

# Mid–Term Review Report

## REDD Readiness Program

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# The objectives and method of preparing the MTR

- The R-PP states “a mid-term evaluation will be conducted in 2012”
- The MTR aims to take stock of progress made, identify needs and possibilities for changes in implementation, and make recommendations.
- The MTR mainly answers “**How is REDD readiness in Nepal going?**”
- Preparation of the MTR includes
  - inventory of REDD Activities in Nepal,
  - collection of REDD-related documents,
  - collection of stakeholder opinions, and
  - senior management and policy maker review.

# Forest Related Policy Development

- Numerous natural resource related policies developed
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
- National Plan of Action (2010)
- Climate Change Policy ( 2011)
- Gender and Social Inclusion Strategy (2011)
- Forest Encroachment Control Strategy (2012)
- Land use policy (2012)
- Range Land Policy (2012)
- Forest Products Sales Authority (2013)

# 1. Organization and Consultation

## 1.a National Readiness Management and Arrangement

- Established three tiered institutional mechanism consisting of Apex body, RWG and REDD Cell
- REDD multi- stakeholders forum
- R-PP envisioned to form technical working groups to backstop to RWG -formed SESA, MRV/REL, and National REDD Strategy TWG
- A Steering Committee under the leadership of MoFSC secretary has been formed to oversee the studies conducted for REDD readiness.

# 1. Organization and Consultation

## 1.b Stakeholder Consultation

- During the R-PP preparation a number of consultation and meetings were held in different level involving wide range of stakeholders
- REDD Cell and Hariyo Ban Program are involved in central and regional level consultations
- RECOFTC, FECOFUN are jointly promoting grass-root level awareness on REDD concept and issues
- NEFIN and HIMAWANTI are conducting grass root level consultations

## 1.b Stakeholder Consultation and Participation

Main Activity	Number of events	Agencies involved	Current Status
Consultation	39	Hariyo Ban (USAID), REDD Cell ( FCPF)	
Capacity building	37	Hariyo Ban (USAID), REDD Cell, RECOFTC	
Awareness raising and outreach	331	RECOFTC, Hariyo Ban (USAID), REDD Cell	
Program Management	-	REDD Cell	

 Insignificant progress, further development required

It is acknowledged that there have been insufficient consultations and discussions about REDD+ at the local regional and national levels

## 2. Development of National REDD Strategy


### 2.a Assessment of land use, forest policy and governance


SN	Key DD and FD	Current efforts	Means of verification
1	High dependency on forests and forest products	Installation of alternative means of energy such biogas, cooking stove	26, 8399 biogas plants have been installed over three years period (2009-2012) (BSP, 2012).
2	Forest fire	Awareness programs, New techniques of MODIS based forest fire detection and monitoring system, Community based fire monitoring and control	Forest fire incidents have been decreased (fire incident in 2009- 4314, 2010-2844, and 2011-1856) it is perceived that damage due to fire has been reduced.
3	Encroachment	Introducing Policies, program and activities.	Encroachment control policy, five years plan to remove forest encroachers, security agencies also have been involved in control the encroachment
4	Overgrazing	Introducing policies, program and activities to regulate grazing.	Rangeland management policy is in place, adopting stall feeding practice, introduced high yielding livestock, fodder production in farm land has increased (FRA, 2012).
5	Infrastructure development	New policy and program are in place, mechanism for compensating forest loss due to the infrastructure development.	Improved coordination between and within sectors, 1:20 rule for non forestry land use , IEA and EIA is mandatory for all forest land use conversion project.





## 2.a Assessment of land use, forest policy and governance

Activities	Assessment of the progress
Factors of Weak Governance, policy implementation and law enforcement	Insignificant progress, further development required
Drivers of Deforestation in the High Mountain and the Churia	Significant progress
Value Chain of Forest Products	Insignificant progress, further development required
Demand and Supply of Forest Products	Significant progress
Develop a coordination mechanism among the Government Departments and between the government department and other stakeholders.	Insignificant progress, further development required
Produce synthesis of findings of the study and disseminate them	Progress well, further development required

 Insignificant progress, further development required

 Progress well, further development required

 Not yet demonstrating

 Significant progress

## 2. Development of National REDD Strategy

### 2.b REDD Strategic Options

- Developing National REDD Strategy
- Conducting analytical studies
  - Assessing the value of forests
  - Evaluating the political economy of land
  - Assessing carbon emissions from DD and FG
- National REDD Strategy
  - National REDD+ Framework developed
  - Discussed at regional and national level

### 2.c REDD Implementation Framework

- Institutional, Legal and Financial arrangements
- Study on carbon rights, and financing mechanism are underway
- Learning from three piloting will be used in developing the mechanism
- Only meager progress is achieved in data management

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### 2. d Social and Environmental Impacts

- Well established legal system to implement and include environmental and social safeguards
- Review of past environmental safeguards adopted in forestry sector
- SESA technical committee has been formed
- Negotiation with consulting firm to carry out SESA is nearly to complete

### 3. Develop a Reference Emission Level

- REDD Cell in collaboration with WWF, Nepal developing REL for TAL area
- Learning from the piloting will be helpful to develop national level REL
- Technical committee has been formed to backstop REL development process
- Consulting firm is working to develop REL for entire country
  - Inception report received
  - Data collection is underway

# 4. Monitoring system for forests and Safeguards

## 4.a National Monitoring System

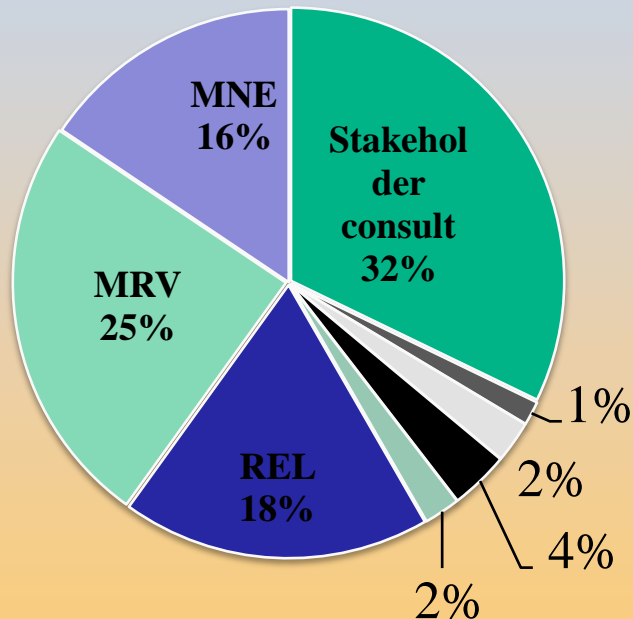
- Piloting is underway in three watersheds
- FRA project is working on assessment of forest resources
- Development of MRV for entire nation is underway
- Inception report received
- Piloting in CFs has demonstrated effectiveness and efficiency of Forest carbon monitoring at local level;

## 4.b Information system for other impacts and safeguards

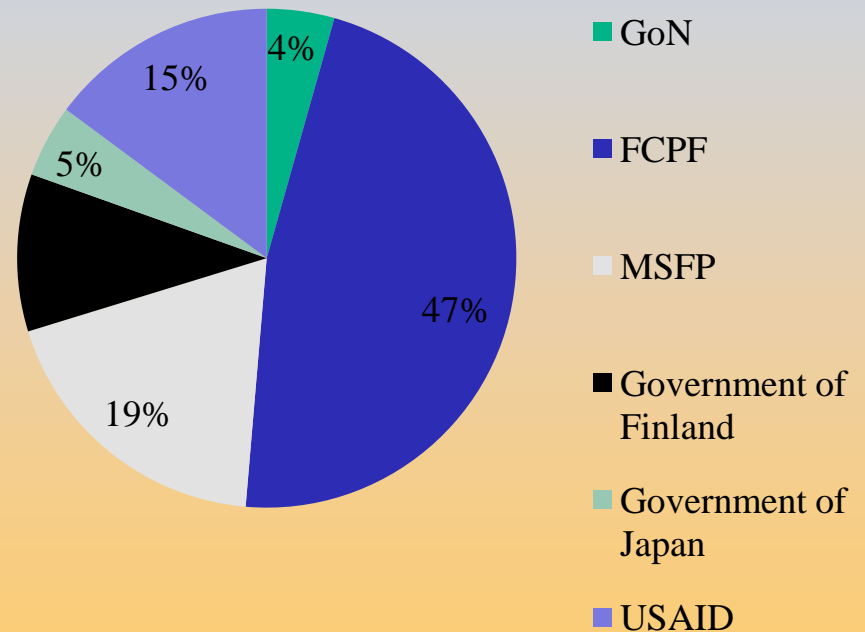
- Developing safeguards indicators following REDD+SES standards
- Technical Working Group
- Second version of REDD+SES indicators developed
- Various round of consultations have been carried out

# Some highlights of budget allocation

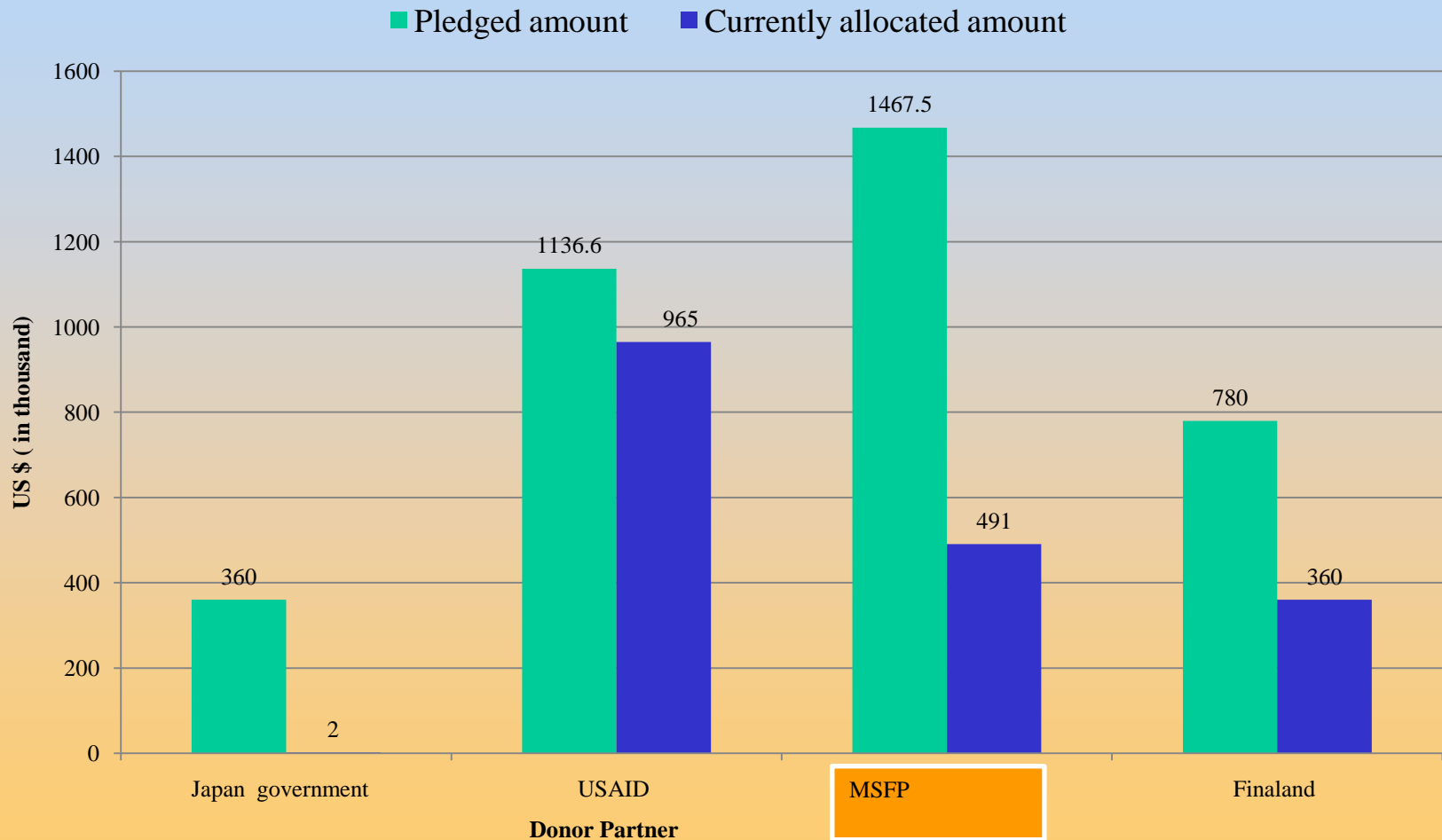
REDD Readiness projected Costs



Contributions from donor partners



# Status of contributions from REDD Donor partners



# Expenditure in different fiscal years

SN	Fiscal Year	Expenditure (in NRs)	Remarks
1	2010 (067/68*)	21,383, 483.08	
2	2011 (068/69)	12,218,663.33	
3	2012 (069/70)	30000000.00	Expected
4	2013 (070/71)	16, 858,9250	Proposed
5	Total (proposed + spent)	232,191,396.3	
6	Outstanding amount	78,192,087	
	Proposed budget for investment plan	116.2 mill NPR	US \$ 1.35 million





## By the end of 2013


<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount (NRs)</b>
FCPF fund	289,000,000
Expenditure	210,807,913
Expenditure (%)	80 %


# Progress made under different components

Components	Progress Status
1. Organization and Consultation	Insignificant progress, further development required
2. Prepare the REDD Strategy	Insignificant progress, further development required
3. Social and Environmental Impacts	Progress well, further development required
4. Develop Reference Scenario	Progress well, further development required
5. Design Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System	Progress well, further development required
6. Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	Significant progress

 Insignificant progress, further development required

 Progress well, further development required

 Not yet demonstrating

 Significant progress

## Next steps and the way forward

- The activities and analytical studies were planned to accomplish by the end of year 2013
- Because of internal and external circumstances the activities/studies are incomplete
- We are progressing steadily
- Therefore, an extension of REDD+ Readiness Program is essential
- Approx. 116 mill NRs has been proposed to implement the investment plan



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