD+ mana	gement entities operate effectively				
Output Indicators Baseline Annual Target Progress Against Target					
 Functioning UN- REDD PEB, TF, RO and TWGs 	 TF does not exist; RTO does not exist; 3 TWGs established during Roadmap development and re-established with TS Zero for TF and RO (don't 	 Within 6 months of the start of the programme, the TF and RO established; throughout the rest of the programme, TF; RO and TWGs are active 	TF held 3 meetings during 2018 (the 4 th was scheduled but had to be delayed to January 2019 due to travel schedules of key members; TWGs collectively held 10 meetings		
 Level of participant satisfaction with all entities 	exist); TWGs will be assessed	By the end of year 2, the level of satisfaction for all entities exceeds the year 1 achievement (67%)	• Level of satisfaction is 76% for the Taskforce and REDD+ Office, and 81% for TWG's (average 78%)		

Progress towards Output:

The establishment of the REDD+ management structures (Taskforce, TWGs) has been completed and all are working effectively. The level of satisfaction in REDD+ management structures slightly far exceeds the first-year achievement (which was well above the 1st year target). Progress has been made on the formal reporting relationship between the Taskforce and National Environmental Conservation and Climate Change Central Committee (Minister-level).

0	Outcome 2: National institutions have capacity to implement effective and participatory governance arrangements for REDD+							
☐ Outcome Achieved; ☐ On track to achieving thi		his outcome;			☐ Expected significant delays			
			☐ Corrective measures in place		☐ Corrective measures in place			
aı ca Tl	Progress towards Outcome: Progress towards the outcome is measures by 1 indicator: Level of stakeholder satisfaction with improvements in participatory governance arrangements for REDD+. The target for the end of year 2 was "By the end of year 2, at least 60% of stakeholders consider that national institutions have improved capacity to implement participatory governance arrangements for REDD+". In fact, the percentage responding "satisfied" or "very satisfied" was 52%, slightly below target. This was partly because the PEB authorized a change in the indicator during 2018, having concluded that the previous indicator was irrelevant, so actions to address this indicator only began part-way through 2018.							
	Output 1: Institutional me	easures for REDD+ awareness rais	sing and information	flow defined and operationalized	zed			
	Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target		Progress Against Target			
	Level of knowledge about REDD+	 54% (average correct score of stakeholders across the six issues with initial awareness below 70%) 	'	r 2, the average score for ng below 70% in the initial 1 score	an average of 75%.	issues ranged from 33% to 94%, with This exceeded year 1 achievement target of 75%, whereas year 1 8%		
	Level of stakeholder satisfaction with measures for	 Zero , since there were essentially no institutional measures for REDD+ 		r 2, at least 60% of sider that institutional DD+ awareness raising are	raising and informa	dertaken for REDD+ awareness ation flow were assessed as partially of respondents and fully successful		

REDD+ awareness	awareness raising and	"satisfactory" or "good"	by 17%
raising and	information flow before the		
information flow	initiation of the programme		

Progress towards Output:

Adequate progress was made against the first indicator —the first-year target was met by the end of year 2, year 1 achievement having fallen short. Against the second indicator, progress was made, following a PEB decision to alter the indicator because the original indicator was considered irrelevant. The REDD+ Myanmar web-site was fully operational and the REDD+ Myanmar Facebook page was active throughout the year.

Output 2: Legal and policy framework for REDD+ implementation adapted and reinforced, as necessary

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress Against Target
 Proposals for legal and policy reform developed and validated 	No proposals	Within 15 months of the start of the programme, a legal and policy review identifies required modifications	Draft PLR report, incorporating proposals for legal and policy reform, was submitted 16 months into the programme
 Legal and policy amendments adopted 	No modifications	 None. First target: By the end of the programme at least 75% of the proposed modifications have been enacted; the process for the remaining modifications is underway 	Not assessed

Progress towards Output:

Proposals for modifications to PLR's were in fact generated very close to the target date, even though at the end of the first year this was considered unlikely. Actions to deliver the proposed modifications has begun, and some have been achieved, even though the indicator has not yet been assessed.

Outcome 3: REDD+ safeg	uards can be effectively applied a	nd information on s	safeguards reported to UNFCCC		
☐ Outcome Achieved;	☐ On track to achieving t	this outcome;			☐ Expected significant delays
			☐ Corrective measures in place		☐ Corrective measures in place
			<u>'</u>		
Progress towards Outcom	e: A Safeguards Roadmap was pre	pared, under which	the key issues were identified a	ns:	
_	safeguards requirements of the U		•		
	al, economic and environmental di		nable development, as well as th	e sustainability of fore	est resources
	vernance and improved land and f		·	•	
Ensure that the a	application of the safeguards aligns	with existing enviro	onmental and social laws, includ	ling EIA and SEA proce	dures
Progress on most of these	e elements has been made.				
Output 1: Myanmar's a	pproach to REDD+ safeguards				
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target		Progress Against Target	
 National approach 	No definition of and national	By the end of year	ear 2, existing information and	A national approach	ch to safeguards exists. Sources of
to safeguards	approach to safeguards	sources have been reviewed, and new ones		information were being assessed during 2018, due for completion early in 2019. Issues to be included in the	
(including grievance	consistent with the Cancun	developed as needed, to report on how the			
mechanisms) has	Agreements of COP 16 exists	REDD+ safeguar	rds are being addressed and	design of a GRM w	ere identified.
been developed		respected; and	national approach to		
through an inclusive		safeguards exist	ts		
road map process					
and approved					
Progress towards Outpo	ut:				
A Safeguards Roadmap	was prepared, outlining the ent	ire process towards	s Myanmar's approach to RED	D+ safeguards. Key e	lements of the national approach to
_		•		_	ant policies, laws and regulations, and
preparation of a nation	al clarification. Work began on ide	ntification of source	es of information for Myanmar'	s SIS and on SIS desigr	n options. As part of the PLR analysis,
issues to be taken into	account in the design of a GRM we	re identified.			
Output 2: Myanmar's S	afeguards Information System (SIS				
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target		Progress Against Tar	get
Degree to which key a	• No reporting		he end of year 2, existing	• Approx. 60% of the	e work on assessment of existing
of stakeholder concer	rns framework and SIS		d sources have been reviewed,	information source	es for SIS, following the safeguard
(socioeconomic,	exists	new ones developed as needed, options for a		clarification proces	ss during 2018 is completed

reporting framework and a SIS structure have

• Initial draft structure of SIS design in the form of issues

environmental) are

addressed through data and information content	been analyzed and the preferred option has been selected and approved	and options developed, no selection yet on preferred options
of the SIS		Further work on information and data source assessment in early 2019, base information for selecting options expected to be available by end of first quarter 2019
Progress towards Output:		

Good progress achieved in 2018 and delay carried on from 2017 has been significantly been reduced. Safeguard clarification completed, information and data source assessment in advanced stage, but not yet completed. Discussion on issues and options for SIS structure advanced but not completed. Base information for decision making on SIS structure expected to be available in Q1 2019.

☐ Outcome Achieved;	□ On track to achieving the achieving the achieving to achieve the a	his outcome;		☐ Expected significant delays
		☐ Corrective measures in pla	ice	☐ Corrective measures in place
from deforestation and er	nhancement of forest carbon stocks	ne submission of an assessed and revised Forest Re). Delays on FRL development from last year (2017) This is a large SLAG of little and surface and to the part of the surface of the s	caught up on. Similar	ly, development of a feasible gener
land classifications and ap	proach 2 level methodologies accor	takeholders. SLMS abilities developed to the exten ding to IPCC. Further development needed still incl	=	
	nd develop national action plans on			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress Against Target	
 Levels of stakeholder 	 Average correct answers for 4 	 After 2 years, the percentage answering 	 Average score acro 	
awareness	questions relating to NFMS = 58%	correctly exceeds the first year result (75% of national forestry officials and key stakeholders are able to correctly answer questions on the purpose, functions and tools	1 achievement was	ess the four questions was 78% (yea
 Degree to which NFMS and FREL Action Plans are implemented 	questions relating to NFMS =	correctly exceeds the first year result (75% of national forestry officials and key stakeholders are able to correctly answer	1 achievement was	

Progress towards Output:

Key personnel in the Forest Department largely aware of implications of REDD+ as well as purpose, functions, and tools of both NFMS and FRL. However, coordination with the Environmental Conservation Department, as well as awareness raising with key ECD personnel about consistency and harmonization between NFMS and FRL (under leadership of FD) and the GHG-I (under the leadership of ECD) needs further work.

Output 2: Myanmar's Satellite Land Monitoring System and web-GIS portal

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress Against Target
Degree of consistency and	Existing SLMS with	None. First target: By the end of the	Major progress through introduction of area and area
compliance of the Satellite	limitations in scope,	programme, Myanmar has an UNFCCC	change assessment methodologies to enable the
land monitoring system	methodologies and	compliant SLMS	country to generate higher tier GCF score card reporting
(SLMS) with UNFCCC	UNFCCC compliant report		on REDD+ compliant with relevant FAO, IPCC and GFOI
decisions and authorised	generating capacities		guidance
technical guidance (FAO,		• None. First target: Within 3 years of the start	Land use/cover classification system still needs further
IPCC, GOFC-GOLD, GFOI)	 Limitations in consistency 	of the programme, a harmonized national	harmonization
	in national LU/LUC	land use classification system established; by	National Land use assessment capacities available,
 National land use 	assessment carried out by	the end of the programme capacity to carry	albeit with simplified land classes
assessment completed	different agencies	out regular national assessments are	
		established and functional	

Progress towards Output:

New land assessment methodologies established as applicable and needed for the Forest Reference Level; Web based GIS portal not yet developed; Land use/ land cover classifications still to be improved;

Output 3: Multipurpose National Forest Inventory designed and piloted

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress Against Target
Degree of consistency of NFI design and data collection approaches with information and decision-making needs at national level (e.g. REDD+ strategy, national Forest and Land use Policy) and for UNFCCC reporting requirements	Existing Forest Inventory methodology not suitable for REDD+ or other national reporting requirements (FMU level inventories only);	None. First target: Within 24 months of the start of the programme, a new multipurpose NFI methodology designed	 Target achieved, a new (draft) NFI design and methodology that is feasible in the Myanmar context and suitable for REDD+ reporting and other large area monitoring purposes established. However, still more work on training and testing of new design and methodology needed as well planning of data analysis and data management capacities. Full documentation on general design and methods still needs to be developed (2019)

Progress towards Output:

During 2018 completely new NFI design developed and open source tools (OF Collect, Collect Earth, Collect Mobile) adapted in support of NFI planning and implementation. Initial capacity building on data analysis with OF Calc with support by Finnish Natural Resource Institute (Luke) carried out. Field manual revised and adapted with support by Luke. Field training and testing planned for 2019.

0	utcome 5: National REDE)+ Strategy under implementation	l			
☐ Outcome Achieved; ☐ On track to achieving th		his outcome;			☐ Expected significant delays	
			☐ Corrective measures in place		ice	☐ Corrective measures in place
Progress towards Outcome: The Strategy was drafted in late			2017, and throughou	t 2018, underwent a series of r	nany consultations, wi	th a goal of approving the Strategy
d	uring 2019. Initial actions	s to start implementation of the St	ategy were begun in	2018.		
	Output 1: REDD+ Strate	gy completed				
	Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target		Progress Against Tar	get
	Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation assessed	Drivers' background study completed with TS	No target		Report finalized in 3	2018
	Priority list of policies and measures agreed in an inclusive consultation process	The REDD+ readiness road map indicates broad strategies for REDD+ implementation; information on existing support programs is weak	By 18 months, the final list of policies and measures is complete		document. These he result of which man	uded in the draft Strategy nave been consulted very widely, as a ny modifications have been made. ally finalized, but few further red.
	National REDD+ strategy approved	 REDD+ readiness road map is available, but no National REDD+ Strategy 		months, the National REDD+ s approved		chieved, mostly due to the very nplex – consultations with ethnic

Progress towards Output:

The drivers analysis initiated under TS was completed in October 2017. A draft strategy document was prepared, containing 58 proposed policies and measures to address seven priority drivers plus two "+" activities. Consultations have been held with six ministries, stakeholders in all 15 states/regions, and through opening the document for public comment. Largely as a result of the public comments, the need for further consultations with ethnic minorities was recognized. 15 priority ethnic minorities were identified, as discussed in section 2.4, and consultations have bene completed with six of these. Two out of a proposed five specific PAM consultations have also been completed.

minorities, discussed in section 2.4

Output 2: REDD+ Investment Programme approved and piloted					
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress Against Target		
• Approved REDD+ Investment Programme	No investment programme	By the end of year 2, an investment programme document has been completed	 An investment programme has not been completed, but some elements of an investment programme, for example, jurisdictional implementation in some areas, have been developed. 		
 Pilot interventions 	 No pilot activities 	• None. First target: By the end of year 3, initial	Not assessed		

under	pilot activities under implementation in	
implementation	priority states/regions	

Progress towards Output:

The delay in finalization of the Strategy is the main reason why development of an investment plan is delayed – it would be disrespectful of those stakeholders being consulted to proceed on an investment plan before the PAMs have been finalized.

6. Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and Associated UNFCCC Decisions

This section aims to provide insight and to support a thought process into how countries are progressing against the framework of the convention, namely: 5.1) a National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan; 5.2) a Safeguards and Safeguards Information System; 5.3) a National Forest Reference Emission Level/National Forest Reference Level; and 5.4.) a National Forest Monitoring System. Only complete the sections that apply to the priorities identified for the country and mark as N/A any criteria that do not apply to the context of the country.

6.1 National Strategy or Action Plan

Supported by (select all that apply and provide name of other source): 🗵 National Programme; 🗆 Targeted Support; 🗀 Other Source; 🗀 Not Applicable
Please provide a brief description of the progress being made in developing a National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan (NS/AP) as well as the source of the support provided in this regard (100 words):
The National REDD+ Strategy was drafted during 2017, and a series of consultation processes initiated that continued through 2018. These included 15 sub-national consultations (each state/region plus Nay Pyi Taw); a 2-month public comment process, follow-up consultations on specific PAMs, and the initiation of consultations with 12 major ethnic groups (five completed by the end of 2018).

Indicator	✓	Qualifier (select all that apply)	Please provide a short narrative describing the reason for selection as well as means/source of verification
		Not yet initiated	An analysis of drivers has been completed (Oct.2017). The
		Under design	Technical Working Group – Drivers & Strategy has generated
Does the country have a	✓	Drafted, under deliberation	information and ideas on PAMs. Initial consultations with 6 ministries and 15 states/regions have been concluded. The draft
National Strategy or		Adopted	strategy was opened for public comment. Largely as a result of the
Action Plan (NS/AP) to achieve REDD+?		Link to the NS/AP provided on the UNFCCC REDD+ Web Platform Info Hub	public comments, the need for further consultations with ethnic minorities was recognized. 15 priority ethnic minorities were
		Implementation in early stages	identified, as discussed in section 2.4, and consultations have bene
		Full implementation of NS/AP	completed with six of these. Two out of a proposed five specific PAM consultations have also been completed.
Degree of completeness	✓	The NS/AP identifies, assesses and prioritizes the direct and	Analysis completed in October 2017, covering direct and indirect

of national REDD+ strategies and/or action plans.		underlying drivers of deforestation and forest degradation , as well as the barriers to the "plus" $(+)^9$ activities on the basis of robust analyses.	drivers and barriers to "+" activities
	✓	The NS/AP proposes a coherent and co-ordinated set of policies and measures (PAMs) for REDD+ that are proportionate to the drivers & barriers, results-oriented and feasible.	The draft strategy identifies 46 PAMs to address seven priority direct drivers and 2 "+" activities
	✓	The NS/AP relates to the scope and scale of the FREL/FRL, taking into account national circumstances.	Both the NS and FREL identify the scale of REDD+ to be national. The initial FREL covers only deforestation, but with an intention to include degradation and enhancement as soon as feasible. The NS covers all 5 activities, but with a focus on deforestation, degradation and enhancement
	~	The NS/AP defines the institutional arrangements for REDD+ implementation, including governance measures, participatory oversight and inter-sectoral coordination.	Institutional arrangements are defined. The role of Phase 1 bodies such as the Technical Working Groups in moving into Phase 2 is currently being considered
	✓	The NS/AP is developed through a multi-stakeholder, gender-responsive and participatory consultation and dialogue process.	The Technical Working Group – Drivers and Strategy is multi- stakeholder, and 8 of the 25 members are female. The draft PAMs have been consulted in each of the 15 states in multi-stakeholder events in which adequate participation by women is actively promoted
Degree to which the NS/AP incorporates	✓	The proposed policies and measures for REDD+ integrate gender-responsive actions.	A number of PAMs explicitly refer to gender-responsive actions
principles of social inclusion and gender equality.	~	The proposed policies and measures for REDD+ consider the realization of land and resource tenure rights (when relevant), as well as the development priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities as well as their development priorities.	A number of PAMs relate to tenure – for example, implementation of Chapter 8 of the National Land Use Policy. Others include "Develop a national land use plan and implement territorial land use planning with emphasis on areas with high potential for REDD+" and "Develop and apply regulations that (for example) recognize authority over PAs at multiple levels". The UN-REDD/Myanmar Programme has also conducted an analysis of benefits and risks of proposed PAMs with stakeholders throughout the country, with a focus on rights and development priorities
Degree of anchoring of the NS/AP in the national	✓	There is effective inter-ministerial coordination for REDD+ action.	The National REDD+ Taskforce includes representation from 4 ministries, and reports to the National Environmental Conservation

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⁹ Plus (+) activities within the context of REDD+ refer to conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

development policy and institutional fabric.			and Climate Change Central Committee, which has representation from 6 ministries
		Endorsement of the NS/AP has been obtained at a high political level, beyond the agency or ministry that led the REDD+ readiness process.	[input text]
	✓	REDD+ actions or targets are embedded in the national plan or policy for sustainable development.	Of 238 Action Plans identified in the draft "Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan", 49 align almost exactly or closely with the 58 draft "policies and measures" (PAMs) in the draft National REDD+ Strategy
	✓	There is evidence that ministries/agencies outside the forest and environment sectors are committed to implementing REDD+ policies and measures.	The draft strategy identifies 46 PAMs to address seven priority direct drivers and 2 "+" activities
	✓	Financing arrangements to start implementing the NS/AP (or to channel results-based finance) are designed.	Both the NS and FREL identify the scale of REDD+ to be national. The initial FREL covers only deforestation, but with an intention to include degradation and enhancement as soon as feasible. The NS covers all 5 activities, but with a focus on deforestation, degradation and enhancement

6.2 Safeguard Information System

Supported by (select all that apply and provide name of other source): ⊠ National Programme; ☐ Targeted Support; ☒ Other Source; ☐ Not Applicable

Please provide a brief description of the progress being made in developing a Safeguard Information System (SIS) as well as the source of the support provided in this regard (100 words):

A Safeguards roadmap was finalized and is currently under implementation. By the end of 2018, a national clarification statement had been prepared and was undergoing consultation, and preparation had been made for an analysis of the sources of information. Arrangements were also being made for piloting of an FPIC process.

Indicator	✓	Descriptor (select all that apply)	Please provide a short narrative describing the reason for selection as well as means/source of verification.	
		No		
	✓	SIS objectives determined		
Does the country have a	✓	Safeguard information needs and structure determined.		
Safeguard Information System (SIS) that provides		Existing information systems and sources assessed.		
information on how the Cancun safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout implementation of REDD+ actions?		The SIS is designed, building on existing, together with any novel, information systems and sources clearly articulated in a national government-endorsed document.	SIS objectives and information needs structure determined. Assessment of existing information system started but not yet concluded.	
		The SIS is functional, building on existing, together with any novel, information systems and sources that are clearly articulated in a national government-endorsed document.		
		Summary of information on REDD+ safeguards, informed by the SIS, has been submitted to UNFCCC.		
	√	Aligns with the NS/AP, covering the social and environmental benefits and risks of the policies & measures for REDD+ being considered by the countries.	Anticipated condition. Potential benefits & risks of proposed PaMs assessed.	
Degree of completeness of the design of a country approach to address the social and environmental safeguards for REDD+	√	Defines specific policies, laws and regulations (PLRs), as well as other measures, to address the identified benefits and risks.	Anticipated condition. PLRs relevant for addressing safeguards reviewed; other measures proposed to address identified benefits and risks.	
	√	Have institutional arrangements and/or capacities to implement those PLRs and to monitor the REDD+ safeguards.	Anticipated condition	
	✓	Transparently provides information on how safeguards are respected and addressed.	Anticipated condition	

6.3 Forest Reference Emission Level / Forest Reference Level

Supported by (select all that apply and provide name of other source): $oxtimes$ National Programme; $oxdot$ Targeted Support; $oxdot$ Other Source; $oxdot$ Not Applicable	
Please provide a brief description of the progress being made in developing a Forest Reference Emission Level / Forest Reference Level (FRFI) as well as the sou	ur

Please provide a brief description of the progress being made in developing a Forest Reference Emission Level / Forest Reference Level (FREL/FRL) as well as the source of the support provided in this regard (100 words):

Forest Reference Level was developed based on nationally available data from forest inventory plots in managed forests implemented during the reference period (2005 – 2015) and a sample based area change assessment methodology which allows for accurate area and area change data calculation as well as estimates of associated margins of uncertainty. The methodology applied is published in Olofsson, *et al*, 2014 (Remote Sensing of Environment 148 (2014): 42 – 57; FAO 2016 (Map accuracy assessment and area estimation, NFMA working paper 46; and GFOI, 2016 (Methods and guidance document v2 chapter 5.1.5 on estimating uncertainty of area and change in area)

Indicator	✓	Descriptor (select all that apply)	Please provide a short narrative describing the reason for selection as well as means/source of verification	
		Not yet initiated		
		Capacity building phase	First version submitted in January 2018, revised version submitted in	
Has the country		Preliminary construction phase	November 2018, following technical assessment and corresponding	
established a FREL/FRL?		Advanced 10 construction phase	amendments. Revised version available on UNFCCC website as of 18	
		Submission drafted	January, 2019	
	✓	Submitted to the UNFCCC		
Robustness of FREL/FRL submissions	✓	Submission is transparent, complete, consistent and as much as possible accurate and allows reconstruction of the submitted FREL/FRL.	See TA report FCCC TAR/2018/MMR 16 January, 2019 https://redd.unfccc.int/submissions.html?country=mmr%20	
	✓	Includes pools and gases, and REDD+ activities (Scope) and justification for omitting significant pools and/or activities.	See TA report FCCC TAR/2018/MMR 16 January, 2019	
	✓	Justifies where the submission is inconsistent with previous versions of GHG inventory.	See TA report FCCC TAR/2018/MMR 16 January, 2019	
	√	Includes details of the forest definition used and national circumstances.	See TA report FCCC TAR/2018/MMR 16 January, 2019	
	✓	Defines the geographic area covered by FREL/FRL (scale).	See TA report FCCC TAR/2018/MMR 16 January, 2019	

¹⁰ FREL/FRL elements defined or at an advanced stage (scope, scale, forest definition, methodology and data compilation).

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6.4 **National Forest Monitoring System**

Please provide a brief description of the progress being made in developing a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) as well as the source of the support provided in this regard (100 words):

Work on NFMS in 2018 has concentrated on NFI design and methodology development, vis a vis the expected available resources for full NFI implementation, the policy needs (focused but not limited to REDD+), as well as past experiences from the NFI in the 1980s. The draft design was discussed and agreed at a multi-stakeholder workshop in December 2018. Based on the workshop results, further methodology development is planned in 2019. Ancillary work was developed with a project on forest type mapping with the Smithsonian Institute (other source) at the level of a pilot region (Bago).

Indicator	✓	Descriptor (select all that apply)	Please provide a short narrative describing the reason for selection as well as means of verification	
Has the country established a NFMS?		No	NFMS in Myanmar is still in construction; however, major advances are	
		NFMS capacity building phase	the land monitoring system able to generate the activity data needed	
		Preliminary construction phase	for forest reference level and GHG inventory purposes but still with a comparatively simple land classification. Updated information on land	
	✓	Advanced ¹¹ construction phase	and forest areas can be developed at least every five years and	
	✓	NFMS generating preliminary information for monitoring and MRV	potentially over shorter periods of time (provided resources are available). Area estimates are developed at approach 2 level according	
		NFMS institutionalized and generating REDD+ monitoring and MRV (satellite land monitoring system, national forest inventory, greenhouse gas inventory)	to IPCC. Emission factors have been developed at tier 2 level according to IPCC guidance for forest loss, and for enhancement of forest carbon stocks at an intermediate level between tier 1 and tier 2;	
			NFMS is institutionalized in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) but not yet fully functional (see above).	
	✓	NFMS includes a Satellite Land Monitoring System (SLMS)	SLMS included but still further development needed	
Degree of completeness of the NFMS in UN-REDD supported countries		NFMS includes a National Forest Inventory (NFI)	Draft NFI design and methodology available, further development in 2019, full implementation subject to availability of appropriate funding beyond the present National Programme	
		NFMS includes a National GHG Inventory (GHGi)	Updated GHG-I not yet available	

¹¹ NFMS elements at an advanced stage (satellite land monitoring system, national forest inventory, greenhouse gas inventory).

		The NFMS is suitable for estimating anthropogenic forest- related greenhouse gas emissions by sources, and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, and forest-area changes resulting from the implementation of REDD+ activities;	NFMS is suitable for measuring deforestation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks through establishment of forest plantations, it is not yet suitable for measuring forest degradation, the impact of sustainable forest management on forest carbon stocks or forest conservation;
	✓	The NFMS is consistent with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) guidance and guidelines;	NFMS is developed according to IPCC, GFOI and other guidelines (GOFC-GOLD) as relevant for national circumstances
		The NFMS enables the assessment of different types of forest in the country, including natural forest.	Capacities for forest type mapping are not yet developed/ operational; approach for satellite based forest type mapping in a pilot region (Bago) developed and in discussion by Forest Department with FAO and Smithsonian Institute (other source); Once NFI operational, more reliable and detailed assessment of forest
			types will be possible too.

7. **Financial Delivery**

In the table below, please provide information on expenditure for 2018 against the planned and anticipated expenditure as per the Annual Work Plan (AWP) for 2018 as approved by the PEB/NSC, meaning before any budget revisions were done. Anticipated expenditure by 31 December 2019 should indicate what would be realistically expended at the end of that year, and therefore provide a measure of deviation against the AWP.

measure of deviation against the AV	VP.			
Programme Outcome	UN Organization	Annual (actual) Expenditure ¹² for Jan – December 2018	Planned Expenditure for Jan – Dec 2018 ¹³	Planned (anticipated) Expenditure for 2019 ¹⁴
Outcome 1: Relevant stakeholders	FAO	-	-	-
have the capacities to support	UNDP	237,850	210,500	36,750
implementation of REDD+	UNEP	-	-	-
Sub-total				
Outcome 2: National institutions have	FAO	-	-	-
capacity to implement effective and	UNDP	301,104	286,193	221,000
participatory governance arrangements for REDD+	UNEP	-	-	-
Sub-total				
Outcome 3: REDD+ safeguards can be	FAO	21,212.	23,000.	36,500.
effectively applied and information	UNDP	95,886	90,577	93,500
on safeguards reported to UNFCCC	UNEP	92,384		10,000
Sub-total				
Outcome 4: Myanmar's national	FAO	763,923	1,010,6960	523,500
forest monitoring system operational	UNDP			
and preliminary forest RELs/RLs submitted	UNEP			-
Sub-total				
	FAO			
Outcome 5: National REDD+ Strategy	UNDP	68,941	162,915	-
under implementation	UNEP	6,470.89		700
Programme Management	UNDP	194,836	264,596	315,500
Sub-total				
Indirect Cuppert Costs	FAO	54,959	72,359	39,200
Indirect Support Costs (7% GMS)	UNDP	62,903	71,034	46,673
(7/0 GIVI3)	UNEP			
Indirect Suppo				
	840,095	1,106,055	599,200	
	UNDP (Total):	961,521	1,085,815	713,423
	UNEP (Total): Grand TOTAL:	98,856	33,700	10,700
	1,900,472	2,225,570	1,323,323	

 $^{^{12}}$ The sum of commitments and disbursements for 2018 13 As indicated in the 2018 annual work plan.

¹⁴As indicated in the 2019 annual work plan.

8. Adaptive management

Referring to the deviations and delays indicated in the results framework above and considering whether expenditures are on track, please provide a short narrative of delays encountered, the reasons for them and what action has been considered to alleviate their impact on the Programme. Please indicate if these have been discussed at the Programme Executive Board (PEB) or National Steering Committee (NSC) meetings, between the Programme Management Unit (PMU) and national counterparts and what measures have been proposed to overcome them.

8.1 Delays and Corrective Actions

What delays/obstacles were encountered at country level? [150 words]

Capacity challenges, reflected by a lack of depth in quality national consultants has delayed a number of activities

Have any of the delays/obstacles been raised and/or discussed at the Programme Steering Committee meetings? [150 words]

 \boxtimes Yes; \square No

Advice of the PEB was requested to address delays in Competency Framework analysis at its 3rd meeting. Actions recommended by PEB were implemented and helped to resolve the issue.

The PEB was also asked to advise on two indicators in the Results Framework that appeared to be out of the influence of the Programme. The PEB agreed that the indicators were not appropriate and approved changes to make them relevant to the Programme.

What are the delays/obstacles anticipated in terms of their impact on the NP? [150 words]

No significant impact is expected

How are these delays/obstacles being addressed? [150 words]

All corrective actions have been implemented. However, the additional consultations with ethnic minorities is proving to be extremely time-consuming, expensive, and complex.

8.2 Opportunities and Partnerships

Over the reporting period, have any opportunities that were not foreseen in the design of the programme been identified to help advance efforts on REDD+? [150 words]

Since the original programme design was undertaken in 2013 (repeated delays in funding approval led to the programme document being signed only in October 2016), national circumstances had changed, and REDD+ requirements clarified. Consequently, a revision of the programme results framework was undertaken in late 2017 and approved by the Programme Executive Board in 2018.

The process for engagement with ethnic minorities was not anticipated to be so complex and time-consuming.

How are these opportunities being incorporated into the work of the NP? [150 words]

Consultations with ethnic minorities is proceeding, but it is slow and complex work. Therefore, late in 2018, an experienced national consultant was recruited for a period of 90 days to overcome barriers with consultation.

9. Targeted Support

If the country has received Targeted Support during the reporting period, please provide a narrative of how this was complementary to the NP, and how it has contributed to furthering the readiness process in country.

Summary of Targeted Support: [100 words]

N/A