

UN-REDD PROGRAMME



Detailed concept note for Targeted Support on Stakeholder Engagement Work Area in Honduras

Introduction/ background

The UN-REDD Programme's "Support to National Actions - Global Programme Framework Document 2011-2015" has created a specific window for technical & financial support to countries, named *targeted support* and defined as follows:

"Specific technical advice and other capacity strengthening support that a country may request on a critical REDD+ readiness aspect it has identified, which is not covered through other multilateral or bilateral initiatives and where the UN-REDD Programme has comparative advantage to provide such support. Targeted support is intended to be small-scale, demand-driven, and technical or advisory in nature, and is provided to countries by the participating UN agencies in response to country needs. It can be provided in the form of backstopping of National Programmes, or other specific technical support under the Global Programme on a critical aspect of REDD+ readiness in a country, which is not available through National Programmes or through other initiatives."

Accordingly, Honduras has prepared the current proposal, for submission to UN-REDD and implementation by UNDP, assigning priority to critical issues for which the UN system has a comparative advantage in providing support.

Type(s) of Targeted Support - Please select as appropriate

Funding for REDD + activities implemented at the national level in support of existing UN-REDD National Programmes

Funding for REDD+ activities complementary to other nationally-defined REDD+ activities (national strategies, RPP and/or bilaterally funded REDD+ activities)

Funding to support national counterparts in REDD+ partner countries to participate in capacity building that will benefit the implementation of national REDD+ activities.

Objective

The Objective of this proposal is to:

- Contribute to support the REDD+ readiness processes in Honduras by identifying potential

formal or informal forest and land-use dispute resolution mechanism and suggest preliminary recommendations on how to strengthen consensus building.

Broad Criteria for Targeted Support: briefly describe :

- a. How is this targeted support consistent with the objectives of the UN-REDD Programme ?
Thematic priorities of the UN-REDD strategy and “Support To National REDD+ Actions - Global Programme” (SNA-GP)

The introduction of REDD+ in participating countries will have a significant impact on the dynamics of conflicts over forest resources, and on land, oil, gas minerals and other valuable resources in forested areas.

In line with the joint FCPF/UNREDD R-PP template, a national feedback and grievance redress mechanism needs to be effectively available, and if necessary strengthened, as part of the country's REDD+ institutional arrangement. Such a mechanism needs to be available to REDD+ stakeholders from earliest stages of R-PP implementation in order to facilitate handling of any request for feedback or complaint by any REDD+ Readiness stakeholders, with particular attention to providing access to geographically, culturally or economically isolated or excluded groups.

During the readiness phase, the approach to grievance redress should focus on two activities ; 1) addressing complaints that relate to the policy preparation process and other Readiness activities ; and 2) Supporting REDD+ countries to build capacity to address potential disputes that are likely to arise during the implementation phase.

Grievance Redress Mechanism -GRM- are defined as organizational systems and resources established by national government agencies to receive and address concerns about the impact of their policies, programs and operations on external stakeholders. The stakeholders input handled through these systems and procedures may be called “grievance,” “complaint,” “feedback,” or another functionally equivalent term.

National GRM are not intended to replace the judiciary or other forms of legal recourse. The existence of a GRM should not prevent citizens or communities from pursuing their rights and interests in any other national or local forum, and citizens should not be required to use GRM before seeking redress through the courts, administrative law procedure , or other formal dispute resolution mechanisms .

The present Target Support seeks to Contribute to support the REDD+ readiness processes in Honduras by identifying potential formal or informal forest and land-use dispute resolution mechanism and suggest preliminary recommendations on how to strengthen consensus building. Strengthening capacities to discuss in the REDD+ National Table and the Indigenous Table on climate change the importance to build a national GRM.

b. What is the expected contribution of this targeted support to national REDD+ efforts ?

The activities carried out in this TS , will contribute to support the REDD+ readiness process in Honduras by identifying potential formal and informal forest and land-use dispute resolutions mechanism and suggest preliminary recommendations on how to strengthen consensus building. The following key activities will be carried out :

- Conduct a desk review of current existing practices related to dispute resolutions mechanisms or procedures in the context of forest management (and/or natural resources management more generally) in Honduras based on background document and interviews.
- Conduct scoping meetings to verify and collect additional information on existing mechanisms and practices to solve disputes related to forest with key stakeholders at national level.
- Consolidate the findings from the the observations and discussions and develop possible options and recommendations to strengthen consensus building mechanisms in Honduras.
- Debriefing seminar and presentation of preliminary results and recommendations.
- Submission of the working paper that:
 - Consolidates international best practices suitable for Honduras and the analysis carried out on the field and the resulting recommendations.
 - Indicates an approach with key milestones for strengthening consensus building tools for REDD+ in Honduras, taking into consideration existing capacities and mechanisms.
- A workshop for capacity building on GRM to National REDD+ subcommittee and the Indigenous National Table on CC

c. How is it aligned with the agencies' programming priorities for the relevant work areas?

The national REDD+ process in Honduras has prioritized stakeholder engagement since the beginning. In order to facilitate stakeholder engagement for REDD+, the Honduras government with the support of indigenous peoples and other forest dependent communities, civil society, the private sector and academia created the National REDD+ Subcommittee and Indigenous National CC Table. One of the main themes of discussion has been "conflict resolution" and the development of a grievance mechanism that can contribute to mitigating the potential negative impacts of REDD+. But this process itself generates controversy in the country. For that reason Honduras has requested TS to support the strengthening of capacities to contribute to the development of a road map for establishing a GRM for REDD+ in Honduras.

Activities and Work Plan:

Results & alignment with the UN-REDD Global Programme	Activities	Output and timeframe	Responsible party	Indicator(s) of success/impact	Funds requested from UN-REDD (US\$)
Stakeholder Engagement Work Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk Review • Scoping Meetings • Debriefing seminar • Submission of working paper 	Diagnosis of existing practices related to dispute resolutions & Working paper findings / Road Map for GRM on country	Consultant / Country Office / UNDP HQ	Feedback from government, stakeholders and UNDP REDD+ team; quality of working paper	20,000
	Workshops / meetings associated with scoping mission	Interviews with key national and local stakeholders	Consultant / Country Office	Feedback from government, stakeholders and UNDP REDD+ team; quality of working paper	10,000
	Follow up activities: capacity building on GRM, meetings, incorporating outcomes into prodoc and workplan, etc.	Capacity building workshop on GRM	UN REDD Global and Regional Team	50 gov/IP/CSO reps are trained in GRM	15,000
Total					45,000