

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP For the 14th GDCC Meeting

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is required by the Secretariat of the Government-Development Partner Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **1 April 2009**. It will then be used to prepare a summary progress report for the 14th GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on **28 April 2009**.*

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TWG: FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG-F&E ACTION PLAN FOR 2008

1. Please list below activities in the TWG-F&E Action Plan for 2008 and provide an updated reports on implementation status of these activities.

2008 Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status	
	Status at end-2008	TWG Recommendations for GDCC consideration, if any
1. TWG-F&E plays coordination role and information sharing for relevant institutions and organizations in forest sector.	Four TWG-F&E meetings have been organized to discuss on: - Implementation of forestry action plan, - Brief introduction of programs of NGOs; - Identification of JMI for 2009. - Progress report of TWG-F&E Action Plan to GDCC and CDCF, - TWG-F&E website update.	
2. National Forest Program (NFP) Development	The NFP has been developed and expected to complete by the end of the year. Four local consultation workshops on NFP conducted. So far approximately 70% of the work has been completed.	
3. OWNERSHIP: Forestry Administration (FA) strengthens its leadership in development of strategies, policies and planning programs; and implementation of projects.	The NFP Task Force and NFP Sub-groups are led by FA in the developing and formulating programs and sub-programs of the NFP. The sub-component of Forest and Environment is managed by FA and assisted by TWG-F&E Secretariat.	
4. ALIGNMENT: Development Partners (DPs) provide support based on FA's development strategies as well as RGC's policies.	Danida-Dfid-NZAid, FAO, JICA, UNDP and WB support the development of NFP and TWG-F&E annual work plan; and other activities in the forest sector based on the Forest and Environment Action Plan 2007-2010, as well as NSDP.	
5. HARMONIZATION: Coordination among DPs improved in support of	Improvement in coordination among DPs in the forest sector. Danida-Dfid-	

forest sector.	NZaid, FAO, UNDP, and JICA signed an Mutual Understanding (MoU) in order to support NFP development.	
6. MANAGING FOR RESULTS: FA and DPs have consensus in using jointly-agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment framework in order to manage resources effectively.	The support of forest activities are always discussed to reach a compromise. Reporting system is being improved for monitoring and evaluation (on going process).	
7. MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY: FA and DPs are more accountable for development results.	Project proposals from FA line managements and NGOs in 2008 were assessed and evaluated by FA and DPs prior to approvals. Fund disbursement was on time schedule.	

B. PROGRESS IN FORMULATING TWG-F&E ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

2. Please list below the activities in the TWG-F&E Action Plan for 2009 and provide an update reports on implementation status of these activities:

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	TWG Recommendations for GDCC consideration, if any
1. TWG-F&E plays coordination role and information sharing for relevant institutions and organizations in forest sector.	✓			
2. National Forest Program (NFP) Development	✓			
3. OWNERSHIP: Forestry Administration (FA) strengthens its leadership in development of strategies, policies and planning programs; and implementation of projects.	✓			
4. ALIGNMENT: Development Partners (DPs) provide support based on FA's development strategies as well as RGC's policies.	✓			
5. HARMONIZATION: Coordination among DPs improved in support of forest sector.	✓			
6. MANAGING FOR RESULTS: FA and DPs have consensus in using jointly-agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment framework in order to manage resources effectively.	✓			
7. MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY: FA and DPs are more accountable for development results.	✓			

3. Are there any other issues related to the implementation or preparation of TWG-F&E Action Plan that the TWG-F&E Chair or Development Partner Facilitator wishes to submit for GDCC's consideration?

- o None

C. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

4. Please identify the JMIs for the TWG-F&E agreed at CDCF 2 in December 2008 and indicate progress that has been made toward achieving the JMI targets. Please take care to indicate if resource needs or appropriate timeframes still need to be identified.

Joint Monitoring Indicator	What is the current implementation status?	What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any?	What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?
<p>Target: 9. With the aim of stopping the loss of Cambodia's forest resources responding to CMDG and Rectangular Strategy to support Sustainable Forest Management for rural poverty reduction and climate change mitigation. The legal frameworks established by the Forestry Law, Protected Area Law, Land Law, Mining Law, and in particular the Sub-Decree on Economic Land Concessions must be fully implemented at all levels of Government agencies, whilst prioritizing the finalization of National Forest Program and Community Forestry development.</p>			
<p>Action needed in 2009:</p>			
<p>9.1 Implement all provisions of the applicable laws and regulations, including establishing and making public the log book of Economic Land Concessions, Mining Concessions and other concession forms under the jurisdiction of MAFF, MoE, MIME.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAFF: 65 granted ELCs to companies registered in logbook. MAFF publicizes ELC information in the website www.elc.maff.gov.kh is updated every semester. - MoE: N/A - MIME: 100 exploration licenses given to 67 companies and only few companies are conducting feasibility studies. 		
<p>9.2 At least 1,000 Km of forestland boundary and two more protected areas demarcated both on the map and ground.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FA: Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) will have completed temporary marking in approximately 250 km by end of May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficulty of process due to large number of competing claims and large number of government agencies involved in discussions in areas where farms or houses border forest. - Fund disbursement is late and more fund needed. 	<p>To achieve rapid progress, focus strategically on securing the least difficult areas first – especially larger roads with forest on both sides, Focus on provinces with well established working groups. Form dedicated teams.</p>
<p>9.3 At least 100 Community Forestry Sites (CFs) and 10 Community Protected Areas (CPAs) officially approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FA: The 124 CFs cover 145,039 ha are approved by MAFF and 50 CFs getting community forest agreement (CFA). - MoE: The 10 CPAs are currently in the preparation phase of establishment 	<p>Fund disbursement is late and more fund needed.</p>	
<p>9.4 Finalize and approve the National Forest Program in September 2009; and start implementation it by the end of 2009.</p>	<p>NFP development is in progress and expected to finalize on time as scheduled.</p>		

D. IDENTIFICATION OF AID EFFECTIVENESS OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2009-2010 (JMI NUMBER 2, AGREED AT CDCF IN DECEMBER 2008)

5. Has the TWG-F&E discussed respective RGC and DP commitments in the Accra Agenda for Action, including the commitment that development partners should use national systems as a 'first option' or otherwise explain why national systems cannot be used? Please detail the outcome of any discussion that took place.
 - o TWG-F&E has not discussed the above topic yet. However Danida-Dfid-NZaid is organizing a consultation for improving M&E System in the framework of the Natural Resource Management and Livelihood Program.
6. What are the main actions that RGC Ministries and agencies that are members of the TWG-F&E have identified in order to implement the Harmonization, Alignment, and Results (H-A-R) Action Plan and to meet commitments under the Accra Agenda for Action?
 - o MAFF identified prioritized action for the sector and TWG-F&E. The TWG-F&E has prioritized the following activities:

Priority Action	Aid effectiveness justification/rationale
1. Build Up Capacity for Planning, Implementing, Monitoring, and Evaluation and strengthening M&E system within FA. 2. Develop and Implement National Forest Program (NFP).	1. Capacity and performance indicators will provide the basis for mobilizing, coordinating and monitoring resource allocation, as well as results. 2. NFP is the internationally recognized tool for sustainable forest management. It will become a framework for DPs' supports, alignment and harmonization.

7. Have these actions been discussed with the members of the TWG-F&E to ensure that they are of high priority, relevant to sector needs, achievable with current capacity/resources, and representing the consensus of the TWG-F&E members?
 - o Yes, and more discussions will be taken place in the 21st TWG-F&E Meeting (9 April 2009)
8. Has a detailed set of actions (with responsibilities, timelines and indicators) been agreed in order to implement these activities?
 - o Yes, mostly agreed and some other new ideas will be incorporated.

E. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

9. Does the TWG-F&E have sufficient resources to manage the workload identified in its Annual Work Plan? Yes
10. Has your TWG submitted a request for block grant support to CDC/CRDB? No (currently supported by Danida-Dfid-NZaid)

REPORT ENDORSED BY:

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