



The Republic of Sudan
Ministry of Agriculture & Forest

SUDAN NATIONAL REDD+ PROGRAMME (FCPF/GRANT)

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

Readiness Fund

Progress to Date

Mission to Sudan 8th -13th , April 2018

Program components

<i>No</i>	<i>Component Title</i>
1	<i>Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangements.</i>
2	<i>Support for national REDD+ Strategy (including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment)</i>
3	<i>Support for stakeholder engagement</i>
4	<i>Support for Monitoring, Reporting and Verification</i>

Component 1	Progress
<p><i>Sub component1.1: Set up and operation of the National REDD+ Management Unit</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>By recruiting the M&E, PMP and filling FM Specialist vacancy all structures of the REDD+ institutional arrangements are in place and operational.</i> ➤ <i>The capacity of the involved institutions FNC, Line ministries and relevant stakeholders were supported.</i> ➤ <i>The mandates and responsibilities of the focal point at the state level and sectorial focal points (regional technical advisors) were identified and clarified.</i>
<p><i>Sub component1.2 Set up and operation of the National REDD+ Steering Committee(NRSC), Technical Advisory Committee(TAC) and REDD+ Technical Working Groups(TWG)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>The NRSC was established to facilitate coordination efforts across sectors and relevant institutions and it held three meetings and gave important guidance to the implementation of the Grant Agreement.</i> ➤ <i>The TAC was established to ensure inter-sectorial cooperation at the programmatic level and to provide technical support to the implementation of the REDD+ process. Nine meeting were held in which they provide technical inputs in validation of annual working plans, studies validation workshops, ToRs and reports.</i> ➤ <i>Four TWG were established for SESA/Safeguards, REDD+ strategy , MRV and Safeguards to provide technical inputs to the PMU</i>

Sub component1.3 : Strengthen sub-national REDD+ institutional structures

- *The focal points conducted Meetings and platforms with all stakeholders at the state level to Facilitate cross-sectoral coordination in the new technical areas of REDD+*

Sub component1.4: Capacity building for REDD+ institutional arrangements

- *Capacity and knowledge on REDD+ through workshops, meetings , Media & training sessions and technical assistance for the REDD Unit, FNC, TAC, and local level REDD+ Focal Points and technical to build sufficient technical, policy, communication capacity were carried out.*
- *To facilitate cross fertilization with other REDD countries, International and regional REDD+ training (workshops, seminars, knowledge and learning events) were achieved Partially .*

Sub component1.5: Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism for REDD+

- *Inception report for study was submitted*
- *Consultation with all stakeholders and local communities in hot spot areas namely Darfur , Kordofan ,Gedarif and Sennar states was already arrange for in the next week*

Sub component1.6: Program monitoring and evaluation

- *Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for REDD+ was developed.*
- *FCPF update progress report was prepared and submitted in last March.*

Component 2	Progress
<i>Sub component 2.1: In-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, including studies on policies, wood-based energy and land tenure and forest governance</i>	<i>In-depth analysis of Driver of Deforestation and Forest Degradation study was finalized and reviewed while Land tenure and Land use study was under review</i>
<i>Sub component2.2: In-depth analysis of strategic options to address deforestation and forest degradation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>The zero draft was submitted and shared with SESA team and reviewed by strategy TWG for comments.</i> ➤ <i>Three Coordination meetings between the SESA team and Strategy consultant were convened to achieve synergy between the two consultant teams.</i> ➤ <i>Recruitment of international consultant to provide technical stopping for the preparation of the National REDD+ strategy.</i>
<i>Sub component2.3 : Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and development of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Inception report was submitted and reviewed by the TWG, PMU and the WB</i> ➤ <i>The team is planning to consult with stakeholders in April on the potential environment and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategies.</i> ➤ <i>Namely Darfur , Kordofan ,Gedarif and Sennar states</i>
<i>Sub component2.4: Study on options for benefit-sharing related to REDD+</i>	<i>This study was finalized and reviewed</i>

Component 3	Progress
<p>Sub component 3.1: Consultation and participation for activities to be implemented under the FCPF grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For information dissemination and collecting stakeholder feedback Different communication materials were devolved including brochures covering brief about reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, media coverage etc. ➤ Five sectoral environmental and social Safeguards workshops covering 18 states were conducted. ➤ The project delivered four validation workshops for the accomplished studies reports. Their attendance was from different stakeholders including academia, consultants, legislators, politicians, and native administration. ➤ National plenary/forum was hold on 1 March to present and discuss the findings and recommendations of the “Support for the Design of a MRV System in the Framework of REDD+ Readiness report in the Sudan – Institutional Arrangements and Gap Analysis”.
<p>Sub component3.2: Setting up and strengthening of civil society platforms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The project conducted a number of stakeholder’s consultation meetings with two platforms (Gum Arabic and CSOs), safeguard working groups orientation meetings, etc.

Component 4	Progress
<p><i>Sub component 4.1: Development a National Forest Inventory (NFI)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>The National Forest Inventory (NFI) manual was developed and is being used in the FAO MRV study.</i> ➤ <i>FAO trained 48 FNC technicians from 18 States for the Forest Resources Assessment process</i> ➤ <i>326 Sampling Units have been covered out of 705 by FNC field crews by end of March 2018</i> ➤ <i>Letters of Agreement were signed between FAO and the Faculties of Forestry of the University of Khartoum and the University of Kordofan to implement the Quality Control and Quality Assessment of the NFI data</i> ➤ <i>FAO recruited a NFI Field Coordinator to support the field crews on a permanent basis, and to facilitate communication between the field crews, FNC central level and FAO.</i> ➤ <i>The forest definition for Sudan was developed and endorsed by the Government of Sudan</i>
<p><i>Sub component4.2: Support for remote sensing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>All the necessary IT and Remote Sensing equipment required for conducting the NFI was purchased and is operational.</i> ➤ <i>FAO remote sensing experts developed a Classification Approach for Forest Change Detection in Sudan.</i>

Sub component 4.3 Capacity building for forest monitoring activities

- ***A five-day training was conducted at the University of Khartoum (and the University of Kordofan in the methodology of the NFI.***
- ***A training course for a group of people from the Range and Pasture on the use of Open Foris tools, especially Collect and Collect Mobile, was conducted***
- ***All nine field crews received in December refresher and on the job training in the methodology for field data collection, the use of the field equipment.***
- ***National plenary forum on the findings and recommendations on the Design of a MRV system in the Framework of REDD+ Readiness in the Sudan – Institutional Arrangements and Gap Analysis***

Summary of Progress on studies:

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Drivers of deforestation & Forest Degradation study</i>	<i>Final Report reviewed Peer reviewer</i>	<i>Ready to be uploaded in the Website</i>
<i>Benefits sharing study</i>	<i>Final Report reviewed Peer reviewer</i>	<i>Ready to be uploaded in the Website</i>
<i>Communication strategy</i>	<i>Final Report reviewed Peer reviewer</i>	<i>Ready to be uploaded in the Website</i>
<i>Land use land tenure study</i>	<i>Final Report submitted and the process of reviewing was already started</i>	<i>The findings of the Peer reviewer come up with additional Task to prepare a good technical document</i>
<i>REDD+ Strategy</i>	<i>Zero Draft Report submitted</i>	<i>This Draft shared with SESA team and strategy TWG</i>
<i>Feedback grievance Redress mechanism</i>	<i>Inception Report Submitted</i>	<i>Consultation with all stakeholders and local communities in hot spot areas namely Darfur , Kordofan ,Gedarif and Sennar states was already arrange for in the next week</i>
<i>SESA study</i>	<i>inception report submitted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Inception report was submitted and reviewed by the TWG, PMU and the WB</i> - <i>The team is planning to consult with stakeholders in April on the potential environment and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategies</i>

Meetings and Workshops

<i>Title</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Consultation and Participation Workshops</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>TAC</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>NRSC</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>PMU</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>77</i>
<i>Validation workshops for Final Draft studies</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>SESA Technical Working Group</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>Strategy Technical Working Group</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>MRV/NFI Technical Working Group</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>83</i>
<i>Safeguards Working Group</i>			
<i>CSOs & private Sector</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Meetings with Partners</i>			
<i>FAO</i>		<i>5</i>	
<i>UNEP</i>		<i>4</i>	
<i>SECS</i>		<i>4</i>	

Training and capacity building conducted

a) National

<i>Title</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>No of participants</i>
<i>GIS and remote sensing</i>	<i>FNC, Range</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Safeguard capacity building</i>	<i>Relevant stakeholders in 18 states</i>	<i>228</i>
<i>Interim-ship program to generate new knowledge supporting postgraduate students from 5 Universities to carry out targeted research .</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sheltrbelt in Gedarif State/East of Sudan</i> <i>DoD in Kudruka(N. state)</i> <i>DoD Mangrove forest in Red Sea state</i> <i>Database on land use and land use change (Mustagbal Universty)</i> <i>Quantification of drivers DoD</i> 	<i>Four(2 male and 2 female)</i>
<i>Institutional strategic planning</i>	<i>FNC staff</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Presentation, communication and discussion skills</i>	<i>FNC , relevant stakeholders</i>	<i>51</i>

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<i>Training Course in Introductory Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS)</i>	FNC staff	27
<i>Training course on leadership skills and Management</i>	FNC staff	30
<i>Training Course on Human Resources management Skills Development</i>	FNC staff	30
<i>The role of forests in spreading the culture of rural and urban afforestation in local communities</i>	FNC, Local communities in gum Arabic belt areas	24

b) *International*

<i>Title</i>	<i>Beneficiaries</i>	<i>No of participants</i>
<i>SAWAP projects communication experts and journalists,</i>	<i>Communication Officer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Procurement management</i>	<i>Procurement specialist</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Financial management system of the World Bank funded projects.</i>	The new project Financial Manager	-----
<i>Knowledge Exchange experiences visits within the region</i>	➤ <i>Niger Knowledge Exchange visit (FNC,Range, Irrigation ,IFAD,ZOA, UNEP)</i>	<i>22</i>
	➤ <i>Ghana Knowledge Exchange visit (REDD+Focals and PMU)</i>	<i>13</i>
	<i>Ethiopia Exchange visit</i>	-----
<i>COP 21,COP22and Cop23and International Conference</i>	<i>PMU ,FNC, revenant partners and Expert</i>	<i>27 (19 female and 8male)</i>

Update on Last Mission Aide Memoire

S/N	Activity	Status
1	<u>Prepare ToRs for the AF studies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gender Mainstreaming Strategy ➤ Forest Landscapes Restoration Assessment & National Strategy Report ➤ Mainstreaming REDD+ in National Development Policies & Legislation ➤ Private Sector Engagement 	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Concept Note prepared</p> <p>Concept Note prepared and TOR developed and reviewing</p>
2	Amend the TORs for the REDD+ strategy to incorporate outcome of other studies including the SESA/ESMF	Done
3	Develop a lessons learned/ story on the work of FAO on the National Forest Inventory	Establish of MRV/NFI committee to revise the progress on NFI and provide technical support.

Reactivate the TAC especially with their involvement in developing TORs for new studies and reviewing and clearing completed studies	Done Partially for ToRs and it is Continuous process
The independent review of completed studies	Done
TAC review and clearance for publication	Due to delay of the peer reviewers in finalizing the 4 studies this was not done.
Sign / Counter-sign grant agreement	19 March 2018
Next mission	Done

► *The Way Forward*

- Strengthening the state REDD+ managers/focal points with resources, mandate and capacity to enable them support programs, consultations and awareness, technical reviews at the state level.
- Follow up the other studies under developing process namely SESA, REDD+ Strategy and FGRM
- Coordination and follow up with REDD+ Partners (SECS, UNEP and WRI) to signed contract and implementation of activities under the AF
- Follow The innovative internship program to generate new knowledge while building national research capacity and development programs targeting the regional and state level focal points.
- Follow-up FAO actions plan for the Next Six Months (April 2018 - September 2018 by TWG and PMU
- NFI Remote Sensing and mapping activities
- Data Collection and entry
- Development of FREL/FRL according to UNFCCC requirements for REDD+
- GHG inventory and reporting process is developed

Consultation & Participation (White Nile State)









Consultation & Participation (North Kordofan State)



E&S Safeguard Consultation Workshops (Darfur Sector)





E&S Safeguard Consultation Workshops (Northern State)



E&S Safeguard Consultation Workshops (Kordofan State)



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