

PAC REDD IMPLEMENTATION AND LESSONS LEARNT FROM VIETNAM

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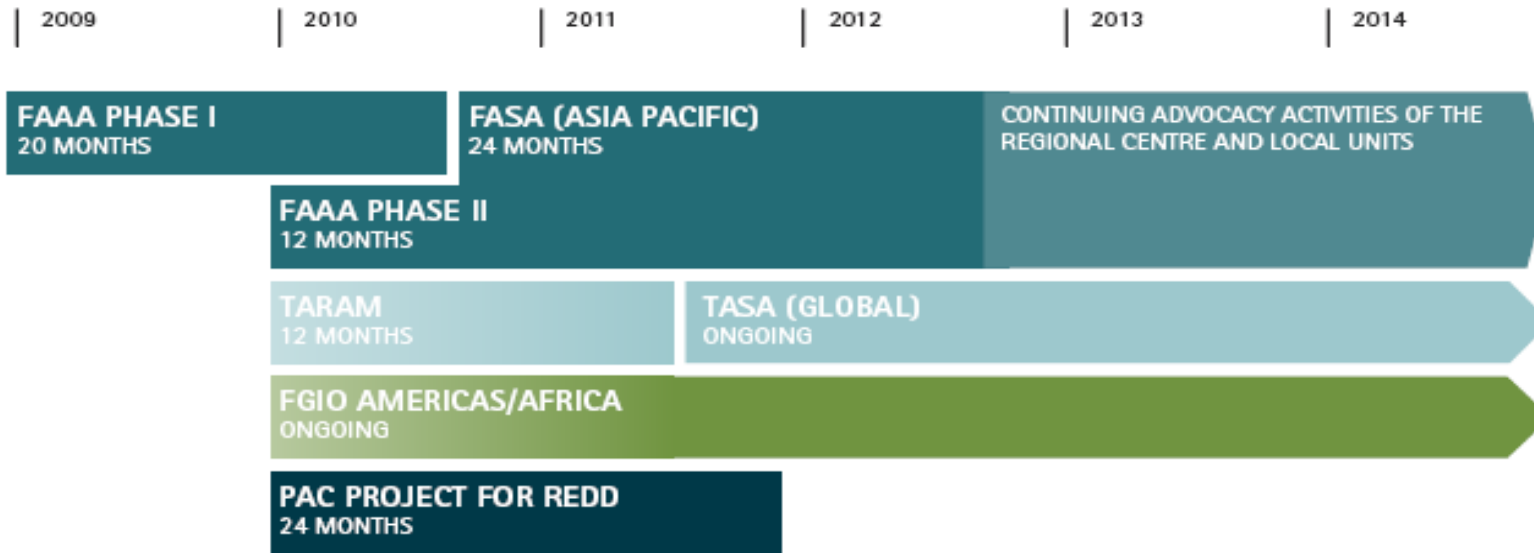


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the global coalition against corruption

Based on tried and tested FGI methodology

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE – PROGRAMME COMPONENTS



PAC REDD : Civil Society Capacity Building for Preventive Anti-Corruption measures in Reducing Emission through Deforestation and Degradation

Duration: 36 months (2010-2013); operationalised in Indonesia, Vietnam, PNG; funded by NORAD

PAC REDD

- The PAC REDD project seeks to ensure that REDD payments meet their intended objectives by having forestry related government agencies receptive to transparency initiatives, and a civil society capable of monitoring integrity in REDD mechanisms.
 - **Objective 1:** To build government and civil society capacity to advocate for, develop and establish anti-corruption measures in REDD payment mechanisms.
 - **Objective 2:** To improve transparency, accountability and integrity of forest governance institutions dealing with forests and carbon financing, forest assessments, protected area management, additionality requirements, and forestry certification schemes.
 - **Objective 3:** To improve transparency, accountability and due diligence practices in REDD- related financing, certification and auditing conducted by private sector organisations and financial institutions.



Why Vietnam?

- Vietnam is exploring REDD; Govt strongly supports it, and there is a global focus on REDD process in Vietnam, seen as a possible model.
- Part of UN REDD.
- Vietnam has experience of Payment for Ecosystem Services.
- Also as a major regional timber processor, not just forested country.
- But:
 - Civil society space in Vietnam is very restricted.
 - Working with future chapter, (now a registered consultancy, Towards Transparency)
- Training for PAC REDD team and capacity building
- Also helps build Towards Transparency progress towards becoming a National Chapter.



WORKING APPROACH

- Consultation with TT Vietnam program to review framework for action plan
- Stakeholders engagement (Government agencies, NGO, Private sector, experts, local communities) through:
 - One-to-one meetings
 - REDD task forces meetings/workshops
 - Conferences
 - Field trips
- Explore and link to the existing stakeholder activities



Actual PAC REDD work

- Developing national level forestry corruption risk map with stakeholders
- Capacity building for NGOs, Government officials, and private sector using risk mapping
- Collecting and showcasing best practices
- Advocacy campaign based on risk map and best practices

CHALLENGES

- REDD mechanisms still not clear, no final framework yet.
- Weak forest governance in Vietnam (like most REDD countries!)
- Anticorruption is a sensitive area in Vietnam
 - Anticorruption mechanism is on debate
 - Government agencies deny that corruption exists in forestry sector, except isolated cases
 - Stakeholders are reluctant to cooperate or associate with anticorruption, fear being ‘tainted’



LESSONS LEARNT

- Necessity of a clear framework for action plan
- Project is a accepted part of TT Vietnam program (not a one-of project)
- Key stakeholders to work with project identified
- Key stakeholders engagement to work with project
- Participatory planning and budgeting
- Project implementation with partnership



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

