



Progress Report for REDD+ Project, Vanuatu

REDD+ Unit, DOF, Vanuatu

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Progress Report

Project Details

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Summary of progress

In March 2013 the FCPF Participants Committee approved Grant Funding of USD 3.6 million to prepare Vanuatu for engaging and get benefits from the future performance based system from REDD+. The Grant is mainly for strengthening the existing institutions and stakeholders engagement process for the REDD+ at the national and decentralized level. It is also for funding the operational activities of the REDD+ Unit, Setting up of REDD+ Technical Committee, Provincial REDD+ Committee, conducting Analytical Studies, Setting up Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism, SESA and preparation of national REDD+ Strategy.

After signing the Grant Agreement on 15th April, 2015 implementation of Readiness activities started in full swing. Since setting up the institutional facilities and hiring the Consultants were very important as such these two activities were taken up on a priority basis. Key staffs and Consultants were hired and completed by March 2016. They are (a) Technical Specialist (b) Extension and Outreach Officer and (c) CSO Coordinator. All of them have started working as per their individual Terms of References. Besides recruiting the full time Consultants, efforts are also made to hire work-specific short term Consultants like (a) Structural Engineer and (b) Cartoonist.

In addition to the above, the CSO Platform has been established, Provincial PTC Technical Committee has been established, VANGO has been established within the DOF building and is functioning as Secretariat of the CSO Platform, DOF has given office space for the VANGO Secretariat. Designing of the extension and outreach materials have been completed. Production of these materials will be started soon.

The other activities implemented during the reporting period are (i) procurement of equipment like laptops and cameras, over-head projector, mobile phones required for the REDD+ Project CSO Consultants, Regional Forest Officers and the CSO Representatives in different REDD+ islands. (ii) The REDD+ Technical Committee (TC) has been set up and



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two TC Meetings were conducted during the reporting period. (iii) Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) has also been set in five REDD+ islands. The PTC Members represent different stakeholders in the Provinces like forestry, agriculture extension, livestock extension, fishery, tourism, environment, women groups, CSO/NGO Groups, Youth Organization, Representative of Provincial Administration, Church, Farmers' Associations etc.

(iv) To strengthen the decentralization of structure for stakeholders' engagement, CSO Team, in close collaboration with RFOs and the CSOs, has organized two consultation workshops in (a) Santo and (b) Malekula. The participants were representatives of CSOs/NGOs, farmers groups, women's groups, youth organization, church besides the representative of forestry, agriculture, fishery, environment and livestock. The consultation workshops were really successful and have helped create lot of interest and enthusiasm in the stakeholders and owners of the natural resources in Vanuatu.

(v) The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) and Analytical Studies were drafted and sent to World Bank for 'No Objection'. The Consultancy work will be advertised in July 2016 and the actual field work will start thereafter. The progress of the work will be reported in the next quarter.

(vi) Another important study for the Project is SESA. The TOR for the SESA was developed long before this Reporting Period and World Bank's 'No Objection' was also obtained. The work was advertised and EOIs were also received. However based on World Bank's feedbacks, none of the Firms qualified for the work. As such the PMU and REDD+ Unit were asked to re-advertise the work. EOI from the second re-advertisement were received from two Firms only and evaluation was also conducted by the Technical Evaluation Committee. The results of the Evaluation will be sent to WB for their feedbacks and comments by the PMU.

(vii) Under Consultation and Participation component the following activities were implemented namely (a) consultation workshop for development of REDD+ Key Messages (b) Designing of awareness materials (c) Development of Communication Strategy (draft) (d) Development of REDD+ website.

The detail write-ups for each activity under various components and output created is given below:



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Activities & Outputs

Component 1.1: Set-up of Vanuatu National REDD+ Unit.

Sub-Activity 1: Hiring of Consultants for REDD+ Unit

Status	Achieved except Structural Engineer and Cartoonist
Objective	<p>The objective is to strengthen the REDD+ Institutional Management Arrangement by having the appropriate organizational structure of the REDD+ Program.</p> <p>Hiring of required key Consultants to carry out important tasks of the Project.</p>
Activity	Hiring of key positions was foreseen while preparing the R-PP. However it took more time than expected to put in place all the required consultants. Except the Structural Engineer and the cartoonist, all other consultants have been hired within the stipulated time frame.
Progress	All required consultants, as envisaged in the R-PP document, have been hired and completed by March 2016. All the Consultants are working as per their TORs. Efforts are being made to hire the Structural Engineer and Cartoonist also. These two positions were advertised by the PMU and CVs received by the PMU. It is expected that these positions will be filled up within the next reporting period.
Outputs created	<p>After recruitment of key Consultants, the TORs for the Analytical Studies was prepared and after obtaining the WB clearance the work is also advertised. Reports for all the Training/Workshops prepared. Budget and Work Plan for the Project prepared and WB clearance obtained. Works are implemented as per the Work Plan.</p> <p>The REDD+ Unit is supporting the RFOs, in the Provinces, for conducting the consultation/training workshops in all five REDD+ islands. The CSO Team has conducted consultation with the people and other important stakeholders in Santo and Malekula.</p> <p>TORs for the Structural Engineer and the Cartoonist prepared and WB clearance obtained. It is hoped that the position will be filled within July 2016.</p>
Action	PMU and REDD+ Unit. Efforts are being made to hire the Structural Engineer and the Cartoonist. It is expected that the positions will be filled in as soon as possible.



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Sub-Activity 2: Purchase of equipment

Status	Achieved
Objective	<u>Main objectives are to:</u> (a) Strengthen the REDD+ Office (b) Facilitate smooth functioning of the Office and (c) implement the Project activities in professional manner.
Activity	<u>Planned:</u> The procurement of these equipments was planned based on the work plan and procurement plan of the Project.
Progress	All the equipment identified as per the work and Procurement plan has been procured. They are Laptop computers, printers and overhead projectors required by the Regional Forest Officers in the Provinces. These equipment have been handed over to the concerned officers for use in their offices.
Outputs created	These equipments are used by RFOs for carrying out the REDD+ Project related activities in the Provinces. These officials will be able to do their works smoothly while conducting the consultations and workshops. This has facilitated them for creating awareness regarding the REDD+ Program and its activities in the Provinces. Now the local people in the Provinces have much better knowledge about REDD+ Project and its activities.
Action	REDD+ and PMU

Sub-Activity 3: Purchase of office furniture and air con for Project Office

Status	Not started
Objective	The objective to purchase office furniture is to create a better working environment for the Consultants to work for the Project and create appropriate output.
Activity	<u>Planned:</u> The furniture and the air con are planned to be procured after constructing the Office building for the Project. At the moment Consultants are using the furniture provided by DOF.
Progress	No real progress could be made to fulfil this activity. However the proposed furniture and air con will be will procured and put in place once the refurbishment of the office is completed.



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Outputs created	No tangible output could be created under this activity within this reporting period. However once the office building is constructed, there will be much better space for working.
Action	It is expected that the building would be ready within three months after the Engineer is recruited. Responsible Agencies are: REDD+ Unit and PMU+DOF.

Sub-Activity 4: REDD+ Project Office Refurbishment

Status	Construction not started. Hiring of Engineer under progress
Objective	The objective is to have a separate office space for the REDD+ Project where the Consultants can work smoothly.
Activity	<u>Planned</u> : The activity was proposed to be completed during the first quarter of 2016 but the work could not progress as anticipated because hiring of Engineer was taking more time than expected.
Progress	<p>Till now, the following works have been completed under this activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TOR for the Engineer developed and WB clearance obtained. ○ The CVs for the Engineer obtained and hiring should be completed by July 2016. ○ The drawing of the building is ready. ○ The scope of the works and BOQ are outstanding. <p>The Structural Engineer, once in place, will prepare the list of materials to be purchased by the PMU. He will also prepare the cost estimate for the labour input which will be borne by the Forest Department. He will also supervise the work of construction of the building till the construction is completed as per the TOR.</p> <p>It is expected that the work will be completed within three months after signing the contract with the Engineer.</p>
Outputs created	No real output could be created during the reporting period as far as construction of building is concerned.



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Activity 5: Set up of Technical Committee

Status	Achieved
Objective	<u>The objective:</u> is to oversee and advise the Project Management in smoothly implementing the REDD+ Project activities in Vanuatu.
Activity	<u>Planned:</u> Technical Committee was constituted as soon as the Project started functioning <i>i.e.</i> by 2015.
Progress	<p>Technical Committee (TC) has been already set up for the REDD+ Project. The TC has the mandate to lead the REDD+ process at the national level including the oversight responsibility of the implementation of REDD+ activities at the National level. The Members of the TC represents sectors like (a) Forestry (b) Livestock (c) Agriculture (d) Fishery (e) Environment (f) Tourism.</p> <p>Two TC Meetings were convened during the Reporting Period. Convening TC Meetings at regular intervals has helped the Project Management in implementing the Project activities in the field. Project also updates the TC Members on the progress of implementation of various activities and getting feedbacks by conducting the TC Meeting regularly.</p>
Outputs created	Since TC Members have oversight mandates on REDD+ Project they advise the REDD+ Project Management about the way forward on REDD+ activities. This process has helped to design the Project activities and to take them forward.
Action	REDD+ Unit

Component 1.2

Sub-Activity 1: Support to NAB and its PMU

Status	On-going
Objective	The objective is to sensitize and familiarize the NAB Members about REDD+ Program and the activities under under purview.



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Activity	<i>Planned:</i> Various activities are planned by the PMU for NAB Members. They are (a) REDD+ Workshop for NAB Members (b) Support the session of the NAB (c) NAB/PMU Project Coordination workshop (d) NAB/PMU Sector-wise Policy Stock-take for CCDRR and REDD+ main-streaming (e) REDD+ South-South Exchange (f) NAB/PMU Coordination Meetings.
Progress	This activity is planned to be implemented by the PMU. The Progress made under this activity will be reported in the third Quarter.
Outputs created	At the moment no output has been created but once all the activities outlined above are implemented there will be visible output created.
Action	PMU

Component 1.3 Set up of Provincial REDD+ Technical Committee

Sub-Activity:

1. Support to REDD+ Technical committee

Status	In progress. Calender of activities developed and handed over to the RFOs. Implementation starts from July 2016
Objective	The objective to hold training workshops for the PTC Members in the Provinces is to sensitize the Members and other stakeholders about the REDD+ Program and the activities under the Program.
Activity	<i>Planned:</i> The Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) was constituted when the REDD+ Project started functioning towards the end of 2015.
Progress	<p>Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) has been already set up for the REDD+ Project. The PTC Members are responsible for taking the REDD+ messages to the people at the grass root level in the Provinces. They will also be responsible for implementing the REDD+ activities in their jurisdiction. The Members of the PTC represents sectors like (a) Forestry (b) Livestock extension(c) Agriculture extension (d) Fishery (e) Environment (f) youth group (g) women groups (h) CSO/NGO (i) Church (j) environment (k) Farmers associations etc.</p> <p>The RFO in the capacity of PTC Chairman is responsible for convening the PTC Meetings at regular intervals and submit the Minutes of the Meeting to REDD+ Unit at Port Vila.</p>



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Outputs created	<p>REDD+ Unit has developed Calendar of activities for the RFOs for implementing the REDD+ activities in the field.</p> <p>The Workshops/training conducted for the PTC and other stakeholders will help create awareness for the people in the Provinces.</p> <p>People will have better knowledge about REDD+ Project and the benefits that would accrue by implementing the REDD+ activities in their jurisdictions.</p>
Action	REDD+ Unit will monitor the implementation of activities, as per calendar of activities developed in collaboration with the RFOs.

Component 2.1 Strengthening of decentralization of structure for stakeholders engagement

Sub-activity 1: Supply of laptops and cameras to the CSO Coordinators in the Provinces

Status	Achieved
Objective	The objective is to create conducive working environment for the CSO Representatives in the various REDD+ islands so that they can function smoothly in the Provinces.
Activity	<i>Planned:</i> The supply of equipment was planned based on the Work Plan and Procurement Plan of the REDD+ CSO in different Provinces.
Progress	<p>The REDD+ Unit supplied mobile phone, laptop to the CSO Coordinator for implementing the REDD+ activities smoothly in the field.</p> <p>Laptops are also supplied to the CSO Representatives in the field for use in their day today activity.</p>
Outputs created	Working environment has improved with the equipment. The CSO Members are able to write simple reports and do emails correspondence with the REDD+ Unit in Port Vila.
Action	REDD+ Unit and CSO Team

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Sub-activity 2 Farmers Associations set up and strengthened

Status	Achieved
Objective	<p>The objectives of setting up farmers association and farmers networks are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitate smooth flow of information from the National level to the Provincial level and further down to the communities. ○ Raise awareness on REDD+ Program in various REDD+ islands. ○ Prepare the communities for involving them while conducting the Analytical Studies and SESA.
Activity	<i>Planned:</i> The work was planned as per the R-PP and Work Plan of the CSO of REDD+ Unit.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farmers Association Network for REDD+ set up in Santo and Malekula established. ○ Six (6) CSO REDD+ Networks are established in Santo. ○ Six (6) CSO REDD+ Networks established in Malekula. <p>The Farmers Networks need to strengthened more in the coming months.</p>
Outputs created	<p>The farmers/local people became aware of the REDD+ Program and the benefits that would accrue by implementing the Program.</p> <p>The villagers took active part in tree planting activities on June 2016 in Malekula as part of the Program. The Network Leaders in Malakula are actively taking part on disseminating REDD+ key messages and other related information.</p>
Action	<p>The works completed successfully. The activities were implemented by REDD+ Unit CSO Coordinator in collaboration and support of the RFOs in the islands.</p> <p>Workshop Reports are produced for all the Workshops.</p>



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Activity 3: Support to National REDD+ CSO Platform for conducting executive meeting

Status	Achieved
Objective	<u>The objectives of the Executive Meetings are:</u> to update the CSO Platform Executives Members on various activities undertaken by the CSO REDD+ Team.
Activity	<u>Planned:</u> Planned as per the Work Plan of the CSO REDD+ Project.
Progress	Conducted Executives Meeting for CSO Platform Members on 9 th of June 2016. (a) The Executive Meeting is an opportunity to provide updates to the CSO Platform Executive Members on the CSO REDD+ Consultation activities in the Provinces (b) to brief the Executives Members on the outcome of the Workshops conducted in various REDD+ islands (c) update on final CSOs REDD+ Structures (d) Update CSO Platform Executive Members on the way forward for 2016 program
Outputs created	Frequent Meeting with CSO Platform Executive Members has helped to create awareness amongst the Members regarding the REDD+ Program.
Action	REDD+ UNIT and CSO

Aub Activity: Support to Provincial CSO Training Workshops

Status	In progress.
Objective	The objective of the Workshop is to train CSO Members in the Provinces including the local people, other stakeholders in the Provinces about the REDD+ Program and the activities under the Program.
Activity	Provincial CSO Workshops for REDD+ Activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training Workshops were held for CSOs and other stakeholders in (a) Santo and Malekula.



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Progress	<p>Two Consultation/Workshops were held by the CSO Team during the Reporting Period (a) Santo and in (b) Malekula.</p> <p>The consultation/workshops conducted, by the CSO Team; in the above-mentioned islands have help to create awareness, amongst the villagers, about the REDD+ Program and also on the importance about tree planting, aqua-culture and livestock activities, agroforestry activities that could be mainstreamed in the REDD+ Program.</p>
Outputs created	<p>The Consultation workshops conducted by the CSO Team have helped to disseminate the REDD+ objectives to the farmers and other important stakeholders in the communities.</p> <p>Now the people are better informed about the REDD+ Program. People are taking more interest in the Program. Other related stakeholders in the Provinces are also better equipped with the Program information. Stakeholders are farmer groups, women groups, youth organization and church beside the Representatives from the Government Organizations who are stationed in the Provinces.</p>
Action	CSO Team and REDD+ Unit

Component: 2.2

Activity 1: Assessment and Strengthening of Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism

1. Study on Capacity Assessment and Feedbacks and Grievance Redress Mechanism Review/Development
2. Drafting of Terms of Reference (TORs) for the study

Status	Achieved (for TOR preparation)
Objective	The main objectives are to (a) prevent conflicts when the REDD+ activities are implemented (b) for Conflict resolution if any arises later and (c) for management of potential disagreements.
Activity	The activity is planned as required in the R-PP and Assessment Note of January 2015.



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Progress	<p>Terms of Reference (TOR) for the study has been drafted and sent to World Bank for their comments/No Objection. World Bank Team has reviewed the TOR and No Objection has been accorded.</p> <p>Works has been advertised and expect to begin soon.</p>
Outputs created	The drafting/development TOR has paved way for commissioning the study on the capacity assessment and feedback and grievance redress mechanism (FGRM) to be established in Vanuatu.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PMU has advertised the work. The study of assessment would start within August/September 2016 and complete as scheduled. ○ PMU and REDD+ Unit to take action.

Note: There are various categories of stakeholders in the Provinces and as REDD+ understanding and program develops a broad range of stakeholders will respond to the request for engagement in the program. In Vanuatu almost 99% of the population is custom owners of the land and all are in one way or the other dependent on forests. In many cases the rural and isolated groups may become more vulnerable to the impact of the program. Therefore it is necessary to make an assessment of the Feedbacks and Grievance Redress Mechanism in the country.

Further based on the assessment mentioned above, with the support of CSO and Law Department, the Technical Committee is expected to establish a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism in a very transparent manner.

In-depth consultation with the Ni Vanuatu people will be required. The consultation process will be taken forward with the support of CSOs, RFOs, Law Department, Land Department Representative and other relevant stakeholders. It is expected by the end of readiness phase of the Project the FGRM would be in place.

Component 3.1

Activity 1: Analytical Studies to inform REDD+ National Strategy Options.

Sub-Activity: Drafting of Terms of References (TOR) for the Analytical Studies

Status	Achieved (TOR and advertisement)
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Objective	<p>The objectives of conducting the Analytical Studies is to carry out comprehensive assessment of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation including the underlying causes and based on the outcome of the study suggest most appropriate strategic options to address the drivers. Legal harmonization of land tenure and carbon rights for commercial land use and to address the benefits sharing mechanism.</p> <p>The output from these studies will be used for developing the National REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu.</p>
Activity	<p><i>Planned:</i> The Analytical Studies are planned as required by the R-PP and the Assessment Note of January 2015 and the Work Plan of REDD+ Project.</p>
Progress	<p>Drafting of Terms of Reference (TORs) for four Analytical Studies completed. The TORs was sent to World Bank for their comments/No Objection.</p> <p>No Objection received for all four TORs. Since the work is agreed to be awarded to a Firm the works will be advertised.</p> <p>The PMU is expected to advertise the work within July 2016 and the work should commence by September 2016</p>
Outputs created	<p>Drafting of TORs and receiving the No Objection has paved way for commissioning the Analytical Studies. The four Analytical Studies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation ○ Study to explore Strategy Options ○ Legal harmonization of land tenure and carbon rights for commercial land use ○ Study on benefit sharing mechanism
Action	<p>REDD+ Unit and PMU</p>
<p><u>Note:</u> Four Analytical Studies are planned to be conducted during the Readiness preparation phase of the Project. The drivers of deforestation and the forest degradation have not been assessed for Vanuatu therefore, through these analytical studies, thorough assessment need to be conducted. Based on the assessment appropriate Strategic Options will be developed to address these drivers. Besides these issues mentioned above, the study must also address the concerns on harmonization of land tenure related issues, carbon rights and instituting transparent method of benefits sharing mechanisms in the country.</p>	

Component 3.2



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Activity 1: SESA Process and ESMF Development

1. Conducting Evaluation of the EOI

Status	Not fully achieved
Objective	To address social and environmental concerns as per the WBG Safeguards Policy and to integrate the same into the country's policies and procedure through the REDD+.
Activity	<i>Planned:</i> This is one of the most important activities envisaged in the R-PP and Assessment Note 2015 and Work Plan of the REDD+ Project.
Progress	The TOR for the SESA was completed before this Reporting Period. EOI were invited and received. However based on the feedback from the World Bank Team, none of the Firms qualified for carrying out the SESA study and the REDD+ Unit and PMU was advised to re-advertise. After the re-advertisement, EOI, from the re-advertisement, were received and evaluation conducted. PMU is expected to send the results of evaluation to WB for No Objection.
Outputs created	Development of TOR has paved way for commissioning the SESA Study. To complete the SESA Study 12 months will be required after signing the Contract Agreement.
Action	Results of the Second Evaluation need to be send to WB for No Objection. PMU for further action.

Note: The SESA study is required to be conducted during the Readiness Preparation Phase to ensure compliance with World Bank Group Safeguards Policies and integrate into the Policies and Procedures of the country through the REDD+ activities.

The SESA study will also try to assess the capacity of the DOF for implementing SESA at national level which requires ensuring that social and environmental risks are mitigated in implementation of Strategy Options under REDD+. The mitigation measures would include robust information sharing and stakeholders' consultation during the readiness phase and extensive consultation (using right communication tools and channels) and strengthening of participatory structures.

Component 3.3

Activity 1: Consultation and Participation Activities



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Sub-Activity:

1. Consultation Workshop for development of REDD+ Key Messages
2. Design of awareness materials
3. Development of Communication Strategy (draft)
4. Development of REDD+ Website

Status	Achieved (Communication Strategy and C&P Plan in progress)
Objective	For disseminating REDD+ information and messages to large section of people in the rural areas of different REDD+ islands. Develop extension awareness material for raising the awareness about the REDD+ activities
Activity	<i>Planned:</i> The activities are planned as per the R-PP and Assessment Note of January 2015 and the REDD+ Project Work Plan.



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<p>Progress</p>	<p><u>Development of REDD+ Key Messages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two days Consultation Workshops was held to discuss and finalize the REDD+ Key messages. The Workshop was very useful in developing the draft REDD+ Key messages. ○ The Key Messages were also presented to TC Members. The TC advised the REDD+ Unit to field test them and submit the feedbacks for finalization. ○ The key Messages were field tested in Malekula by the CSO Team. <p><u>Communication Strategy for REDD+ Project activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Communication Strategy is developed and presented to TC members for review and feedbacks. Based on the feedbacks the draft will be further revised and submitted to the WB for further comments/No Objection. <p><u>Design of Extension Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To disseminate REDD+ information and messages, the following types of extension materials have been designed. ○ 10 posters completed ○ REDD+ messages through T-Shirts, Shirts, Caps, Banners, Stickers, hand bands etc. Designs have been completed. ○ One big size tent will be produced with REDD+ messages on it. This will help disseminate REDD+ messages to the urban population and office staffs. The tents will be used for functions and also for official gatherings. ○ REDD+ Key Messages booklet designed <p><u>REDD+ Website</u></p> <p>Development of REDD+ Website is in progress. The details required in the website have been filled in. The name of the site is: www.reddplus.vu. However the site is still not functional. It is expected to be functional within next 1 or 2 months time frame.</p>
<p>Outputs created</p>	<p>It is expected that the extension materials will greatly help in disseminating the REDD+ messages/ information to all section of the population.</p> <p>People will be more and better informed about the REDD+ Project and its activities being implemented in different islands.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Production of extension materials will start once the Cartoonist is appointed who will be responsible for drawing the images based on the design by REDD+ Extension and Outreach Officer.</p> <p>Hiring of Cartoonist is expected to be completed soon. PMU is taking action.</p>



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Relationship with stakeholders

The following table summarises our relationship with key partners and stakeholders during the reporting period:

Stakeholders	Relationship update
Relationship with all concerned stakeholders (example: Government Institutions and Departments including the PMU) in Port Vila	Good
RFOs in different Provinces	Good
CSOs and other stakeholders in the Provinces like Farmers Association and Network Members, Youth Group, Women Group, Church,	Good

Challenges/Constraints & Lessons Learned

The following table summarises the challenges faced during the reporting period and the lessons learned / solutions for each challenge.

Challenge/Constraint	Lessons learned / solutions
Occasionally the Extension and Outreach officer has to perform Secretarial task which is hampering in fulfilling his TOR	Hiring of one Secretarial position will mitigate the problem.



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<p>Providing the imprest money to the RFOs and CSOs in the Provinces for implementing the REDD+ .</p> <p>At the moment imprest can be requested for only activity at a time. Only after implementing that activity and retiring the imprest another imprest is allowed to be applied.</p>	<p>PMU to liaise with the Finance Department and establish mechanism to provide imprest money to the RFOs and CSOs in the Provinces.</p> <p>PMU to liaise with Finance Department and explore whether imprest for more than one activity can be applied. This will facilitate implementing the activities in the field.</p>
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Financial progress

Component	Total Budget USD	Total Budget VUV	Payment to Date	Commitments	Payment to Date + Commitments	Available to funds to commit
1. Institutional Strengthening for REDD+ Management Arrangements at the national and decentralized level	1,300,000	119,600,000				
2. Strengthening of the stakeholder engagement process at the decentralized level	980,000	90,160,000				
3. Development of a REDD+ strategy for Vanuatu	1,320,000	121,440,000				
Total budget	3,600,000	331,200,000				
Summary by Sub-Component						
Sub-Component	Total Budget USD	Total Budget VUV				
1.1. Set-up of Vanuatu National REDD+ Unit and support to REDD+ Technical Committee	800,000	73,600,000	23,709,488	13,761,424	37,470,912	36,129,088
1.2. Support to NAB and its PMU	250,000	7,360,000		3,479,680	3,479,680	3,880,320
1.3. Set-up of Provincial REDD+ Committee	270,000	71,760,000	1,378,600		1,378,600	70,381,400



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2.1. Strengthening of the decentralization structures for stakeholder engagement	200,000	18,400,000	10,991,280	1,197,000	12,188,280	6,211,720
2.2. Assessment and strengthening of existing FGRMs for REDD+	780,000	24,840,000			-	24,840,000
3.1. Analytical work to inform REDD+ strategy options	80,000	23,000,000	2,256,194		2,256,194	20,743,806
3.2. SESA process and ESMF development	420,000	73,600,000			-	73,600,000
3.3. Consultation and participation activities	800,000	38,640,000	1,242,300		1,242,300	37,397,700
Total budget	3,600,000	331,200,000	39,577,862	18,438,104	58,015,966	273,184,034
		%	11.95		17.52	82.48
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Categories	Total Budget USD	Total Budget VUV				
Goods	71,413	6,570,000				
Consultant services	733,913	67,520,000				
Works	54,348	5,000,000				
Total	859,674	79,090,000				



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