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## **PROGRESS REPORT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (Q1Y4)  
April-June 2022

**Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project**

**Implementing Agency:  
Forestry Administration**

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
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## INTRODUCTION

### Project Background

On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (TRP) expects to achieve an emission reduction (NERs) of 11,559,975 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for 30-years project life. As a result, the project generated a net emission reduction of 645,410 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e over the 1<sup>st</sup> monitoring period from January 2015 to December 2019.

For effective operation of the TRP, the FA established the Project Management Unit (PMU) located inside FA's Office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The PMU is formulated to ensure effective implementation of the Project. The PMU is working with the below partners to ensure the project effective produce quality results and outcomes.

Table 1: The Tumring REDD+ Project's Partners

The Wildlife Work Carbon (WWC) <a href="https://www.wildlifeworks.com/">https://www.wildlifeworks.com/</a>	a project carbon developer, has assisted the FA in developing the Tumring REDD+ PDD, providing technical trainings, and in facilitating the project's validation, verification, and registration
Everland LLP (EL) <a href="http://elerlandmarketing.com/">http://elerlandmarketing.com/</a>	assist project in selling the emission reduction (ER) at the voluntary carbon market and provide regular update about the sale of ER.
The Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (KT-PDAFF)	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 href="http://www.afd-cambodia.org/">http://www.afd-cambodia.org/</a>	a registered national NGO, provides technical assistance, facilitates the establishment of an agricultural cooperative, and supports the project's operational plan and implementation that include capacity building and promoting agricultural trade market information toward freed deforestation.

The Kampong Thom Forestry Administration Cantonment and the Local FA Field Officer (Local FA)	enable and implement forest law enforcement and legalization of CF groups and other forest uses inside the project area.
The Kampong Thom Land Management Urbanization and Construction Department (KT-LMUCD)	the provincial department works as a part with the project to facilitate process in gaining knowledge on forest land management and support the process of forest land registration as state land.
The local authority and the established 14 CF groups	spearhead the implementation of the project activities toward reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the project area and provide coordination of support to the project in implementing activities in their territories.

## Project Implementation Phases

**Phase I** was from 2015 to 2018. During this phase, the Project was successfully validated and verification in July 2019 ( <https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS> ) by an independent, third party, 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 to sale on the voluntary market and carbon credit to be produced in the future will be used to meet Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) of both countries (Cambodia and Republic of Korea). According to the 5<sup>th</sup> PBC meeting, the KSF agreed to extend one-year funding support for 2022. The TRP is working with its partners to ensure that the project is able to sell the VCUs to get more funding to support the full operation and extended projects activities at large scale.

**Phase III:** Full TRP Implementation (from December 2021- mid-2023)- with funding from the spot-sale of TRP’s verified credits and co-funding from the KFS. The PMU is working with PBC members to get approval on budget plan and work plan is financing by the KFS, while, both parties (FA and KFS) agreed to establish “Tumring REDD+ Trust Fund Board Committee (TRTF-BC) “, the TRTF-BC will be mandated and equipped with its clear TORs through the letter of decision to be officially issued by the FA. The TRTF-BC will have key roles and responsibilities to manage the Tumring REDD+ Trust Fund (net incomes from the sale of the 1<sup>st</sup> TRP’s VCUs). The PMU is the key unit of the project in direct implementation of the funds and tasked to report to the PBC annually and the TRTF-BC in accordance with the approve work plan and budget plan. According the forest land cover analysis in the project area and project accounting area, the PMU and the technical support from WWC decided to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> TRP project verification in the early or mid-2023.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS BASED ON THE PROJECT’S SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

**Objective1: Obtain Forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ project implementation (Tumring REDD+ Project- TRP)**

### 1.1. Preparation for the second verification

### 1.2. Progress on the development of TRP REDD+ Trust (TRF) SOP and Operation

The TRP REDD+ Trust Fund-SOP was drafted with inputs provide by KFS and FA, the SOP will be passed to the PMU for mutual review. The SOP will be approved through the 7<sup>th</sup> Project Board Committee (PBC) Meeting.

### 1.4 Increasing effective forest land use planning, and enforce forest land tenure right

A part of the TRP project strategic plan and action, the project is supporting the enforcement of forest land tenure right toward reducing forest land clearing, and reduce unplanned deforestation-

- a. From 5-7 April ,10-13 May and 14-17 June 2022, the project provided technical and financial support to O'Krahoung, O'dasco, Prey Hongchamtet and Lbos Srol to demarcate their community forest boundary, the activities participated by community forest management committee, local FA and local authority. The marked boundary with poles will be officially send to Kompong Thom-LUCPC for the preparation of legal document to register this CF and issue community forest hard tiles. This will secure the CF area covered to other land uses.
- b. Register 04 community forestry areas, the PMU sub-grant to the KT-LUPC through letter of agreement with total amount of USD 12000 to facilitate community consultation, field demarcation, stakeholder coordination and official registration and issue community forestry land hard titles. The four-community forestry namely- O'Krahoung, O'dasco, Prey Hongchamtet and Lbos Srol. The PMU conduct regular monitoring on the LOA enforcement and results produced  
(Annex I: Letter of Agreement between PMU and KT-PLUPC).

### 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 of the 30-Year Work Plan and detail four-year detail program financial plan and work plan, 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, crack-down incidental cases, and collect biodiversity raw data. In this quarter, the enforcement teams achieved the following results:

#### 2.1 Forest Law Enforcement Unit (FIU)

The group of FIUs joint collaboration and conducted forest patrol and in all project targeted areas, and Hydrological Forest Conservation Zone, each FIU lead by one local FA with supporting from the field armed forces. In total the project is supporting four FIUs, in this quarter, the four FIUs confiscated illegal tools/equipment as below:

**Table 4: Results of the Forest Law enforcement in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022**

Month	Physical result of the CFs Forest law enforcement
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 8 chainsaws</li><li>- 2 hand-tractor</li><li>- 4 motorbikes</li><li>- 8 parcel of forest land clearance</li><li>- 5.638 cubic meters of log</li><li>- 5 axes</li><li>- 2 machetes</li></ul>

<b>May 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 21 Chainsaws</li> <li>- 9 motorbikes</li> <li>- 3 parcel of illegal forest land clearance</li> <li>- 9.953 cubic meters of log</li> <li>- 1 axe</li> <li>- 4 machetes</li> <li>- 3 ox-carts</li> <li>- 1 grass cutting machine</li> <li>- 70 snares</li> </ul>
<b>June 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 21 Chainsaws</li> <li>- 4 hand-tractors</li> <li>- 4 motors</li> <li>- 4 parcels of illegal forest land clearance</li> <li>- 16,473 of Cubic meters of log</li> <li>- 5 ox-carts</li> </ul>

\* 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 on forest law enforcement, the 14 CF patrol teams regularly conduct forest patrolling activities inside their designated CF areas. During this 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April-June 2022), the CFMCs of the 14 CF groups conducted 128 patrol times, with participation from 869 members (49 women).

**Table 5: Number of CFMC patrol per quarter 1 (April-June 2022)**

No.	Community Forestry Name	April			May			June		
		# Patrols	CFMC	F	# Patrols	CFMC	F	# Patrols	CFMC	F
1	O' Kranhak	1	5	0	2	8	0	4	26	3
2	Tatey	1	6	0	2	13	0	5	30	2
3	Kbal Dauntey	2	15	0	2	13	0	3	19	0
4	O' Kranhoung	3	14	0	3	15	0	5	28	7
5	O' Dasco	3	18	3	4	22	5	3	24	4
6	Prey Hongchamtit	1	7	0	2	11	0	5	35	3
7	Lbos Sral	2	13	0	2	15	0	4	34	2
8	O' bosleav	4	19	0	2	10	0	2	11	0
9	Sre Pring	2	14	3	2	9	0	3	37	5
10	Rum Chek	4	25	0	5	27	0	3	29	2
11	Choam Smarch	5	15	0	4	18	0	4	21	0
12	O' Thmor	3	19	0	3	21	0	3	17	0
13	Neak Tala	3	16	0	4	19	0	2	11	0
14	Sochet	3	16	0	3	65	3	5	79	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>35</b>

**Table6: illegal tools/materials confiscated by CF patrol groups (April-June 2022)**

No	Name	Date (2022)	Offensive Act	Action
1	Kbal Dauntey	April	- confiscated 2 chainsaws	- handover to environmental officers
2	Rum Chek	April	- remove 21 traps	- keep in the village
3	Choam Smarch	April	- remove 4 traps	- keep in the village
4	Kbal Dauntey	May	- confiscated 1 bulldozer	- handover to environmental officers
5	Sochet	May	- confiscated 1 chainsaw - 2 motorbikes	- handover to Tumring district.
6	Rum Chek	May	- remove 21 traps	- keep in the village
7	O'Kranhak	May	- confiscated 6 round logs, 2 cubic meters	- reported to the district and keep in the commune hall.
8	Tatey	June	- remove 7 traps	- keep in the village
9	Rum Chek	June	- remove 25 traps	- keep in the village
10	O'Kranhak	June	- confiscated 9 round logs, 3 cubic meters	- reported to the district and keep in the commune hall.
11	O'Kranhak	June	- confiscated 1 chainsaw	- handover to Tumring district.
12	Kbal Dauntey	June	- confiscated 1 chainsaw	- handover to environmental officers
13	O'Kranhoung	June	- confiscated 10 pieces of sawn wood in the forest.	- reported and handover to the commune council

**2.3. Completion of the Exhibition Repository (warehouse)** - was successful constructed with the support from the project. The warehouse was constructed and stored all illegal confiscated tools (such as chainsaw, motorbikes, handed tractor, and others). All the confiscated material were recorded in project data based. The warehouse was used for FIU and PMU meeting venue and serves as place for FIU to stay overnight and official working.

**2.4 Community Based Resin Enterprise:** The PMU conducted a meeting with community based-resin enterprise members and management committee, the meeting was conducted to understand the situation of the enterprise on progress and challenges, find out constraint and provide advice to the community on the planning and link to the market. By June, 2022, the community resin group requested support from the project on building the Resin storehouse and provide support more containers. The community-based resin enterprise has made some progress as highlighted in the table below.

**Table 7: Table on resin enterprise monitoring plan**

Date	Purchase (kg)	Sell-out (Kg)	Balance in Stock
Q1-2022	1900		
Q1-2022			41
Q2-2022	1566		
Q2-2022			1607

\* 1 USD = 4000 Riels (Price ranging from 1300 to 1500 riels per Kg)

**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 TRP Area (Strategy #4)**

**3.1.** The REDD+ Specialist and Community Facilitator of the PMU conducted quarterly meetings with all 14 CF Management Committees (CFMCs). 42 times of the meeting were conducted and in total, there were 391 participants (46 of them were women) in the meetings. The meetings focused on the discussion of newly emerged challenges associated with illegal activities that happened and are happening inside the CF areas, submission to the PMU the forest patrol report by each of the CFMC, and approval of the CF work plan for implementation in the next quarter.

**Table 9: Number of meetings between PMU and CFMC (Apr-Jun) 2022**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Community Forestry Name</b>	<b>Village &amp; commune</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>CFMC</b>	<b>Women</b>
1	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	12/04/2022	10	0
2	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	04/04/2022	12	0
3	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	10/04/2022	5	0
4	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	10/04/2022	6	0
5	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	07/04/2022	12	2
6	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	10/04/2022	13	4
7	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	08/04/2022	17	2
8	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	07/04/2022	12	0
9	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	12/04/2022	5	0
10	Sochet	Porong village, Sochet Commune	09/04/2022	5	0
11	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	07/04/2022	14	3
12	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	08/04/2022	5	0
13	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	11/04/2022	5	0
14	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	11/04/2022	18	11
15	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	20/05/2022	7	0
16	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	19/05/2022	9	0
17	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	18/05/2022	9	0
18	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	17/05/2022	11	0
19	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	17/05/2022	7	0
20	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	19/05/2022	9	0
21	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	20/05/2022	9	1
22	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	17/05/2022	11	0
23	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	17/05/2022	7	0
24	Sochet	Porong village, Sochet Commune	18/05/2022	12	2
25	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	20/05/2022	8	0
26	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	20/05/2022	9	0
27	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	19/05/2022	11	0
28	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	20/05/2022	9	3
29	Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	8/06/2022	9	1
30	O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	10/06/2022	7	0
31	O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	8/06/2022	8	0
32	Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	9/06/2022	7	0
33	Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	9/06/2022	11	0
34	Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	10/06/2022	4	0
35	O' Dasco CF	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	10/06/2022	9	1
36	Sre Pring	Sre Pring village, Sochet	8/06/2022	9	1
37	Rum Chek	Rum Chek village, Sochet	8/06/2022	11	0
38	Sochet	Porong village, Sochet Commune	8/06/2022	13	4
39	O' Kranhoung	Choam Svay village, Mean Rith	10/06/2022	7	0

40	O' Kranhak	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	10/06/2022	4	0
41	Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	9/06/2022	9	1
42	Kbal Dauntey	Beung village, Mean Rith	9/06/2022	16	10
<b>Total</b>				<b>391</b>	<b>46</b>

**3.2 Conduct FIU semester meeting**, on 08 June 2022, the PMU conduct a FIU and Local FA semester meeting, the meeting was conducted in Sandan district. The meeting participated by 18 participants include FIU, local FA, and PMU member. The meeting addressed the matter related to (1) update on progress and challenges on forest law enforcement, (2) prepared forest law enforcement planning, and (3) prepared official respond by FIU to provincial court.

**3.3 Conduct a meeting with Sandan Governor and related district division-** on 28 June 2022, the PMU conducted a meeting with Sandan Governor and affiliate division, the meeting participated by sandan district officers, local FA, local community, and local authority in total of 16 participants. The meeting was discussed and addressed key matter related to the project- such as (1) presented the progress and challenges, (2) present the community forestry land registration work-plan and request for support, (3) request for support from the governor to community forest patrol team and FIU.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The project is implementing for three years (2019 to 2021) and was agreed to extended to December 2022. The PMU received approval from KFS on the Work Plan and budget for 2019-2021 as well as the approval for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Work Plan and Budget (2022). Annex II: Presents Budget Expenditure for Q2 (April-June 2022) and Work Plan and Budget Plan for Q3 (July-September) 2022.

## ANNEXES

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