



Progress Report for REDD+ Project, Vanuatu

Reporting Period: September 2015 to March 2016

2016

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Summary of the Progress

1. After signing the Grant Agreement in April 2015 implementation of the activities for REDD+ Project began. However during the initial stage no headway could be made because the priority at that time was more on establishing the institutions and hiring the key consultants to man the Project.
2. The Department of Forest, Vanuatu was kind enough to allot office space in DOF building which helped the REDD+ Management to house the Project Office. After establishing the Project Office, hiring of key Consultants was started. This activity took much longer time than anticipated. Only by October 2015, the Extension and Outreach Officer's position could be filled.
3. The advice and technical support from the World Bank Mission, during the early October 2015, was very instrumental in further concretization of the REDD+ activities to be implemented.
4. During October 2015 and November 2015, three Core Group Meetings and one Technical Committee (TC) Meeting were conducted.
5. The REDD+ Project Management, with the support of the DOF officials, managed to hold first Training Workshop aimed to sensitize the DOF officials on REDD+ activities. The Workshop was hold in Erakor Island from 6th of November 2015 to 19th of November 2015.
6. During the month of December 2015, again with the support of DOF officials, the REDD+ Project hold four training workshops in various REDD+ islands. The objectives of these Workshops were to sensitize the Regional Forest Officers, CSO/NGO, and other shareholders like agriculture extension Officer, Livestock extension, forestry, fishery, women groups, youth Representatives, Church, Provincial Government Officers, and Environment Representatives. The Workshops were conducted in the Santo, Malekula, Tanna and Efate. During this time the Technical Specialist could also join the trip on a short assignment.

The details of the implementation of REDD+ Project activities (Month-wise) are given below:

Main activities implemented during the Reporting Period: September 2015 to December 2015

Activities	Period	Component
<u>World Bank Mission visit</u>	29 September 2015 to 2 October 2015	1.1
<u>Core Group Meeting</u> Three Core Group Meeting conducted	24 October 2015 04 November 2015 24 November 2015	1.1
<u>Technical Committee Meeting</u>	6 November 2015	1.1
<u>Workshop for DOF Officials</u>	06 November 2015 to 19 November 2015	
<u>Training Workshop for PTC Members</u>		2.1
Four PTC Consultation/Training Workshop held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santo • Malekula • Efate • Tanna 	14 Dec to 18 Dec 2015 7 Dec to 10 Dec 2015 9 Dec to 12 Dec 2015 7 Nov 2015 to 11 Nov 2015	

Main activities implemented during the Reporting Period: January 2016 to March 2016

The following activities were implemented during the reporting period. REDD+ Coordinator followed up on the recruitment of Consultants for the Project and the following Consultants were recruited during the reporting period and completed by March 2016.

1. Technical Specialist Joined the Project Office by first week of March 2016 and started working.
2. Budget Preparation started: Budget preparation process started during March and continued till April 2016.
3. Work Plan preparation started: Work Plan preparation process started during March and continued till April 2016.
4. CSO Coordinator Joined the Project Office by second week of March 2016 and started working.

5. International Day of the Forests was celebrated on 21st March 2016. The ceremony was grand success. Many dignitaries including the Minister for Agriculture Ministry took part.
6. Establishment of CSO platform: CSO Platform was established and the TOR for the Platform was developed.
7. Provincial PTC Committee established: Provincial PTC Committee established. Members were identified. They represent forestry, agriculture extension, fisheries, livestock, environment, local provincial government representative, women group, CSO, Farmers Association, youth group, women group, church etc.
8. VANGO Secretariat: VANGO Secretariat established. DOF provided office space for establishing the Secretariat in DOF building