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Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project

**Implementing Agency:
Forestry Administration**

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INTRODUCTION

Project Background

On 10th December 2014, the Forestry Administration (FA) of the Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Korea Forest Service (KFS) started to implement a project named Korea-Cambodia Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Joint Project (KCRP) or (hereinafter referred to as Tumring REDD+ Project). This project is implemented in Kampong Thom province covering an area of 67,791.17 hectares and in the designated Project Accounting Area comprised of 41,195.00 hectares.

The Tumring REDD+ Project aims to contribute to the long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction from forestry sector and to enhance the livelihood of targeted forest-dependent communities in the project area. Specifically, the project seeks to: (1) generate Verified Carbon Units (VCUs); (2) improve livelihood of targeted community; (3) enhance capacity of different key stakeholders for effective REDD+ implementation; and (4) support the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) on REDD+ policy formulation.

KFS provides financial support while FA is the designated implementing agency. A certification under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and CCB standard was sought by the project for its REDD+ VCUs. Over 30 years (2016-2046) of the project implementation, Tumring REDD+ Project expects to achieve a net annual emission reduction (NERs) of 385,333 tCO_{2e}, and 11,559,975 tCO_{2e} for 30-years project life.

For effective operation of the Tumring REDD+ Project, the FA established the Project Management Unit (PMU) inside FA Office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The PMU is designed to ensure effective implementation of the Project.

The followings are results of activities conducted throughout the year by PMU and project partners:

Tumring REDD+ verification: Activities were conducted to prepare for the Tumring REDD+ project verification. The Project Management Unit (PMU) conducted awareness raising with the public, in particular with communities within the project area on the verification process and the field verification was conducted from 9-13 December 2019 by the third-party REDD+ verifier, S&A Carbon. The PMU also conducted public commenting period via its official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/គម្រោងដីជម្រកកម្ពុជា-ភូមិ-346258002657764/>) and the project's official webpage (<http://www.tumringredd.org>).

Forest law enforcement in the project area: The project provided monthly financial and legal support to 14 Community Forest Patrol Teams and 3 Forest Law Enforcement Mobile Unit (FIU). In 2019, 37 chainsaws, 62 snares and 5 hand tractors were confiscated; while 6 m³ of logged-wood and 19.7 m³ of sawn-wood were seized. The FIU impounded 1 silver langured (primate species). The patrol teams demolished 8 unlawful shelters, which were built by encroachers in the Sochet Community Forest (CF) areas. The FIU and CF patrol teams returned more than 70 ha of illegally cleared forestland to the Sochet CF for restoration. Additionally, 10 patrolling stations were given to the CFs to ease their patrolling activities as they can use the patrolling station for a resting point, and it can be used to monitor illegal activities, too. PMU also supported each CF to patrol in their respective area; CF management committee patrolled 2-4 times a month (see annex 1).

Enhancement of forestland tenure rights: 203 agricultural land plots, which covers an area of 609.06 ha were identified and demarcated. CFs received 28 billboards, and 14 village information boards to visualize their CFs boundaries. Stakeholders, in particular local authorities, expressed interests in developing commune land-use planning to accommodate land based-development projects in the future. Currently, PMU is discussing with designated authorities to plan for CFs land registration in the project area.

Community Forestry Management Committee elections: PMU facilitated 7 CFs to re-elect their CF management committees (CFMCs). Commune Councils endorsed the management structures of these newly elected CFMCs (see annex 2).

Promoting deforestation-free agricultural commodity trade and enhancing agricultural prices: Two Agricultural Cooperatives (ACs) were officially registered, each has its own office; the first one is named Samaki Mean Rith AC in Mean Rith commune and the second one is named Tumring AC in Tumring commune. 6 deforestation-free cassava and rice demonstration plots in Mean Rith commune were established, while 70 community members received technical and financial support from the PMU to improve their degraded agricultural land plots. In addition, a community based resin enterprise was set up to help O's Dascor CF to buy resins from its members so that livelihood could be supported. PMU renovated a resin storehouse and provided resin stocking materials, resin enterprise billboard and capital investment to run this resin enterprise (see annex 3).

Increasing stakeholder participation: PMU visited, on a monthly basis, the 14 CFs located in the project area to meet with the 14 CFMCs to follow up on implementation of project activities and patrolling tasks, as well as to address challenges related to land encroachment, land conflict, and illegal logging. In total, 168 meetings (about 1,000 participants) were conducted throughout the year as PMU met with each CF and the members of CF management committee. Also, a stakeholder workshop on 25 November 2019, which was participated by CF members, local authorities, and related partners, was conducted in Kampong Thom province to report current progress of the project, discuss priority supported activities with communities and plan the ways forward (see annex 4).

Communication materials: PMU has been updating its website (www.tumringredd.org) regularly to share and disseminate the project's results among stakeholders. PMU published two case studies on (i) the connection between agricultural commodities trade and deforestation and (ii) the contribution of resin on local community's livelihoods. PMU reprinted 1 500 copies of posters on benefits of REDD+ project and 500 copies of Tumring REDD+ booklets to raise awareness among targeted communities in the project area. An 11-minutes video documentary on Tumring REDD+ Project was also produced (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InOmrF6nif0>).

Annex 1: Results from forest law enforcement in 2019

Month	Result of forest law enforcement (FA and CF)
January	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 02 chainsaws - 02 hand tractors (conducted by Rourm Chek CF) - 3 m³ of logged-woods (conducted by Rourm Chek CF) - 02 chainsaws (conducted by Khum Sochet CF) - 2 m³ sawn wood (conducted by Prey Hongchamtit CF)
February	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6.46 m³ sawn wood - 01 chainsaw - 3.5 m³ of sawn wood
March	Confiscated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 04 m³ of sawn wood - 02 chainsaws
April	Confiscated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 06 chainsaws
May	Confiscated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 of logged wood (1.5 m³) - 04 chainsaws - 01 silver langured (primate species)

June	Confiscated: - 02 hand tractors - 02 chainsaws - 1.4 m ³ of sawn wood
July	Confiscated: - 01 chainsaws - 43 snares - 01 hand tractor (confiscated in Srea Pring CF area)
August	Confiscated: - 03 chainsaws - 03 chainsaws (confiscated in Sochet CF area)
September	Confiscated: - 03 chainsaws - 01 knife - 01 axe - 01 snare
October	Confiscated - 2.405 m ³ sawn wood - 07 chainsaws - 11 logged wood
November	- Removed 10 142 of cashew nut seedlings at Prey Khum Sochet CF
December	- Removed 8 illegal shelters at Prey Khum Sochet - Issued 07 warning letters to 6 households at Prey Khum Sochet CF - Confiscated 01 chainsaw - Removed 280 of illegal cashew nut trees at Prey Khum Sochet CF - Removed 18 snares from Community Forestry

Annex 2: Results from Community Forestry Management Committee elections

No	CF Name	Date of election	CF members (Female)	Number of CFMCs elected
1	Lbos Sral	15 July 2019	101 (28 women)	9 (1 woman)
2	Hongchamet	18 July 2019	52 (21 women)	7 (1 woman)
3	O dasco	22 July 2019	95 (33 women)	7 (2 women)
4	O Kranhoung	28 July 2019	84 (40 women)	9 (3 women)
5	Tatey	28 July 2019	85 (52 women)	9 (2 women)
6	Prey Khum Sochet	30 July 2019	89 (25 women)	9 (3 women)
7	Srae Pring	16 July 2019	51 (27 women)	7 (0 woman)

Annex 3: Promoting deforestation-free agricultural commodity trade and enhancing agricultural prices

Table 1. Participants attending training on agricultural intensification and receiving drum-seeder

Community Forestry Name	Participants	Number of drum-seeder received
O's Krahak	25 (16 women)	01
Prey Tratey	25 (11 women)	01
Kbal Dauntey CF	20 (9 women)	01
Total	70	03

Table 2: Households who received demo-plot on high quality rice production

Community Forestry Name	Participants	Number of recipients of demo-plots
O's Krahak	25 (16 women)	02
Prey Tratey	25 (11 women)	02
Kbal Dauntey CF	20 (9 women)	01
Total	70	05

Table 3: Households who received demo-plots for high breed cassava

Community Forestry Name	Date	Participants	Number of received demo-plots
O's Krahak	28 April	25 (16 women)	01
Prey Tratey	29 April	25 (11 women)	01
Kbal Dauntey CF	30 April	20 (9 women)	01
Total		70	03

Table 4: Households who received trainings and organic fertilizer

CF group name	Date	Recipients of organic fertilizer
Kbal Dauntey CF	19 May	25 (16 women)
Prey Tratey	20 May	25 (11 women)
O's Krahak	22 May	20 (9 women)
Total		70 (36 women)

Annex 4. Stakeholder participations**Table 5. Monthly CF management committees meetings**

No.	Community Forestry Name	Village & commune	CFMC	Women
1	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	7	0
2	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	5	0
3	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	5	1
4	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	5	0
5	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	7	1
6	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	6	0
7	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	7	1
8	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	7	0
9	O' Kranhak	Tbounng Toeuk village, Mean Rith	6	2
10	Sochet	Sochet Commune	9	0
11	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	6	0
12	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	9	1
13	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	4	0
14	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	7	0
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