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Dear Mr Shahzad Jehangir,

Thank you for your messages and letters received on 17 July and 28 October. We are grateful for the interest from the Government of Pakistan in undertaking a country needs assessment (CNA) related to the REDD+ efforts and for the targeted support request for tenure and legal preparedness activities for REDD+ in Pakistan.

With regard to the request for **targeted support**, we are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme, through FAO, will provide financial support to the proposal totalling US\$ 60,000. As outlined in the request, this support will assist the country (i) to increase its preparedness for REDD+ through increased knowledge and capacity related to the legal and institutional framework at the national and provincial levels (legal preparedness); and (ii) to advance the understanding on land tenure issues in the context of REDD+ and identify enabling tenure conditions with a view of reducing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (tenure and drivers).

Concerning the **CNA**, we noticed that your proposal for streamlining REDD+ as a catalyst for transformations to green economy seems to include components that are beyond the objective of a needs assessment. Whilst it seems clear that the focus of Pakistan's CNA request would be to identify gaps and needs related to incorporating REDD+ into sectoral policies, plans and programmes towards sustainable development and transformation to green economy, the request also refers to awareness raising or orientation, and review, analysis and recommendations of these needs, which would be more suitable for a follow-up targeted support. Therefore, we kindly ask you to review and revise the proposal, focusing on the needs assessment, reducing the number of objectives (and aligning them with the objectives of a CNA), and adjusting the work plan and budget accordingly.

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In this regard, the UN-REDD Programme is available for any information and further assistance that you may need. Please do not hesitate to contact and further engage with the regional team; Mr. Thomas Enters for UNEP (thomas.enters@unep.org), Mr. Ben Vickers for FAO (ben.vickers@fao.org) and Mr. Timothy Boyle for UNDP (timothy.boyle@undp.org).

For ease of reference, these are the links to the guidance for CNA and targeted support: [Needs Assessment Guidance](#) and [Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support](#).

Thank you again for the requests and all your efforts for advancing REDD+ in Pakistan.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you on the proposal for a CNA related to REDD+ as a catalyst for green economy transformations.

Sincerely,

/ Mario Boccucci

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