

REDD+ National Strategy/Action Plan Nepal

ASIA - PACIFIC

1. PLANNING THE NS/AP DESIGN PROCESS

Do you have a Roadmap for preparation of a NS/AP? (Yes)

The analytical work carried out / planned

• R-PP proposed various analytical studies to complement the NS, the studies which were not proposed but essential were carried out supported from UN REDD, USAID, WWF-Nepal etc.

The coordination mechanism proposed

REDD Working Group and Technical committee formed to oversee the entire NS development process.

Proposed decision-making, consultation and validation/endorsement processes

Multi stakeholder forum, RWG, MFSC, Apex body

Linkages to other elements of the readiness process and other relevant planning processes

• All readiness activities are reflected into NS. Related sectors like Ag, livestock are well informed and integrated. Also maintains close linkage with national strategy for climate change adaption.

2. ANALYZING DRIVERS OF DD, AND OTHER ANALYTICAL WORK

Have you conducted analyses of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation? (Yes)

How consensus was/is planned to be ensured among stakeholders

Conducted multi-stakeholders consultation from local to national scale

Were indirect drivers studied?

• Yes, but largely relying on secondary data, there is still need of more detail, empirical and context specific studies.

Do you have or plan to quantify the GHG impact of the main drivers?

Not yet. Realized as a gap to be addressed in the future.

3. SHAPING THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR REDD+

Have you identified how REDD+ fits with broader development objectives? (Yes)

Main linkages to the broader legal and planning framework

- Policies such as Agriculture Development Strategy, National Biodiversity Strategy AP, Land Use Policy, Climate Change Policy have clearly acknowledged REDD+;
- Climate Change Policy emphasizes capacity building for the implementation of REDD+;
- Land use policy highlights the need of mitigating climatic effects by managing land in a sustainable manner.

<u>Scope</u>: The NS covers all five REDD activities, on the other hand the proposed draft FRL covers only three REDD activities; viz deforestation, forest degradation and enhancement.

Scale: National

Priority drivers selected: The priority drivers include encroachment, infrastructure, Illegal harvesting

4. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF PAMS

Have you designed a preliminary set of PAMs for REDD+? (No)

PAM	Direct driver addressed	Indirect driver addressed
Forest Encroachment Control Strategy (2012), commitments at the highest political level, Agriculture Development Strategy	Encroachment	Policy, institution &governance Weak law enforcement, Low agriculture productivity
Forest products sales authority established (2013)	Illegal logging, excessive fuelwood collection	Economic Increased demand for forest products
Community Based Forest Fire Control, established a system of forest fire detection and monitoring on the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	Forest fire	Technology Poor technology in forest management
Land use policy (2012), Coordination mechanism among the agencies	Road construction	Weak law enforcement

5. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION

Have you designed an implementation framework for your NS/AP? (Yes)

How does it differ from implementation arrangements for Phase 1?

Readiness phase	Implementation phase
Organization arrangement only at national level	New organizational set up from district to national level using existing organizational set up
National level organization was temporary	Now it is permanent structure

KEY CHALLENGES

- Capacity (human and institutional);
- Financial;
- Conflicting policies;
- Diverse Interest among stakeholders.

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- Coordination among multiple stakeholders including government agencies;
- Continues/updating capacity building is essential;
- Addressing grievances needs strong GRM;
- A National Entity is essential to implement REDD smoothly.

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