

Request for Targeted Support for implementing REDD+ Readiness activities

Background

Bhutan became a partner country of the UN-REDD Programme in April 2010. Since then, Watershed Management Division (WMD) under Department of Forest and Park Services, with support from UN-REDD programme has carried out various activities including REDD+ inception workshops at the national level, awareness raising workshops at the local level, capacity building of staffs and other stakeholders, preparation of REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP), Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BDS), Anti-Corruption Measures (ACM) and documents. While the REDD+ Technical Working Group (TWG) comprising of members from various organizations provided policy and technical guidance, other officials and individuals contributed to the formulation and development of the R-PP document (Annex. II). Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal was approved at Participants Meeting 16 held at Geneva from December 12-16, 2013.

country of the UN-REDD Programme in April 2010. Since then, Watershed Management Division (WMD) under Department of Forest and Park Services, with The BDS and ACM documents which will be part of the National REDD+ Strategy document are still in draft form and require further improvement. The TS support is, therefore, requested to help finalize these documents. Further, various activities in R-PP are proposed to be funded by co-donors. Since works on Social and Environmental Safeguards, REDD+ Strategy development and National Forest Monitoring System have already been initiated, with support from UN REDD programme, further TS support is sought to continue these activities which will complement the works to be undertaken through the FCPF funding.

Objective

country of the UN-REDD Programme in April 2010. Since then, Watershed Management Division (WMD) under Department of Forest and Park Services, with The main objectives of the proposed Targeted Support are as follows:

1. In the context of REDD+ readiness, the focus for WMD during 2014 is the continuation of its work to ensure that REDD+ safeguards are addressed and respected, as elements of the National REDD+ Strategy. This includes work on anti-corruption measures, benefit distribution options measures for the full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, and measures to address environmental safeguards.
2. The focus of NFMS-related activities in 2014 is the development of a NFMS Action Plan, related capacity building of the stakeholders and support to the execution of carbon stock assessments as part of the national forest inventory. The development of a NFMS Action Plan will mark an important first step in the development and implementation of Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, as it will be the first document to set out Bhutan's current NFMS status, a comprehensive capacity assessment, a programme of outputs and detailed activities, a work plan and a budget. Once approved by government, this Action Plan will be the reference document for all NFMS-related activities in the country. In addition, support to the assessment of forest carbon stocks will mark a significant step

