Organisation background

The UN-REDD Programme was established in September 2008 to assist developing countries prepare and implement national REDD+ strategies and to support the development of standardized approaches based on sound science for participation in a REDD+ mechanism. The UN-REDD Programme was created in response to the UNFCCC decision on REDD at COP 13 and the Bali Action Plan, and it builds on the collaboration, convening power and expertise of the three UN agencies: FAO, UNDP and UNEP. The Programme also works in partnership with other REDD+ initiatives, in particular those hosted by the World Bank, and supports the implementation of UNFCCC decisions.

The UN-REDD Programme is governed by a Policy Board composed of representatives from partner countries, donors to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund, Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples and the three UN agencies. The Programme is unique in that it is the only multilateral programme that gives Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society a voice in the design and implementation of national REDD+ strategies. Support to the Policy Board, coordination of activities and monitoring of the Programme is done through an interagency Secretariat, based in Geneva.

At the national level, the UN-REDD Programme supports in-country processes for REDD+ readiness and contributes to the development of national REDD+ strategies and coordination. Guided by principles of country ownership and leadership, the Programme provides technical advice on ways to address deforestation and forest degradation, methods and tools for measuring and monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and forest carbon flows. It promotes REDD+ financing as an opportunity to develop low-carbon growth and helps countries access financial and technical support. It promotes and facilitates broad-ranging consultations among stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples and forest-dependent communities, and helps establish linkages with existing national programmes in the areas of governance, development goals, ecosystem services, poverty reduction, and food security.

National level actions are designed as National Programmes that are flexible enough to harmonize with other REDD+ initiatives and take advantage of the comparative advantages of participating UN organizations. They are developed in accordance with the UN Development Group's guidance for Joint Programmes. Areas of support vary from country to country, depending upon the drivers of deforestation, emission reduction potential, the level of REDD+ readiness, and other risk factors. National actions are identified and led by the host government and supported by the UN country team. Through its initial nine pilot country programmes in Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia), Asia (Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam) and Latin America (Bolivia, Panama and Paraguay), and related global activities, the UN-REDD Programme supports governments to prepare national REDD+ strategies, build monitoring systems, engage stakeholders, and address co-benefits. Currently eight of the nine UN-REDD Programme pilot countries submitted for their initial or full national programmes to the Policy Board, which has approved their funding requests.

At the international level, the UN-REDD Programme seeks to build consensus and knowledge about REDD+ and raise awareness about the importance of including a REDD+ mechanism in a post-2012 climate change agreement. **The Programme actively explores and disseminates examples of "best practices"**. It provides opportunities for dialogue between governments, civil society organizations and technical experts, to ensure that REDD+ efforts are based on science and take into account the views and needs of all stakeholders.

The UN-REDD Programme brings together technical teams from around the world to develop common approaches, analyses and guidelines on issues such as measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of carbon emissions and flows, remote sensing, and greenhouse gas inventories. It provides guidance on how best to design and implement REDD+, to ensure that forests continue to provide multiple benefits for livelihoods and biodiversity to societies while storing carbon at the same time. The Programme is also deeply committed to supporting the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society organizations in the design and implementation of REDD+ strategies. It also has a strong component in knowledge management and communication to address information access and dissemination.

Building on the lessons learned and feedback from countries and other partners, the Programme has been able to increase its current portfolio to approximately USD\$104 million considering recent pledges, and the number of member countries has risen to 22 in just 18 months. As a country demand-driven initiative, the UN-REDD Programme is positioned as a key multilateral initiative in support of the emerging international interim arrangements for financing and coordination, and an eventual REDD+ mechanism.

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Financing commitments and expenditures

Allocated financing	Expenditure to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing commitments (US millions of \$)	Post-2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Type of financing (e.g. loan or grant)	Details (including details of the activities being financed and the financing agreement, as appropriate)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012		
UN-REDD Programme	54.131128			Grant	
Total financing allocated:	54.131128			The total financing amount is made up of contributions of \$52,213,730 & \$1,917,398 from the Governments Norway and Denmark respectively.	
Total additional financing pledged:		2010: 36.042708 2011: 6.729475 2012: 6.729475		The Government of Norway has pledged 175,000,000 NOK for 2010, while the Government of Spain has pledged €15,000,000 to the programme over a three year period.	

REDD country financing expenditure and commitments

REDD country and activity	Expenditure on project activity to date (USD)	Interim financing (USD)	Post-2012 financing (USD)	Financing/ activity category*	Loan/ grant/ other (specify)	Details (please provide details of the activities, including the scale (i.e. national/project level) and if the agreement is with the national Government)	Partners (please list any funding or implementing partners)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012				
Bolivia	4,708,000			1&2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	FCPF (will co-finance National Programme activities)
Democratic Republic of Congo—Initial National Programme	1,883,200			1&2	Grant	National level Programme Activities: Coordination, consultation and stakeholder engagement, institutional arrangements and capacity building, design of national REDD plan	
Democratic Republic of Congo—Full National Programme	5,500,000			1&2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	FCPF (will co-finance National Programme activities)
Indonesia	5,644,250			1 & 2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	FCPF (will co-finance National Programme activities)
Panama	5,300,000			1&2	Grant	National level Programme	FCPF (will co-finance National Programme activities)
Papua New Guinea Initial National Programme	2,585,034			1 & 2	Grant	National level Programme	

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REDD country financing expenditure and commitments *continued*

REDD country	Expenditure	Interim	Post-2012	Financing/	Loan/	Details	Partners
and activity	on project activity to date (USD)	financing (USD)	financing (USD)	activity category*	grant/ other (specify)	(please provide details of the activities, including the scale (i.e. national/project level) and if the agreement is with the national Government)	(please list any funding or implementing partners)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012				
Funds earmarked for Papua New Guinea Full National Programme	3,803,850			1&2	Grant	National level Programme	
Paraguay	-	4,400,000				National level Programme	
Tanzania	4,280,000			1&2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	
Vietnam	4,384,756			1 & 2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	
Zambia	4,490,000			1&2	Grant	National level Programme, detailed activities specified in National Programme Document at www.un-redd.org	
Global Programme— Technical support to Countries	13,325,583			1&2	Grant	Global programme, technical support to countries. Areas of support: MRV and monitoring, Governance and Indigenous Peoples and civil society engagement, and co-benefits	
Total Financing:	55,904,673						

* Categories of financing/activities include:

Category 1: Development of national REDD+ strategies and action plans, including consultation.

Category 2: Implementation of national REDD+ strategies and capacity building activities, including development of MRV systems and regulatory reforms.

Category 3: Demonstration activities.

Category 4: Performance-based payments for emissions reductions.

Original Currency		Conversion rate to USD	
NOK	175,000,000	5.97/\$ (UN exchange rate)	\$29,313,233
Euros	15,000,000	o.743/\$ (UN exchange rate)	\$20,188,425