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Introduction

This Progress Report presents the major activities and achievements of the FCPF Capacity Building on REDD+ for CSOs and Local Communities in EAP and SAR Project (P153588) financed by the World Bank through Small Recipient Executed Trust fund (RETF) grant.

ANSAB (Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources) was selected by the World Bank as the recipient for the project to implement the Capacity Building Program (CBP) Phase II/FCPF Readiness Fund for the southern civil society (CSOs) and local communities (LCs) in East Asia and Pacific. This project is being implemented for FCPF countries in EAP and SAR regions, which are Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam. Of these countries, the eligible participating countries for the national capacity building and awareness component are Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

The objective of the project is to strengthen: (i) the knowledge of targeted southern CSOs and LCs on REDD+ Readiness at the national level and (ii) knowledge exchange at the regional level. Specifically, the project aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- a. National level capacity building activities on REDD+ undertaken by CSOs and LCs in FCPF countries in Asia-Pacific have resulted to strengthened communities and effective engagement with governments at local and national levels;
- b. Knowledge products on REDD+ have been developed and disseminated, and knowledge-sharing activities undertaken and shared with CSOs, LC, governments and other stakeholders in East Asia and Pacific.

ANSAB carried out activities, esp. towards selection of the proposals from the eligible countries for national level capacity building activities, operation of the REDD+ sharing web platform, and the project set up activities during the first half-year of project implementation from August 2017 through February 2018. Details on the project activities and achievements, plan for the next six months and the financial report are presented in the following sections.

Activities and Achievements

Component 1: National Capacity Building and Awareness Raising

a) Call for proposals for national level capacity building activities on REDD+

ANSAB issued call for proposals to CSOs and LCs in the four countries (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Vietnam) to submit proposals in accordance with the procedures reflected in the Operational Manual. The first call was issued on August 20, 2017 with a deadline of one month. The deadline was extended for another two weeks in requests from organizations and stakeholders working on REDD+ and forestry issues at national level in the participating countries.

The call including notification for extension was published in ANSAB's website and also shared through a list serve of CSOs in the four countries, that the organization with support from the World Bank compiled during the preparation phase through survey and referrals. The call was also shared with the regional level organizations working in the region, which also included Tebtebba Foundation - the recipient of the FCPF capacity building program on REDD+ for forest dependent indigenous people in East Asia-Pacific and South Asia region. ANSAB also used the

national level civil society networks and platforms in the participating countries for sharing of the call.

ANSAB received nine proposals (two from Fiji, two from Vanuatu and five from Vietnam) during the period. Considering no proposals received from PNG, ANSAB consulted with the Task Team Leader (TTL) regarding the issue and extended the deadline until December 31, 2017 for PNG. However, no proposal was received from PNG within the deadline.

b) Formation of Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

In order to ensure a transparent system of sub-project selection, an independent Asia-Pacific Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) has been set up. Five members, four from each participating country and one from regional level have been selected as RAC members based on their technical knowledge of REDD+ and related subjects and the understanding of the target countries’ REDD+ national priorities. List of the RAC members is presented in Table 1. RAC members will provide their advisory support to the project for selecting the most relevant national level capacity building initiatives to be implemented by CSOs in the four countries. Detail terms of reference for the RAC members is presented in Annex 1.

The potential list of experts and/or practitioners from the four countries to serve as the RAC members were provided by the participants of the preparatory workshop held in May 2016 in Kathmandu. ANSAB regularly communicated with the World Bank during the RAC member selection process, and finalized the list of the members with consent from the TTL. ANSAB established communication with the experts in October 2017 for their consent with the detailed terms of reference (ToR). The ToR was prepared during the project launch mission organized during August 2017 in Kathmandu. Upon the acceptance of offer from the experts, ANSAB appointed RAC members in December 2017.

Table 1: List of RAC members

Country	Name	Affiliation
Fiji	Ilaitia Leitabu	Fiji National REDD+ Steering Committee
Papua New Guinea	Lester Seri	Conservation and Development Professional
Vanuatu	Charlie Timpoloa Harrison	National CSO Platform for Climate Change & REDD+
Vietnam	Vu Huu Than	RECOFTC Vietnam
Regional	Dil Raj Khanal	Ex-CSO Observer

c) Evaluation of proposals

As the proposals were received, ANSAB screened the proponent organization based on the eligibility criteria. Based on which, five organizations – one from Fiji, one from Vanuatu and three from Vietnam passed the eligibility requirement. ANSAB closely worked with the country specific RAC members and the TTL while checking the eligibility of the organizations. Proposals from the organizations meeting eligibility requirement were forwarded to the RAC members in December 2017 for the evaluation based on the evaluation sheet developed including criteria indicated in the project operational manual. The evaluation sheet is attached in Annex 2. RAC members provided their conformation with no conflict of interest to the organizations and the proposed interventions.

Evaluation score for each proposal was received from four RAC members. There are few comments and suggestions from the RAC members on the proposals, that could be addressed from the proponent organizations during the regional meeting with input from the RAC members. An average score was calculated for each proposal and a list of the proposals with their evaluation score was shared with the TTL and Operations Specialist of the Bank. As we did not receive any proposals from PNG, but we received more proposals from Vietnam, it was decided that one more proposal from Vietnam will be considered for grants. Based on the score, two proposals from Vietnam, one from Fiji and one from Vanuatu are recommended for grant and shared with TTL for no objection. The recommended proposals are presented in Table 2. Brief on these proposals along with the comments/suggestions from the RAC members are presented in Annex 3.

Table 2: List of proposals recommended for grants

Country	Organization	Name of the proposal
Fiji	Fiji Indigenous Women's Society	Building Capacity for Fiji's CSOs and LCs to Actively Participate in the Fiji National REDD+ Readiness Programme
Vanuatu	National CSO Platform for Climate Change & REDD+	National Advocacy & Awareness on the REDD+ Readiness Phase with Indigenous Communities
Vietnam	Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD)	Empowering CSOs and LCs to effectively participate in the implementation of Vietnam's Emission Reduction Programme (ER-P)
	PanNature (Center for People and Nature Reconciliation)	Promoting Adaptive Collaborative Management Approach (ACMA) through strengthening capacity and participation of Vietnamese CSOs and local communities in REDD+ process in Vietnam

Component 2: Regional Exchange and Sharing of Lessons Learned

a) Hiring of IT consultant

ANSAB has hired an IT consultant on a part-time basis to design the website of the REDD+ capacity building program and maintain it through the project lifetime. The consultant was selected through a competitive process conducted by a procurement committee consisting of the monitoring and evaluation specialist, administration and finance manager and the procurement officer of the Project. A public call for vacancy was published in August 2017 with the detailed terms of reference, and among the applicants, a short list based on the relevant qualification was prepared. The top three candidates from the short list were called for an interview; based on which the IT consultant was selected. ANSAB communicated with TTL about the expert and the process and obtained a no-objection.

b) Design and maintenance of REDD+ webpage

The project has hosted a REDD+ webpage (www.ansab.org/redd) as a subdomain in ANSAB's website. The webpage includes project related information, news and documents; relevant regional level information and publications on REDD+; FCPF information and materials; and the project's complaints processing & resolution process. The outline and content of the website was agreed with the Operations Specialist during the project launch mission organized during August 2017 in Kathmandu. The webpage will include details on the sub-projects (once they are funded under component 1), and their performance and lessons learned/good practices among others.

Component 3: Management, M&E and Reporting

a) Conduction of project launch mission

The World Bank conducted a launch mission of the project in Kathmandu on August 2-5, 2017. The mission was led remotely by Haddy Jatou Sey (Senior Social Development Specialist and TTL) and comprised Yogesh Bom Malla (Financial Management Specialist), Chandra Kishor Mishra (Procurement Specialist), and Ayala Peled Ben Ari (Operations Consultant).

The mission focused on work sessions with ANSAB's operational and fiduciary staff. On August 2, 2017, staff from ANSAB participated in a procurement, financial management and disbursement training at the World Bank Kathmandu office. ANSAB's fiduciary staff were provided with an overview of relevant procurement procedures, procurement arrangements, Bank's review and implementation support requirements, record management and procurement best practices. The Bank provided financial management and disbursement training to ANSAB's administrative staff, including on financial reporting, external auditing, record keeping and procedures for use of Client Connection to submit withdrawal applications electronically.

On August 3, the Operations Consultant met with the ANSAB management and introduced the mission program. On August 3 and 4, the Operations Consultant worked closely with ANSAB staffs at ANSAB office and finalized the project work plan and budget with the development of supporting documents for capacity building consultancies, preparation of a 6-months action plan and procurement plan, and the provision of any other needed operational support and guidance, including on M&E implementation, grievance redress and safeguards as directed in the respective project paper and grant agreement.

b) Set up of project secretariat

A project secretariat has been set up at ANSAB that comprises the following part-time staff: a project leader, an administration and finance manager, an M&E and communication specialist, a procurement specialist and a financial management specialist. In addition, the Secretariat will be supported on a part-time basis by ANSAB's Executive Director, and by a part-time IT consultant and a workshop facilitator, the latter will be hired for regional level workshops. ANSAB's external auditing firm will be auditing the project funds. The TORs for the secretariat's staff were approved during project preparation and updated during the launch mission and are included in the Operational Manual.

c) Management of project fund

Project funds are received from the World Bank through a Designated Account (DA). Requests for the release of funds from the grant proceeds is through the Client Connection Account Management System to which ANSAB was introduced to in training conducted by the World Bank designated staff on August 2, 2017 during the project launch mission. ANSAB registered to the system by providing all the documentary requirements and following the prescribed steps. The first Application for Withdrawal was submitted in October 25, 2017 and the first installment of the grant was credited to ANSAB's DA in December 18, 2017. The process of funds transfer took more time than normal because there were some banking procedures that needed to be addressed during the process. ANSAB closely worked with the World Bank Country Office in Nepal to sort out the problems and meet the procedures.

Plan for next six months

Activities	Year 2018						
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Component 1: National Capacity Building and Awareness Raising							
Sign contracts with the selected CSOs							
Release funds to the CSOs based on the contracts							
Establish regular communication with CSOs and receive progress reports							
Implement country level activities including CSOs/LC interaction with national decision makers							
Component 2: Regional Exchange and Sharing of Lessons Learned							
Collect, review and upload relevant documents in REDD+ webpage							
Organize regional workshop							
Component 3: Management, M&E and Reporting							
Develop and share biannual reports (activity and financial)							

Financial Report

Activities	Total Budget (US \$)	Expenses during reporting period (US \$)	Balance (US \$)
Component 1: National Capacity Building and Awareness Raising			
Public notice preparation and dissemination for call for proposal			
Assess and select consultancies by RAC	5,000		5,000.00
Supervise the consultancies	12,800		12,800.00
Build capacity of CSOs and LCs through training on REDD+ and organizing meeting with national decision makers	300,000		300,000.00
<i>SUB TOTAL:</i>	317,800	0	317,800.00
Component 2: Regional Exchange and Sharing of Lessons Learned			
Organize launch and regional experience sharing and learning workshops	121,500		121,500.00
Dissemination of knowledge products and lessons learned	18,000	243.82	17,756.18
<i>SUB TOTAL:</i>	139,500	243.82	139,256.18
Component 3: Management, M&E and Reporting			
Human resource cost	50,520	6721.78	43,798.22
Equipment (a laptop)	1,291		1,291.00
External audit fee	1,500		1,500.00
Others (office rent and utilities, support staff salary, insurance of goods, repair and maintenance expenses, contribution on statutory audits)	19,500	317.24	19,182.76
<i>SUB TOTAL:</i>	72,811	7,039.02	65,771.98
GRAND TOTAL:	530,111	7,282.84	522,828.16

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Terms of Reference for Regional Advisory Committee Members

Background

1. The “FCPF Capacity Building on REDD+ for Southern Civil Society Organizations and Local Communities in East Asia and the Pacific Region Project” (the project) is financed under the FCPF Capacity Building Program Phase 2, which was set up to ensure the active engagement and participation of REDD+ relevant stakeholders, including southern civil society organizations (CSOs) and local communities (LC) from FCPF participating countries in the LAC, Africa and Asia-Pacific regions. The beneficiaries of the project are CSOs and LC in four FCPF eligible countries in East Asia and the Pacific, namely Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Vietnam, who will participate in national-level REDD+ capacity building activities and in regional knowledge exchange events. National level activities will be implemented as sub-projects through consultancy contracts between ANSAB and the chosen CSOs.
2. The CSO and LC organizations that will implement sub-projects will be selected by ANSAB with the support of a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) based on agreed eligibility criteria, and contracted as consultants.
3. The project is an important instrument to catalyze effective civil society coalitions on REDD+, increase civil society’s engagement in national REDD+ processes, and give them a window of opportunity to engage more strongly in national dialogues. Engagement with national processes should be interlinked with sub-projects to attach inputs with the desired impact. Sub-projects will also include some funding for meetings between CSOs and REDD+ decision makers within the four countries to enhance CSOs’ visibility to governments and increase their involvement in decision making related to REDD+ in their respective countries.
4. In countries that are in the process of preparing Emission Reduction Project Document (ERPD) such as Fiji and Vietnam, proposals will also focus on priority strategic ERPD issues that will help with the planning and implementation of the ER program in the country. Specific issues could be as relevant: i) land tenure system in the country and its impact on REDD+, ii) design of indicators and criteria for assessing impact of REDD+, including environmental and social impacts (Cancun safeguards), iii) designing of the institutional and benefit sharing mechanism, iv) designing REDD+ grievance readdress mechanism.
5. ANSAB, as the implementing agency of the project, has invited CSOs from Fiji, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Vanuatu, and Vietnam to submit a proposal for possible funding through contracts. Overall, this is a competitive process and the best proposal will be selected for the funding according to agreed criteria. In some cases, ANSAB has approached CSO networks to submit proposals on behalf of their member CSOs, which will also be reviewed.

The objective of the proposals should be to strengthen the knowledge of targeted CSOs and LC on REDD+ Readiness. Specifically, proposed capacity building activities on REDD+ will strengthen communities and effectively engage governments at local and national levels through trainings, workshops, awareness campaigns, national, provincial and local meetings etc.

6. Capacity building activities should enable participants to:
 - Understand the phenomenon and impacts of climate change on local communities including the issues of land tenure, land/forest management, non-carbon benefits,

carbon accounting/Monitoring Reporting and Verification, locally-based sustainable livelihoods, and governance issues in the context of REDD+ Readiness;

- Understand the REDD+ mechanism, including its threats and opportunities for CSOs and local communities, and allow communities to voice their concerns and objectives;
- Realize respective roles and responsibilities of CSOs and LCs related to climate change mitigation and adaptation through sustainable management of forests and other resources;
- Participate in REDD+ processes, including the integration of community land-use mapping, national Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESAs), Safeguards Information Systems (SIS), and community-level monitoring and reporting;
- Affirm the need for a rights-based and ecosystem approach to climate change;
- Conduct monitoring of national REDD+ activities; and
- Determine the ways forward vis-à-vis REDD+ and other international processes and measures.

7. In order to ensure a transparent system of receiving, reviewing and selecting proposals, an independent **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)** has been set up, which will serve as an advisory body/roster of experts to advise ANSAB on these matters and others as needed. Five experts, four from each country and one former REDD+ CSO observer, have been selected as RAC members based on their technical knowledge of REDD+ and related subjects, and understanding of the target countries' REDD+ national priorities.

Roles and responsibilities of RAC members

8. The role of RAC amongst other things would be to assess the technical soundness of proposals, make sure proposals are aligned with the respective country's national REDD+ priorities and propose a list of recipients for ANSAB. ANSAB will make the final decision on recipients based on the RAC advice. Specific roles of the RAC members would be:

- Review proposals sent by ANSAB for technical soundness and alignment with the relevant national REDD+ strategy;
- Rank the proposals by country based on agreed criteria and propose a list of recipients for ANSAB;
- Provide written inputs and suggestions on each proposal for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities;
- Participate regional and national level meetings organized by the project as applicable.

Deliverables

9. Completed evaluation sheet with ranking of the sub-projects by country; and suggestions on the reviewed proposals

Reporting

10. The RAC member will report to and communicate with the Project Leader at ANSAB.

Timeframe and honorarium

11. Once receiving a proposal for review, the RAC member will be asked to send his/her input within 2 weeks. An honorarium of US \$100 will be provided per proposal reviewed. Applicable tax will be deducted as per the Government of Nepal.

A RAC member would need to declare any conflict of interest before reviewing proposals.

Annex 2: Sub-grant Proposal Evaluation Sheet

Name of the Reviewer: _____

Name of Proponent:	Country:
Project Summary:	
Geographic area of project intervention:	
Name of forest-dependent indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the project:	

Criteria	Maximum Score	Obtained Score	Observations
Project activities:			
Are aligned with the Project Development Objective: Strengthening the knowledge of targeted civil society organizations and local communities on REDD+ readiness at national level and knowledge exchange at regional level	5		
Are aligned with recipient country's agreed engagement and participation of local communities in REDD+ at national level	5		
Reinforce national REDD+ readiness efforts and include national capacity building activities in line with related initiatives on REDD+	5		
Ensure active and proportionate participation of women and youth taking into account women's time, cultural limitations and workload, and includes activities that build their capacity and awareness in appropriate methods	5		
Facilitate dialogue between civil society organizations and institutions with the respective REDD+ focal point, FCPF CSO observers, and local and national government offices engaged in REDD+	5		
Sustainability beyond the project	5		

Proponent Organization			
Legally registered civil society organization with experience on community mobilization and outreach at grass root level	5		
Has implemented projects for at least 3 years and has direct work on REDD+, forestry or climate change issues	5		
Has the ability to communicate with ANSAB and targeted communities in relevant languages, and network with national and regional partners	5		
Has sufficient administrative sufficient capacity to implement projects of relevant size, incl. M&E, reporting and grievance redress mechanism	5		
TOTAL SCORE	50		

Please provide your inputs for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities, if any:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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Annex 3: Brief of proposals recommended for grants along with the inputs from RAC members

1. Building Capacity for Fiji's CSOs and LCs to Actively Participate in the Fiji National REDD+ Readiness Programme

Name of Proponent: Fiji Indigenous Women's Society

Project Summary: The objective of the project is to Increase capacity of CSOs and LCs to participate in REDD+ and contribute to ERPD strategic issues and provide recommendations to the REDD+ Strategy. To achieve this objective, three activities a) Capacity building of CSOs and LCs, b) Meeting between CSOs and local and national level decision makers on REDD+ and c) Study and recommendation on ERPD strategic issues are proposed with indicative expected results. The desired result of the project is that at the end of the project at least 600 men and women in Fiji from project areas will be aware of their rights and obligations under different policy framework on REDD+. The project will be implemented over 12 months with requested amount of US \$75,000.

Geographic area of project intervention: Province of Ra, Cakaudrove, Tailevu and Lomaiviti, Naitasiri, Namosi and Nadarivatu.

Name of forest-dependent indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the project: iTaukei

Inputs from RAC members for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities:

1. Consider to carry out a quick "capacity development needs assessment".
2. Consider development of training/communication materials.
3. Consider gender-specific capacity building activities.
4. It would be good to elaborate section 4.8 and 4.9 to improve the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities.
5. There is a need for more involvement of other communities, apart from the indigenous iTaukei people as climate change affects everyone.
6. There is a need to get more males too to be involved in the reach out programs as the institution is a female one.

2. National Advocacy & Awareness on the REDD+ Readiness Phase with Indigenous Communities

Name of Proponent: National CSO Platform for Climate Change & REDD+, Republic of Vanuatu

Project Summary: The objective of the project is to sensitize as many local indigenous Ni-Vanuatus as well as real estate land developers operating in Vanuatu. To achieve this objective, three activities a) Capacity building of CSOs and LCs, b) Meeting between CSOs and local and national level decision makers on REDD+ and c) Study and recommendation on ERPD strategic issues are proposed. The desired result of the project is to decrease in land alienation to investors and an increase in the reforestation and entrepreneurial skills of the indigenous person to be able to create products including non timber forest products that can penetrate the domestic and export market. The project will be implemented over 12 months with requested amount of US \$75,000.

Geographic area of project intervention:

- Eratap, Epule & Mangalili
- South Santo Area 1, South East Santo & East Santo Area
- South West Malekula, North East Malekula & Central Malekula
- Central Tanna, North East Tanna & South East Tanna

Name of forest-dependent indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the project:

- Efate CSO Network for Climate Change & REDD+ [7 Area Networks]
- Santo CSO Network for Climate Change & REDD+ [6 Area Networks]
- Malekula CSO Network for Climate Change & REDD+ [7 Area Networks]
- Tanna CSO Network for Climate Change & REDD+ [7 Area Networks]

Inputs from RAC members for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities:

1. The proposed activities should be specific, such as what capacity building activities will be undertaken and what sort of meetings will be organized.
2. The measures to mitigate these potential risks (political, social, logistical, etc.) should be reviewed and improved.
3. How will beneficiaries be involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this project should be reviewed and better described.
4. The proposal is relatively very weak in term of clarity on expected result and alignment with the national REDD+ readiness process, therefore it would be good to request them to improve the proposal with additional clear information.
5. They must also build on capacities at regional level, there may be big lesson learn with other recipient NGOs.

3. Empowering CSOs and LCs to effectively participate in the implementation of Vietnam's Emission Reduction Programme (ER-P)

Name of Proponent: Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), Vietnam

Project Summary: The objective of the project is to empower CSOs and LCs so that they will be able to effectively participate in the implementation of Vietnam's ER-P. To achieve this objective, the project will implement a range of activities to deliver the following expected results: (i) Increased participation of CSOs and LCs in ER-P implementation by bridging gaps in their knowledge and capacities, (ii) an enabled constructive environment for CSO and LC participation in ER-P implementation established, and (iii) Reduced conversion of natural forests by developing a formally recognized and supported FCIM framework for implementation by CSOs. The project will be implemented over 12 months with requested amount of US \$74,969.

Geographic area of project intervention: North Central Coast (NCC) region of Vietnam which covers about 5.15 million hectares of the Northern Annamites and about 10 million people across Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, and Thua Thien Hue provinces.

Name of forest-dependent indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the project: Co Tu, Pa Co, Thai, Muong, Van Kieu, H'mong, and Dan Lai Ethnic minorities

Inputs from RAC members for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities:

1. The effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities would be higher, if the gaps for CSOs and LCs in REDD+ and ERP are preliminary identified before organizing the proposed training workshops, which then will be designed to address the identified gaps. During the training the gaps, including priority ones can be reconfirmed.
2. After 3 days of training, it will be unlikely that CSOs will have enough capacity to build LC capacity to effectively participate in ER-P implementation in NCC provinces. Therefore, the project proponent should consider follow-up activities to provide support CSOs on the site, such as coaching or on the job backstopping.
3. To ensure women’s participation and effectiveness of the training, gender-specific capacity building programs may be necessary.
4. There may be a great need for regional programs and capacity building initiatives as this would be great lesson learnt from different countries.

4. Promoting Adaptive Collaborative Management Approach (ACMA) through strengthening capacity and participation of Vietnamese CSOs and local communities in REDD+ process in Vietnam

Name of Proponent: PanNature (Centre for People and Nature Reconciliation), Vietnam

Project Summary: The project aims to strengthen REDD+ capacity of people in Huong Nguyen Commune, Thua Thien Hue province, through adopting ACMA approach. This project will be implemented over twelve months with requested funding of USD75,00 from the donor. Key activities proposed are conduct capacity building events on REDD+ Readiness for CSOs/CBOs and local communities, organize meetings between CSOs and local and national level decision makers, and prepare guideline and policy brief on ACMA and DFGM. The project will be implemented over 12 months with requested amount of US \$75,000.

Geographic area of project intervention: A Luoi District in Thua Thien Hue Province, one of six selected for the Emission Reductions Program in the North Central Coast of Vietnam, funded by Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Carbon Fund from 2018-2025.

Name of forest-dependent indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the project: Forest-dependent communities, most of whom are ethnic minorities living in the forest area (Paco, Ta Oi, Katu and Pahy), in Huong Nguyen Commune

Inputs from RAC members for improving the effectiveness of the proposed capacity building activities:

1. This project should have a clearer focus on *Promoting Adaptive Collaborative Management Approach (ACMA) in REDD+ rather than* proposed activities.
2. Training manual on REDD+ and other capacity building materials are already available in Vietnam, so developing them seems unnecessary.
3. This project is too ambitious as within the twelve months it would be extremely challenging to carry a large number of activities like that without lowering their quality.