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Sub-Grant Application Form

Asia-Pacific Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Capacity Building on REDD+ (for Indigenous Peoples)

Section 1: Contact Details

1.a Legally registered name of the organization, official address including telephone number/s, website, skype

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1.b Names of persons to be involved in sub-project implementation (iii should be different from ii)

	<i>i. Authorized to sign the Sub-Grant Agreement</i>	<i>ii. Responsible for implementation if different from (i).</i>	<i>iii. Responsible for finance</i>
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Section 2: Applicant Organization Information

Names of members of governing body and their role.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Role</i>
Truong Quang Hoang	Position: Director Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be responsible for the organization's performance before partner organizations and local authorities. - Conduct monitoring and evaluation of the staff performance during the implementation of activities. - Directly sign contracts/agreements with donors and partner organizations. - Directly manage and approve the organization's budget expenditure. - Make decision on the short-term and long-term development strategies of the organization. - Recruit employees and appoint management positions of the organization. - Chair the meetings of the Executive Board and monthly and quarterly meetings of the organization. - Promote relationships with international and domestic organizations to seek cooperation opportunities.
Ho Le Phi Khanh	Position: Deputy Director Role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist and consult the Director in the management of the organization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to finalize the organization's development strategies and ensure the implementation of the strategies. - Directly manage the teams of Consultancy Services and Fundraising, Program, Administration and Communication. - Directly work with donors and partner organizations to facilitate the organization's activities. - Be responsible for seeking cooperation opportunities. - Be authorized to approve and sign papers including dispatch, decisions or contracts/agreements when the Director is away. 		
<i>Frequency of meetings:</i>	<i>Monthly, quarterly, yearly</i>		
Number of full time staff of the entire organization, indicate whether male or female.			
<i>Project implementation:</i> 1. Vo Chi Tien, male 2. Dinh Nhat Son, male 3. Pham Dinh Hien, male 4. Phan Van Hung, male 5. Tran Huu Tam, male 6. Dang Thi Lan Anh, female 7. Nguyen Van Nam, male 8. Ho Dang Viet Tien, male	<i>Finance:</i> 1. Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, female 2. Hoang Thuy Dung, female 3. Le Thi Minh Hai, female	<i>Others</i> 1. Phan Ba Quoc Hung, male, communication officer 2. Ho Thi Nhan, female, administration officer	
Memberships in Networks or Alliances including those with governments			
<i>Name of Alliance/Network</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	
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Forest Land Rights Alliance (Forland)	Ngo Van Hong	ngovanhong@cegorn.org	
Vietnam REDD Network	Pham Van Dien	phamvandien100@gmail.com	
VNGO-FLEGT Network	Nguyen Ngoc Quang	quang@srd.org.vn	
Child Rights Governance Network	Dang Thi Lan Anh	anhdl@crdvietnam.org	
Rate your working relationship with government at local and national levels with 1 as lowest and 5 as highest and identify the government offices/agencies.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provincial People's Committee: 3 - District People's Committee: 5 - Communal People's Committees: 5 - Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: 4 - Forest Protection Department: 5 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: 3 - Ministry of Education and Training: 4 - Vietnam Administration of Forestry: 5 - Forest Protection Department: 3 	
Sources of funds from 2018 to the present			
<i>Name of Donor</i>	<i>Amount in US\$</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme	119.757	Mr. Bruno Cammaert - Forestry Officer – Asia - EU FAO FLEGT Programme FAO	bruno.cammaert@fao.org Josil.Murray@fao.org

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Green Climate Fund/United Nations Development Programme (GCF/UNDP)	113.733	Mr. Vu Thai Truong - Project Manager	vu.thai.truong@undp.org
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)	53.253	Mr. Le Hung Viet – Coordinator	leviet.pl@gmail.com
WWF-Vietnam	106.260	Mr. Nguyen Dinh Phuoc - Project Manager	phuoc.nguyendinh@wwf.org.vn
Sustainable Rural Development (SRD)	4.961	Ms. Nguyen Kim Ngan - Deputy Director of SRD	ngan@srd.org.vn
EB Services Company Limited (EBS)	22.174	Ms. Phan Hong Thuy	thuy.hong.phan@vn.centralretail.com
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)	36.651	Ms. Nguyen Thi Phuong Nga - Programme Assistant	Nguyen.nga@unwomen.org
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Vietnam Disaster Management Authority	732.766	Mrs Doan Thi Tuyet Nga, Deputy Project Manager	Ngadt.tl@mard.gov.vn
World Vision International in Vietnam (WVV) World Vision Germany (WVD)	627.390	Ms. Dam Thu Hang - Grants Acquisition and Compliance Manager	dam_thu_hang@wvi.org
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The Urban Climate Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF)	102.318	Mr. Vo Van Viet – Director	greencityhue@gmail.com vanvietvo@gmail.com
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	24.667	Ms. To Thi Thu Huong - Senior Programme Officer	huong.to@giz.de
European Union (EU)	104.544	Mr. Truong Quoc Can – Director	can.tq@cisdoma.org.vn
Indicate the name and contact details of your organization's external auditor.			
<i>Name of the External Auditor</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	
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UHY Co., Ltd		uhy-info@uhyvietnam.com.vn	
Previous and/or ongoing programs/projects/activities on REDD+, forest and health at local, national and regional levels including engagements with government agencies and the target beneficiaries of this sub-project since 2018.			
<i>Programs/Projects/Activities</i>		<i>Beneficiaries and Location</i>	

<p>Strengthening CSOs and CBOs to Accelerate Conservation Efforts in the Central Annamites” in Thua Thien Hue province in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: the People’s Committees of Nam Dong and A Luoi districts, the Provincial and district Forest Protection Department, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development - Beneficiaries: Civil Society Organization (CSOs) , Community-based Organization (CBOs), communities, forest management households, women - Location: Thuong Lo and Thuong Nhat communes (Nam Dong district) and A Roang (A Luoi district), Thua Thien Hue province
<p>Strengthening access to the management and use of land and forests by ethnic minorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, provincial and district Forest Protection Department; Provincial and Communal People's Committees , Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Kontum province - Beneficiaries: ethnic minority communities - Location: Kon Ray and KonPlong districts, Kon Tum province
<p>Support Non-State Actors to participate effectively in implementing, monitoring and assessing the results of VPA/FLEGT implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: Vietnam Administration of Forestry, Forest products association of Binh Dinh, the People’s Committees of districts and communes, - Beneficiaries: CSOs, communities - Location: Quy Nhon, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue provinces
<p>Empowering social organizations and local communities to effectively participate in the implementation of Vietnam's emission reduction program (ER-P)” in North Central of Vietnam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Tri provinces, Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Quang Tri province - Beneficiaries: social organizations, local communities - Location: Thua Thien Hue province
<p>Supporting small business holders comply with the Legal Timber Definition in order to effectively participate in national and global legal timber supply chains</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: Vietnam Administration of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Provincial Forest Protection Departments of Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri, Research Center for Development of Agriculture and Environment, Center for Education and Development - Beneficiaries: CSOs, timber growers organizations and timber industry associations - Location: Quảng Trị and Đồng Nai provinces
<p>Green Annamites project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: the People's Committees of Phong Dien District, Phu Loc District, and Nam Dong District - Beneficiaries: rural populations, particularly vulnerable ethnic minority populations, women, the poor, and provincial and local government officials and stakeholders - Location: Quang Nam and Thua Thien Hue provinces
<p>Strengthening capacity for forestry resources and biodiversity conservation combined with sustainable livelihoods for ethnic community in Sao-La conservation area, Thua Thien Hue province.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagements with government agencies: the People’s Committee of A Luoi district, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of A Luoi district - Beneficiaries: community, CFM groups - Location: Huong Nguyen commune, A Luoi district, Thua Thien Hue province

Enumerate the trainings on REDD+, forestry and health that the target beneficiaries participated from 2018 to present.

- **49** training courses on sustainable forestry management for members of community forest management groups
- **25** training courses were conducted on patrolling skills to protect community forests; techniques for rattan cultivation; first aid skill; applying technologies in community forest patrolling; introduction to the timber legality requirements.
- **09** training workshops were conducted with 259 participants including farmers, representatives of social organizations and enterprises. Training content included: (1) Training of Trainer (ToT) on the introduction of VPA-FLEGT and technical support to household forest growers; (2) Introduction of VPA/FLEGT and timber legality requirements to household forest growers; (3) Developing policy briefs, (4) techniques for rattan cultivation under forest canopy, (5) Management and protection of community forests.
- **04** training courses on COVID 19 prevention for key member of farmer union, women union, youth union at communes in mountainous districts in Central Vietnam
- Support to establish one network of sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation from household groups and communities allocated forest at Huong Nguyen commune, A Luoi district, Thua Thien Hue province. The Center organized **05** training courses for 124 network member (38 female) on five topics: (1) Managing and operating the network; (2) Forest Integrity Assessment tool (FIAT); (3) Developing community communication for network member; (4) Forest protection planning; and (5) Technique on sustainable non-timber forestry product harvesting.
- **01** training workshop on “ Vietnamese Emissions Reduction Program (ER-P), gap of community capacity” for 40 participants, of which 25 are from Forestry management and protection network and 15 female are from Women Union in Huong Nguyen Commune, A Luoi District, Thua Thien Hue province

Fluency of staff in English and the language/s of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples.

Most of staff from Center for Rural Development in Central Vietnam can fluently use English, while 50% of staff can speak and communicate by ethnic minority language with indigenous people in mountainous area of Vietnam generally and Central Vietnam particularly.

Indicate the labor and occupational health and safety (OHS) standards of your government that your organization follow/implement.

<i>Labor standards</i>	<i>OHS</i>
The Center applies Labor Code No. 5/2019/QH14 which was promulgated by the National Assembly in November 2019	The Center conforms Law on occupational safety and Hygiene No. 84/2015/QH13 which was promulgated by the National Assembly in June 2015

What problems did your organization encounter related to labor and OHS standards of your country and how did you resolve these?

The Center has no problems with encountering related to labor and OHS standards

Describe briefly how your organization settle/address complaints including use of traditional IP practices or just attach a copy of the GM.

Please refer to 12 steps of GM which is presented by the attachment in annex

What are the government requirements your organization has to fulfill before implementing externally funded projects including reports to be submitted?

In 2020, the Government promulgated the Decree No 80/2020/ND-CP on management and use of grant aid from foreign agencies, organizations and individuals for Vietnam. The decree stated that any organizations or CSOs has to apply an approval for project’s implementation from Central Government. To do this, CRD will prepare the relevant paperwork such as MoU or contract with donor, which is translated into Vietnamese, and the project budget and time frame, which are then submit to Central Government for review. After 30 days, the approval will be issued and delivered to CRD for project’s implementation.

What external challenges/risks did you experience in project implementation and how did you address these?

<i>Risks</i>	<i>Remedies</i>
Natural disaster (heavy rain, floods, and typhoon)	The project planning will concern about weather extreme that could happen during the project implementation.

Lack of communication between the project team and beneficiaries	The project team will set up a group with beneficiaries on Facebook, zalo or WhatsApp to ensure that everyone stays updated. Moreover, the team will contact frequently with leaders of community forestry management groups, the village heads, the commune people's committee to update the project schedule, disadvantages come up during the project implementation, so that the project will provide timely proactive to sort out those difficulties.
Inadequate skills of team members	The project manager/coordinator will pre-determine the needed project management skills and competencies and assess the available workforce to determine whether staff and skillsets are required or not. The project will inspect and validate the resume of staff and/or consultants before assign the project activities.
Inadequate risk management	The project manager will come up with alternate plans that the team may adopt if the project begins to spiral out of control. Moreover, the project team will discuss to develop project risk management system to identify the types of risks and mitigating them.
The limited engagement of stakeholders	The project will organize a kick-off workshop with the participation of all stakeholders and representative of beneficiaries to present, discuss, and share about the project activities, outputs, and outcome. Also, the stakeholders will involve in project management tool so they can actively participate in shaping the project and providing feedback. Further, the project keeps all internal and external stakeholders in the loop right from the project planning stage. Schedule regular meetings with all stakeholders and address their concerns as required.

Rate your organization on the following, 5 points being the highest.

<i>Technical capacity</i>	5	<i>Reports preparation</i>	5
<i>Safeguards implementation</i>	4	<i>Monitoring & evaluation</i>	5

Kindly provide 3 references who could attest to your organization's capacity if your proposal is shortlisted.

<i>Name and Position/Designation</i>	<i>Organization/Government Office</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
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Do Dang Teo – Deputy Chief of Party	The USAID Sustainable Forest Management Project.	teo do@dai.com

Section 3: Proposed Sub-Project Identification

Sub-Project title	Promoting the effective engagement of ethnic minorities (EMs) in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Emission Reduction Program (ER-P) through strengthening knowledge and capacity of EMs in REDD+ process
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Identify the indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the sub-project and their location in the emission reductions program (ERP) area/s as indicated in your country's Emission Reductions Program Document (ERPD).

Vietnam is ideal for this proposed project given the notable on-going REDD+ process at the policy level and ongoing ER-P in Thua Thien Hue province. The province is one out of six provinces in North Central Region, which was listed in Vietnam's ERP to address the causes of forest loss and reduce the missions from deforestation and forest degradation. Among 5 midland and mountainous districts in Thua Thien Hue province, A Luoi and Nam Dong Districts

have the highest proportion of ethnic minorities are primarily selected to conduct the capacity building as well as dialogue for effective involvement of EMs, especially the women and youth ethnic minority. These two districts also are two out of three districts of selected for the Emission Reductions Program in the North Central Coast of Vietnam, funded by Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Carbon Fund from 2018-2025.

A Luoi and Nam Dong District is representative of rural mountainous Central Vietnam along the border to Laos and Quang Nam province. The total natural forest area of the two districts occupies about 64% or approximately 146,279ha of the total natural forest area in the province. While plantation forests still belong to the State Forest Enterprises (currently called Watershed Management Boards). About 30,000 ha natural forests were allocated to 80 village communities and 225 household groups. Besides, the communities, household groups have been contracted by the Forest Management Boards (FMB), the State agency for forest protection.

Two districts are characterized by a mosaic of landscapes, from irrigated rice fields at the lower elevation through mixed acacia plantation forests and cassava swidden fields to natural forest areas on mountain sides. The natural forests both districts are of high biodiversity and conservation value in the Vietnam Central Animate Region, which is known to be among the most biodiverse areas of the world, providing a range of ecosystem services and a home to many forest communities. The Back Ma National Park and Sao La Thua Thien Hue Nature Reserve and 3 Protection Forests, and 3 State Forest Enterprises are also located in these two districts.

Both Nam Dong and A Luoi districts are home to around 20,000 households with 80,007 people (48.8% female), in which EM households counted for 62.3% of total households. Among total population of districts, the 50,319 inhabitants belong to the ethnic minority groups of Paco, Ta Oi, Katu, Bru-Van Kieu, and Pahy. There are 281 community forest management groups (CFMs) at two districts, of which 200 CFM led by EMs. . The CFMs currently have 9,420 member households of which 75% are from EM households. The project will target on 500 households including 200 CFM member households who are CFM leaders and 300 CFM member households whose women are key CFM constituents. In reality, each household has on average three members: a man, woman, and a son/ daughter in youth age. Therefore, there will approximately 1500 EM people of the 500 targeted households who are able to involve and benefit from project’s activities, and thus at least 1000 EMs of which 40% are women and 20% are in youth age will became direct project beneficiaries.

Targeted number of direct¹ beneficiaries	<i>Men – 600</i>	<i>Women – 400</i>	<i>Youth² - 200</i>
Total Sub-Project cost (amount requested plus counterpart and from other sources in USD)	\$68,116		
Amount requested from the project (in USD)	\$54,021		
Amount provided by counterpart (in USD)	\$4,275		
Amount provided by local contribution (in USD)	\$ 9,821		

Section 4: Proposed Sub-Project Information

4.1 What are the issues and problems of forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities related to REDD+/ERP implementation and delivery of COVID-19 support that the Sub-Project will address?

Since 2012, the project “Supporting for REDD+ Readiness in Vietnam” under the FCPF has been implemented in Thua Thien Hue province, and it now is on the second phase. Accordingly, the provincial REDD+ Action Plan (PRAP) has been approved and then updated to be consistent with the new national REDD+ Action Plan (NRAP). Under this implementation, REDD+ related activities such as trainings, workshops and communication had been conducted with local people. However, the engagement of EMs, especially women and person with disabilities were so limited and thus their knowledge and awareness on REDD+ issues obviously poor. An evaluation indicated that the

¹ Direct Beneficiaries are IPs and members of indigenous peoples’ organizations and institutions who will participate in capacity building and awareness raising activities and meetings/workshops with REDD+/ERP units and COVID-19 response implementers and other stakeholders.

² For uniformity, youth refers to those who are 15-24 years old based on UN Statistics definition

proportion of EMs involving in such trainings were very low, approx. 10% of total participants, while this figure is only 5% to 10% female participants, no figure on the participation of the persons with disabilities. Their participation was restricted by such factors that inadequate attention was paid to EMs, materials were not properly designed and developed to EMs, women and persons with disabilities, traditional culture/customary causes barriers to women's participation in public events while facilitating methods could not encourage their participation.

Moreover, EMs in Thua Thien Hue province in general and the two districts of Nam Dong and A Luoi in particular have been facing critical challenges in association with forest resources. EMs have high demand for forest land for production and still keep customary claim on land while most of the forest land is under the Forest Management Board (the state agency) with unclear boundaries. Consequently, the land dispute still happened between the EMs and state agency. The benefit sharing mechanism from REDD+ has been agreed in principle, but how it is going to be implemented is not clear. It is not really aware as to how the proposed ACMA approach would work and sensible explanations can be understood in such local context. EMs are heavily dependent on the forests for their livelihoods, although it is more difficult to get NTFPs because of the State's stronger forest management and the poor natural resources. In the two district of Nam Dong and A Luoi, 32.5% of ethnic minorities live are experiencing poverty and low educational levels. Access to information and communication technologies is a prevailing challenge. Meanwhile misinformation and disinformation (usually coming from outside the area) around COVID-19 pandemic is happening more and more. Consequently, people and communities don't understand and are not fully aware about the pandemic, causing the inappropriate and ineffective anti COVID 19 action.

4.2 Kindly indicate name/s and contact details of the following:

REDD+/ERP implementing unit

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COVID-19 response unit:

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Representative/s of the targeted IP beneficiaries

Name: Ho Thi Thanh Tuyen (female) – Vice chair women of Women Union at Nam Dong District, Thua Thien Hue province	Email address and/or telephone number: thanhtuyennamdong88@gmail.com 0383903816
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Name: Le Thi Quynh Tuong (female) – Chair women of Women Union at A Luoi District, Thua Thien Hue province	Email address and/or telephone number: tuongnal@gmail.com 0919395542
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Name: A Viet Thi Be (female) – member of Community Forest management group in A Roang Commune, A Luoi District, Thua Thien Hue province	Telephone number: 0383213262
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4.3 Please provide a short overall description of the proposed Sub-Project. Why is the Sub-Project important to forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities? (Should be related to 4.1 above)

In principle, REDD + safeguards are also known as Cancun safeguards and aim to ensure that REDD + initiatives adequately address sensitive issues such as the rights of indigenous peoples and traditional communities, social participation, preservation of natural ecosystems, the permanence of achieved REDD+ results and the risk of displacement of the pressure from deforestation and forest degradation to other areas. Under the ER-P requires to develop and apply an adaptive collaborative management approach (ACMA). ACMA is a participatory, collaborative approach among forest management actors to improve land and forest access security. It should be linked to investment opportunities to ensure that community's benefit from, and can continue their own investments in their land and have incentives to sustainably manage the natural forests and forest resources under their control. This is achieved by participatory agreed boundaries between the local communities and forest management actors to reduce and eliminate encroachment, facilitate contract farming and eventually support land-use right certificates. In these system and approach, the civil societies, especially domestic CSOs play an important role in promoting the effective engagement of muktistakeholder in the implementation of the ER-P, particularly in strengthening the

capacity and knowledge of the EMs and empowering the women to full participation in the development, monitoring and evaluation of the ER-P.

The Emission Reduction Program in the 6 provinces in the north coast Vietnam highlights the Ethnic Minority Planning Framework (EMPF). The EMPF identifies the need for strengthening the capacity and knowledge of EMs for effectively engaging into sustainable forest management and livelihood improvement contributing to the success of the ER-P during its implementation period (2018 – 2025), especially empowering the women to take full participation in the Forest Management Contract (FMC) as required for the ACMA. The proposed sub-project will determine the capacity needs to achieve EMPF, develop capacity for EMs in Thua Thien Hue province. Moreover, the project design will address the knowledge gap of EMs on the COVID-19 pandemic by providing the training courses in pandemic prevention, increasing information accessibility about COVID – 19, and facilitating the dialogue between EMs and local institutions about COVID – 19 responses.

The project design with focuses on the following components:

1. Increased capacity and awareness of the EMs on REDD+

This component seeks to address the knowledge gaps and lack of awareness of EMs on REDD+ by delivering effective REDD+ awareness raising and capacity building programs.

This includes but not limited to the following awareness raising and capacity building materials: training manuals, information booklets, posters, flyers and leaflets. Under this component, a training and capacity development package intended for introducing REDD+ related topics such as the concept of REDD+, ACMA, FPIC, tenure right, carbon rights, conflict management, livelihoods, Covid-19 etc. to the EMs is developed. Within this component, REDD+ information sources and delivery formats for EMs must be adapted and contextualized so that they are readily understood and stimulating for community members. This requires having well-presented and easy-to-read materials, the delivering of information in culturally appropriate formats, and by using interactive and participatory approaches to awareness raising. The ability of EMs to communicate their concerns and contribute to policy dialogues with government must be addressed. REDD+ capacity building provided through this component will give EMs the confidence and ability to engage more effectively with the sub-national and national policymaking and planning processes.

2. Women are effectively engaged into the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of ER-P

This component focusses on empowering of women for the effective engagement in the implementation of ER-P in the targeted districts. The project will strengthen capacity and knowledge for women helping them to be capable for meaningful participation in the FMC as require for ACMA at the district and communal levels. Especially, due to the cultural norm barrier, the women are often lack of capacity and opportunities to engaging in the policy processes of the forest sector. The project will provide this group with knowledge and skills on the REDD+, forest governance, tenure rights, carbon right, covid-19, facilitation, negotiation mediation. After the traing programs, the project will support women to organize the dialogues, campaigns and meeting with other stakeholders to leverage their gained knowledge and skills.

Under the project, selected women are also be supported to work with other EMs representatives to collect, documentate evidences and produce communication products and policy recomendations to the government agencies at all levels on the REDD+, forest governance and EMs and Covid-19 issues.

3. Increased knowledge on COVID-19 prevention and improved communication skills for EMs at project sites

Identified as the most vulnerable group from covid-19, EMs will be provided with the training courses in pandemic prevention and information accessibility about COVID – 19. The dialogues on the forest- dependent livelihood alternative among EMs, women and other stakeholders will take place for discussing on the harmonized solutions for responding with COVID – 19 and alike pademic might occure in the future.

4. EMs influences safeguard the ER-P in the region

Project lessons and experiences from EMs and women engaging in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation will be documented and disseminated by various means in a participatory approach. A focused effort needs to be made to improve the level of information sharing and networking between regional communities in the ER-P.

4.4 Desired Overall Outcomes (what benefits and/or immediate positive changes do you anticipate for the targeted indigenous peoples, their communities and/or organizations in relation to the implementation of your country's REDD+/ERP and government's COVID-19 response that are directly related to sub-project implementation?)

The overall outcome:
 Strengthen the engagement of ethnic minorities specially women and youths in REDD+, in REDD+ processes and decision making in Vietnam under the context of climate change and Covid-19 pandemic.

- 200 EM-led CFMs, 200 EMs who are CFM leaders, and 100 women who are CFM key constituents have increased participation in updating, implementation and monitoring PRAP (REDD strategy)
- 200 EM-led CFMs, 1000 MEs from 500 target households with 400 women take increased participation in Emission Reduction Programs and Benefit Sharing Plans
- 1000 EM people have improved understanding about REDD+ and ER-P and good participation skills for effective engagement in implementation and monitoring of ER-P and PRAP as well.
- Voices or claims of EM, women, youth and disabilities about their rights (on land, carbon, forest products, benefit sharing, gender equity, etc) will be taken into account by relevant authorities in ER-P and PRAP as well.
- 200 EM-led CFMs and 320 EMs including women and disabilities in the Thua Thien Hue province will have improved knowledge about and better cope with Covid-19 pandemic.

4.5 Kindly enumerate and describe the activities to be implemented by the Sub-Project and the expected results.

<i>Activities for beneficiaries</i>	<i>Expected results (refer to the indicators in the invitation/call)</i>
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1. EMs in the Thua Thien Hue province have adequate understanding and skills for effectively engaging into the formulation and implementation of REDD+ strategies and actions

<p>1.1. Increased capacity and awareness of the EMs on REDD+ A selective package of capacity building for EMs on implementation, monitoring and evaluation of REDD+ will be developed and trainings will be delivered to address capacity needs and raising awareness of targeted groups, enabling engagement and effective implementation and monitoring ER-P in Thua Thien Hue province.</p>	<p>1000 EM people from 500 households</p>
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<p>Activity 1.1.1: Organize planning workshops A planning workshops will be organized in Hue City to kick-off the project components. These workshops will be attended by women unions, community representatives, management unit of Hue's ER-P, state forest owners, Hue's Forest Protection and Development Fund and CSOs having project related REDD+. This workshop will also identify potentials to align the project activities with existing REDD+/ERP related topics and COVID-19 in the province and potential for collaborations with them. This also include an introduction of regularly fora of the women in Thua Thien Hue province. In the launching workshop, a rapid capacity-building need assessment targeting to EMs and women will also be conducted with the participants. The assessment results will serve as baseline for future monitoring and evaluation of capacity building activities</p>	<p>1-day workshop with 50 EM participants (at least 50% women); 01 inception report</p>
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<p>Activity 1.1.2: Develop communication materials related to REDD+ and ER-P</p> <p>01 set of awareness and training materials for EMs and women such as training manuals, reading materials, posters and other kinds of visual aids etc. for delivering training and capacity development of the targeted stakeholders will be developed. Training topic might include (but not limited), sustainable management and use of NTFP; climate change and REDD+; conflict management; gender equity; benefit sharing mechanisms; participatory land-use planning; engagement of women and youth in REDD+ implementation, monitoring and evaluation; covid-19 and resilience approach.</p>	<p>100 posters; 1000 leaflets and 400 handbooks; at least 1000 EMs will access information from these deliverables, which then share or disseminate to other 1000 EMs. All materials will make use of dialect and be published in Vietnamese</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.3: Document new developments and case-studies</p> <p>Project will review and seek for good practices of sustainable management of NTFP; climate smart agroforestry; recognition of tenure rights of EMs, collaborative management; benefit sharing mechanisms; participatory land-use planning; engagement of women and youth in REDD+ implementation, monitoring and evaluation; covid-19 and resilience approach. The good practices, then, will be synthesized to feed into the training and capacity building materials for EMs and women.</p>	<p>A booklet of good practices in REDD+ will be developed, and printed to 200 copies (in Vietnamese). 150 copies are then delivered to 150 village communities and household groups at two districts for their references</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.4: Organize community-based trainings on REDD+ related topics</p> <p>Project will identify at 06 field-based community trainings for EMs in each targeted district on (but not limited to) the climate change and REDD+; conflict management; gender equity; benefit sharing mechanisms; participatory land-use planning; engagement of women and youth in REDD+ implementation, monitoring and evaluation; covid-19 and resilience approach.</p>	<p>06 2-day trainings (30 EM villagers participated per training of which at least 40% are women); 6 training reports</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.5: Organize exchange visits for EMs</p> <p>The project will organize 1 exchange visit for EMs in Thua Thien Hue province to one of 5 ER-P provinces in coastal central of Viet Nam. In the exchange visits, the EMs and women representative in Hue will have a visual view and discussion with other communities in the ER-P the climate change adaptation, mitigation of Covid-19 impacts, recognition of rights, conflict management, and livelihood improvement. The EMs and women representatives are selected basing upon their engagement, contribution in the project activities and agreed by the voting in the community meetings.</p>	<p>01 2-days exchange visits for total 30 villagers (15 EM villagers per targeted district); 1 event report</p>
<p>2. EMs in the Thua Thien Hue province will benefit from the Emission Reduction Programs and Benefit Sharing Plans and Mechanism and able to cope with Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	
<p>2.1 Women are effective engaged into the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of ER-P</p> <p><i>A functional fora of women is regularly facilitated in support to effective performance of forest management Councils (FMC)</i></p>	<p>At least 70% of women at two districts effectively engaged into the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of ER-P and PRAP</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.1: Organize the trainings for women</p> <p>The project will organize several trainings for women who are the member of women unions and the FMCs at two targeted districts. These trainings are designed to strengthen knowledge and skills for the women on facilitation skills, the conflict management, tenure rights, ACMA, climate smart agriculture, benefit sharing mechanism, covid-19 and women leadership.</p>	<p>4 2-days trainings (25 women per training); 4 training reports</p>

<p>Activity 2.1.2: Support women-led fora on recognition rights for EMs and women.</p> <p>The project will support the women to organize the 01 provincial and 02 district levels fora among EM representatives (incl. women). The topics of the fora might comprise of (but not limited) the tenure rights, carbon right, forest product rights, safeguard, benefit sharing, forest governance, on impact of Covid-19 pandemic and the utilization of forest resources for livelihood improvement. The results of the fora will be synergized and translated into the policy recommendations for improving the implementation of ER-P and policy reform in forest sector.</p>	<p>01 one-day fora at province for 60 participants (at least 40 women) 02 one-day fora at districts (50 participants/ each; at least 30 women) 03 event reports and 1 draft policy brief (in Vietnamese).</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.3: Support women-led dialogues recognition rights for EMs and women</p> <p>By using the recommendations from the Activity 2.1.2, the project will support women and community representatives to organize dialogues with landscape policy makers and relevant stakeholders in the Thua Thien Hue province to harmonize interests and concerns of related right recognition for EMs including women, youth and persons with disability both on the land and utilization of forest resources, and engagement in REDD+ processes.</p>	<p>1 half-day policy dialogue for 50 participants of which 45 are local EM women, 5 representatives of decision making units (Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Forest Protection Department, Executive board of ER-P implementation, government authorities, Forest Protection and Development Fund, State Forest Management Board) , 1 event report and 1 final policy brief (in Vietnamese)</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.4: Support to organize district level awareness campaigns</p> <p>The project will collaborate with women unions and youth unions and at 2 targeted district to organize awareness campaigns “youth and forest governance”. The campaign may include the competition exhibition of photos featured out the good practices of youth, children and women in the forest governance and sustainable livelihood activities in their landscape.</p>	<p>02 1-day awareness campaigns (at least 250 women, youth, children and villagers participated per campaign); 2 event reports</p>
<p>2.2. Increased knowledge on COVID-19 prevention and improved communication skills for EMs at project sites</p>	<p>At least 320 EMs representing for 320 EMs households at two districts: A Luoi and Nam Dong obtain the certain knowledge on COVID-19 prevention and skills in communication about COVID 19</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.1: Training on COVID-19 and online communication skills.</p> <p>Project will work with health and relevant agencies in 2 target districts to develop and organize awareness raising and capacity events for the EMs on the covid pandemic and its impact and how to respond to outbreak.</p>	<p>4 1-day trainings (2 per districts) on COVID 19 prevention and communication, 25 EMs/each, a training report</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.2: Establishing an information network and the procedures for COVID-19 knowledge-sharing activities</p> <p>Regularly forum will be organized for the EM and government agencies for sharing experiences on coping with the pandemic, particularly on the sustainable use of forest resources and traditional knowledge.</p>	<p>8 EM community meeting with around 40 people/each to share information and knowledge about COVID 19 prevention; community meeting report</p>
<p>2.3. EMs influences safeguard the ER-P in the region Lessons of EMs engaging in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of ER-P are documented, widely shared and rolled out.</p>	

<p>Activity 2.3.1: Produce a documentary film on the engagement of EMs in ER-P in Thua Thien Hue province</p> <p>The project will invite communications agencies at national and sub-national levels to join a field visit in the two targeted districts to produce a documentary video clip (upto 15 minutes) and articles on the engagement of EMs in ER-P and utilization of their traditional knowledge in mitigating impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The documentary video clip will be broadcasted in Vietnamese for Vietnamese audiences and with English subtitles for reporting and sharing purposes .</p>	<p>1 15-minute documentary video clip; at least 5 articles (on the national and provincial levels newspapers). At least 2000 people at two districts (70% are EM) access information from documentary film</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.2 Integrating knowledge on REDD+ and ER-P in community meeting and CFM meeting</p> <p>There will be 10 meetings for community and CFMs organized during the project duration in which the relevant topics on REDD+ and ER-P will be presented and mutually shared among the meeting participants.</p>	<p>10 meetings for the whole project, of which at least 40 participants per meeting, activity reports</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.3: Organize a national workshop</p> <p>At the end of the project, a 1-day workshop will be organized with participants of wide range of stakeholders (community representatives, government authorities, State forest owners, private sectors) in Viet Nam. The national government authorities and donor will also be invited to participate to hearing stories from the ground.</p>	<p>1 workshop (40 participants); 1 event report</p>

4.6 Describe any potential external factors/risks that may affect implementation and how you will mitigate these.

<i>Risks/Challenges</i>	<i>Remedies/Mitigation</i>
<p>The sub-project implementation will require external expertise or support from existing training packages on REDD+, forest governance and covid-19 issues.</p>	<p>Seeking the support from international experts and international organizations, such as SNV, CIFOR, RECOFTC, and WWF. The project will invite resources person from government agencies in forest, enviroment, culture and health sectors, particularly ER-P Management Unit and CDC at provincial and district levels.</p>
<p>As the cultural and information access in forest sector barriers, women often feel not confident and motivated to join the project activities.</p>	<p>The project will strictly apply FPIC principles to engage women and communities in entire project activities including design, implementation, monitoring. Particularly, the project will focus in transferring skills and sknowledge for increasing their confidence and capacity empowering women and EMs to proactively address their concern and interest.</p>
<p>When the covid-19 outbreak, the governement migh imposes the social distancing scheme that might limit the project staff in travelling to the field to deliver the trainings and other project activities.</p>	<p>The online platforms, tools and techniques will be utilized with clear detail manuals and guidelines.</p>
<p>The government agencies, state forest owners and private sector are not willing to dialogue with EMs and women on the sensitive issues like extraction of forest products, land use conflict and recognition of customary rights</p>	<p>The project will engage of the rellevant stakeholders in the early stage of designing the project activities and provide them with facts and related law provisions of the issues. In addition, the message of no harm to anyone but harmonising the needs and interests of all rightholders and stakeholders are the key for forest governance and REDD+ implementation</p>

4.7 Which other groups/organizations, including government, will be involved in Sub-Project implementation?

<i>Name of group/organization</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Roles/Responsibilities</i>
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ER-P Management Unit of Thua Thien Hue	info@kiemlamthuathienhue.org.vn	Provide technical support in developing the training materials and joining the dialogues and campaigns with EMs and women
Women union of Nam Dong district	namdong@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Assign the focal point person to work with the projects and joint the dialogues and campaigns
Women union of A Luoi district	aluoi@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Assign the focal point person to work with the projects and joint the dialogues and campaigns
District health Center in Nam Dong	vplong.bvndong@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Provide technical support in developing the communication materials on Covid-19
District health Center in A Luoi	ttytealuoi@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Provide technical support in developing the communication materials on Covid-19
Department of Nature Resources and Environment	stnmt@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Joining the dialogues on the topics of land use planning and management; benefit sharing
Bach Ma National Park	vpddbachmahue@gmail.com	Joining the dialogues on the topic of land use conflict management, ACMA, benefit sharing mechanism, sustainable livelihoods
Sao La Nature Reserve	kbt.saola.al@gmail.com	Joining the dialogues on the topic of land use conflict management, ACMA, benefit sharing mechanism, sustainable livelihoods
A Luoi Protection Forest	klaluoi@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Joining the dialogues on the topic of land use conflict management, ACMA, benefit sharing mechanism, sustainable livelihoods
Nam Dong Protection Forest	klnamdong@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Joining the dialogues on the topic of land use conflict management, ACMA, benefit sharing mechanism, sustainable livelihoods
Thua Thien Hue TV agencies	dptth@thuathienhue.gov.vn	Joining the campaigns and dialogues and documentary film for the project

4.8 How will you ensure the proportionate participation of men, women, youth and persons with disabilities in sub-project implementation, monitoring and evaluation?

The project is designed targeting EMs and women thus they will have taken part in the all activities and assessment and engagement of other stakeholders in the project activities ensure the social inclusion. In addition to the women-led activities, the project will ensure that at least 50% of total participant in community-based capacity and awareness raising activities are women and gender specialists and staff will guide the implementation of the sub-project. The project also include activities focusing on youth as described above.

4.9 How will Sub-Project gains/benefits be sustained after completion?

The implementation of the proposed Sub-project will help increasing both capacity and understanding on the REDD+ and forest governance related issues for EMs and women who directly involve in development, implementation of the ER-P in Thua Thien Hue province. These actually is the way to achieve true empowerment and sustainability. All the training and communication materials and lesson learnt shared broadly with other ER-P provinces will represent a mechanism to scale up the overall impact of the project. In addition, the proposed sub-project will also strongly emphasize on policy advocacy and learning through dialogues and fora and producing policy recommendations for improving the full participation and recognition of rights for EMs and women that would help maintaining project outcomes over a long-term.

Last but not least, CRD as a CSOs working for improving forest governance focussing on recognition right of local communities and EMs will seeking for support to utilize all material, experiences of the proposed Sub-project to continuously design futher interventions for supporting EMs and women in comming years. Besides, since 2018, CRD have been implementing a project “Strengthening Civil Society to Accellerate Conservation Effort in Central Annamites”, which is prepared for next phase of 3 years in Nam Dong and A Luoi. With resource from this project, CRD will be able to support the continuance of the proposed sub-project after its end.