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Dear Ms. Rebuelta-Teh,

Thank you for your letter received on 27 May 2015 with a proposal requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme and the updated proposal of 15 June. I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding to support the development of a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) for the Philippines has been approved.

The UN-REDD Programme, through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will provide support for a total amount of US\$ 100,000. This funding will support the delivery of the following results and outputs as described in the proposal:

- NFMS Action Plan that addresses the Philippines' needs for forest resources monitoring, including the monitoring of REDD+ policies and measures, and the reporting commitments at national as well as international level;
- Description of the NFMS and its monitoring and MRV functions for REDD+ and other concerns;
- Assessment of the data availability and requirements of each NFMS pillar;
- Description of the current data infrastructure and how it should be enhanced to support the information system of the NFMS
- Current and potential sources of data, including field data, satellite and other remote sensing data;
- Capacity assessment for the implementation of the NFMS;
- Identification and description of tools for data collection, management, and sharing consistent and compliant with modalities and guidelines on REDD+;
- Descriptions for Quality Assessment and Quality Control of data collected;
- Institutional and organizational arrangements with roles and responsibilities of agencies concerned with the NFMS; and
- Technical training on (i) satellite based monitoring system, (ii) national forest inventory, and (iii) GHG Inventory.

It is noted that the NFMS Action Plan will build on the results under the Initial National Programme in the Philippines.

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The FAO regional team stands ready to provide all the assistance you may need. The contact person is Mr Ben Vickers ([Ben.Vickers@fao.org](mailto:Ben.Vickers@fao.org)).

We are looking forward to continued collaboration with the Philippines in the country's REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mario Bocuzzi'.

Mario Bocuzzi  
Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

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CC: Mr. Ola Almgren, UN Resident Coordinator