REPORT ON SAFEGUARDS FIELD MONITORING JUABESO-BIA HIA

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# INTRODUCTION

The Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme (GCFRP) is one of Ghana’s REDD+ Strategy options to reduce emissions associated with agricultural expansion (food crops and tree crops), illegal/legal logging, mining, fuel wood exploitation etc. from the High Forest Zone (HFZ) of Ghana. The GCFRP seeks to achieve 10 million tonnes of emission reductions within a period of six (6) years (2019-2024) while promoting the adoption of climate smart cocoa practices to increase yield and improve the livelihood of farmers in the HFZ of Ghana.

For the purpose of landscape governance, the GCFRP has been designed to adapt a model called Hotspot Intervention Areas (HIA) which is an aggregation of political districts and a multitiered governance structure for the people in the landscape. The Juabeso Bia HIA is one of the six (6) Hotspot Intervention Areas (HIAs) selected for implementation of the GCFRP.

Safeguards is an integral component of the REDD+ process. It is required that implementation of REDD+ activities must address and respect safeguards. REDD+ safeguards specifically outlines structures and procedures that ensure that social and environmental risks emanating from projects activities under the REDD+ programme are minimized, and benefits enhanced. Ghana has adopted a bottom up approach to report on REDD+ safeguards. The reporting structure begins from the district level where there is a District Safeguards Focal Person (DSFP) who works with the safeguards team. The DSFP collates safeguards report at the district level and sends to the Regional Safeguards Focal Person (RSFP) for verification before submission to the National Safeguards focal person for onward reporting to the World Bank, UNFCCC focal point and final update of the Safeguards Information System (SIS).

As part of efforts to implement REDD+ activities within the Juabeso Bia Hotspot Intervention Area (HIA), a safeguard team has been set up to assist the DSFP to monitor and report on how REDD+ safeguards are respected and addressed.

## FORMATION OF SAFEGUARDS TEAM

The District Safeguards Focal Point (Juabeso Forest District office) officially requested for the nomination of members onto the team from relevant institutions (such as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), COCOBOD, Ghana Police Service, Fire Service, District Assembly, Water resource and Hotspot Intervention Area Management Board).

The Juabeso-Bia Safeguards Monitoring Team Members were;

* Mr. Alex Tweneboah - Juabeso-Bia Safeguards Focal Person, Forestry Commission
* Mr. Anabzua Emmanuel- Ghana Police Service
* Mr. John Atta Andoh- HMB Member
* Mr. Amoako Bonsu Christopher- HMB Member
* Johnson Adjei- Frimpong- District Assembly
* Elliot Mensah- The Resource Foundation
* Barnabas A. Akaolise- Planning Officer District Assembly
* Mr. John Bismark Okyere- SHEC Chairman- Krokosue
* Mr Dei- Dzeha- CHED- COCOBOD
* Mr. Adoi Emmanuel Miah- Fire Service

Subsequent to the nomination, a two-member team from the Climate Change Directorate (CCD)/ National REDD+ Secretariat (NRS) went to the Juabeso-Bia HIA from 19th -12th November, 2019 to undertake safeguards monitoring.

The Team Members were;

* Mr. Raymond Sakyi
* Ms. Rhoda Donkor

The team from CCD were accompanied by some Consortium Partners namely;

* Mr. Michael Poku Marboah- Touton
* Mr. Seedi Mohammed- Touton
* Mr. Dennis Owusu- Agro-Eco

# GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To undertake safeguards monitoring with the safeguards team.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To undertake a refresher training on REDD+ safeguards and FGRM for Safeguards team members,
2. To review safeguards monitoring plan with the team and
3. To undertake safeguards monitoring with the safeguards team.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Materials**

The following documents were used for the training and safeguards monitoring;

1. Principles Criteria and Indicators (PCIs)
2. 3PRCL Safeguards Action Plan,
3. Safeguards Monitoring Plan
4. FGRM materials.

**Methods**

Day 1: Refresher training

Visual presentation and interactive session were adopted for the refresher training.

Day 2: 1. Field Monitoring

* Interviews
* Focus Group Discussions and
* Field observation were employed for the field monitoring

A total of 57 stakeholders were interviewed (41 males and 16 females). A list of members of the focus group discussions is presented in Annex 2 and 3.

2. Desk study

Day 3: Debriefing, collation of field reports and gathering of outstanding supporting documents.

# DETAILS OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

# DAY 1

## Courtesy Call

The team paid courtesy call on the District Forest Manager (FSD) to discuss the purpose of the visit.

## Refresher Training for Safeguards Team Members

The training was opened by the District Forest Manager after which the team was taken through an overview of the Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme, REDD+ Safeguards and Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM). The 3PRCL project lead also made a presentation on the 3PRCL pillars.

Subsequently, a draft safeguard monitoring plan was presented and discussed by the team. Based on the discussions the monitoring plan was reviewed to include columns for ‘comments’ and ‘means of verification’.

 

Safeguards Team with NRS and Consortium Partners FGRM Presentation

# DAY 2

The Safeguards team interviewed some district officers of the Forestry Commission (FSD), COCOBOD (CHED), Touton and Agro-Eco on how they are respecting and addressing safeguards. Desk study of reports of other consortium partners was undertaken to know how they are addressing and respecting safeguards.

The team also interviewed cocoa farmers mainly from Kotosaa and Anwiafutu on how they are also respecting and addressing safeguards in their farming practices. The interview with the farmers afforded the team an opportunity to verify some of the safeguards measures that consortium partners have put in place to minimize the social and environmental risks of their activities. The team also undertook field observations. A response matrix of the interviews conducted is attached as annexes A and B.

 

Meeting with the Juabeso-Bia Forest District Manager Meeting with COCOBOD District Manager (CHED)

  
 Meeting with some Community members at Anwiafutu

 

Meeting with Kotosaa Community Members

 

Sensitization of Community members on Safeguards Cocoa Rehabilitation farm site

## DAY 3

Debriefing, collating of field reports and the gathering of outstanding supporting documents.

Findings from Day 1 and 2 were documented and shared with team members accordingly.

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[Click here for details of Anwiafutu community engagement](Anwia%20Futu.docx)

# KEY FINDING

There is close collaboration amongst partner institutions however, there is a need to strengthen community engagements.

# RECOMMENDATION

* Safeguards Monitoring Plan should be shared with partner institutions to complete their portions before being sent to the field for verification.
* There is the need to increase support to enhance safeguards monitoring.

# CONCLUSION

The exercise gave safeguards team members in-depth guidance on how they would undertake effective safeguards monitoring going forward.

**ANNEX**

**Annex 1: Safeguards Team**

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