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Service

PROGRESS REPORT

First Quarterly Report (Q1Y3)
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Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project

**Implementing Agency:
Forestry Administration**

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I. Introduction

The Forest Administration (FA) signed a MOU with Korea Forest Service (KFS) on 10th December 2014 to implement the project namely Korea-Cambodia Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Joint Project (KCRP). The project is implementing within 4 years (2015-2018) which covers an area of 70, 042 hectares in Kampong Thom province. The FA is a project implementation agency with financial support from the KFS, the Wildlife Works Carbon (WWC) is a project carbon developer. The project aims to contribute to the long term greenhouse gas emission reduction from forestry sector and enhances livelihood of targeted forest-dependent community in the project area through the implementation REDD+ program. The project seeks to certify under VCS and CCBA standard for issuing its REDD+ verified credits.

Report Timeframe

This is a quarterly report (01 January – 31 March 2017), the report was consolidated from individual project specialist's report and field project semi-report. The project specialists' reports are available up on request.

II. Progress on the Project Management, Administration, and Stakeholder coordination

- The PMU conducted a coordination meeting with the Kampong Thom provincial governor, the meeting was conducted on 22 March 2017. The PMU presented the progress made over the last two years to the new appointed Kompong Thom provincial governor. The governor expressed of support for the project, H.E suggested the PMU continue working closely with local authorities, and engagement local authorities to be part of the project activities implementation and requested the PMU to send update project report regularly. H.E also requested financial and technical support from the project to the commune council and district governor to implement activities concerning to forest and land management in their jurisdictional management area. The provincial governor also highlighted an important of the commune investment plan and suggested the project support the implementation of commune investment plan.
- On 29 March, the PMU coordinated the delegates from KFS to visit the project site, as part of the PBC meeting schedule, the PMU facilitated delegates from the KFS to visit Cham Smach community forestry and met the representatives from 06 community forest management committee members, the delegates also visited the Tumring nursery station, and Kompong Ambil FA substation. The field visit provided an insight of the actual field implementation activities and reflected during the PBC meeting held on 31 March 2017.
- The PBC meeting was conduct on 31 March 2017 at Phnom Penh Hotel, the meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Ponika Chan, Deputy Director General of the Forestry Administration (FA) of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. Kyungsoo KIM, Director of International Forest Resources Division of International Affairs Bureau, Korea Forest Service (KFS) of the Republic of Korea. The meeting address the key agenda below:
 - Progress of the project and work and budget plan for 2017, the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the project presented the progress made in 2016 and work and budget plan for 2017.
 - The WWC presented the first draft of the Project Description (PD) to be certified under VCS and CCBA, and the WWC also presented their involvement in the project by highlighting how they can contribute to the project financially and technically.

- Future plan of the Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project, the KFS expresses its support for extension of the period for the Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project for next year (2018-2021).
- Benefit-sharing of the project outcome, the meeting discussed and considered about the benefit-sharing of the project outcome.

The official minute of the meeting was developed and signed by both parties (FA&KSF), and it is available at the PMU filing system, both parties agreed on the date for the next PBC meeting, and the possible Cambodia-Korea REDD+ Joint Project technical team meeting which is plan to be held in October 2017 in Korea.

- Tumring-REDD+ Project continue posting and updating the project progresses made and updated information (<http://www.tumringredd.org/>).

III. Results against project specific objectives

Objective 1: Obtain forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation. Through the project implementation process, the project aims to bring REDD+ credits to the volunteer carbon market and it is subjected to be certified under CCBA and VCS standard.

VCS&CCB PDD Validation/Verification and Registration

- The first draft of “*Tumring-REDD+ PDD-Version-18 April 2017*” was developed by the Forestry Administration and Wildlife Work Carbon (WWC). The PDD will be submitted to the validator on 22 May 2017. Currently, the PDD is under review by the PMU, the review process will be finish by 12 May 2017.
- The PMU has developed an SOP of the Equal Opportunity for Employment (SOP-EOE), the SOP is designed specifically applied to Tumring REDD+ project, the SOP is placing in the draft PDD for validation. The SOP-EOE policy will applies to all project staffs, community and other stakeholders. The PMU is review the Tumring REDD+ project contract staffs, field implementation unit staffs, and community staffs who are currently under support from the project, it is expected that there will be some adjustment to the current project contract staffs or consultants to ensure the Tumring REDD+ project Equal Opportunity for Employment’s requirement area met.
- The PMU has developed Employee Safety Policy (ESP), the policy is designed to ensure that workers’ health and safety are protected to the best of the Project’s ability at all times and across all sites. Risks are identified, mitigation strategies produced and appropriate measures adopted in order to minimize any risks. A part of the employee safety policy, the PMU has developed an employee safety plan, where this plan will provide guidance to the project how to handle with and ensures that all are fully informed about workplace risks and safe practices to mitigate those risks.
- The PMU has drafted the “Tumring REDD+ Project Grievance Procedure”, this grievance process was described in general at the community meetings, and the document has been provided to all of the Project Partners, and to community forest heads for reference. In addition, a summary of the grievance policy will be translated to Khmer and posted on the Project information boards located at community forestry meeting halls and commune halls throughout the project area.
- All above project SOPs and procedure need to be consulted with key project stakeholders, communities groups and potential effected vulnerable groups, the consultation process will be done in parallel with the Tumring REDD+ project public consultation, which will be held before the validation, it is expected that both field

consultation and e-consultation (posting comment on webpage, and cross-posting) will be done at the same.

- The PMU in close collaboration with KFS and WWC selected SCS for Tumring REDD+ validator in according to the decision made between KFS and FA during PBC meeting. The cost for validation is USD 38k excluded validator travel cost (estimate about USD2k). SCS had submitted its schedule and proposed scope of work with the first bill of USD 19K to the WWC and the PMU, the submission was done according the signed agreement between WWC and SCS. The PMU will release 50% (USD 19 k) of the total cost for SCS’s validation fee once the agreement was signed. The field validation will take place from 13-23 June 2017.
- The PMU with technical support from the WWC conducted a survey the Project Market Registry. There are two potential markets that have affiliate with VCS’s project registry, APX¹ and Markit². These two markets place are potentially for Tumring REDD+ project registration once the project credits are issued, and the PMU will conduct technical review over the two markets with support from WWC and KFS to select an appropriate market place for project registry, the cost for registration will be developed to present to KFS for approval.

Objective2: Increase livelihood of forest dwellers within target Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation site. The project will improve livelihood of forest depended communities who are living inside and adjacent the REDD+ project site.

Forest protection, support CF development, and local stakeholder coordination

- In this quarter, the Tumring-REDD+ project supported 14 community forestry groups, and FIU to conduct regular forest patrol and forest law enforcement. Each community forestry group, and FIU submitted their monthly report against payments to the PMU. All forest patrol reports from community groups and FIU were properly stored in the project filing system. As results, the community forest patrol teams, and FIU achieved a great results in combating deforestation and forest degradation in the project area as below:

Table 1: Results of the implementation of forest law enforcement

Month	Physical result of the forest law enforcement
January 2017	Confiscated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08 chainsaws (01 chainsaw was confiscated by Khum Soheat CF) • 05 hand tractors • 12 motorbikes • 03 buffalo carts • 215 sawn timber (Pieces)- equal 7.018 m3 • 43 logged-equal 24.471 m3 • 48 poles (Diameter 15-29 cm) • 25.50 stern firewood • 90 pieces sawn timber- equal 1.7 m3 (Kbal Don Tai CF) • Remove 14 charcoal kilns
February 2017	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 chainsaws (Kbal Don Tai CF) • 06 motorbikes • 03 ox/buffalo Carts • 09 machetes and 01 Axe (Kbal Don Tai CF) • 11 logged-equal 8.676 m3 • Arrested 03 offenders and sent to the court

¹ <http://www.vcsregistry.com/>

² <http://www.markit.com/product/registry>

March 2017	<p>Confiscated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 chainsaw (Kbal Don Tai) • 07 hand tractors • 49 stern of firewood • Arrested 01 offender (the offender was release after signed penalty agreement)-Cham Smach CF • 03 hectares of illegal forest cleared land was took-back (Cham Smach CF)
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* Note: all the detail illegal confiscated tools/materials were recorded in the project database system for the purpose of reporting the results of the project implementation to donor, governments and project validator/verifier.

Objective 3: enhance capacity of key different stakeholders to effective REDD+ implementation. The project will improve capacity of targeted communities and government stakeholders

- Conducted a meeting between 14 community forestry and the Director of Forest Resources of the Korea Forest Service, during the field visited on 29 March 2017, at the Tumring nursery station. The meeting participated by 31 representatives of the community forestry, the meeting served as a platform to share progress and challenges of the Tumring REDD+ project implementation between community and KFS.
- The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCFP) Project of the World Bank being implemented by UNDP. The program is supporting and strengthening Royal Government of Cambodia to be ready for REDD+ implementation at the national level. The knowledge exchange was conducted as part of the program. The PMU coordinated 3 community representatives from Tumring REDD+ Project (Kbal Don Tei, Cham Smach and Khum Sochet CF) to attend FCFP's workshop, the reflection workshop was conducted from 27-28 Feb 2017 at Seam Reap province, the representatives community from Tumring REDD+ project was asked to deliver a presentation and shared lesson draw from actual field implementation.
 - (1) Actions to address deforestation and forest degradation in the project area
 - (2) Forest Carbon Monitoring
 - (3) Community participant in REDD+ project implementation

The Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat will workshop report with informing key policies implications to REDD+ national policy design. The report will be posted in the Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce webpage (<http://cambodia-redd.org/>).

IV. Project Planning and Budgeting

- The PMU had finalized the 30Years work plan and budget plan, the proposed work plan is designed aims to address the long term drivers of deforestation and forest degradation specifically in Tumring REDD+ project site. The work plan will be adjusted once the PMU receive feedbacks from the validator and it will be posted on the project's webpage for public comment.
- The PMU developed Budget and Work-plan for Q2/Y3 (April-June 2017) which align with the four years work program of the project. The Q2/Y3 work plan will be attached.
- Furthermore, the PMU would like to request the following item:
 1. Supporting 6 GPS for CF members, 2 GPS for forest law enforcement team.
 2. Recruitment community outreach assistant to be based in Tumring office.

