



Readiness Fund REDD+ Country Progress Report

COUNTRY: Suriname
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FCPF Readiness Fund: REDD+ Country Participant Annual Progress Report

About this document

This template is for use by Readiness Fund (RF) REDD+ Country Participants to report their annual progress on REDD+ readiness activities in general, and on FCPF-supported activities in particular. The data provided through these reports represents a central information source for measuring progress against the FCPF's expected results and performance indicators, as articulated within the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework.

Report preparation

Reports cover progress through 30th June of each year.

When preparing the report, RF REDD+ Country Participants should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD+ (component 6 of the R-PP) and should consult members of the national REDD task force or equivalent body. Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated, with any divergent views recorded as appropriate. Detailed, indicator-by-indicator definitions and reporting guidance are provided within the FCPF M&E Framework (<https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/monitoring-and-evaluation-0>).

Reporting schedule

Completed reports should be submitted to the FCPF's Facility Management Team (FMT) by **15th July** every year.

SECTION A: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. In brief, what were the main REDD+ readiness-related activities delivered within your country during the last year?
 - For example, strategy / policy drafting, stakeholder consultation events, capacity building / training, awareness raising initiatives
 - Please be as specific as possible, e.g. name, date and number of participants in consultation events (sex disaggregated, if available), name of policy being drafted, institutions involved in policy drafting

Suriname's R-PP was approved by the FCPF in 2013 and the country is currently in its REDD+ Readiness phase. Suriname REDD+ commissioned a mid-term progress report (MTR) of its Readiness Preparation Proposal (RPP) in the last quarter of 2017. The MTR assessed the progress achieved in those activities that are financed by the FCPF grant and recommended that extra funds were needed under the project for Suriname to be REDD+ ready. The FCPF Participant Committee (PC23) approved Suriname's Request for Additional Funding, allocating an additional US\$2.65 million to Suriname to continue with its REDD+ readiness process till June 30th, 2020. A substantive revision of the REDD+ Project Document was conducted in 2018 through a participatory process with national stakeholders, implementing partners and the delivery partner UNDP.

During the reporting period, Suriname made significant progress to reach its targets towards being REDD+ ready in 2020. Through a broad participatory process the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname has been finalized and is currently at the Government of Suriname for final approval. The National Forest Monitoring System is operational and continuous being strengthened. Suriname's first Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) was finalized and

submitted to the UNFCCC in 2018. The establishment of the Safeguard Information System (SIS) have commenced in the reporting period and is expected to be established by the end of this year.

In short, the following progress has been made in the reporting period:

Support International collaboration on HFLD Climate Finance Mobilization

Suriname has made the international commitment to continue being a country with a high forest cover and a low deforestation (High Forest cover and Low Deforestation, HFLD), counting on technical and financial support from the international community (COP23, Bonn).

From February, 12 – 14, 2019 the “High Forest cover, Low Deforestation Conference on Climate Finance Mobilization” was held in Suriname, hosted by the Government of Suriname and co-funded by the Suriname REDD+ Program. The overall aim has been to strengthen the collaboration and motivation of HFLD- countries in maintaining their forest cover with adequate support (technical and financial) from the global community. The conference offered opportunities for participating HFLD - countries, REDD+ donor countries, international agencies and other relevant actors to meet, share information, experiences and form partnerships for a forested future.

A tangible output of the conference, was a “Paramaribo Declaration on Sustaining High Forest Cover and Low Deforestation”. For more information, see the official conference website: <https://www.hfldclimatefinance.com/>

Development of the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname

After an extensive multi-stakeholder consultation process from May 2017 – Feb. 2019, including consultations of governmental institutions, Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ITPs), the private sector, and civil society the final draft of the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname (NS) was completed and sent to all relevant stakeholders for final review. This final draft was presented to all the stakeholders involved from the early stages of the process, in a validation workshop on Feb. 28th, 2019. A pre-meeting was held with the representatives of the ITPs on Feb. 27th, 2019. The received feedback has been incorporated in the final document, which was prepared by the REDD+ PMU under responsibility of the National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname, the Cabinet of the President/ Environmental Coordinating Unit and the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB). The final National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname was submitted to the Government of Suriname in May 2019 for final review and approval, which is expected to follow shortly.

Development of a Safeguards Information System (SIS) for Suriname

In April 2018, the procurement process to hire international expertise for the development of a SIS for providing information on how the UNFCCC Cancun safeguards are being addressed and respected, was started. In October 2018, the contract with an international consultancy consortium was signed. As part of the development of the SIS, a multi-stakeholder roadmap workshop was held on Mar. 1st, 2019. A SIS counterpart group was established consisting of representatives of stakeholders with combined backgrounds which cover both the technical as well as the social sides of the SIS, including knowledge on gender, ITP rights (including land tenure), forest conservation (esp. in the context of development planning), stakeholder participation, and institutional capacities to handle information. The role of the group as a whole is to provide input to the different steps of the SIS development. In line with the aim to develop the SIS in an inclusive and comprehensive manner, all ten ITP communities in the Surinamese hinterland will be consulted. The community consultations started in April 2019 and will continue till September 2019. The development of the SIS is projected to be finalized in December 2019.

Development of a Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM)

In the first quarter of 2018 an international and a national consultant were contracted by the UNDP Country Office in Suriname to develop Suriname’s FGRM as part of the REDD+ institutional arrangements. As an important step in the development of the REDD+ FGRM, consultations with representatives of all relevant stakeholder groups took place. The initial design of the FGRM was shared with stakeholders for review and comments, followed by discussions in a stakeholder’s meeting in November 2018. The feedback was incorporated in the Final Design Report of Suriname’s FGRM.

A Terms of Reference (ToR) has been prepared with the proposed mandate, structure and staffing of a REDD+ Grievance Redress Office (GRO) for Suriname. Also, a ToR with a set of operational procedures for the GRO, specifying how it will respond when it receives grievances was presented. Currently, discussions are taking place between NIMOS, REDD+ PMU and UNDP on operationalizing the GRO and a ToR is being prepared to hire a GRO Director.

Development of a REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM)

A ToR has been prepared for development of a REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Suriname. The overall objective of the BSM is to ensure that REDD+ benefits in Suriname are shared in an effective, efficient, transparent and equitable manner, and in a way that fully reflects national and international requirements.

NIMOS/ REDD+ PMU recommended to have the designing of the BSM coordinated by an independent organization. Therefore, the assistance of the UNDP Country Office in Suriname was requested for:

- Leading the procurement process to attract a consultant/ consultancy team for developing the BSM and
- Coordinating the work performed by the consultant/ consultancy team.

The procurement for hiring an international consultancy to develop the BSM is projected to commence in 2019.

Designing and implementing ground-truth projects on sustainable economic development opportunities

The Multi-Year Work Plan of the REDD+ Project Document 2019 includes the designing and implementing of REDD+ ground-truth projects on sustainable economic development opportunities for national rights holders and stakeholders. In the first half of 2018, the necessary documentation was prepared, including designing criteria for eligible projects for implementation. Administrative procedures were developed that will be established to review the proposals and select the ground-truth projects to be implemented. A project proposal template was developed. These documents were discussed within the Management Meeting consisting of Sr. Management of the implementing and delivery partners, followed by approval of the documents. The call for proposal started on June 19th and will be open for a period of 6 weeks. Project duration will be for a period of 8 months, from October 2019 – May 2020.

Developing and executing an action plan for Private Sector Engagement

The overall objective of private sector engagement in REDD+ Readiness is to ensure acceptable and effective inclusion of this group that have a stake, interest or right in the forest and those that will be affected positively or negatively by the REDD+ program, in order to contribute to the elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy, its implementation framework for the green development of Suriname.

NIMOS, REDD+ PMU and SBB have developed an action plan for increasing private sector engagement within REDD+, including developing a strategy and outlining specific activities.

One of these activities include the co-funding of the Foundation for Sustainable Wood Processing in Suriname (FSWPS), with regard to the project “Building a Business Model for wood waste recycling”, of which other main financiers include the FSWPS itself as “Executing Agency” of the project and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The project seeks to develop a commercially and environmentally sustainable solution for utilizing waste from the wood processing industry in Suriname. To reduce the incidence and effects of illegal burning of wood waste, the project seeks to develop a business model for the conversion of industrial wood waste into charcoal (and briquettes and pellets) for sale in established export markets using a highly efficient CO₂ neutral retort kiln technology. The contract for co-funding of this project between NIMOS- FSWPS was signed on June 14th, 2019 and the project activities are expected to be finalized by September 2019.

Further Strengthening of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)

Based on the recommendations within the FREL which was submitted in 2018 and the NFMS roadmap (2017), The Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB) has continued strengthening the NFMS with the support of the FCPF REDD+ Readiness, other projects and national budgets. Specifically following activities were carried out:

- Finalization of the deforestation map 2017 and the post deforestation land use/ land cover 2000-2017 in collaboration with the different institutions. Adjustment of the deforestation monitoring protocol by using Sentinel 2 satellite images which have a spatial resolution of 10m. The deforestation map 2018 will be finalized in the third quarter.
- Finalization of a historical mangrove forest cover analysis showing the yearly changes in the mangrove forest cover between 2000 and 2018 with Google Earth Engine
- The Center for Agricultural Research and Development Suriname (CELOS) in collaboration with the SBB started a study to assess the pantropical allometric equations. Currently field data is collected.
- An NFI protocol was finalized and implemented for the mangrove forest. Data were collected within 9 out of 12 locations. This will be finalized during the next month.
- A great deal of activities were focused on building the Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname (SFISS). SFISS is an online portal that will improve access to forestry information for all actors in the forestry sector and improve services to private sector. It is also an instrument allowing improved log tracking, tackling and registration of illegal logging and will provide a framework to collect information on

the sustainability of logging operations (and the related emissions) and allow actions to promote sustainable forest management. This system will be especially important, because based on preliminary numbers in 2018 the forestry sector contributed 40% to the overall emissions of forest degradation and deforestation amongst others due to improper applying of planned harvesting. The implementation of SFISS is carried out in parallel with broad training program for the public and private sector including forest based communities.

- Reporting results of the NFMS within the FAO Forest Resource Assessment 2020 and the 6th National Reporting to the CBD.

Strengthening Indigenous and Tribal People's capacities for coordination and engagement in REDD+

- Supporting/strengthening Tribal Peoples platform, KAMPOS: activities for supporting capacity building of KAMPOS for coordination and engagement in REDD+ started in June 2018. Planned activities, also including the staffing of Bureau KAMPOS (an Office coordinating the activities of KAMPOS) and consultation sessions of KAMPOS with the different tribes were carried out and will continue till December 2019.
- Supporting the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS): Capacity building workshops and exchange meetings including dialogues and computer exercises using the Gonini geoportal and NFMS maps were organized by the VIDS in collaboration with the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB) in February 2019. Participants included the indigenous traditional village leaders, village key persons and VIDS board members (max. 26) and staff of SBB.
- A working visit was organized to the Office of the Granman of the Saamaka (Chief of one of the Tribal Peoples in Suriname), in April 2019 at the Residence of the Granman by a delegation consisting of the Government, NIMOS/ REDD+ PMU, UNDP CO and SBB to discuss REDD+ support for the Saamaka development strategy. A follow-up meeting took place in May 2019 in Paramaribo.
- Training on Sustainable Forest Management and Forestry Planning activities for representatives of the villages Pokigron and Pierre Kondre at JSOOC, April 8-12, 2019. In total 17 representatives were trained (13 men and 4 women). This training was preceded with two village meeting where general information on the matter was provided to the larger community: November 9 in Pokigron (Maroon villages) and March in Pierre Kondre-Kumbasi (Indigenous village).

Training REDD+ institutions

- Training sessions of REDD+ Assistants on the REDD+ E-Academy modules.
- Basic course in photography (April 8- 29, 2019), to increase the quality of photo's necessary to create communication material. 17 staff members of NIMOS, PMU, SBB and UNDP have participated.
- A training in Japan "Tropical Forest Management Using the JJ-FAST, an ALOS-2 based Forest Monitoring system, and other Satellite technologies" (October 30 - November 14, 2018) regarding Near Real Time Monitoring (NRTM) was attended by a member of the NFMS team and a private sector representative.
- A training in Google Earth Engine (March 18-23, 2019) organized by the University of Guyana was attended by one member of the NFMS team and a representative of the Center for Agricultural Research and Development Suriname (CELOS)
- Training of private sector representatives were held: Training on harvest plan and sustainable forest management of 19 private sector representatives (July 23-27 2018) at the JSOOC training center short training harvest plan held at the arboretum of CELOS, on June 14, 21 and 27 for ca. 50 private sector representatives, short training in data processing harvest plan held on June 4, 11 and 18 for ca. 40 private sector representatives.
- Internal refreshment trainings on sustainable forest management and forestry monitoring procedures were held at the SBB for 40 managers and supporting staff, who was trained during four morning sessions (8-12h) separated in two groups on April 3&5, 17&18, 24&26 and May 8&10. Additionally 100 forest guards were trained during 5 one day sessions on May 15, 22 and June 6, 12 and 26.
- Exchange visit between SBB and IBAMA in August 20-24th, 2018, to exchange experiences on forestry monitoring and log tracking.

Stakeholder Consultation and Participation

- General REDD+ information sessions (walk-in-school) were organized throughout the year for different stakeholders, including the Government of Suriname (GoS), children and youth, local authorities. During the reporting period 14 walk-in-school sessions were organized, with a total of 523 participants (M/F:225/298).
- REDD+ information sharing sessions were organized for the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ITPs) in the Hinterland of Suriname. A total of 9 sessions were held, with 293 participants.
- Starting in April 2019, on the request of the ITP-groups, the REDD+ Program facilitated capacity building of the ITPs, through trainings in “Entrepreneurship and Business Planning”, including training sessions in cost price calculation, access to finance and market accessibility. These sessions were based on the preference indication by ITPs. Information sessions on “Civilian participation” were part of the capacity building activities. These training sessions were given by staff of the responsible Ministries, e.g. the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism and the Ministry of Regional Development. Up till now, a total of 6 sessions were organized, with a participation of 190 persons; M/F: 106/84).
- In the reporting period specific national stakeholder consultation sessions have been organized w.r.t. the National REDD+ Strategy and the development of the Safeguards Information System.
- ITP- community consultations have been conducted w.r.t. the development of the SIS. Starting in April 2019, up till now, 6 sessions are organized, with a total of 219 participants; M/F: 95/124.
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Public outreach and awareness raising activities

A wide range of public outreach and awareness raising activities have been organized, including, among others:

- Children’s outreach activities on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 7th, 2019) were organized for schools in the district of Nickerie, reaching 30 school children. In collaboration with the Nature Conservation Division of the Suriname Forestry Service children were taken for a field visit to the Bigi Pan Multiple Use Management Area (MUMA).
- An inspiration day for secondary school children was organized to inform them about the forests and the environment and the work of game wardens.
- The REDD+ Program supported the setting up of a mini-forest as part of the “Sranan Krakti” (Suriname Power) exhibition in collaboration with the organization “Villa Zapakara”. This exhibit was officially opened in April 2019 and for the next four years the exhibit will showcase the importance of our forests to the public, especially children. On a yearly basis, approx. 10, 000 children are expected to visit the exhibit.
- In collaboration with the “Nationale Stichting Kinderboeken Festival” a series of five environmental awareness films were produced during Oct 2018 – Jan. 2019, with the goal to increase the awareness of children about the importance of forests, climate change and the environment. After the official launch of the series in Feb. 2019, the productions were broadcasted widely through television channels.
- Production of a six series audio productions in seven tribal languages to raise awareness on REDD+ and REDD+ related topics, in local tribal languages during the period Oct. 2018 – May 2019. Audio productions were broadcasted on both national and local the radio stations.
- Production of audio versions of seven modules of the REDD E- academy in Sranang Tongo (October 2018- Dece 2018) to enable the local REDD+ Assistants to better understand REDD+ information, and to raise awareness on REDD+ in their communities in the hinterland.
- Participation in the exhibition of the local foundation “Kesabaran” of four primary schools in the district of Commewijne (August 11, 2018) to increase awareness about REDD+ and a clean environment. Approx. 150 children were reached.
- Participation on the awareness activity of youth organizations, e.g.: the Youth Corps Stibula, (September 8, 2018), were 23 children were informed on REDD+ and participation to the back to school activities of Platform Buurtorganisaties (Sep. 26, 2018) to increase awareness about REDD+ and a clean environment; approx. 200 children were reached.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs a Youth Climate Seminar (October 24, 2018) was organized to increase awareness and involvement of Surinamese youth with regard to climate change; 98 participants
- Inspiration day of a secondary school (MC. Jessurunschool, March 29, 2019) to create awareness regarding forest related professions, approx. 100 children attended the inspiration day activities.
- REDD+ Community awareness sessions: Awareness sessie Pokigron (Bataliba) (March 30, 2019); approx. 200 pp; Awareness session Nw. Aurora (June 2019); Awareness session Saaje (June 2019).

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV) REDD+ participated in the Made in Suriname/ Agriculture fair (May 1-4, 2019); approx. 300 persons visited the REDD+ booth.
- An extensive newspaper article titled “Verdieneen aan het groene goud” (Earn from the green gold) prepared jointly by the REDD+ PMU and a journalist was published in March 2019 in the most read daily local newspaper *De Ware Tijd*.
- Production of communication material, including REDD+ newsletters (June and November 2018; May 2019), brochures, posters, calendar.
- Public outreach through internet: the REDD+ project website: <http://www.surinameredd.org> and social media outreach through the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/reddplussuriname/> and the geospatial Gateway: <http://www.gonini.org/portal/>. People reached through the facebook page from January 2019 until end June 2019 is 5367.

2. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related achievements in your country during the last year?

- For example, x number of individuals attended REDD+ consultations (sex disaggregated, if available), national REDD+ strategy was finalised, government formally adopted national REDD+ related policy/s, NFMS was established, partnership agreement with private sector association signed

- In February 2019, Suriname initiated the international “**High Forest cover, Low Deforestation Conference on Climate Finance Mobilization**” to strengthen the collaboration and motivation of HFLD-countries in maintaining their forest cover with adequate support from the global community.
- The **National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname** was completed in final draft based on a national stakeholder’s validation workshop and submitted to the Government of Suriname for final approval.
- Suriname started the development of the **REDD+ Safeguards Information System (SIS)** on how the UNFCCC Cancun safeguards are being addressed and respected.
- The Design Report of **Suriname’s Grievance, Redress Mechanism (GRM)** was completed, as well as a proposed structure for a REDD+ Grievance Redress Office (GRO).
- A ToR has been prepared for development of a **REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Suriname**.
- Documentation was prepared, including designing criteria for eligible projects for implementation w.r.t. the designing and implementing of **REDD+ ground-truth projects on sustainable economic development opportunities for national rights holders and stakeholders** and the call for proposal started on June 19th.
- An action plan for increasing **private sector engagement** within REDD+ was developed. The first activity included supporting the Foundation for Sustainable Wood Processing in Suriname (FSWPS), with regard to the project “Building a Business Model for wood waste recycling”, for which the contract was signed in June 2019.
- **Strengthening of ITP capacities for coordination and engagement in REDD+** through capacity building of the Tribal Peoples platform, KAMPOS and supporting the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS) through capacity building workshops and exchange meetings.
- **Public outreach and awareness raising activities** are continuously being implemented, including awareness activities on the occasion of World Environment Day; production and broadcasting of films and audio productions; participation in information fairs; organization of inspiration and information days for schools; organization of a Youth Climate Seminar; publication of newsletters, newspaper articles.
- 14 REDD+ **walk-in-school sessions** were organized, with a total of 523 participants (M/F: 226/ 298).
- 9 REDD+ **information sharing sessions** were organized for the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ITPs), with 293 participants.
- A total of 6 sessions were organized for the ITPs on “Entrepreneurship and Business Planning, with a participation of 190 persons; M/F: 106/84).
- ITP- community consultations have been conducted w.r.t. the development of the SIS, including 6 sessions, with a total of 219 participants; M/F: 95/124
- On May 29th, 2019, a **stakeholder session** at the SBB was held where 120 private sector representatives were informed about the **new forestry planning procedures which are implemented to enhance Sustainable Forest Management practices**.

- **Publication of the results of the NFMS in two scientific articles showing the potential of the forestry sector to reduce carbon emissions::**
 - Contribution to: Peter W. Ellis, Trisha Gopalakrishna, Rosa C. Goodman, Francis E. Putz, Anand Roopsind, Peter M. Umunay, Joey Zalman, Edward A. Ellis, Karen Mo, Timothy G. Gregoire, Bronson W. Griscom, *Reduced-impact logging for climate change mitigation (RIL-C) can halve selective logging emissions from tropical forests*, Forest Ecology and Management, Volume 438, 2019, Pages 255-266.
 - Formulation of: Zalman, Joey & Ellis, Peter & Crabbe, Sarah & Roopsind, Anand. (2019). *Opportunities for carbon emissions reduction from selective logging in Suriname*. Forest Ecology and Management. 439. 9-17.

3. What were the main REDD+ readiness-related challenges and/or problems during the last year?

- For example, lack of engagement from key stakeholders, political barriers, limited funding

- Although the level of engagement of high-level policy-makers and government commitment on REDD+ has increased in the reporting period, a further increase of the level of engagement of policy makers will be required for the country to be fully REDD+ ready. In the reporting period several initiatives, including the “High Forest cover, Low Deforestation Conference on Climate Finance Mobilization”, hosted by the Government of Suriname in February 2019 and bilateral meetings with the Cabinet of the President/Coordination Environment, were conducted. For the coming period further discussions are planned with other Government and Semi- Government Institutions, including, among others, the Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism and the National Planning Office.
- High turnover of staff at Government level, so that maintaining a good REDD+ knowledge level and engagement within these institutions remain a challenge.
- Lack of organization and representation within different groups of the Major Groups Collective (MGC), e.g. Children and Youth, Business and Entrepreneurship, Women, leading to challenges to fully engage these groups within REDD+.
- Not all REDD+ Assistants have the same level of technical knowledge of REDD+, leading to a need of continuous investment in capacity building of the REDD+ Assistants.
- Need for REDD+ communication and education material specifically designed for the group “Children & Youth”.

4. What are the main REDD+ readiness-related activities that you hope to deliver during the next year?

- For example, hold x consultation events, submission of R-Package to the PC, finalisation of SIS, commission research into REDD+ strategy options

- International resource mobilization for climate finance, REDD+ implementation, and implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname
- Endorsement of the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname by the Government of Suriname
- Implementation of REDD+ ground-truth projects on sustainable economic development opportunities
- Development of Suriname’s Safeguards Information System (SIS) and the Summary of Information (SOI)
- Development of REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Suriname
- Operationalizing the REDD+ Grievance and Redress Mechanism of Suriname
- Executing action plan for private sector engagement
- Operationalization of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
- Establishment of the National REDD+ Registry
- Strengthening capacities of ITP for full REDD+ engagement
- Training sessions on entrepreneurship and Business Planning for ITPs
- Establishment of a Carbon Intelligence Unit
- Support the establishment of the Environmental Fund
- Launch the Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname (SFISS) and make sure all forestry activities are preceded with a harvest plan. Expand SFISS for wood processing and continue training of forestry sector actors in Sustainable Forest Management Practices.

- Develop an exchange and support platform amongst communities to monitor forestry practices within community forests. Two representatives from each community will be trained in the use of SFISS and sustainable forest management practices.
- Strengthen the collaboration between the forestry and mining sector to work towards solutions of the problems occurred because of overlapping land use activities. Expand the NRTM system to unplanned mining activities.
- Finalize the currently ongoing National Forest Inventory work in the mangrove forest and initiate this in the next strata.
- Create interoperability between input data and geoservices from NFMS, SIS, SFISS and other systems and data bases.
- Continued stakeholder engagement activities - Information sharing and consultation.
- Stakeholder engagement and outreach activities through walk-in-school sessions, information session for ITPs and general public outreach and awareness activities
- South- South Collaboration: experience sharing missions with Mexico, Guyana, Costa Rica.

SECTION B: READINESS PROGRESS

5. Please provide your own assessment of national progress against all REDD+ readiness sub-components:

(Indicator OV.1.B: Number of FCPF supported countries that have in place a National REDD+ Strategy, FREL/FRL, NFMS and SIS; Output 1.3 indicators)

Progress rating key:

Complete	The sub-component has been completed
	Significant progress
	Progressing well, further development required
	Further development required
	Not yet demonstrating progress
N/A	The sub-component is not applicable to our process

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
R-PP Component 1: Readiness Organisation and Consultation		
Sub-component 1a: National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Complete	As of March 2019, the position of Engagement Assistant within the REDD+ PMU became vacant. The selection process to fill in this position is currently taking place. One Project Board Meeting (Nov. 2018) was held. Activities related to capacity building of the REDD+ Assistants (RAC- representatives of different ITP tribes), were organized. The contracts of REDD+ Assistants (17) with National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname (NIMOS) were extended till Dec. 2019. The HACT audit was completed in Q1 2019.
	X	
	N/A	
Sub-component 1b: Consultation, Participation and Outreach	Complete	The REDD+ Communications Strategy for the years 2018 and 2019 and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan for 2018 and 2019 were developed and (are being) implemented. Consultation and participation activities were planned and executed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 walk-in-school sessions were organized, with a total of 523 participants (M/F: 226/298).
	X	
	N/A	

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)		Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 information sharing sessions for ITP-communities were organized, reaching 293 individuals. • 6 training sessions were organized for the ITPs on “Entrepreneurship and Business Planning” with 190 participants (M/F: 106/ 84). • 6 consultation sessions within ITP- communities were conducted w.r.t. the development of the SIS, with a total of 219 participants (M/F: 95/ 124). • Validation workshop on the draft National REDD+ Strategy; Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA); with key stakeholder groups involved 105 participants. • The SIS initial national workshop involved 66 participants <p>Supporting communication material were produced: a series of five environmental awareness films; 4x posters on SIS; brochures and factsheet on the draft National REDD+ Strategy; folders; 3 editions of the REDD+ Newsletter; 6 audio productions in 7 tribal languages on REDD+ related topics, REDD+ promotional material; audio versions of 7 modules of the REDD E- academy in Sranang Tongo; REDD+ Calendars 2019.</p> <p>Public information and outreach activities were implemented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcasting environmental awareness films through national television. • Broadcasting of REDD+ radio programs through community radios • Continuous update of public outreach through internet: the REDD+ project website: http://www.surinameredd.org and social media outreach through the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/reddplussuriname/ and the geospatial Gateway: http://www.gonini.org/portal/ • The website of the UNDP CO (http://www.sr.undp.org) provides updated information on the Suriname REDD+ Project and is accessible to the public. • Media exposure: through release of press releases and publication of an extensive newspaper article titled “Earning from green gold” • Public outreach activities, including, among others, participation in exhibitions and fairs, inspiration days and environmental field trips of school children.
R-PP Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation			
Sub-component 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Complete	x	Within the background study of the REDD+ National Strategy for Suriname, historical analyses was executed, completed by further modelling and scenario analyses. An assessment of the drivers of deforestation is updated on a biannual basis with the post deforestation land use land cover maps.

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)	
	N/A		
Sub-component 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options	Complete	The final draft of the National REDD+ Strategy of Suriname was validated by all relevant stakeholders, including governmental institutions, Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ITPs), the private sector, and civil society through a national validation workshop. The final input is incorporated in the final document and presented to the Government for endorsement.	
			X
	N/A		
Sub-component 2c: Implementation Framework	Complete	As part of the development of the National REDD+ Strategy an Implementation Framework has been developed and discussed with all relevant stakeholders. The final draft of the Implementation Framework is included in a separate section of the National REDD+ Strategy.	
			X
	N/A		
Sub-component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts	Complete	As part of the development of the National REDD+ Strategy a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) was conducted. The social and environmental considerations are incorporated in the National REDD+ Strategy. The final report was presented to all relevant stakeholders at the validation workshop of the National REDD+ Strategy.	
			X
	N/A		
R-PP Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels			
Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Complete	Suriname's FREL was completed and submitted to the UNFCCC in June 2018	
			X
	N/A		
R-PP Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards			
Sub-component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System	Complete	The NFMS is developed as an internalized national system, and requires the implementation of a capacity strengthening program. The NFMS is conceptualized as a system composed of integrated subsystems, and the development of each of these systems includes strengthening national capacities and capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Satellite Land Monitoring System is fully operational and monitoring outputs such as deforestation maps and land use land cover maps are being delivered a. An informal interdepartmental working group, composed of technical experts from the different national institutions plays a very active role in this system. All data is shared through the online geoportal www.gonini.org which is managed by national experts trained through the REDD+ program. - The National Forest Inventory is currently carried out in the mangrove forest, but will be further developed in other parts of the country 	
			X
	N/A		

Sub-component	Progress rating (mark 'X' as appropriate)	Narrative assessment (briefly explain your rating)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Sustainable Forestry Information System Suriname is currently in an advanced stage of development and will be launched next month. This system will improve the registration of timber production, and include impact factors (e.g. emissions) within the operational controls - Near Real Time Monitoring system is operational, but will be further expanded with a mangrove and an unplanned mining component. Meetings have already been held with the mining institute to collaborate on this. - The Reporting component will be further strengthened. Currently working on a structural method in order to simplify the reporting process. <p>Community Based Monitoring is cross-cutting with all other components, and will be simultaneously developed, in close collaboration with partner organisations such as the Ministry of Regional Development. The first focus in involving communities in the monitoring of forestry activities in community forest.</p>
<p>Sub-component 4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</p>	Complete	<p>The REDD+ SIS for Suriname is currently in development. The SIS will provide information on how the UNFCCC Cancun safeguards, including social and environmental safeguards, are being addressed and respected. An analysis of existing Policies, Laws and Regulations (PLRs) responding to the requirements of the Cancun Safeguards has been conducted as part of the development of the SIS.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference for development of a REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Suriname is drafted and the procurement process to hire expertise for the development will start in 2019.</p>
	x	
N/A		

SECTION C: NON-CARBON BENEFITS

6. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods (e.g. one of your program objective/s is explicitly targeted at livelihoods; your approach to non-carbon benefits explicitly incorporates livelihoods)?

(Indicator 3.2.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods)

Yes		(delete as appropriate)
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If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach:

The policy lines and measures in the draft National REDD+ Strategy that explicitly aim to sustain and enhance livelihoods are:
Policy line 1.B: Support existing, alternative and additional sustainable livelihoods and diversification of the economy

Measure 1.B.1: Promotion of non-timber forest products (NTFP) with a view to providing alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities

Measure 1.B.2: Promotion of nature and ecotourism with a view to provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities and aid in the diversification of the economy

Measure 1.B.3: Provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities through the promotion of medicinal plants

Measure 1.B.4: Provide alternative livelihoods to forest dependent communities through the promotion of agroforestry practices

Measure 1.B.5: Support education and training opportunities in forest-based communities in the interior

Policy 3.D: Participatory community development

Measure 3.D.1: Promote democratic management of community forests/HKV's and an equitable allocation of benefits among all the members of the community

7. Does your national REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity (e.g. one of your program objective/s is explicitly targeted at biodiversity conservation; your approach to non-carbon benefits explicitly incorporates biodiversity conservation)?

(Indicator 3.3.b: Number of RF REDD+ Country Participants whose REDD+ Strategies include activities that directly aim to conserve biodiversity)

Yes	
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(delete as appropriate)

If yes, please provide further detail, including attachments and/or references to the documentation that outlines your approach

In the draft National REDD+ Strategy, it is clearly expressed, as part of the vision/mission that REDD+ in Suriname should be implemented in a way that contributes to biodiversity preservation. The policy lines and measures in the National REDD+ Strategy that explicitly aim to conserve biodiversity are:

Strategic line 1: Continue being a High Forest cover and Low Deforestation country (HFLD) and receive compensation to invest in economic transition

Through this strategic line, Suriname intends to maintain its high forest cover of 93% and conserve its biodiversity and environment. Suriname has declared its commitment internationally to maintain its current level of forest cover, counting on technical and financial support from the international community to realize this ambition. The expected compensation for this global environmental service can assist the transition to a diversified and resilient economy. In February 2019, the Government of Suriname hosted the "High Forest cover, Low Deforestation Conference on Climate Finance Mobilization", with the aim to increase cooperation, exchange knowledge and experience and discuss joint strategies and positions between HFLD countries to preserve their forest cover.

Policy line 4.A: Protected areas

Measure 4.A.1: Increase the coverage of protected areas and provide for their protection through measures including the involvement and participation of ITPs

Measure 4.A.2: Protection of mangrove areas

Policy line 2.C: Forest and environmental laws and regulations

Measure 2.C.4: Revision of the nature conservation law

SECTION D: FINANCE

8. a. Please detail the amount of all finance received in support of development and delivery of your national REDD+ readiness process since the date that your R-PP was signed. Figures should only include secured finance (i.e. fully committed) – ex ante, (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions should not be included: (Indicator 1.B: Amount of finance received to support the REDD+ Readiness process (disaggregated by public, private, grants, loans))

Amount (US\$)	Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department)	Date committed (MM/YY)	Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate)	Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate)
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EXAMPLES:

\$500,000	FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant	10/2013	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$250,000	Ministry of Forestry	01/2014	Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

\$52,500	UNREDD	06/2014	Public	Grant
\$3,800,000	FCPF	06/2014	Public	Grant
\$100,000	Guiana Shield Facility	10/2013	Public	Grant
\$2,650,000	FCPF	01/2019	Public	Grant

- 8b. Please provide the total FCPF project funds that have been disbursed as of July 15th 2019.

	Total Budget (A)	Commitment (B)	Disbursements (C)	Total Expenditures (D) = B+C
	\$ 3,800,000.00	\$0	\$3,759,172.22	\$3,759,172.22
	\$ 2,650,000.00	\$12,000	\$399,756.46	\$411,756.46
Overall Total	\$6,450,000	\$12,000	\$4,158,928.68	\$4,170,928.68

9. Please detail any ex ante (unconfirmed) finance or in-kind contributions that you hope to secure in support of your national REDD+ readiness process:

Amount (US\$)	Source (e.g. FCPF, FIP, name of gov't department)	Public or private finance? (Delete as appropriate)	Grant, loan or other? (Delete as appropriate)
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other
\$		Public / Private	Grant / Loan / Other

SECTION E: FCPF PERFORMANCE

10. To help build an understanding of the FCPF strengths, weaknesses and contributions to REDD+, please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

(Indicator 4.B: Participant Countries' assessment of FCPF's role within and contribution to national REDD+ processes)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely agree
The FCPF's support has had a central influence on the development our national REDD+ systems and processes					X
The FCPF's support has improved the quality of our national REDD+ systems and processes					X
The FCPF's support has improved national capacities to develop and deliver REDD+ projects					X
The FCPF's support has helped to ensure substantive involvement of multiple stakeholders (including women, IPs, CSOs and local communities in our national REDD+ systems and processes					X

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

11. To help assess the usefulness and application of FCPF knowledge products (publications, seminars, learning events, web resources), please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

(Indicator 4.3.a: Extent to which FCPF learning, evidence and knowledge products are used by Participant countries)

Mark 'X' as appropriate

	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely agree
We regularly access FCPF knowledge products to obtain REDD+ related information					X
FCPF knowledge products are relevant to our REDD+ related information requirements					X
FCPF knowledge products are sufficient to address all of our REDD+ related information requirements					X
The FCPF website is a useful resource for accessing FCPF and REDD+ related information					X

Comments / clarifications, if appropriate:

SECTION F: FINAL COMMENTS

12. If appropriate, please provide any further comments or clarifications relating to your work on REDD+ Readiness during the last year: