

Annex : Policies and Measures for REDD+ implementation for period of 2017 – 2020

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4.1	Policies and measures to reduce deforestation and forest degradation						
4.1.1	Continue the review and adjust the land use master plan and land use plans to ensure the target of 16,24 million hectares of forest land is achieved by 2020.	a) Review and adjust the master land use planning at national level and land use plans for relevant sectors such as forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, infrastructure... to ensure the target of 16,24 million hectares of land for forestry	MONRE	MARD, MPI, MOIT, MT, PPC, related organizations	- Assessment report and proposal for revision of forestry planning for 16.24Mha target by 2020 and other sector master plans at national level - Preparation of post 2020 land use planning consistent in terms of forestland targets across sectors	- State budget, - ODA	2017 - 2020
		b) Support the development of integrated provincial land use planning and related land use plans with effective participation of stakeholders to balance forests and other sectors' objectives	PPC	MARD, MONRE, related organizations	- Regulations and guidelines on assessment and development of integrated provincial land use planning and related land use plans approved at provincial level - At least 15 master land use planning and related	- State budget, - ODA	2017- 2020

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					land use plans supported in 15 provinces		
		c) Strengthen the implementation of, and public participation in social and environmental impact assessment, for land use planning and development projects	MONRE	MARD, MOIT, MPI, MT, MC, State Group/Corporation, PPC, NGO, related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific regulation for the participation of stakeholders in social and environmental impact assessment for land use planning and development projects developed and implemented - An open system for data storage, data management and reporting on social and environmental impact assessments developed and operated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State budget, - ODA 	2017-2020
		d) Build capacity on, and support inspection and monitoring of project implementation in compliance with approved report of social and environmental impact assessment	MONRE	MARD, MOIT, MPI, MT, MC, related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 500 Officials from central to local levels, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, and representatives of civil society organizations trained - Demonstrated improvement of public participation in monitoring and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ODA, - State budget 	2017-2020

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					inspecting development projects		
4.1.2	Promote sustainable and deforestation-free agriculture and aquaculture	a) Support (and establish if necessary) commodities forums to facilitate dialogue and transition towards more sustainable (deforestation free) production	MARD	MOIT, PPC, VCCI, CEMA, related organizations	At least 4 forums supported	- ODA, - State budget and private sector	2017-2020
		b) Continue pilot and replicate at large scale the sustainable models of agricultural/aquaculture production and high adaptability to climate change in the field of aquaculture, coffee, rubber, cassava crops and other commodities	MARD	SBV, MOIT, MPI, CEMA, PPC, Associations, related organizations	- Deforestation free models (eco-shrimp, sustainable coffee...) included in sector plans, piloted and replicated at large scale - Technical guidelines for sustainable agriculture and aquaculture production produced and implemented - Full traceability systems including real-time monitoring piloted for at least one value chain	- ODA, - Target program of restructuring for economic agriculture and prevention, reduction of disaster, people's life stability for the period 2016-2020	2017-2020

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		c) Undertake study and develop financial mechanisms to support and encourage the development of sustainable deforestation-free agricultural/ aquaculture production	MoF	MARD, SBV, PPC, Related organizations	Financial mechanisms and related guidelines to promote development of sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural/ aquaculture production established	- ODA, - State budget	2018-2020
		d) Continue support more efficient structuring and organization of producers to benefit from sustainable models (better access to information, cooperation across produces, connection to supply chains...)	MARD	MOIT, PC, Associations, Businesses, related organizations	At least 10 initiatives supported	- ODA, - Private Sector	2017 - 2020
		e) Improve hydrology management methods to prevent and control forest fires in peatland Melaleuca forest areas	MARD	PC, Forest owners, related organizations	Appropriate methods to improve hydrology management in peat swamp Melaleuca forest areas developed and piloted	Target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	2017-2020
4.1.3	Improve forest governance and livelihoods for people living	a) Undertake an assessment of current socio-economic dynamics in key hot spots of deforestation, forest	MARD	CEMA PPC, related organizations	Analysis report and strategy for improved forest governance and	ODA	2017-2018

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	near and in the forest	degradation and potential areas for forest carbon enhancement in order to design integrated livelihoods and local forest governance programme			livelihoods in key hot spots		
		b) Based on the above analysis, introduce the relevant following activities:					
		- Support development and replication of associate/collaborative models for management of natural forests between the forest owner (state organizations), local communities and other stakeholders in the area	PPC	Related organizations	- At least 10 models of associate/collaborative management of natural forest piloted - Regulation and guidelines on associate/collaborative management of natural forest	- PFES, - ODA	2017-2020
		- Provide the necessary legal education and advice support to communities to be aware of legal rights and available redress mechanisms	MoJ	MARD, MONRE, CEMA, related organizations	- Analysis of legal needs of community to determine community legal education and inform further governance and law enforcement policies and measures - Improved capacity from communities to ensure rights are respected	- ODA, - State budget	2017-2020

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		- Continue the review of forest and forest land areas, notably areas under management by CPC, to organize forest and forest land allocation, giving priority to individuals and households, particularly to ethnic minorities, lacking land and productive land.	PPC	MARD, MONRE, CEMA, related organization	Forest and forest land areas allocated increased	State budget	2017-2020
		- Continue to implement programmes to support employment and livelihood improvement for the local people living near and in the forest in hotspots of deforestation and forest degradation	MARD	MOLISA, CEMA, PPC	Increased access to opportunities of employment and livelihood improvement through vocational training and appropriate incentive	Target programme of professional education - employment and labor safety period 2016-2020	2017-2020
4.1.4	Strengthen law enforcement	a) Build capacity and support implementation of Vietnam's Timber Legality Assurance System (VNTLAS) in order to implement the Voluntary Partnership Agreement on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade of forest products (FLEGT).	MARD	GDVC, PPC, Associations of timber and forest products, related organizations	- At least 250 trainers on VNTLAS trained (forest ranger, custom, environment police, market surveillance, associations) - 50,000 people trained on VNTLAS (FPD, custom, Border Guard Army, businesses, wood	ODA	2017 - 2020

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					processing entities, local authorities)		
		b) Support development and operation of the monitoring system of the State and independent body to ensure compliance to Vietnam's Timber Legality Assurance System (VNTLAS)	MARD	GDVC, Border Guard, FPD, Market Surveillance Agency, Environment Police, PPC, Associations, NGO, related organizations	Regulations and guidelines for wood legality monitoring and tracing are produced and operated	ODA	2017 - 2020
		c) Develop and implement guidelines to demonstrate respect for REDD+ safeguards and ensure compliance with relevant policies, laws and regulations	MARD	MONRE, MOJ, MOLISA, CEMA, PC, Mass organizations, NGO, related organizations	Regulations and guidelines on REDD+ safeguards are developed and implemented	- ODA, - State budget	2017 - 2020
		d) Finalize coordination mechanism (interdisciplinary interprovincial) and monitor implementation of inspection and control, of illegal logging and forestland conversion, and of the violations handling	PPC	MARD, MONRE, MPS, MoD	Coordinated plans for inspections control and violations handling developed, implemented and monitored	- State budget, - ODA	2017 - 2020

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		e) Support civil society organizations, professional associations linked to forest owners, farmers and local communities to organize and access information in order to manage, protect, develop and use forests effectively, and prevent forest law violations	MARD	PPC, Forest Owners Association, VIFORES, Mass organizations, related organizations	Multi-stakeholders dialogue forum established and supported from central to provincial level	- ODA, - VNFF	2017 - 2020
		f) Closely control the reforestation obligations and compensation for forest values of projects implying conversion, revoke licenses and force to terminate projects which have not abided with the reforestations obligations or fulfilled their financial responsibilities as prescribed	PPC	MARD, MONRE, MOIT, related businesses, related organizations	- Effective monitoring system produced and implemented. - Compliance improved	State budget	2017 - 2020
		g) Seriously handle violation cases of forest protection and development law of organizations and individuals; Enhancing capacity and providing equipment, vehicles for forestry law enforcement;	MPS	MARD, MONRE, MOJ, PPC	Implementation of criminal laws related to forestry activity improved	ODA	2017 - 2020

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		capacity building for forest owners					
4.2.	Policies and Measures to conserve and enhance forest carbon stocks and sustainable management of forests						
4.2.1	Evaluate and replicate enhanced forest production and long-term rotation timber plantation business models	a) Undertake research for producing new varieties and experiment models with recognized timber species, to meet the requirements for large wood business	MARD	Research institution, forestry businesses	List of timber species varieties with high yield and technical guidelines for seedling production	- ODA, - ODA, - Integrate with target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	2017-2020
		b) Test and develop guidelines for transformation process from small to large wood plantations, reforestation after harvesting, afforestation by intensive cultivation with group of crops in different site conditions	MARD	Related organizations, forestry businesses	Technical guidelines produced for transformation from small to large wood plantation and intensive large wood afforestation with high yield species	- ODA, - Integrate with target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	2017-2020
		c) Support testing and replication of the forms of association and collaboration along the value chain for	MARD	MPI, MOIT, Associations, Businesses	At least 150,000 ha of plantation with long rotation and high yield planted	- ODA, - Integrate with target programme	2017-2020

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		business development of large wood plantation with high yield				for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	
		d) Support the development of financial incentives package and insurance policies for large wood planting and transformation from small to large timber plantation	MOF	MARD, MPI, SBV, Businesses	- Financial incentives package for long-term loans designed - Insurance policies for plantation designed and piloted	- ODA, - Integrate with target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	2017-2020
		e) Support forest owners to access to advisory services in developing and implementing the plan for sustainable forest management and forest certification; Formulation and development of forest certification systems Vietnam.	MARD	MARD, PPC, Forest owners, Associations, NGOs	At least 100,000 household forest owners and 100 organization forest owners access to advisory services for sustainable forest management	- ODA, - Integrate with target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020	2018 - 2020
		f) Support afforestation and reforestation of coastal areas.	MARD	PPC, Forest owners	At least 30,000 hectares of coastal forest planted	- ODA, - Integrate with target programme	2017-2020

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						for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020 and target program to respond to climate change and green growth, period 2016-2020	
4.2.2	Pilot, evaluate and replicate sustainable models for natural forests enhancement, protection and conservation	a) Pilot, evaluate, and replicate sustainable management models of natural production forests; protection and conservation of protection and special-use forests; forest rehabilitation and enrichment with native species.	MARD	PPC, CEMA, Forest owners, Related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,2MHa of natural forest in hot spots protected - 200,000 ha of special use and protection forest enhanced - 400,000 ha of natural production forest enhanced - Regulation and guidelines updated and implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ODA, - Integrate with target programme for sustainable forestry development, period 2016-2020 and target program to respond to climate change and green growth, period 2016-2020 	2017-2020

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		b) Undertake study and pilot cooperation between forest owners, local people and private sectors on business models contributing to forest protection and forest conservation, through NTFPs and other forest environmental services.	MARD	MOF, MPI, MOIT, CEMA, MOST, MOH, PPC, Forest owners, Business, NGO, related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 8 business models piloted and documented through inclusive and participatory processes along supply chains - Forums for dialogue and sectors feasibility and opportunity assessment - Regulation and guidelines developed and piloted 	ODA	2017-2020
4.2.3	Enhance the economic and financial environment for forests	a) Undertake study and develop green investment and green credit mechanisms for forest protection and development in the framework of the Green Growth Strategy	MPI	MARD, SBV, Related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green investment and green credit mechanisms for forest protection and development developed and implemented 	ODA	2018-2020
		b) Coordinate the development and piloting of principles and methods for determining the total economic value of forests, mapping relevant financial flows and modeling inter-sector policies; Integrate forest values in planning and	MPI	MARD, MONRE, MoF, GSO, Related organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles and methods developed and piloted - Forest value integrated in planning and financing processes 	ODA	2018 - 2020

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		financing processes including GDP and national wealth					
		c) Assess feasibility of the potential domestic carbon market; attract investment, financial support and forest carbon credit trade; study and exchange experience with advanced countries on forest carbon credit trade; link REDD+ emission reduction units recognized under the UNFCCC to the domestic trading carbon market.	MONRE	MARD, MOIT, MoF, PPC, Business, related organizations	- Feasibility assessment for REDD+ emission reduction units to be traded on the domestic carbon market - Regulations and guidelines for integration of REDD+ into the domestic carbon market piloted	- ODA, - State budget	2017-2020
4.3	Achieve full REDD+ readiness and engage in step-wise improvements						
4.3.1	Finalize and upgrade the core REDD+ instruments, in accordance with step-wise principle, and in compliance with UNFCCC's provisions	a) Update and improve the forest reference emission levels/ forest reference levels (FRELs/FRLs) according to country circumstance.	MARD	MONRE, PPC, related organizations	Forest reference emission levels/ forest reference levels updated	ODA	2018 - 2020
		b) Strengthening and improving the national forest monitoring system, and systems for monitoring,	MARD	MONRE, PPC, related organizations	National Forest Monitoring System improved, MRV approved and operated	ODA	2017-2020

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		reporting and verification (MRV)			- A database on REDD+ is integrated in the Forest Management Information System of Forestry sector (FORMIS) - REDD+ results reported to UNFCCC		
		c) Finalize and operate the safeguards information system, and share a summary of information periodically to UNFCCC	MARD	MONRE, MoF, MPI, MOLISA, CEMA, GSO, PPC, NGO, related organizations	- National framework approach to REDD safeguards is implemented - SIS finalized and operated - Summary of information formulated and upgraded periodically	ODA	2017 - 2020
		d) Consolidate a system to manage REDD+ information, including collection, organization, treatment, archive and control, in connection with relevant data systems in and outside forestry sector	MARD	MONRE, MoF, MPI, MOLISA, CEMA, GSO, PPC, NGO, related organizations	REDD+ information management system established and operated	ODA	2017 - 2020
		e) Finalize the processes, procedures and mechanisms to manage, resolve, process	MARD	MOJ, MONRE, PPC, NGO, related organizations	Grievance Redress mechanism established, operated and monitored	ODA	2017- 2020

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		and monitor complaints related to REDD +					
		f) Strengthen mechanisms to fully and effectively engage local communities, ethnic minorities, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, gender groups, mass organizations, socio-political professional organizations and related organizations	MARD	CEMA, MOJ, Mass organizations, NGO, related organizations	- Regulations and guidelines to enable key stakeholders to organize and participate effectively developed and implemented	ODA	2017 - 2020
4.3.2	Set up and implement financial management mechanisms for REDD+	a) Establish, manage and operate the National REDD+ Fund as trust fund and non-profit under Forest Protection and Development Fund to support implementation of the National REDD+ Action Programme. REDD+ funds to be raised from various financial sources, including grants, donations, international trustee for programmes, projects and activities of REDD +	MARD	MoF, MONRE, MPI, State Audit Office, Donors, NGO	- National REDD+ Fund as trust fund and non-profit under Forest Protection and Development Fund established - Regulation and guidelines developed and piloted	ODA	2017 - 2018

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		b) Research on appropriate incentive delivery system/ benefit distribution system and carbon rights for REDD+ in accordance with relevant incentive mechanisms, and regulations	MARD	MoF, MPI, CEMA, MOLISA, PPC, Mass organizations, NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current and potential incentive mechanisms for forest protection and development assessed - Regulation on forest carbon rights established and issued - REDD+ benefits distribution system finalized and mainstreamed into forest incentives landscape 	ODA	
4.3.3	Strengthen international and regional cooperation to promote REDD+ and mitigate risks of displacement	a) Cooperate and share experiences in REDD+ implementation through international meetings and partnerships	MARD	MONRE, MOFA, MoF, CEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in international meeting events (COP, UN-REDD, etc.) - Organization of national, regional and international workshops 	ODA	2017-2020
		b) Promote cooperation with neighboring countries to control illegal logging and trade and promote biodiversity conservation	MARD	MONRE, MOFA, MPI, MOIT, MPS, MOD, CEMA, PPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political agreements on bilateral and multilateral cooperation signed and implemented - Meetings organized, and forum for dialogue with countries supported - Action plans implemented, monitored and evaluated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State budget, - ODA 	2017-2020

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4.3.4	Effectively coordinate, backstop, communicate, build capacities and monitor NRAP implementation	a) Promote communication, raise awareness and increase commitment	MARD	MONRE, MIC, MOST, PPCs, national media, related organizations	Action plan for communication and public engagement developed, implemented and monitored	ODA	2017-2020
b) Build capacity building and awareness raising for key REDD+ stakeholders at central and local levels		MARD	MONRE, MIC, MOST, PPCs, MET, national media, related organizations	Action plan for capacity building and awareness raising developed, implemented and monitored	ODA	2017 - 2020	
c) Develop a system to monitor and evaluate implementation of REDD+ activities		MARD	Government Office, related Ministries, mass organizations, local authorities, NGO, related organizations	- M&E system for REDD+ implementation developed and implemented - Responsibilities for monitoring, evaluation and supporting assigned	ODA	2017 - 2020	