

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TEMPLATE

UNDP Terminal Evaluation

Management Response and Tracking Template

Project Title: **World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility REDD+ Readiness Project in Papua New Guinea (Phase 1 and Phase 2)**

Evaluation Completion Date: **27 November 2020**

Key issues and Recommendations	Management Response*	Tracking**				
	Response	Key Actions	Timeframe	Responsible unit(s)	Status***	Comments
1. Develop a formal exit strategy, with a clear action plan and priorities to support the REDD+ process, and strategies to support institutional memory, continuation of activities and staffs.	- Acknowledged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Final Independent Evaluation of the FCPF REDD+ Project (Phase 1 and 2) was commissioned by UNDP PNG Country Office in September 2020 and finalised by 27 November 2020. - Findings and recommendations were discussed during the Project Executive Board Meeting and endorsed by board members on 10 December 2020. 	January 31, 2021	Project Management Unit (Unit)	Pending	
2. Restructure CCDA REDD+ team for the next phase of the REDD+ process: implementation.	- Acknowledged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a continuation to build institutional capacity of the CCDA REDD+ Team, FAO in close partnership with UNDP has commenced the development of the REDD+ Results Based Payment. This project will include 	May 31, 2021	CCDA, FAO UNDP CO	Pending	

		a sub-component to build CCDA in-house capacity.				
3. Complete some readiness work, in particular the REDD+ implementation framework (BSDS, financial mechanism, establishment of a REDD+ fund with a potential support from UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, establishment of a REDD+ registry with FAO support, etc.) and NFI/ PSP re-measurement, and legalize the technical works through regulations and guidelines for REDD+ implementation.	- Acknowledged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of REDD+ Benefits Sharing Distribution System (BSDS) was supported by the FCPF Project. However, due to lack of legislative and regulatory provisions, the current work was put on hold until the Climate Change (Management) Act (2015) was reviewed. With the support of FCPF Project the CCMA was revised and submitted to the National Executive Council in October 2020. - The BSDS work and NFI/ PSP re-measurement have been recommenced and currently under consultation with CCDA and key stakeholders. It will be finalised by the end of February 2021. 	March 31, 2021	UNDP CO PMU FAO	Pending	
4. Develop step by step approach to REDD+ implementation and ensure implementation by all agencies.	- Acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accordance with REDD+ Phases, FCPF Project supported the Government of PNG from "Readiness" Phase to "Implementation" Phase. - The National REDD+ Finance and Investment Plan highlights the step-by-step implementation of Policies and Measures by all relevant government and non-government agencies. 	December 15, 2020	PMU	Completed	
5. Develop gender guidelines for REDD+ implementation.	- Acknowledged	- As mentioned above, FCPF Project has been supporting the development of REDD+	March 31, 2021	UNDP CO	Pending	

		<p>Guidelines. The key challenge the project faced was how to incorporate “Voluntary Carbon Market” projects into a National Approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to expansive stakeholder consultations, the draft Guidelines was produced and under review by the CCDA. This work will be finalised by the end of February 2021 by the International Consultant Mr. Philip Cowling Summers. 				
6. Strengthen engagement with pilot projects and local level to favour learning and operationalization of REDD+ processes.	- Acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to consider pilot projects to implement REDD+, FCPF Project and CCDA REDD+ team started involvement of project developers to be part of the REDD+ operationalisation. This includes development of REDD+ Guidelines on Nested Approach and the development of Safeguards Information System (SIS) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The SOPs are developed and will be finalised by March 2021. 	March 31, 2021	UNDP CO	Pending	
7. Support the completion of policy, laws and regulation works and in particular on oil palm, agricultural and conservation, forestry, land and climate policies.	- Acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the support of FCPF project, sector-based policies such as Climate Change (Management) Act, Forestry Act and National Sustainable Land Use Policies were reviewed and handed over to the Government of PNG. The FCPF Project has also contributed in the review of PNG’s Protected 	December 10, 2020	UNDP CO	Completed	

		Areas Bill which will be submitted to the Government for review and endorsement during the first quarter of 2021.				
8. Support a better integration of NRS and NRFIP into MTDP IV, sectoral and provincial development plans.	- Acknowledged.	- With the support of FCPF project, SDG13 Climate Response Roadmap was developed. It sets out a pathway for action on climate change across different sectors and highlights the need for an integrated approach to addressing climate change. It integrates REDD+ action within the broader framework of climate action in the country. The National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) is integral part of the roadmap and will be reviewed in during the development of MTDP IV.	May 31, 2021	CCDA UNDP CO	Pending	
9. Strengthen REDD+ governance, through the establishment of the NRSC (particularly important as the PEB will no longer function) and of cross sectoral coordination mechanisms in provinces with due care to avoid duplications (including through potential integration of the Provincial Forest Management Committees).	- Acknowledged	- The revised Climate Change (Management) Act intends to establish Climate Change Board, a governing body to coordinate climate change in the country. - The National REDD+ Steering Committee (NRSC) was endorsed by the Government in 2017, however it will come to force only after approval of the revised CCMA during the first quarter of 2021.	May 31, 2021	CCDA UNDP CO	Pending	
10. Support strengthening of civil society and its coordination.	- Acknowledged.	- UNDP's project "Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea" includes capacity	June 30, 2021	CCDA UNDP CO	Pending	

		<p>building and coordination among civil society institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project has been submitted to the Global Environment Facility in December 2020 and will commence in June 2021. 				
11. Raise funds for REDD+ implementation.	- Acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project has contributed to Concept Note on the establishment of Biodiversity and Climate Fund (BCF) in partnership with the UNDP GEF6 Financing of Protected Areas in PNG. This will raise funds for REDD+ and also be considered during the development of FAO GCF Results Based Proposal in 2021 	May 31, 2021	CEPA, CCDA UNDP GEF6 FAO	Pending	

* Unit(s) assigned to be responsible for the preparation of a management response will fill the columns under the management response section.

** Unit(s) assigned to be responsible for the preparation of a management response will be updating the implementation status. Assigned with an oversight function monitors and verifies the implementation status.

*** Status of Implementation: Completed, Partially Completed, Pending