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Strengthening Coherence between Social Protection and Forestry for Poverty Alleviation

APPROACHES AND KEY MESSAGES

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Stage I (2014-2016) Explored the SP concept as it applies to FDCs

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Stage II (2016-2018) Explored ways to expand SP coverage and strengthen coherence between forestry and SP

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- Key messages

Stage III (2018-2019 and beyond) Developing the guiding framework of SP for FDCs and applying SP concept to forest workers

- Approaches
- Expected results

The expected outputs and approaches of the expert meeting

I. Explore SP concept as it applies to FDCs

Approaches

- Country case studies and workshops to assess vulnerabilities of FDCs and SP needs
 - Burkina Faso, China, Uganda
- A global literature review to collect evidence of impacts of forestry and SP on vulnerability and livelihoods of FDCs
- Side event of COFO 23 -WFW 5 on 22 July 2016 for awareness raising
- Policy brief on social protection for FDCs to provide SP concept as it applies to FDCs and to identify linkages and coherence between forestry and SP

I. Explore SP concept as it applies to FDCs

Key messages

- **Specific vulnerabilities of FDCs**
 - FDCs are usually located in remote and disconnected rural areas characterized by low levels of market development and poor access to public goods and social services;
 - In addition to existing socio-economic and food security risks and vulnerabilities, the challenges of ecological degradation and climate change further exacerbate existing vulnerabilities, especially among FDCs;
 - Insecure forest tenure rights and no/limited access to forest products and services;
 - Potential tradeoffs between sustainable natural resource management and poverty reduction;
 - Historic marginalization, e.g. large portion of indigenous peoples are forest dependent communities;
 - Gender, age, health and education.

I. Explore SP concept as it applies to FDCs

Key messages

- Most of the food insecure and poor people depend on natural resources for their livelihoods;
- Although significantly in need of social protection, **coverage of social protection interventions is very limited in FDCs;**
- **SP and forest programs can be complementary in reducing risks and vulnerabilities and increasing the socioeconomic resilience of FDCs.**

II. Explore ways to expand SP coverage and strengthen coherence between forestry and SP

Approaches

- Country case studies and workshops to explore ways to expand SP coverage and strengthen coherence between forestry and SP:
 - Tanzania, Kenya, China
- East Africa sub-regional workshop, 8-9 Nov. 2017 in Dar es Salaam;
- Global study on the role of forest producer organizations in social protection;
- Side event of COFO 24 -WFW 6 on 19 July 2018 to raise awareness of creating synergies between SP and forestry.

II. Explore ways to expand SP coverage and strengthen coherence between forestry and SP

Key messages

- Social protection coverage for FDCs can be expanded by increase in access of existing social protection programs
 - Example: Tanzania – cooperation of PFP & TASAF
 - identify beneficiaries of PSSN
 - implement public works and conditional cash transfer schemes
- Forest producer organizations (FPOs) play an important role in social protection
 - FPOs can contribute to the access including design and implementation of national social protection policies and programs, contribute to efficiency, adequacy of the targeting and delivery
 - FPOs can also provide/offer complementary SP directly – essential and the first source of support
 - The government continues to have the overall responsibility to ensure social protection for its citizens

II. Explore ways to expand SP coverage and strengthen coherence between forestry and SP

Key messages

- Coherence between forestry and social protection can be strengthened and synergies can be created to increase the SP coverage of FDCs for poverty reduction
- Example: China case – targeted poverty reduction
 - SP: Rapid expanding coverage of insurance of medical care and pension in rural area, and minimum income to targeted poor (social assistance)
 - Forestry: Provision of work as forest guards to poor forest farmers, afforestation subsidies, micro-credit finance for livelihood enhancement projects

Publications



III. Develop the guiding framework of SP for FDCs and apply SP concept to forest workers

Approaches

- Develop guiding framework of SP for FDCs
 - Based on the FO's work since 2014
 - Expert meeting
- Country case studies in assessing social protection coverage of forest workers for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains
 - Kenya (on going), China (to be initiated)
 - Informal work dominated sector, heavy and dangerous with high risk of accidents
 - Either informal workers are not able to participate in the contributory insurance or the existing social insurance system is not available to them
 - The poorest are often excluded or not able to participate in forest value chains
 - Some policy changes may result in excluding some workers from the value chains in which they are participating

III. Develop the guiding framework of SP for FDCs and apply SP concept to forest workers

Expected results

- To provide an guiding framework for
 - expanding SP coverage for FDCs, and
 - strengthening coherence between forestry and SP
- Integration of SP for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains
 - Ways to extent social insurances to informal forest workers
 - Ways to create synergies between SP (assistance + insurance) and forest value chains for poverty reduction and economic inclusion

The expected outputs of the expert meeting

The draft guiding framework

- Discuss what have been included in the draft
- Provide additional examples, approaches and tools
- Identify additional issues and gaps to be addressed
- Advance the guiding framework along the new development trend of SP

Integration of SP for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains

- Issues to be tackled on integrating SP for inclusive and sustainable forestry value chains under the overall framework of poverty alleviation

The structure and approach of the expert meeting

Session I Opening and introduction of FAO's work on SP

Session II – V Discussion of the draft frame work

- Each session will start with a short presentation on the respective chapter
- Followed discussion will be conducted by groups (facilitator, reporter)
- Each group will report back to plenary

Session VI Integration of SP for inclusive and sustainable forest value chains

- Three presentations from ILO, FFF and China
- Discuss issues to be tackled by participants
- Closing



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