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Korea-Cambodia REDD+ Joint Project

**Implementing Agency:
Forestry Administration**

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I. Introduction

The Forest Administration (FA) signed a MoU with Korea Forest Service (KFS) on 10th December 2014 to implement the project namely Korea-Cambodia Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Joint Project (KCRP). The project is implementing within 4 years (2015-2018) which covers an area (PA) of 67,791.17 hectares in Kampong Thom province, and Project Accounting Area (PAA) is 41,195.00. FA is a project implementation agency with financial support from the KFS, the Wildlife Works Carbon (WWC) is a project carbon developer. The project aims to contribute to the long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction from forestry sector and enhances livelihood of targeted forest-dependent community in the project area through the implementation REDD+ program. The project is seeking for certification under VCS and CCBA standard for issuing its REDD+ verified credits. The project is expected to generate net annual emission reduction (NERs) of 385,333 tCO₂e, and 11,559,975 tCO₂e over 30 years (2016-2025) of the project life.

Report Timeframe

This is the third quarterly report from 01 July – 30 September 2018, the report was consolidated from individual project specialist 's reports and field project semi-reports.

II. Results against project specific objectives

Objective1: Obtain forest carbon credits from the Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation. Through the project implementation process, the project aims to bring REDD+ credits to the volunteer carbon market and it is subjected to be certified under CCBA and VCS standard

Project validation: The project received a successful validation in Sept, 2018. It was registered at VCS and Markit. Several reports had been produced by PMU, third party validator (SCS) and carbon developer (WWC), those were posted in the VCS and market's web-page. The link below is providing code that Tumring REDD+ project had been registered:

https://mer.markit.com/br-reg/public/index.jsp?name=cambodia&entity=project&entity_domain=Markit,GoldStandard

Preparation for verification: the field verification is expected to be conducted in mid of 2019, as part of the process, the project proponent (Forestry Administration) were asked by the validator to (1) conduct second SBIA in part of Southwest of the project site, write-up the project implementation report (PIR), and preparation for verification that including at least 20 percent of the PSPs

established in the project accounting area to be re-measured, and conducting local stakeholder meetings and household interview. In addition, to the writ-up of PIR, there was some requirements associated to collecting social, biodiversity data, and verify forest carbon stocks (assessment of the actual forest land use change) prior to the actual field verification happened.

The PMU is negotiating with WWC on the second phase of partnership agreement on support to for the Tumring REDD+ verification, the PMU have draft partnership agreement and budget plan for WWC engagement, however, availability of the budget for verification is depend on the sign of amendment MoU between FA and KSF for the next years support (2018-2019). Once the MoU to be signed by both parties, the PMU will move ahead with approval of the WWC’s budget proposal for verification phase.

Objective2: Increase livelihood of forest dwellers within target Korea-Cambodia Joint REDD+ implementation site. The project will improve livelihood of forest depended communities who are living inside and adjacent the REDD+ project site

Forest Law Enforcement and Forest Protection (Strategy#2)

Contributing to the implementation of the strategy#2 of the 30 Year Work Plan (Tumring REDD+ Project). The project is supporting 14 community forestry, and forest law enforcement unit of FA to conduct regular forest patrol. In this quarter, enforcement teams achieved the results below:

Table 1: Results of the implementation of forest law enforcement by the FIU and CF groups

Month	Physical result of the forest law enforcement (FIU & CF)
July 2018	- 3.034 m ³ logged woods - 02 handed tractors - 01 chainsaw
August 2018	- 10.24 m ³ logged woods - 02 handed tractors - 06 chainsaws
September 2018	- 08 chainsaws

* Note: all the detail illegal confiscated tools/materials were recorded in the project database system for the purpose of reporting the results of the project implementation to donor, government and project validator/verifier.

Forest law enforcement coordinator conducted regular meeting with FIU focused on: the current status of forest law enforcement, and community forest patrol. Through the meeting, FIU will further supporting community forest patrol by joint patrol and increased forest law enforcement campaign in Q4, 2018.

As part of the forest law enforcement campaign, in September, 2018, FIU cracked-down large-scale forest logging at the adjacent area of the project site, as results, the enforcement team confiscated of 01 excavator, 01 bulldozer, 02 chainsaws, and 02 motorbikes. All confiscated tools were maintained in the FA cantonment office, while the team is filing complaint to court.

Enhance forest livelihood and increase local income local community (Strategy#3)

Community Saving Groups, Community saving group, by September 2018, community saving group has earned of USD 158 from the interest rate, with the saving capital of USD 2000. The save group received knowledge on how saving group associated with forest conservation. In the second phase of the project, the project will scale up and increase number of communities saving groups in the second phase of the project implementation including activity to assess its impact.

Solar System Charging Center for Home Battery, the SCCHB is operating under the management of Soheat CF, Por Ro village. By September, 2018, the SSCCHB has provide service to 542 home based-batteries and earned USD193. To promote SSCCHB, the community assistants have been promoted and disseminated the important of using SSCCHB to community members and associated information to forest conservation.

Supporting re-election of community forestry committees, the Tumring-REDD+ project within this quarter has been supported 3 CFs (Ou Bosleav, Ou Thmor and Romchek) to re-elect their new community forestry management committees (CFMCs) in collaboration with local authority and local FA. As results, three CFMCs were endorsed by the local authority.

Table 2: CF members and stakeholder participated in re-election of the community forestry management Community

CF name (Village)	Date	Participant	Women
Ou Bosleave (Runteah)	20 September 2018	57	26
Ou Thmor (Roneam)	20 September 2018	45	30
Romchek (Romchek)	21 September 2018	59	39
Total		161	95

Improve degraded agricultural land, in this quarter, the PMU cooperated with provincial department of the Office of Agronomy and Agricultural Productivity, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Kampong Thom conduct activities as below:

- Conducted three village workshops, the village workshops were conducted aimed to (1) provide overview about connection between benefits of improving agricultural land improvement and forest conservation under REDD+ implementation, (2) improve agricultural land through the enhancement of degraded land, and (3) disseminated and shared plan of support from the project that aimed to reduce forest land clearing.

Table 3: Participant participated in village workshop

CF name (village name)	Date	Participants	No. of women
Kbal Dountey (Beoung)	04 Aug	20	9
Tatey (Kanti)	05 Aug	27	13
Ou Kranhak (Pbong Teak)	06 Aug	24	7
Total		71	29

- With support from the project, the Kampong Thom provincial department officers provided technical training course on improving the selected agricultural commodities such as cassava, cashew nuts and rice. The technical trainings were conducted in 6 times within three piloted villages of the project area.

Table4: Farmers/villagers attended training course

CF Name and Village	Date	Participants	Women	Training Topic
Kbal Dountey (Beoung)	15-16 August 2018	20	09	Cassava
Tatey (Kanti)	17-18 August 2018	25	12	Cassava
Ou Kranhak (Pbong Teak)	19-20 August 2018	25	10	Cassava
Kbal Dountey (Beoung)	23 August 2018	21	09	Cashew Nut
Tatey (Kanti)	24 August 2018	20	10	Cashew Nut
Ou Kranhak (Pbong Teak)	25 August 2018	25	11	Cashew Nut
Kbal Dountey (Beoung)	26 August 2018	25	11	Rice
Tatey (Kanti)	27 August 2018	25	10	Rice
Ou Kranhak (Pbong Teak)	28 August 2018	25	10	Rice
TOTAL		211	92	

Support the development free-deforestation value chain of the selected agricultural commodities, in this quarter, the project partner, AFD, conducted significance activities as set in PMU and AFD partnership agreement signed.

- The two times commune meetings were conducted, and interviewed with 12 local traders in Mean Rith and Tumring commune by AFD staffs and representative from provincial agricultural officers. The commune meetings were conducted aimed to inform farmers about REDD+ project and increase their knowledge on the impact of agricultural land expansion

into forest area, trad associated with deforestation in the project area. the commune meeting participated by traders, farmer, local authorities, and provincial agricultural officers. The results from the local trader interviewed were sent to PMU for reporting and further analysis.

Table 5: Participant participated in commune meeting in Mean Rith and Tumring commune

Commune Name (village)	Date	Participants	Women
Mean Rith ()	27 June 2018	18	1
Tumring ()	28 June 2018	17	2
Total		36	3

- AFD and the provincial agricultural officers conducted two commune meetings aims to increase knowledge on concept of the establishment of Agricultural Cooperative (AC) and developed a work-plan, process in establishing AC, and increased awareness on rules and regulations to guide AC development.

Table 6: Participants participated in commune meeting in Mean Rith and Tumring commune

Commune Name (village)	Date	Participants	Women
Mean Rith ()	09 August 2018	40	9
Tumring ()	10 August 2018	32	4
Total		72	13

- AFD and Provincial agricultural staff conduct an interim AC committee selection in Tumring and Mean Rith commune. As results of election, two interim groups were formed, for a group of Mean Rith consisted of 15 members (01 women) and a group of Tumring consisted of 15 members (2 women). Those two groups were endorsed by the commune council.
- The commune council and AFD officer issued the announcement posted in 14 villages (11 villages in Mean Rith and 4 villages in Tumring) provisioned to recruit qualify candidates to be elected as official committee and board of committee of AC.

Table 7: Villagers/farmers participated in interim committee selection process

Commune Name (villages)	Date	Participants	Women
Mean Rith ()	25 August 2018	21	7
Tumring ()	26 August 2018	23	5
Total		44	12

- The selected interim AC committee with technical support from AFD staffs and provincial agricultural staffs conducted consultative meeting with its members to develop AC's by-law and regulation. Since the project have supported the establishment of two ACs in Tumring and Mean Rith commune, both ACs s' by-laws and regulations were developed within two communes and being disseminated among its members to further collect feedbacks and inputs prior to its endorsement.

Table 8: farmer/villages participated in developing AC' by-law and regulations

Commune Name, villages	Date	Participants	Women
Mean Rith	17 September 2018	22	4
Tumring	18 September 2018	24	5
Total		46	9

- The drafted by-laws and regulations consisted of key elements to govern performance of ACs such as defining name of the ACs, clarify of roles and responsibilities of AC board committee and its members, business plans, and grievance mechanism as such. The drafted by-laws and regulations will be officially approved by its members and AC board committee during its commune submit.
- The AFD staffs organized meeting with commune council, the meetings were focused on the support of the establishment of two ACs in Mean Rith and Tumring , include presented the proposal on location of ACs to be set up, procedure in collecting/buying agricultural commodities, storage and other associated issues.

Objective 3: enhance capacity of key different stakeholders to effective REDD+ implementation. The project will improve capacity of targeted communities and government stakeholders

Increase stakeholder participations in reducing deforestation and forest degradation in Tumring REDD+ Project area (Strategy#4)

Building capacity of Community Forest Management Committee (CFMCs), The PMU in closed collaboration with local Forestry Administration (FA) and local authorities facilitated community forestry to re-elect the community forest management committee, this is due to the ended mandat of community forestry management structure, and it provisions in the community forest sub-degrees (2013). The events were conducted in O Bosleve, Prey O's Thmor, and Rom Check community forestry. As results, three community forest management committee (CFMC) were endorsed by the local authority with recognition letter issued.

Table 9: Community forest members/farmers participated in the event of re-elected CFMCs

CF Name (vilage)	Date	Participants	Women
Ou Bosleave (Runteah)	20 September 2018	57	26
Ou Thmor (Roneam)	20 September 2018	45	30
Romchek (Romchek)	21 September 2018	59	39
Total		161	95

The community facilitator of the PMU facilitated a quarterly meeting with the community forestry management committed in 14 community forestry, the meeting was conducted in an individual community forestry, in total, there were 142 participants participated the meeting. The meeting focus on the discussion on the new emerged challenges associated with illegal activities happened inside CF areas, submission forest patrol report to PMU and the meeting approved over community forest work-plan with the distribution support to the community forestry group to conduct regular forest patrol by the project.

Table 10: Community Forest Management Committee participated in the meeting with community assistant of the PMU member

Community Forestry Name	Village & commune	Date	No. of CFMCF attend	No. of Women
O' Kranhak CF	Tboung Toeuk village, Mean Rith	22 Sept 2018	13	7
Tatey	Kanti village, Mean Rith	22 Sept 2018	7	1
Kbal Dauntey CF	Beung village, Mean Rith	23 Sept 2018	12	0
O' Kranhoung CF	Choam Svay village, Mean Righ	23 Sept 2018	9	2
O' Dasco	Sam Oang village, Mean Rith	24 Sept 2018	10	0
Prey Hongchamtit	Trapeang Tralach village, Mean Rith	24 Sept 2018	11	1
Lbos Sral	Rang Khai village, Mean Rith	25 Sept 2018	13	2
O' bosleav	Run The village, Tumring	25 Sept 2018	10	1
Sre Pring CF	Sre Pring village, Sochet	26 Sept 2018	9	0
Rum Chek CF	Rum Chek village, Sochet	26 Sept 2018	9	1
Choam Smarch	Tum Or village, Tumring	27 Sept 2018	8	1
O' Thmor	Rorneam village, Tumring	27 Sept 2018	8	0
Neak Tala	SroLaosroang village, Tumring	28 Sept 2018	12	2
Sochet CF	Sochet Commune	28 Sept 2018	11	2
Total			142	20

III. Project Planning and Budgeting

The PMU developed Budget and Work-plan for Y4-2018 and Q4/Y4 (October-December 2018) which aligned with the 4th year work programs of the project. The Q4/Y4 work-plan was attached. (Annex I)