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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ On 16/06/2017, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 886/QD-TTg; Approving the Target Program on Sustainable Forest Development for Period 2016-2020.
- ❖ On 23/11/2017, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 1857/QD-TTg; Establishing the State Steering Committee for the Target Program
- ❖ On 08/03/2018, the MARD issued Decision No.823/QD-BNN-TCCB; Establishing the Office of the State Steering Committee for Target Program on Sustainable Forest Development for the period 2016-2020 and REDD+ Implementation



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PROGRESS OF REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION IN VIET NAM

- ❖ 4 pillars under Warsaw Framework for REDD+:
 - National REDD+ Action Programme approved June 2012 (Decision 799/TTg) and replaced April 2017 (Decision 419/TTg).
 - Established the Forest Reference Emission Levels/Forest Reference Levels (FREL/FRL) submitted UNFCCC Secretariat in January 2016 and completed technical review in April 2017.
 - National Forest Monitoring System and a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System under development and improvement.
 - Develop Safeguard Information System (SIS) and Summary of Information (SoI) completed in 2018.



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PROGRESS OF REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION IN VIET NAM (cont)

- ❖ Since 2009, Vietnam has participated REDD+ initiatives with 44 REDD+ related projects, estimated 84 millions USD in supporting awareness raising, capacity building and pilot activities, model and preparedness for REDD+ implementation in Vietnam.
- ❖ 19 PRAP approved to 2020, 12 provinces setup steering committees for REDD+.
- ❖ 11 provinces need to update the PRAP to 2030 in line with the newly approved National Action Program on REDD+ (NRAP) at Decision 419 dated 05/4/2017.



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PROGRESS OF REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION IN VIET NAM

- ❖ An Emission Reduction Program in The North Central Region financed by FCPF/Carbon Fund successfully defended the Program Document at the 17th meeting of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility in Paris from 29 January to 1 February 2018.
- ❖ According to the Program Document, during the period 2018-2025 the Program will reduce 24.6 million tons of CO₂, of which the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (through the World Bank) has ordered 10.3 million tons of CO₂ for the period 2019-2024.
- ❖ Around from September to November 2018 Viet Nam and the World Bank (the agency entrusted by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) will negotiate on the progress of payments, prices ... on the purchase of 10.3 million tonnes of emission CO₂ from the Program.

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The need for a coherent approach to safeguards



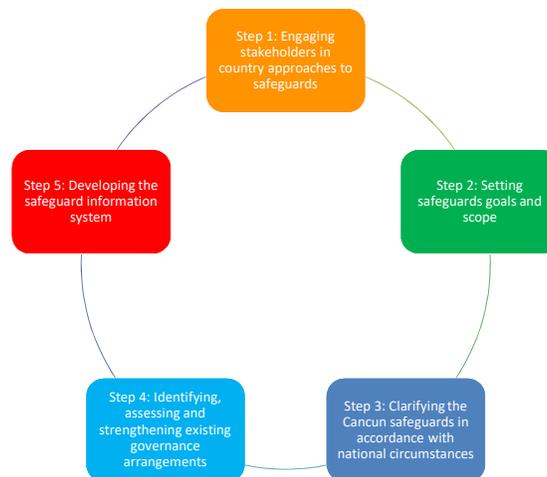
How can we ensure that national implementation of REDD+ activities is consistent with the UNFCCC REDD+ safeguards?

What do the REDD+ safeguards mean in light of the national context?

How can countries comply with these international requirements in a cost-effective manner?



The Country Approach to Safeguards





Vietnam's REDD+ country safeguards framework

- **Multi-stakeholder institutional arrangements for the development of the Country Safeguards Framework**
 - *Sub-Technical Working Group on Safeguards*
 - *Safeguards Core Group*
 - *Government Working Group on the Safeguards Information System and the Summary of Information (SIS and SOI working group. This working group contains 26 members from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and other line ministries.*

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Vietnam's REDD+ country safeguards framework (cont)

- **Goals of the country's approach to safeguards**
 - The development of Viet Nam's Country Safeguards Framework is fully consistent with Viet Nam's commitments under the UNFCCC, and with the overall goal of Viet Nam's National REDD+ Action Programme (NRAP) for the period 2017 to 2030:
 - Viet Nam's Country Safeguards Framework aims to address the potential risks and effectively promote the benefits REDD+ could achieve through the implementation of REDD+ Policies and Measures, in order to demonstrate fulfilment of Viet Nam's commitments under the UNFCCC, and in so doing to fulfil a key prerequisite for obtaining results-based payments under the REDD+ mechanism.

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- The design of Viet Nam's SIS aims to address the key requirements for a national SIS as set out in the UNFCCC guidance. It has drawn on the outputs of the three distinct but related steps:
 1. PLR assessment, updated 2018
 2. PLR implementation assessment (2016); and
 3. National clarification of the Cancun safeguards (2018)

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- Commence in late 2015
- TA from UN-REDD Program Phase II, FORMIS project
- Operationalise SIS phase I in late 2018
- SOI to be submitted in 2018



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Other relevant process

- Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment, and Environment and Social Management Framework (SESA-ESMF)
- Grievance redress mechanism
- Free, prior, and informed Consent (FPIC)

Viet Nam was one of the first country to pilot free, prior and informed consent for REDD+ in Lam Dong Province in 2010. The guideline was later incorporated into the process to develop and revise the NRAP, as well as the national guidance to provinces on the development of their PRAPs.

- Participatory Governance Assessment (PGA)

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STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identified drivers and barriers, at national and sub-national level
- Clearly defined objectives of CSA for short and long term
- Assessing environmental and social benefits and risks of REDD+ actions
- Identified and assessed legal and institutional frameworks



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redd+ VIETNAM STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES (cont)

- Broad consultation at national and sub-national level
- ✓ *Consultations with related national Government agencies*
- ✓ *Consultations with interested parties and stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sectors as well as academics and legal experts*
- ✓ *Consultations with provincial authorities and other sub-national stakeholders*
- ✓ *Public consultation* undertaken through the Viet Nam REDD+ website (vietnam-redd.org).
- Other supporting relevant processes: PGA, GRM, SESA-ESMF



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Level	Key Activities	Type
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy advocacy (biodiversity, human rights) • Developing methodological guidance and tools 	INGOs
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy advocacy • Developing methodological guidance and tools • Awareness-raising & capacity building 	INGOs National NGOs
Sub-national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD+ design and planning • FREL calculation and MRV systems • Awareness-raising and capacity building • Technical support to programme actions 	INGOs National NGOs Local NGOs
Project/ Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD+ project design and site planning • Community support during consultation • Project and fund management • Technical support to activity implementation • Legal advice/support to communities • M&E • Awareness-raising & capacity building 	INGOs National NGOs Local NGOs CSOs, mass orgs



Role of Local CSO/NGOs in REDD+ Project Cycle

Project Idea/FS, Design and Initial Consent Stages

- Identifying stakeholders and stakeholder mapping/analysis
- Facilitating initial stakeholder engagement
- Inputs to consultation procedures
- Providing background information to developers
- Awareness-raising and providing simple information to communities (communications)
- Capacity-building and training to communities
- Advising communities on statutory laws and rights/Advising developers on customary laws and rights
- Representing community interests in negotiations



Role of Local CSO/NGOs in REDD+ Project Cycle (cont)

Implementation

- Project management (planning, procurement, accounting)
- Fund management and benefit distribution
- Setting up microfinance (VDFs)
- Technical support (biodiversity, forestry, land use planning, agriculture, infrastructure, rural livelihoods etc)
- Implementing safeguards (consultation/consent procedures, access to benefits, grievance procedures)
- Awareness-raising and communications
- Capacity-building and training



Role of Local CSO/NGOs in REDD+ Project Cycle (cont)

Monitoring, Reporting & Verification

- Project activity monitoring & evaluation
- Monitoring fund/benefit distribution
- Safeguards monitoring and reporting (including grievances)



CHALLENGES

- REDD+ is technical with many new terms and jargons.
- More requirements/ barriers imposed before accessing to results based payment.
- Most of the REDD+ projects are small and sustainability beyond the project life is an issue.
- Cross-sectoral coordination.
- Available sources of information and how they are used for providing information on safeguards
- What are the potential roles of different types of CSOs/NGOs in the REDD+ context and in particular their roles at sub-national levels at specific stages in REDD+ implementation and in different contexts?



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LESSONS LEARNT

- ❖ Government's commitments to REDD+ and its sustainability.
- ❖ More and continuous communications and capacity building needed.
- ❖ Identifying information needs is very important
- ❖ Create mechanisms for information sharing between information systems
- ❖ Develop national and provincial monitoring and reporting systems to feed into the SIS



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