



Sudan REDD+ Program

REDD+ Readiness Phase Updated summary report covering the period (2014 - 2022)

The Readiness Phase of the REDD+ program, which was funded by the World Bank's REDD+ Support Program (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility “FCPF”), which began in September 2014, and completed in April 2022.

Sudan has complied with all the requirements set by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including studies, systems, information and in-depth analysis of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Sudan. The procurement and financial management systems were followed in accordance with the World Bank's regulations, which were characterized by transparency and accuracy. The Auditor General reviewed the stage for each year throughout the preparation period.

The Most Important Outputs of REDD+ Readiness Phase:

1. Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
2. Benefits Sharing Mechanism.
3. Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM).
4. Private Sector Engagement in REDD+ Mechanism.
5. Land Use.
6. Land Tenure.
7. Landscape and forest restoration.
8. National REDD+ Strategy.
9. National forests inventory manual (NFI).
10. Gender mainstreaming report.
11. Sub-National Emission reference level report.
12. 6x Research (REDD+ Internship Program) submitted as a partial fulfillment for the requirements of Master Degree in REDD+ relevant areas.
13. The study of Forests Economic Valuation and contribution in Gross Domestic Product
14. Preparation of a three-state Emissions Reduction Programme ready for funding.
15. Assessment of Implications of Gold Mining on Forest/Vegetation Cover and Water Resources in Sudan.
16. Monitoring reporting and verification report (MRV).
17. Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA)
18. Communication Strategy.
19. Piloting Programme.
20. Mid-term report.
21. R-package report.
22. Sudan National Forest Monitoring and Assessment (SUNFORMA) Manual.

23. Work is currently underway on the mangrove pilot project in cooperation with Hagggar Company (private sector).

The Readiness Phase of the REDD+ programme also has been marked by many important activities that will support the program in the implementation phase: the most important of which:

- ❖ Technical training on information systems, remote sensing and geographic information systems, which contributed to the national inventory of the forest resource, and training in leadership and climate change. Exchange of experiences with REDD + countries in Africa.
- ❖ The program central message of an awareness raising campaign is communicated to its intended audience (stakeholders) across all states of Sudan using a range of different techniques and approaches. The program further cooperated with civil society organizations in studying gender mainstreaming and raising awareness among local communities.
- ❖ A focal point has been allocated to each state and formal and informal platforms have been created to raise awareness of the program.
- ❖ Since the beginning of the program, a steering committee has been formed from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests and other relevant Government entities of Sudan (Finance, Wildlife Conservation General Administration, Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources, Ministry of Social Development, National Population Council, General Administration of Pasture and Fodder, Ministry of Energy and Minerals).
- ❖ A technical committee was formed from representatives of the above bodies.
- ❖ Two platforms were formed, one for the Youth and the other one for Arabic gum producer.

REDD+ Program Partnership:

- ❖ FAO was chosen by the World Bank as a single source in the technical work to conduct all studies related to MRV (such as - national inventory and forest monitoring system). These studies were financed by an allocated budget deducted from World Bank Grant provided for Sudan REDD+ project.
- ❖ Sudanese Environment Conservation Society (SECS): Conducted a gender mainstreaming study financed by the Sudan REDD+ Program through the World Bank grant.
- ❖ SAWA Sudan for Development and Humanitarian Aid Organization (SSDHA) is a non-profit NGO established in 2008 in Khartoum. Funded by Mainyoto Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO) to address the issues of the Sudanese Youth and Rural Women through the REDD+ Program Awareness-raising Campaign.

Ongoing Projects Update:

- ❖ Completion of the emission reference level with the Green Climate Fund through the FAO – Sudan.
- ❖ Pilot project at a smaller scale with Haggar Company.
- ❖ In cooperation with the National Forestry Corporation: Awareness of green cities in Sudan is underway.
- ❖ Emission Reduction Program Design.