



ZAMBIA PROGRESS- LESSONS FROM UN-REDD NATIONAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

REDD+ READINESS

PROGRAMME GOAL:

To Prepare Zambian institutions and stakeholders for effective nationwide implementation of REDD+ mechanism;

DURATION & BUDGET: THREE (3) YEARS- 2011-13 & US\$4.49 Million

IMPLEMENTING AGENT: Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environment Protection

LEAD AGENT: Forestry Department

National Development context

- **High level commitment by Government;** REDD+ being considered under the Economic Sub-committee of Cabinet chaired by the President. The aim is to use existing structures rather than creating new ones!
- Climate Change Response strategy and policy completed
- Forest Bill awaiting Parliament approval
- Studies on making the charcoal industry sustainable have been undertaken

Current Status and Achievements

- **Awareness and Capacity building decentralized to all the 10 provinces**
 - Training of Trainers conducted to multi-sectoral team
 - Teams established at provincial level to act as “Torch Bearers”
 - Stakeholder analysis undertaken for engagement and capacity building
- **Development of Forest Monitoring System**
 - I. Decentralised; 10 provinces have operational Forest Monitoring Laboratories managed by cross-sectoral technicians
 - II. Capacity building of technicians in GIS, GPS, MRV, and GHG reporting undertaken and has contributed to greatly improve the ability of provincial staff to practice effective forest stewardship in the provinces, creating a win-win situation for MRV reporting and improved forest management
 - I. Labs collecting real-time deforestation data by trained and empowered provincial staff

- II. Development of Roadmap for MRV framework;
- III. Training Manuals for MRV and GHG Reporting to support REDD+ in Zambia;
- IV. Development of National Land cover Maps for Zambia (1990, 200, 2010) in conjunction with Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development- Kenya
- V. Green House Gas Reporting Methodology;
- VI. Zambia participating in CD-REDD Programme on GHG Inventories;
- VII. Zambia participating in Data processing using ALU Software

- ***Conducted studies to prepare informed decisions when developing National Strategy:***

- a. Legal Preparedness for REDD+
- b. Stakeholder Assessment and Engagement Plan
- c. Preliminary Study on Drivers of Deforestation
- d. Drivers of Deforestation and threatened forest (spatially explicit study)
- e. Economic Context of REDD+
- f. Identify National best practices related to REDD+
- g. Green House Gases Inventory and Reporting methodology
- h. Development of REL
- i. Soil Survey Design and Methodology Development- Support for estimation soil organic carbon- linked to ILUA II

MAIN LESSONS

- REDD+ needs to build on existing capacities before introducing more complex approaches
- REDD+ is a multi-sectoral initiative that requires true national consensus in order for all stakeholders to address the drivers of deforestation.
- Being focused on national level issues, gaps and circumstances based on existing structures
- Decentralized approaches offer opportunities for commitment from all stakeholders

CHALLENGES

Coping with different procedures among the three UN Agencies has been a challenge in implementation rate. Tendency is to incline yours to what suits to country procedures.