



Myanmar UN-REDD National Programme

HIGHLIGHTS

Target Area: National Project

Donor: Government of Denmark, Government of Norway, European Union, Government of Spain, Government of Japan, Government of Switzerland, and Government of Luxembourg

Contribution: USD 2 231 164

Project Code: UNJP/MYA/023/UNJ-GLOBAL

Government Counterpart (s): Forest Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC)

Beneficiaries: The project collaborators, advisers and reviews including Forest Department, Forest Research Institute, Dry Zone Greening Department, Environmental Conservation Department, Agricultural Land Management and Statistics Department, and CSO groups.

Implementation Period: 4 years (September 2016 to September 2020)



BACKGROUND

The United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD) was launched in 2008 for the convening role and technical expertise of FAO, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) in the developing countries. Myanmar developed the REDD+ Readiness Roadmap in 2013 with the technical support of UN-REDD Programme. In early 2015, Myanmar was invited to submit an Expression of Interest for a full national programme and a 5-year UN-REDD programme strategy has come into effect since 1st January 2016. The Myanmar REDD+ Readiness Roadmap has six sections: (1) Management of REDD+ Readiness Arrangements, (2) Stakeholder Consultation and Participation, (3) Development and Selection of REDD+ strategies, (4) Implementation Framework and Safeguards, (5) Development of a National Forest Reference Emission Level and/or Forest Reference Level, (6) Development of a National Forest Monitoring System.



On the part of the FAO, the implementation is consistent with the UN Strategic Framework for Myanmar 2011-15, and the Country Programming Framework document for 2012-16, jointly launched by the Government of Myanmar and the FAO representative to Myanmar in October 2012.



OBJECTIVE

The project aims to enhance the national capacity for the implementation of REDD+ under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and develop relevant (technical, legal, social) systems.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in Myanmar, as a part of the collaboration, FAO implements this project especially for the following result framework:

- REDD+ safeguards addressed in respected in national context and national safeguards information system “Myanmar’s Safeguards Information System (SIS)” developed and implemented,
- National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Forest Reference (Emission) Level (FRLs) developed through building capacity and develop national action plans on NFMS and FRELs/FRLs, developing Myanmar’s Satellite Land Monitoring System and web-GIS portal and design and pilot a multipurpose National Forest Inventory,
- National REDD+ Strategy developed through REDD+ Strategy analysis, formulation and approval of National REDD+ Strategy.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The project is providing the technical support for MRV component (NFMS and FREL/FRLs) through “Targeted Support” since 2014, and through the “National Programme” since September 2016, by developing capacities and institutions in order to be able to participate in the REDD+ mechanism after 2020. The Government of Myanmar endorsed the NFMS and FREL action plans in 2016 and both are in the process of implementation.

Based on the NFMS action plan, in 2017, Myanmar succeeded in acquiring a significant investment commitment by the Finnish Government in a new and comprehensive National Forest Inventory/ National Forest Monitoring and Information System (NFI/NFMIS) Project, which will fill an important gap in Myanmar’s capacities to report on the State of Forests at Union Level. The project is currently in the planning phase and expected to present the first results in 2022.

Likewise, based on the FREL/FRL action plan, Myanmar submitted the scientifically sound Forest Reference Level (FRLs) proposal to the UNFCCC in January 2018. In the FRL proposal, the two prioritized activities of REDD+, which are reducing emission from Deforestation and Enhancement of forest carbon stocks through afforestation are reported. The FRL submission is currently in the Technical Assessment process by the technical team of the UNFCCC. The team will send the formal assessment document of the proposed FRL which is still ongoing. Whether or not further response from Myanmar side is necessary will be decided upon reception and analysis of the formal TA report (probably early September). It is expected that the process will be completed by November 2018.



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