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PROGRESS REPORT

Fourth Quarter Report (Q1Y2)
January to March 2020

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 or the 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 cycle.

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 Tumring REDD+ Project's Partners

The Tumring REDD+ Project collaborates with the following partners:

The Wildlife Work Carbon (WWC), a project carbon developer, has assisted the FA in developing the Tumring REDD+ PDD, in providing technical trainings, and in facilitating the project's validation, verification, and registration.

The Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (KT-PDAFF) is the Project's technical partner that provides support to community forestry (CF) groups in enhancing their degraded agricultural land and in promoting agricultural productivity.

The Actions for Development (AFD), a registered national NGO, provides technical assistance, facilitates the establishment of an agricultural cooperative, and supports the Project's operational and implementation plan that includes capacity building and promotion of agricultural trade market information toward deforestation-free agriculture.

The Kampong Thom Forestry Administration Cantonment and the Local FA Field Officer enable and implement forest law enforcement and legalization of CF groups and other forest uses inside the Project's area.

The local authority and the established 14 CF groups spearhead the implementation of the Project's activities toward reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the Project's area.

Project Implementation Phases

Phase I was from 2015 to 2018. During this phase, the Project was successfully validated in September 2018 (<https://www.vcsprojectdatabase.org/#/projectproponentdetails/1395>) by an independent, third

party validator, the SCS Global Services. The Project provided support to the 14 CF groups. FA local officers (FIU) provided capacity building, increased awareness of local stakeholders, and improved livelihood of the participating communities by promoting agricultural trade, improving degraded agricultural lands, and enhancing agricultural productivities.

Phase II is from 2019 to 2021. To prepare for this phase, FA signed the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KFS in December 2018 to extend the period of project implementation. During this phase, the Project aims to register the Project to VCS and CCB and conduct MRV to generate VCUs. To achieve these objectives, the Project will: (1) facilitate project verification, (2) improve local livelihood, (3) build capacity and generate knowledge to inform the national government and the public, and (4) agree on the use of VCUs from the Project to meet the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) of both countries (Cambodia and Republic of Korea).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BASED ON THE PROJECT’S SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Project Administration and Management

In this quarter, the PMU purchased one desktop for the newly recruited Finance and Administrative Officer. The desktop was recorded in the Project’s inventory and was placed in the Project office.

Objective1: Obtain forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ project implementation

1.1. Preparation and Respond to the finding of VVB

After the field verification was completed, the PMU and WWC received 29 findings from S&A. The PMU and WWC responded to all S&A’s findings by March 2020 (Refer to Annex II: Responses to all findings). As informed by S&A, the final verification report will be completed and submitted to VCS by mid May 2020.

The PMU prepared a statement to publicly announce issuance of the Project Verified Credits. The PMU is also preparing for the upcoming discussions on the benefit sharing of TRP verified credits.

Objective2: Improve the livelihood of the forest dwellers, enforce the Forest Law, and protect the forest within the target Tumring REDD+ Project Area (Strategy #2)

To contribute to the implementation of Strategy #2, the Project is supporting 14 community forestry (CF) groups, forest law enforcement unit of the local FA (FIU), and Sandan forest enforcement team to conduct regular forest patrol and crack-down incidental cases. In this quarter, the enforcement teams achieved the following results:

2.1. Forest Law Enforcement Unit (FIU)

Table 1: Results of the Forest Law enforcement in Q1 2020

Month	<i>Physical result of the forest law enforcement (FA and CF)</i>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed 06 charcoal kilns - Removed 06 cottages that were illegally occupying land in Prey Khum Sochet Community Forest area - Filed 03 contracts to warn illegal charcoal producers
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confiscated 08 chainsaws
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confiscated 1.120 m3 of logged-wood

** Note: Details on illegal/confiscated tools and woods were recorded in the Project database system to report the results of the project implementation to donor, government, and project validator/verifier.*

2.2. Community Forestry Patrol Teams

Aside from the FIU's implementation, the 14 CF patrol teams regularly conduct forest-patrolling activities inside their designated CF areas. During this 1st Quarter, the CFMCs of the 14 CF groups conducted 75 patrols, with participation from 425 members (18 women).

Table 2: Results of the implementation of the Community Forest Patrol Groups

No	Community Forestry Name	Jan			Feb			Mar		
		# of patrol	CFMC	F	# of patrol	CFMC	F	# of patrol	CFMC	F
1	O' Kranhak	2	15	0	1	7	0	3	14	1
2	Tatey	1	5	0	2	12	2	2	13	2
3	Kbal Dauntey	2	13	0	3	16	0	3	17	0
4	O' Kranhoung	4	17	0	2	11	0	4	32	0
5	O' Dasco CF	0	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	0
6	Prey Hongchamtit	2	7	0	2	13	0	0	0	0
7	Lbos Sral	1	5	0	1	4	0	4	16	0
8	O' bosleav	2	10	0	2	11	0	0	0	0
9	Sre Pring	2	15	0	2	13	2	0	0	0
10	Rum Chek	1	5	0	1	4	1	0	0	0
11	Choam Smarch	4	21	0	2	7	0	5	25	2
12	O' Thmor	2	12	0	3	26	3	3	22	0
13	Neak Tala	1	4	0	1	5	0	1	7	0
14	Sochet	2	20	2	1	10	2	0	0	0
	Total per month	26	149	2	24	147	11	25	129	5
	Total per Q1	75	425	18						

Table 3: Illegal forest tools and equipment confiscated by CF patrol teams

CF name	Physical result of the CF Patrol Team
O' Kranhak)1 case): Confiscated one motorbike, the offender used it to log the tree
Choam Smarch	(1 case): Banned an illegal forest clearing case induced by community member.

2.3. Sandan Forest Law Enforce Team

With additional support to the CF patrol teams and FIU, the project has supported Sandan Forest Law Unit, which is led by the Sandan District government. This Unit not only provides support to enforce forest law, but also to CF on land registration, conflict resolution as well as legal support to CF on forest land registration. As a result, in this quarter, the Unit with close collaboration with FIU and CF conducted forest patrol and removed 05 illegal charcoal kilns that were set up inside the CFs area.

2.4. The Project provided support to the community-based resin group enterprise (O' Dascor) with 15 big containers and 15 small containers. The Project also renovated the warehouse and supported one signboard to operate the community resin warehouse.

2.5. On 30 March, the PMU conducted a meeting with community based-micro grant in Kbal Dauntey CF. The meeting included 12 participants (05 women). As of 30 March 2020, the group has a capital of Riel 8 000 000 (USD 2 000), and earned an interest of Riel 1 320 000 (USD 330). In accordance with the rule of this saving group, the group will contribute a portion of this fund to support community forestry patrol team.

2.6. The annual meeting of Agricultural Cooperatives (ACs) was held in the Kompong Thom's Provincial Hall on 21 January 2020 with 171 participants. The meeting was presided by H.E Prim Rotha, Deputy Governor of Kompong Thom province. The objectives of the meeting were to 1) present the 2019 outcomes, 2. exchange the experience of good practices, challenges and issues in 2019 from

each AC and 3) define a activity plan for the ACs across the province. A key discussion in the meeting was to link crop products to the market with a suitable price as well as to orient ACs members which have contracts with companies to not breach the contract.

There are 65 ACs in Kompong Thom, 2 of which are supported by the Tumring REDD+ Project; these are, Samarki Mean Rith AC and Tumring AC. The Samarki Mean Rith AC has 82 members while Tumring AC has 24 members. The major crop that they produce are cassava, cashew and rubber.

Objective 3: Enhance the capacity of the different key stakeholders for effective REDD+ implementation and increase stakeholder participation in reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the Tumring REDD+ Project Area (Strategy #4)

3.1 The REDD+ Specialist and Community Facilitator of the PMU conducted quarterly meetings with all 14 CF Management Committees (CFMCs). In total, there were 350 participants (51 women) in the meetings. The meetings focused on newly emerged challenges associated with illegal activities inside the CF areas, submission to the PMU the forest patrol reports by each of the CFMC, and approval of the CF work plan for implementation in the next quarter.

Table 4: CFMC meetings with PMU

No.	Community Forestry Name	Village & commune	Date	CFMC	W
1	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	13/01/2020	7	0
2	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	13/01/2020	6	0
3	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	14/01/2020	8	0
4	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	14/01/2020	9	0
5	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	14/01/2020	6	1
6	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	15/01/2020	12	2
7	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	15/01/2020	8	1
8	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	15/01/2020	7	1
9	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	16/01/2020	8	1
10	Sochet	Sochet Commune	16/01/2020	9	3
11	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	16/01/2020	6	1
12	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	17/01/2020	6	2
13	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	17/01/2020	7	2
14	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	17/01/2020	6	1
15	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	24/02/2020	10	0
16	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	24/02/2020	8	1
17	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	24/02/2020	7	0
18	Sochet	Sochet Commune	25/02/2020	12	3
19	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	25/02/2020	8	1
20	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	26/02/2020	10	1
21	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	26/02/2020	7	0
22	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	26/02/2020	11	2
23	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	27/02/2020	10	1
24	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	27/02/2020	10	2
25	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	28/02/2020	4	0
26	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	28/02/2020	8	1
27	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	28/02/2020	9	2
28	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	28/02/2020	10	3
29	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	17/03/2020	9	0
30	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	17/03/2020	7	0
31	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	17/03/2020	7	0
32	Sochet	Sochet Commune	18/03/2020	18	5

33	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	18/03/2020	7	0
34	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	19/03/2020	9	0
35	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	19/03/2020	7	0
36	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	19/03/2020	7	1
37	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	20/03/2020	9	1
38	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	20/03/2020	7	2
39	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	20/03/2020	7	0
40	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	21/03/2020	9	3
41	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	21/03/2020	9	3
42	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	21/03/2020	9	4
	Total			350	51

ANNEXES

Annex I:	Photo Documentation
Annex II:	Responses to all verification findings
Annex III:	Q1-2020 Financial Report, Q2-2020 Budget Plan and Q2-2020 Work Plan
Annex IV:	Closing Bank Statement

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