

Minutes of the First meeting of Provincial REDD+ Management Committee Khyber Pakhtunkhwa held on 04th April 2017 at Forest Secretariat Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The 1st meeting of the Provincial REDD+ Management Committee (PRMC) held under the chairmanship of Mr. Masood, Additional Secretary Forests Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 04th April 2017. The meeting was attended by the members of (PRMC) and representatives from National REDD+ Office, Ministry of Climate Change, and Government of Pakistan (**Annex I**).

The meeting started with welcome remarks by the chair who briefed the participants about the purpose of the meeting with specific objectives i.e. (i) to sensitize the Provincial REDD+ Management Committee (PRMC) on the process and state of progress on REDD+ Readiness Preparation for Pakistan (ii) to get onboard the PRMC on additional budget requirements for provincial REDD+ readiness activities and (iii) to ensure support, transparency and facilitate effective and efficient communication and coordination for successful implementation of REDD+ Readiness activities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Thereafter, Mr. Kamran Hussain, National Forest Inventory (NFI) Expert from National REDD+ Office, Ministry of Climate Change, appraised the PRMC that the representatives from National REDD+ Office arrived a day before and worked with provincial REDD+ Focal Point and member of REDD+ working groups to assess the current progress, identify missing items and budget requirements for provincial REDD+ Readiness in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

AGENDA ITEM 1: PROGRESS OF PAKISTAN'S REDD+ READINESS PROJECT

Mr. Afrasiyab gave an overall briefing on the progress and way forward of REDD+ readiness activities being implemented by National REDD+ Office. He informed that various miles stones have been achieved under technical components of REDD+ Readiness Grant of the world bank including national and provincial management arrangements to strengthen the capacity of Pakistan in order to monitor greenhouse gas emissions from forestry sector through a socially, environmentally, and technically sound national REDD+ strategy. He also mentioned that four pre-requisites i.e. (i) National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan, (ii) National Forest Monitoring System (iii) Forest Reference Emission Levels/ Forest Reference Levels and (iv) Safeguard Information System have to be developed by the country under the Cancun Agreement. He emphasized on the importance of provincial and territorial inputs regarding their financial requirements for submitting a request for Additional Funding from FCPF along with the Mid Term Repot (MTR).

Mr. Kamran also added that Provincial REDD+ Management Committees (PRMCs) have been notified by Government of Gilgit-Baltistan and Government of Sindh whereas the already existing REDD+ steering committee can also act as the PRMC for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Rest of the provinces are in process of notifying their PRMCs.

AGENDA ITEM 2: PRESENTATION ON THE ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVINCIAL REDD+ READINESS ACTIVITIES IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Mr. Kamran Hussain briefed the participants about various components of RPP for which additional funding is being sought from the FCPF to fulfill the provincial requirements for REDD+ Readiness. He informed the participants that after a fruitful discussion with the provincial REDD+ Focal Point and members of REDD+ working groups, a tentative budget has been prepared. He shared the detailed budget against proposed activities for provincial REDD+ Readiness activities, consistent with R-PP, which was finally endorsed by all the participants through mutual consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

The presentation by Mr. Kamran Hussain opened discussion on various aspects of REDD+ Readiness and Management arrangements.

Mr. Masood, Additional Secretary Forests emphasized on the importance of transparency in the entire process of submission of request for potential additional funding of the FCPF as well as in the disbursement of the shares of provinces at next stage, if the request for additional funds is approved. The NFI Expert responded and mentioned that National REDD+ Office has been advised by National REDD+ Steering Committee to keep strong coordination with all the provinces and territories. He further informed that National REDD+ Office has been regularly shared information and updates with provincial REDD+ focal points and will keep the provinces on board at every step of the REDD+ Readiness process. In a query by the Chair of the meeting regarding the need of notifying a PRMCs in the presence of an existing provincial steering committee on REDD+, Mr. Kamran Hussain, NFI Expert, responded and proposed that the existing steering committee can also act as PRMC, however, revision of members of PRMC may be considered to give more representation to relevant stakeholders. He also requested the PRMC that the TORs of the Provincial REDD+ Steering committee may also be reviewed based on the provincial needs and shared with the National REDD+ Office for information.

Mr. Hakim Shah, Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) pointed out that PFI being the most prestigious training institute in forestry sector in the country, should be revived by giving it a National mandate under auspices of Ministry of Climate Change. He also suggested that ministry of climate change can initiate a strong case in this regard.

Mr. Shabbir Hussain, Conservator Forest Planning and Development, highlighted the importance of capacity building of forest communities, demonstration of REDD+ activities by addressing the drivers of deforestation, awareness raising of academia and local communities for successful implementation of REDD+ in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He also put emphasis on the need of developing Project Design Documents (PDD) for REDD+ demonstration focused on the areas with ecological variations and issues of land tenure.

Mr. Gohar Ali, provincial REDD+ focal point proposed that REDD+ cell need to establish on permanent basis at forest secretariat to improve the working efficiency the REDD+ Cell. He also requested the Ministry of Climate Change to sought international support in this regard.

Mr. Mohammad Arif, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Planning and Monitoring Circle, proposed that REDD+ Coordination committees may also be constituted at district level that may be chaired by

conservators of respective forest circles to ensure strong and effective coordination of REDD+ activities at grass root level.

Mr. Salah Uddin, DDP, FE & W Department, proposed that PFI, being the most relevant training and research institution, should be given lead role in National Forest Monitoring System. The NFI Expert responded that National REDD+ Office, through an explicit technical evaluation, has hired a best consortium of international and local consulting firms i.e. (i) Oy Arbonaut Finland and WWF – Pakistan and (ii) Indufor Oy Finland and CHIP Training and Consulting (CTC), Pakistan, which are mandated to put forth recommendations, on technical grounds and through extensive consultations with all the provincial stakeholders, to finalize the institutional arrangements for successful REDD+ Implementation in Pakistan.

Mr. Anwar Ali, Director Forest Carbon Stock Assessment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, proposed that the frequency of meetings of PRMC may be continued on six month basis and in addition to that participation of women representatives and CSOs as member of PRMC may also be considered.

Decisions:

Based on the discussion, following decisions were taken under agenda item 3;

- 1) The list of members of PRMC will be reviewed to ensure participation of Women representatives and local CBOs, NGOs and local forest communities.

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he will put a case to higher competent authority in light of decision of PRMC*

- 2) A proposal will be submitted to higher competent authorities to establish REDD+ Cell on permanent basis at forest secretariat of government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

*Action by REDD+ Focal Point/ Forest Planning
& Monitoring Circle, Peshawar*

- 3) District level Coordination Committees will be constituted under the chair of Conservator of respective forest circle for strong and effective sensitization of forest communities and coordination of REDD+ activities.

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& Monitoring Circle, Peshawar*

- 4) The PRMC will meet on six month basis to monitor and coordinate the progress of REDD+ Readiness activities.

*Action by REDD+ Focal Point/Forest Planning
& Monitoring Circle, Peshawar under the*

*overall guidance of forest secretariat,
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*

- 5) For the revival of Pakistan Forest Institute Peshawar to give it a national mandate, a strong case will be submitted in the next meeting of the National REDD+ Steering Committee.

*Action by PFI, Provincial REDD+ Focal Point
Government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa*

- 6) Existing Provincial REDD+ Steering Committee of Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will also act as PRMC. The TOR and notification of the Provincial REDD+ Steering Committee will be shared with the National REDD+ Office.



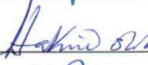


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The meeting was ended with closing remarks by Chair of the meeting with strong commitment to continue support for National and provincial REDD+ activities.

ANNEX I: List of participants of Provincial REDD+ Management Committee

ATTENDANCE SHEET

MEETING OF PROVINCIAL REDD+ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE KHYBER
PAKHTUNKHWA AT PAKISTAN FOREST INSTITUTE, PESHAWAR ON
04 APRIL, 2017.

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6.	Gohar Ali	DFO - D	Forest Deptt. KP	
7.	Salahuddin	DD P	FE & W Deptt	
8.	M. Masood	A.S FEWD	Forest	
9.	Hakim Shah	D. G	PFI	
10.	Muhammad Afza Sijab	GIS Expert	(Macc) National Redd office	
11.	Kamran Hussain	NFI Expert	"	
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