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# Coordination of Support for REDD+ - Fiji experiences

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*Fourth voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of  
REDD-plus activities in developing countries*

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# Fiji REDD+ financing

**2009 - 2018**

German Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (**BMZ**) through GIZ Pacific Regional Climate Change Programme

**2012 - 2017**

**Fiji Government** allocates approx. USD160,000/year for National REDD+ Programme

**2015 – 2018**

**FCPF** Readiness Grant Agreement signed with World Bank USD3.8mil

**2016**

Signing of LOA with World Bank for ERs (under **FCPF** Carbon Fund): 2019 – 2024

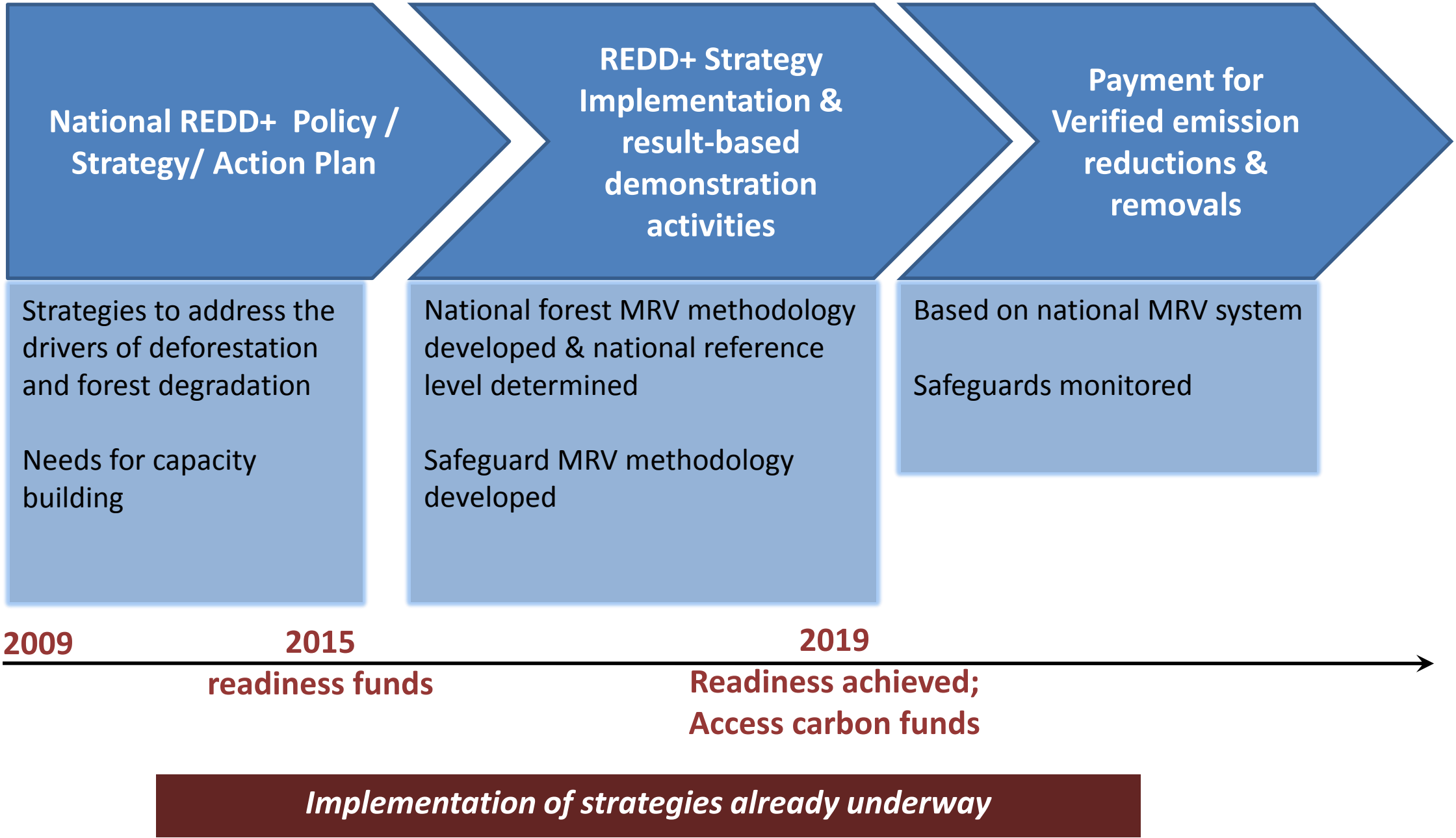
**2014 UNREDD**

membership – technical support through regional project

**2019 - ...**

Request for **other** results-based financing?  
GCF?

**2019** *ready for results-based implementation*





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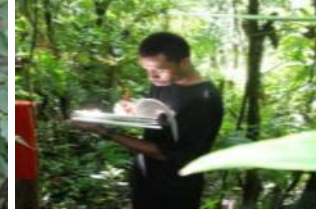
## National Experience on Coordination of Support

### Institutional / Policy

- International implementing entities developing proposals relating to REDD+ activities without consulting with national REDD+ steering committee. Resulting product is inaccurate on proposed REDD+ activities in the country
  - E.g. a recent GEF proposal had the activity to develop national REDD+ Policy but Fiji REDD+ Policy in place since 2011
  - Lost opportunity to enhance financing for readiness efforts in the country
- Lack of understanding and appreciation of national circumstances and capabilities from executing agencies
  - expectation to deliver sometimes unrealistic for a small country like Fiji with limited technical expertise and resources



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## Institutional / Policy (cont'd)

- Country's implementation processes sometimes ignored by executing agency in the interest of fast tracking activities and deliverables
  - Fiji readiness process based on a strong multi-sectoral and integrated approach, involving civil society organisations and indigenous people representatives
  - Fiji's priority is to develop capacities of local people in the readiness phase. This takes time and should be acknowledged
- Fiji's NDC development carried out by international consultant ignorant of REDD+.
  - Resulting NDC does not include REDD+ despite strong push for inclusion
  - Support to countries on NDC development/review to include technical experts on the priority sectors for the country
- REDD+ monitoring process to contribute to GHGI for the forest/land use sector for the UNFCCC national communication to reduce reporting burden of the country.



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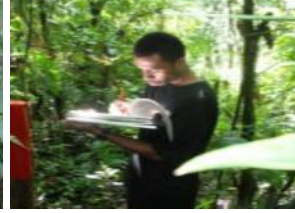
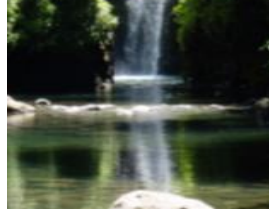


## OPERATIONAL

- Poor consultation between supporting agencies and with national government
  - Example: one agency proposing to develop an MRV workplan for Fiji when this activity already existed in the national work programme support by another agency
- Different agencies bringing in different technologies for MRV related activities and different trainings
  - Can be too overwhelming for the country and a waste of time and resources
  - Best practices, experiences, and lessons learned from other countries to be identified
- Identification of appropriate technologies to be jointly determined with all supporting agencies and relevant national institutions and capacity building jointly organised



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## **Results-based financing**

- Fiji aims to be eligible for results-based financing by 2019
- Some reassurance that instruments and processes in place (meeting UNFCCC requirements and FCPF/World Bank) will satisfy ALL funding / financing bodies and institutions & executing and international implementing entities
  - Alignment of REDD+ financing requirements and reporting from funding and executing organizations
- Strengthen the establishment of National Implementing Entities (NIEs) for REDD+ funds. Accrediting requirements to be streamlined and applicable for accessing all international climate financing

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## Fiji National REDD+ Programme

### National REDD+ Pilot site - Emalu

REDD+ is an effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and increase carbon sequestration in the forestry sector.

REDD+ stands for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, (±) conservation, sustainable management of forests and carbon stock enhancement.

The Fiji National REDD+ programme is also supporting other Land Use activities in enhancing livelihood options for the people in the area. This serves to also protect the Emalu forest.

#### More information:

Area: 7,347 hectares  
Mataqali: Emalu; Yavusa: Emalu  
Village: Draubuta  
District: Naitoko; Province: Nadroga/Navosa

Administered by the Forestry Department

Ministry of Fisheries and Forests, Takayawa Building, Torak Rd, Suva,  
Phone: 3301611/Fax: 3318692



Photograph showing 'Nasau' an emblem and rare clouds



Photograph showing 'Gila', Fiji's endemic tree frog

#### Importance of Emalu forest

Emalu forest has been identified as a biodiversity hotspot in Fiji. Biodiversity studies show that Emalu forest has a remarkably high rate of endemism.

#### Some of these include:

- 707 plant taxa
- 37 native bird species
- 26 families of terrestrial insects
- 76 freshwater microinvertebrates

Archaeological studies show that Emalu forest is rich in historical and cultural sites. A total of 77 historical and culturally significant sites were found.

