



**ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REDD+ READINESS PREPARATION PROPOSAL (RPP) IN LAOS**

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| Detailed description of the project | Services provided |
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| <p>On August 2010, Laos submitted to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) a first draft of its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) for REDD+.</p> <p>At the same time, the French government committed to the allocation of €250 million to support REDD+ fast start implementation between 2010 and 2012, of which €135 million was to be channeled through the French development agency (AFD).</p> <p>AFD therefore sought to identify the Laos' financial needs in order to continue with its preparation of REDD+.</p> <p>The 10th donors' roundtable in Laos took place in Vientiane on October 2010 and was identified by AFD as an opportunity to announce and discuss any possible collaboration on REDD+ with Laos.</p> <p>In preparation for this event, AFD requested expertise to assess the progress in and planning of the R-PP implementation and to identify the areas in which french support would be relevant.</p> <p>AFD was particularly keen to incorporate support for a regional approach on the same scale as the Greater Mekong, so the feasibility of this approach has been particularly studied.</p> | <p>22 stakeholders were interviewed during a 7-day mission to Vientiane and an in-depth review of Laos' R-PP was conducted. This exercise allowed for the identification of eight issues on which funds and support from new donors was needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD+ and the fight against Illegal logging; • Economically viable alternatives to shifting cultivation, involving the private sector; • Establishment and implementation of the "REDD+ office" in charge of process coordination; • Development of a REDD+ national fund; • Improvement of the MRV system (Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of the variations in carbon stocks); • Participation and raising awareness of REDD+ issues ; • Improvement of the reference GHG emissions scenario developed for the R-PP; • Demonstration activities; <p>For each of these issues, the following aspects were studied::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stakeholders' interest in the issue; • The importance of the issue in the context of national strategies; • The opportunities for participation and funding for AFD; • The relevant stakeholders to involve; • The relevance of a regional approach to dealing with the issue; • The level of funding required. |