

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP For the 15th 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 **10 September 2009**. It will then be used to prepare a summary progress report for the 15th GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on **29 September 2009**.*

Please return the completed questionnaire to Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in hard copy and by soft copy to Chhieng.yanara@crdb.gov.kh.

TWG: FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG-F&E ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

1. 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 as of September 2009			
	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.	✓			

2. Are there any 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?

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B. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS (JMIs) OF THE 2ND CAMBODIA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM IN DECEMBER 2008

3. Please identify the JMIs for the TWG-F&E agrees at the 2nd CDCF and indicate progress that has been made. Please take care to indicate of 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: 78 granted ELCs to companies and 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack sharing information and participation from MoE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urge MoE to share information and actively participate in TWG-F&E.
<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: 125Km of forest boundary is demarcated by concrete poles, and 158Km will be posted concrete poles by the end of this year. - MoE: one Protected Area, Botum Sakor National Park, is in the preparation phase of demarcation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund disbursement from RGC and DP is late. - Rainy season. - Resolve claims/complaints of area. - Lack sharing information and participation from MoE. 	<p>More fund needed and fund disbursement on time.</p> <p>Urge MoE to share information and actively participate in TWG-F&E.</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: Proposed 152 CFs submitted to MAFF. - MoE: The 10 CPAs are currently in the preparation phase of establishment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAFF slow review and approve. Some conflicts with ELC - Lack sharing information and participation from MoE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAFF need to review and approve within this year. - Urge MoE to share information and actively participate in TWG-F&E.
<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 completed 85% and expected to finalize and approve in December 2009.</p>		

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

4. Please list below the JMIs priority actions on Aid Effectiveness agreed at GDCC on 28 April 2009 and provide progress that has been made toward achieving the aid effectiveness objectives (please consult Annex II for the TWG's relevant Aid Effectiveness JMI).

Aid Effectiveness JMIs of TWG	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?
1. Build Up Capacity for Planning, Implementing, Monitoring, and Evaluation and strengthening M&E system within Forestry Administration (FA).	M&E Office is setup in the Department of Legislation and Law Enforcement/FA and staffing.	Need capacity building on M&E	Support training on M&E
2. Develop and Implement National Forest Program (NFP).	Draft of National Forest Program completed 85%, All forestry stakeholders including DPs support to NFP process.	Insufficient fund and Capacity for NFP Implementation	Support more fund and Technical Assistance

D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

5. Does the TWG have sufficient resources to manage the workload identified in its Annual Work plan and priority activities identified in CDCF' JMIs? Partly sufficient resource (JMI 9.4 was fully funded by DPs, 9.2 and 9.3 were partly funded).
6. What have been the challenges in securing resources for TWG Annual Work Plan and what should be the solutions? There are limited funds and few active DPs supporting the forestry sector. Some DPs are waiting for NFP approval

REPORT ENDORSED BY:

TWG CHAIR(S): **H.E. TY SOKHUN** _____ LEAD DONOR COORDINATOR **MR. JACOB KAHL JEPSEN** _____
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