

**UN-REDD**  
PROGRAMME



# National Programmes Semi-Annual Update

## Nigeria

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# 1. National Programme Status

## 1.1 National Programme Identification

**Country:** FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**Title of programme:** Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme

**Date of signature<sup>1</sup>:** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Date of first transfer of funds<sup>2</sup>:** September 2012

**End date according to National Programme Document:** February 2015

**No-cost extension requested<sup>3</sup>:** -

**Implementing partners<sup>4</sup>:**

- Federal Ministry for the Environment
- Forestry Commission of Cross River State

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<sup>1</sup> Last signature on the National Programme Document

<sup>2</sup> As reflected on the MPTF Office Gateway <http://mptf.undp.org>

<sup>3</sup> If yes, please provide new end date

<sup>4</sup> Those organizations either sub-contracted by the Project Management Unit or those organizations officially identified in the National Programme Document as responsible for implementing a defined aspect of the project. Do not include the participating UN Organizations unless Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) is being applied.

## 1.2 Monitoring Framework

N/A: Non Available

<b>Outcome 1: Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level</b>	
<b>Expected Results ( Output 1.1): The REDD+ Secretariat is effective at coordinating REDD+ readiness nationwide</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Increased legal mandate & institutional recognition of REDD+ in Nigeria
<b>Baseline:</b>	No official REDD+ legal endorsement or mandate, weak REDD+ structures
<b>Progress against target:</b> The UN-REDD Nigeria programme steering committee was constituted, held its first meeting, adopted its Terms of reference and approved the 1 <sup>st</sup> annual work plan & budget. Recruitments of key personnel ongoing	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Key personnel recruited and in place. A team retreat organized to ensure a coordinated vision and functioning. The Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2014 is ready by the end of the year	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> The programme has a slow start in the period January-June 2013, yet towards the reporting period significant improvements were noted, in terms of training on the national team on UN procedures (more so as a national-implementation modality was adopted) and some joint steps ahead (with regular meetings/visits between federal and CRS teams held).
<b>Expected Results ( Output 1.2): Stakeholder engagement and public awareness on REDD+ enhanced</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Federal multi-stakeholder REDD+ cluster (to sustain the REDD+ process at federal level)
<b>Baseline:</b>	The REDD+ constituency at federal level is relatively small, with minimal capacities and no regular stakeholder engagement structures in place.
<b>Progress against target :</b> Federal-level stakeholders have participated in consultations for the R-PP document.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Stakeholder exchange meetings; training of journalists; develop guidelines for stakeholder engagement.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Stakeholder engagement advanced, notably via the PGA/REDD+ initiative. However, as stated at the programme steering committee, it was deemed important to scale up public sensitization around REDD+ in view of the emergence of some confusing, negative messages around REDD+.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 1.3): Policy, legal and institutional arrangements for REDD+ established</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Policy and legal context for a REDD+ mechanism
<b>Baseline:</b>	No policy or legal framework for text exists or has been assessed
<b>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period):</b> N/A	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> N/A – not priority output; nothing planned for 2013	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> N/A
<b>Expected Results ( Output 1.4): Nigeria's international engagement on REDD+ enhanced</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Task force for REDD+ negotiations
<b>Baseline:</b>	No task force for REDD+ negotiations; country has a limited number of officials that understand and follow REDD+ negotiations
<b>Progress against target:</b> Nigeria played a highly appreciated role as co-chair of the UN-REDD Policy Board in June 2013, receiving positive commendments from UN agencies, country representatives and overall policy board members.	

<b>Expected annual Target</b> Undertake an exploratory phase of an ECOWAS REDD+ Initiative. Support training and capacity building on climate-change negotiations for a Nigerian task-force for the UNFCCC	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> N/A – these initiatives were postponed for the second semester 2013.
<b>Outcome 2: Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared</b>	
<b>Expected Results ( Output 2.1): National REDD+ challenges &amp; potentials assessed</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	National assessment of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
<b>Baseline:</b>	In-depth understanding of deforestation drivers across Nigeria is weak (some studies exist, but there is insufficient depth as required for REDD+)
<b>Progress against target</b> A review has been made on past land use change studies and deforestation in Nigeria, and deforestation and forest degradation drivers identified. Past land use change dynamics have been quantified for the entire country as well as per region (High Forest Zone, Guinea Savannah Zone and Sudan and Sahel zones). Past deforestation trends have been modeled based on identified “wall-to-wall” datasets.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Two assessment studies	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Assessment studies require design; yet drafting of the R-PP is providing the country with additional insights on how to deploy REDD+ in other states beyond CRS.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 2.2): National MRV framework designed</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	GHG reporting to UNFCCC
<b>Baseline:</b>	GHG not reported with quality; weak national capacities on GHG reporting
<b>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A scoping assessment has been undertaken and human capacities to undertake M&amp;MRV assessed, gaps identified and a capacity building programme developed, and will be implemented through various capacity building workshops and thematic trainings during the project cycle. Need assessment of Remote sensing/GIS and forest inventory equipment have been undertaken and a procurement plan produced for purchases of equipment and establishment of the RS/GIS laboratory.</li> <li>- Recruitment process of MRV Expert has been undertaken.</li> <li>- Technical support is being provided to the MRV expert by the UN REDD Forestry officer, and he is rapidly building up capacity in forest monitoring and MRV, and in developing capacity of national staff.</li> <li>- A draft document for implementation of M &amp; MRV has been produced for Nigeria and will be improved upon in the course of the year (ongoing activity)</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Institutional mapping and assessment of arrangements and capacities at federal level for a national M&MRV system. Hire a national MRV advisor. Backstopping support from FAO UN-REDD team. Develop a national M&MRV action plan. Capacity building activities for a GHG inventory and remote-sensing.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Adequate progress in terms of planning of the forest monitoring system; the backstopping of FAO is helping and an international FAO MRV specialist is to be deployed in the region during the second semester of 2013.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 2.3): A Preliminary National Strategy for expanding REDD+ across Nigeria's states built</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Understanding of differential conditions, options & challenges for REDD+ among different states

<b>Baseline:</b>	No systematic analysis exists for REDD+ across Nigeria
<b>Progress against target:</b> Nigeria has done substantive – and intense – steps for the drafting of an R-PP to meet the final deadline of the FCPF.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Support to drafting of R-PP. Definition of requirements/criteria for engaging in a REDD+ process. Design of a "package" of financing options for REDD.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> UN-REDD assisted Nigeria to draft and consult its R-PP in order to prepare a first submission to the FCPF to expand financing for readiness in the country [NB – A first submission was successfully done by end of July, 2013].
<b>Outcome 3: Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened</b>	
<b>Expected Results ( Output 3.1):</b> CRS REDD+ Unit fully functional and effective	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Scope of REDD+ team in CRS
<b>Baseline:</b>	CRSFC has a REDD+ unit, but the team is reduced in size and skills
<b>Progress against target:</b> Office under refurbishment, and recruitments launched.	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Recruitments, refurbishing of office space, capacity building on UN programme implementation (procedures & finance)	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Office space being made ready. The ToR for key, new recruitments have been prepared. The CRS FC received UNDP training and is not familiarized with UN operations for the implementation of the programme.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 3.2):</b> CRS stakeholders, with emphasis on forest communities, trained & engaged on REDD+	
<b>Indicators:</b>	1.Stakeholder engagement exchanges on REDD+ related issues involving community and local stakeholders
<b>Baseline:</b>	Few initiatives, dispersed, no guidelines and criteria for REDD+ pilots
<b>Progress against target (Achievements gained in the reporting period)</b>	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Develop a REDD+ process database; CRS Stakeholder Forum on REDD+ meeting; production, publication and translation of information & communication materials; progress on PGA/REDD+ initiative.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> The UN-REDD guidelines for stakeholder engagement were further disseminated during the inception phase of the programme. The Participatory Governance Assessment for REDD+ (PGA/REDD+) held a critical meeting in January 2013, to review the data collection exercise in the previous semester, yet some slowness at the end of the reporting period due to need to recruit of a coordinator for PGA/REDD+.
<b>Expected Results ( Output 3.3):</b> CRS REDD+ Strategy is constructed	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Assessments and Consultations conducted for constructing a REDD+ strategy
<b>Baseline:</b>	No assessments available (except a Preliminary Assessment prepared for the formulation of the current Programme); need of abundant and systematic consultations and field surveys for building the CRS REDD+ Strategy
<b>Progress against target:</b> N/A – setting up the programme coordination structures and personnel	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> Various assessments to prepare the analytical basis for the REDD+ strategic options in CRS.	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> N/A
<b>Expected Results ( Output 3.4):</b> CRS Forest monitoring system operational	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Forest Monitoring system for CRS

<b>Baseline:</b> Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	No forest monitoring system in place
<b>Progress against target:</b> (see below)	
<b>Expected annual Target</b>  Hire a national MRV advisor (to be supported by regular backstopping by FAO UN-REDD team) Support national MRV advisor through increased backstopping support from FAO UN-REDD team	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Institutional mapping and assessment: Scoping study/assessment has been undertaken by the UN-REDD Programme and human capacities to undertake M&amp;MRV assessed, gaps identified and a capacity building programme developed, and will be implemented through various capacity building workshops and thematic trainings during the project cycle. Need assessment of Remote sensing/GIS and forest inventory equipment have been assessed and a procurement plan produced for purchases of equipment and establishment of the RS/GIS laboratory.</li> <li>- Recruitment of MRV expert undertaken.</li> <li>- Technical support is being provided to the MRV expert by the UN REDD Forestry officer, and he is rapidly building up capacity in forest monitoring and MRV, and in developing capacity of national staff.</li> <li>- RS/GIS and forest inventory equipment under procurement process: however, purchases of equipment delayed until laboratory (building to install the equipment is refurbished)</li> <li>- Review of existing forest inventory data, as well as collecting and harmonizing existing forest data: review has been done and document produced; however, raw or processed data for the inventories is unavailable: consultants who undertook the studies retained the data and most is missing.</li> <li>- Literature review has been made on past land use change studies and deforestation in Nigeria, and deforestation and forest degradation drivers identified. Past land use change dynamics have been quantified for the entire country as well as per region (High Forest Zone, Guinea savannah zone and Sudan and Sahel zones). Past deforestation trends have been modeled based on identified “wall-to-wall” datasets. Spatially explicit study plan/methodology formulated and TOR drafted following non-spatial review</li> <li>- Develop National MRV Action Plan: A draft document for implementation of M &amp; MRV has been produced for Nigeria and will be improved upon in the course of the year (ongoing activity)</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome 4: REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State</b>	
<b>Expected Results ( Output 4.1): REDD+ experimental initiatives in the state well coordinated &amp; supported</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	<b>Guidance for REDD+ pilots and initiatives</b>
<b>Baseline:</b>	No technical guidance for REDD+ exists
<b>Progress against target:</b> N/A	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> N/A – the programme is just starting	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> Engagement advancing for the 3 initial “pilots” in CRS, which will provide an experimental basis for REDD+
<b>Expected Results ( Output 4.2): REDD+ investments enabled [REDD+ phase 2 triggered]</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Finance mobilised for forest investments in CRS.

<b>Baseline:</b> Baselines are a measure of the indicator at the start of the National Programme	Minimal REDD+ finance available, forest investments hard to mobilise.
<b>Progress against target : N/A</b>	
<b>Expected annual Target</b> N/A – the programme is just starting	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> N/A – the programme is just starting
<b>Expected Results ( Output 4.3): CRS established as a centre of excellence &amp; learning on REDD+</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>	Visits of states across Nigeria to Cross River State to learn from their REDD+ and climate policies and actions.
<b>Baseline:</b>	Cross River State is known for its environmental commitment, yet learning visits from other states have been minimal
<b>Progress against target: N/A</b>	
<b>Expected annual</b> N/A	<b>Achievement of Annual Target</b> N/A

### 1.3 Financial Information

In the table below, please provide up-to-date information based on the Results Framework included in the signed National Programme Document (For programs that have had a substantive revision please include a footnote or reference using the agreed language); as well as financial data on planned, committed and disbursed funds. The table requests information on the cumulative financial progress of the National Programme implementation at the end of the reporting period (including all cumulative yearly disbursements). Please add additional rows as needed.

Definitions of financial categories:

- *Commitments*: Includes all amount committed to date. Commitment is the amount for which legally binding contracts have been signed and entered into the Agencies' financial systems, including multi-year commitments which may be disbursed in future years.
- *Disbursement*: Amount paid to a vendor or entity for goods received, work completed, and/or services rendered (does not include un-liquidated obligations)
- *Expenditures*: Total of commitments plus disbursements

Programme Outcome (Reference: National Programme Document)	Part. UN Org.	Approved Budget/Amount Transferred (USD) A	Cumulative Expenditures as of 30 June 2013			
			Commitments B	Disbursement C	Total Expenditures (B+C) D	% Delivery (total expenditure/Budget) D/A
Outcome 1 Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level	FAO	0	-	-	-	
	UNDP	645,000	-	55,387	55,387	
	UNEP	80,000	-	-	-	
<b>Sub-total Outcome 1</b>				<b>55,387</b>	<b>55,387</b>	
Outcome 2 Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared	FAO	395,000	-	29,398	29,398	
	UNDP	90,000				
	UNEP	0				
<b>Sub-total Outcome 2</b>		<b>485,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,785</b>	<b>84,785</b>	
Outcome 3 Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened	FAO	662,000				
	UNDP	953,318		25,645	25,645	
	UNEP	0				
<b>Sub-total Outcome 3</b>		<b>1,615,318</b>		<b>25,645</b>	<b>25,645</b>	



<b>Outcome 4</b> REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State	FAO	0			
	UNDP	555,000		44,541	44,541
	UNEP	358,000			
<b>Sub-total Outcome 4</b>		913,000		<b>44,541</b>	<b>44,541</b>
<b>Total Programme cost per Agency (all outcomes):</b>	FAO	1,051,821		<b>29,398</b>	<b>29,398</b>
	UNDP	2,232,326		<b>125,573</b>	<b>125,573</b>
	UNEP	435,854			
<b>Total Indirect Support Cost (7%)</b>	FAO	79,169			
	UNDP	168,024		0	0
	UNEP	32,806			
<b>Grand Total (total Programme + indirect support cost)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>		<b>154,971</b>	<b>154,971</b>

## **2. National Programme Progress**

### **2.1 Narrative on Progress, Difficulties and Contingency Measures**

- 2.1.1 Please provide a brief overall assessment of the extent to which the National Programme is progressing in relation to expected outcomes and outputs and the opportunities and challenges. Please provide examples if relevant (300 words).**

Although the inception workshop of the programme was held in late 2012, shortly after signature, the inception process had to be completed, and this took a few months that cover the reporting period (January-April 2013). As part of inception, a national implementation modality for UNDP components was agreed between governmental counterparts and the UNDP, on the basis of an internal assessment of capacities coupled with additional financial & administrative training provided by UNDP during the reporting period. This will increase enormously the level of national ownership and management of the programme, but required some months of ensuring this transition.

The first programme steering committee was held in April 2013 and was successful. It comprised UN-Nigeria management, Nigeria governmental management, UN-REDD staff and Nigerian civil society representatives, who deliberated in a very collegial spirit.

The recruitment of key personnel is a crucial factor to allow a smooth implementation of the programme. During the reporting period, the terms of reference of the key personnel were finalized, and the recruitment process, initiated.

- 2.1.2 Please provide a brief overall assessment of any measures taken to ensure the sustainability of the National Programme results during the reporting period. Please provide examples if relevant. (200 words)**

The inception process extended over the reporting period, to ensure the key implementation arrangements were in place. In particular, arrangements for national implementation were crafted and agreed, which will increase the degree of national ownership and management of the programme and hence speed up implementation. The programme steering committee, held in the middle of the reporting period, served to confirm common priorities. In particular, the recruitment of key personnel was deemed indispensable and a priority, and therefore the reporting period ended with advancements in such recruitment process.

### 3. Government Counterpart Information

This section is dedicated to the Government Counterpart to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complementary information to Sections 1-2 which are filled out by the participating UN organizations.

#### **Comments by the Government Counterpart:**

The programme has had a slow start in this period, in which the inception phase was completed with the first UN-REDD Nigeria project steering committee meeting, held in April 2013 (which was the inaugural meeting). In addition, the federal government requested UN-REDD rapid support for the crucial drafting, consultation and submission of the R-PP in order to access the last financing window of FCPF for REDD+ readiness; this support was made available and just after the reporting period, in late July, the federal government was able to make its first submission of the R-PP to the FCPF (this was also aligned with advancing implementation of outcome 2.3 of the UN-REDD Nigeria programme).

- National Secretariat for REDD+

### 4. Other stakeholders (non-government) Information

The aim of this section is to allow non-Government stakeholders to provide their assessment, as well as additional and complementary information to Sections 1-3 which are filled out by the three participating UN organizations and the government counterpart. Please request a summary from existing stakeholder committees or platforms.

#### **Comments by other stakeholders (non-government):**

Civil society in Nigeria follows with high interest and expectations the UN-REDD programme in Nigeria, and is ever available to participate and engage. During the programme steering committee, civil society highlighted the importance of mobilizing NGOs from local to the national levels, including representatives of forest communities, and scaling up the public sensitization on REDD+, in view of some confusing messages against REDD+ by actors with vested interests.

- by the NGOCE-based civil society representative at the UN-REDD Nigeria programme steering committee