

## EMMP SMALL GROUPS EXERCISE MODEL

### Activity 1: Forest Management and Biodiversity (FM&B)

This activity is designed to provide training and technical assistance to community forest management bodies and their governmental and non-governmental partners to improve community-based forest management and reduce threats to biodiversity. Specifically it focuses on improving the capacity of communities to manage their forests, including how to perform biodiversity threats assessments and biomonitoring to ensure that forest management and use practices are sustainable and meet GOX guidelines for sustainable forest management. The activity will also strengthen the NDF's capacity to support communities in this process including promoting the direct involvement of community-level forest management institutions in national discussions; establishing appropriate natural resource tenure and property rights arrangements with communities; collaborating with the NDF and other stakeholders working at the local level to pilot activities; and improve training opportunities for community forestry at the Forestry Training Center (FTC).

#### *Activity outputs:*

##### Training

- Train stakeholders in the implementation sites to put into practice the Forestry Law and its regulations in forest-dependent communities;
- Provide training and technical assistance to strengthen community-based forest management bodies to improve land use planning through training in biomonitoring, environmental compliance consistent with forest management, organizational management, conflict management, enforcement of natural resource tenure and property rights, and financial management. Expand the training to areas outside of this program's implementation sites;
- Develop monitoring systems and train community forest management bodies and their partners to measure threats to biodiversity, the impact of program activities on biodiversity at program implementation sites that can be replicated in other areas of the country;
- Collaborate with NDF, Land Planning Authority, private sector, civil society, and other partners to increase their capacity to support community-based forest management through targeted training and technical assistance in organizational development, improved financial management systems, and sustainable forest management practices;

##### Technical Assistance

- Provide technical assistance to promote effective community participation in national fora;
- Document best practices, share lessons learned and provide informed recommendations to policymakers on needed amendments to existing natural resource and environmental laws and regulations

#### *Activity Outcomes:*

- Community forest management bodies in target sites capable of managing land and resource conflicts between communities and also with GOX and other stakeholders to reduce open access to natural resources, increase community oversight of their extraction, protect biodiversity and promote best practices;

- Community Forest Management Plans approved and in use in target sites leading to increased community capacity to manage their natural resources and interact with outside actors more equitably in support of their interests;
- Communities outside implementation sites request support from DEEC or other organizations to establish community forestry management bodies in their communities;
- Communities implementing Community Forest Management Plans and their civil society supporters are able to interact with national level decision making bodies to provide recommendations;
- Biodiversity threats baselines established and measureable reductions in threats made in target areas;
- Effective monitoring of environmental conditions and programmatic impacts measured in target areas leading to increased opportunities for carbon sequestration, watershed management or other enterprises based on payments for ecosystem services.

## **Activity 2: Community-based Livelihoods**

Activity 2 focuses on raising the value of GOX's community managed forests by increasing revenue gained through the productive use of these resources. This includes working with the communities, NDF, NGOs, and private sector actors to provide the fundamental business management and technical skill training needed to increase the number of enterprises sustainably producing and successfully marketing forest and agricultural products. Training and technical assistance will target approaches for agricultural and forest-based product development in rural implementation sites; propose improved technologies and production practices to foster economically and environmentally sustainable production practices; strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks that allow community-based natural resource and land investments to be supported; and ensure strong monitoring and evaluation systems to measure impacts and reorient approaches to optimize success. The program will also conduct studies to determine the potential for "payment for ecosystem services" (PES) schemes based on services provided by community-managed forests as another way to increase the value of sustainably managed forests.

*Activity outputs:*

### Technical Assistance on Enterprise Support

- Provide technical assistance and training to communities, selected resource use groups within communities and other appropriate public and private stakeholders in developing enterprises based on the sustainable use of natural resources and payments for ecosystem services, such as wood-based products, non-timber forest products, eco-tourism, agricultural crops and watershed management;
- Provide stakeholders involved in the development of community-based forest and agricultural enterprises with training in organizational management, marketing, quality control, and financial management;
- Provide technical assistance to help market actors establish viable value chains for wood and non-timber forest products as well as agricultural products in target communities;
- Train DEEC and communities in methods to ensure that community-based forestry and agricultural enterprises are operated consistent with forest management plans;
- Work with stakeholders to provide feedback to decision-makers in best practices to improve the effectiveness of forestry and agricultural enterprises and to share lessons

learned about community-based forest and agricultural enterprises from implementation sites more broadly elsewhere in XXX and the region;

- Establish test plots to determine baseline greenhouse gas content (especially carbon) in a representative sample of land use areas under a variety of management regimes and monitor their changes the production cycle given the activities of the program.

*Activity Outcomes:*

- Community-based forestry, agroforestry and agricultural enterprises measurably increasing household incomes in targeted implementation sites;
- Community-based forestry, agroforestry and agricultural enterprises thriving and expanding into other communities in XXX;
- Communities outside implementation sites request support from NDF or other organizations to establish community forestry enterprises in their communities;
- Greater knowledge of the greenhouse gas composition in various production systems in XXX and recommendations available to GOX decision makers regarding appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies to minimize climate change effects.