

**PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS**  
**For the Period: March 2006 - January 2007**

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **15 January 2007**. It will be used to prepare a summary progress report for the 9<sup>th</sup> GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on **12 February 2007**. Please return the completed questionnaire to **Mr. Chhieng Yanara** at CDC/CRDB in soft copy through **yanara@camnet.com.kh** and in hard copies.*

**TWG: FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG' S ACTION PLANS**

1. Please list below activities in the Action Plans that were scheduled to be implemented during 2006 (March 2006 to January 2007) and provide an update 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. Develop and implement National Forest Programme	✓	✓	<p>The programme will start to be developed in early 2007. Agreement with FLD to be included in Annual Work Plan for 2007. Proposed TOR for FA/FLD activities NFP in Cambodia .</p> <p>Update on Status of NFP prepared and request for a partnership agreement through the FAO NFP facility submitted. Danida agreement to 'frontload' NFP budget during 2007-2008 subject to additional funding commitments from the World Bank, JICA and FAO.</p> <p>NFP Task Force to be established and will report to Chairman of TWG-F&amp;E</p>	
2. Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas		✓	<p>MEF has allocated budget for this activity. 15 FA Cantonments have started the work. Some protected areas have been done and some areas are not yet demarcated.</p>	<p>Need more funding for support activity and cooperation and coordination with Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.</p>

3. Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forest based on the plan	✓	✓	In the reviewing process of FA division's forest management plans and preparation NFP.	
4. Develop Management Plans for protected areas	✓	✓	Some protected areas have no fund to develop the plan.	Need more fund for the remaining areas. Ministry of Environment.
5. Forest cover assessment for 2005/06	✓		Interpretation and classification of forest types completed. Independent data verification by GRAS A/S initiated December 2006. FCA-2006 will be completed by March 2007.	
6. Define management options for sustainable forest management in Cambodia		✓	Proposal has been made, will start in 2007. FA to develop service delivery packages with support from i.a. Danida	
7. Studies domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets		✓	Proposal is being developed	Need Budget
8. Continue Forest and Land Crime Monitoring and Reporting	✓	✓	No fund for Independent Monitor (SGS)	Need budget
9. Secure support and funding and implement the National Forest Gene Conservation Programs Action Plan 2006-10.	✓		Danida funding secured for a 2 year (Nov 2006-Oct 2008) Community Based Forest Gene Conservation project. See 18. below.	
10. Implement National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry.	✓	✓	National workshop (04.12.2006) presented findings of ADB-supported research on community forestry. Media release The Cambodia Daily 07.12.2006.	Need support from development partners
11. Assess and test out "Forest Partnership" in pilot communes as an alternative form of forest management and a mechanism for forest revenue to contribute to local development.		✓	Proposal on field testing of Forest Partnership submitted to SEILA and pending review/approval. Additional proposals under preparation.	Need support from development partners
12. Small scale family business based on forest products promoted		✓	No fund for implementation of extension service	Need budget
13. Implement Overall Capacity Building Program	✓	✓	Capacity building for Sustainable Forestry and Land Management in 5 rural provinces (World Bank/JSDF/ RECOFTC). Capacity development of FA's GIS/Remote Sensing Unit (Danida) See 17. below	Need additional funds
14. Install Website for TWGFE	✓		Functional and updated	

15. Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders.	✓	✓	only 2,983 ha planted Some small project proposals developed e.g. livelihood improvement in Kbal Chhay watershed (FLD).	Encourage investment in tree planting from private and government sectors
16. Processing techniques for value added products and innovative products promoted		✓	No budget for implementation	Need budget
17. Capacity building project for forestry sector phase II	✓		JICA funding secured	
18. Capacity building tree seed sector and apply for funding and continuation	✓		Danida funding secured 2007-2008 for Community Based Forest Gene Conservation	

2. Are there any other issues affecting the implementation of TWG Action Plan that it would like to submit for GDCC's consideration.

- Insufficient funds to cover the TWG F & E Annual Work Plan 2006
- Information sharing amongst all stakeholders to TWG-F&E secretariat needs attention and improvement.
- More donor back-up and financial attention for the TWG-F&E is required.

#### B. PROGRESS ON JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

3. If there are any Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) agreed at the 8<sup>th</sup> CG Meeting held in March 2006 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG, please list the JMIs below and indicate progress that has been made toward achieving the JMI targets.

Joint Monitoring Indicator	Timeframe	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. Strengthening the enforcement of the Forestry Law, especially combating forest land clearing and encroachment.	Quarterly report	207,960 ha of forest land are being taken back from offenders, which include 9,324 ha is flood forest.	Lack of means and financial support for the activity.	Need budget support
2. Rationalizing and reclassify national forest lands to ensure sustainable use of these resources by further forest demarcation/demarcation of protected areas.	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006	- Forest demarcation is ongoing in 15 Forestry Administration cantonments. - 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) are being produced map and on ground boundary demarcation by putting landmark.-	- Insufficient budget for this activity  Protected Landscape and Multiple Use Area distinguished by complex demographic and resource tenure contexts	Need more budget

3. Completing forest cover assessment 2005/06	end 2006	<p>Interpretation and classification of forest types completed.</p> <p>GRAS A/S company is verifying the above data assessment, and will accomplish in March 2007.</p>		Budget secured
4. Implementing Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry.	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The program approved and take action in some areas</li> <li>- Some small project proposals developed and looking for funding.</li> </ul>		Need more budget
5. Implementing capacity building for forestry sector program/ tree planting for socio-economic purposes.	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building: on schedule</li> <li>- 3,500 ha has been planted</li> </ul>		- Need more investment in tree planting
6. Independent monitoring in the forestry sector (subject to donor grant funding)		Still pending for fund support	No fund	Need funding
7. Strengthen transparency by disseminating all relevant sector information on the activities of government agencies, including information on mining concession and military development zones, as well as donors and NGOs by periodically posting on TWGFE website.	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MIME disclosed information of mining areas.</li> <li>- MoD sent a representative to a member of TWG and will disclose the military development zones in the TWG meeting.</li> <li>- MoE will be requested to share GIS data with stakeholders.</li> <li>- MAFF disclosed some information on economic land concessions (08.12.2006).</li> </ul>	<p>Some development partners and NGOs are still not full providing information to TWG-F&amp;E</p> <p>TWG F &amp; E request for additional clarifications Economic Land Concessions (December 2006) pending</p>	- Need to share information

**C. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN ON HARMONIZATION, ALIGNMENT AND RESULTS**

4. What actions have you taken to implement the Harmonization, Alignment, and Results Action Plan? What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any? What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?

Relevant section and sub-section of the H-A-R Action Plan	Action Taken	Update
B.1.a.1. Development partners review their country assistance strategies and policies to align their assistance with NSDP priorities and sector development plans	Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods Programme (NRMLP) 2006-2010 supported by Danida/DfiD Multi-Donor Livelihoods Facility aligned to NSDP.  Draft 'Strategic Partnership Framework for Natural Resource Management' (World Bank) circulated for comments	NRMLP launched by MEF/CDC 12 September 2006.  MOU on support to Forest and Environment Sector signed with MAFF, 26 Oct 2006
B.2.d.2. Implement the agreed strategy	Any strategy has been developed based upon identification of parallel PIU/PMU in forestry sector.	The TWG modality is expected to be the entry point for forest development and donor assistance inc TA support.
B.3.a.1. All sector plans and development programs/projects includes an assessment of the existing capacity gaps and a capacity development plan to fill gaps to achieve targeted development results.	Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector was formulated under the participation of many stakeholders and evaluation of all relevant programs/projects	The formulation of a National Forest Programme will address capacity development.  A four-year (2007-2010) and a one-year (2007) Work Plan for the TWG-F&E developed.  Capacity assessment of the TWG-F&E Secretariat completed
B.3.a.2. Each sector TWG prepares and implements a capacity development program for their sector ministry/agency to fill identified capacity gaps.	Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector has been implemented with inviting most of stakeholders of their participation.	Additional capacity development support agreed for the GIS/remote Sensing Laboratory within FA and for community based Forest Gene Conservation.
C.1.a.2. Each TWG prepares a plan to increase delegated cooperation within their sector/thematic area.	TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information of donor's delegation/mission each other.  11 <sup>th</sup> TWG F & E agreed to principle of establishing Task Forces on specific themes or priority actions e.g. NFP	DFID has delegated its NRML support to the forestry sector to Danida. It is expected that joint missions will be promoted and analytical work will be jointly formulated.
C.1.b.1. Each TWG prepares a calendar of field missions diagnostic review and duties planned by donors participating in the sector/thematic area of the TWG	TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information of donor's delegation/mission, and it is alternate schedule sheet of missions.	TWG will prepare calendar and activities to share.

#### D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

5. Please provide details of your TWG's resource mobilization efforts since the March 2006 Consultative Group Meeting (including identified resource needs, actual commitments and source of funds, and remaining gaps) and the extent to which these resource mobilization efforts are linked to an Action Plan or sector programme that includes a budget framework for programming resources and activities within the domain of the TWG.

- Total amount of resources needed to implement its Action Plan for 2006 (in USD): **18.49 million**
- Actual commitments and source of funds:
  - i. DANIDA: **1,121,000 USD (CBFGC, GRAS and FLD) + 2,270,000 USD (NRMLP, Forest & Environment Sector sub-component, 07 April 2006)**
  - ii. JICA: **3.2 mil USD (capacity Building Project for Forestry Sector, Phase 2)**
  - iii. World Bank/JSDF/RECOFTC: **1.76 million USD (capacity Building for Sustainable Forest and Land Management in 5 rural provinces)**
  - iv. FAO: **172,000 USD (Strengthening monitoring, assessment and reporting on sustainable forest management in Cambodia, RGC: 38,000 USD)**
  - v. AFD/Conservation International (2006-2008): **2,080,000 Euro (2,690,000 USD)**
  - vi. ITTO: **588,000 USD (Improvement of the Sustainable Management and Utilization of non-timber forest products in Cambodia 2006-09, RGC: 130,000 USD)**
  - vii. RGC: **660,000,000 Riels (160,000 USD)**

**Total: 11.961 million USD.**
- The remaining gaps: **6.529 million USD.**

REPORT ENDORSED BY:

TWG CHAIR(S): \_\_\_\_\_ LEAD DONOR COORDINATOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
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