

India High Range Landscape Project

Annual Project Progress Report – 2017

Note: Kerala State Government put the project implementation and baseline studies on hold w.e.f. 10/02/2015 owing to sensitivities in the State.

Outcome 1: Strengthened capacities for community based sustainable use and management of natural resources

- The team of experts conducted consultations with various stakeholders especially at the local level and submitted the reformulated implementation strategy for the project based on the same. This was also shared with the Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP, for further guidance.
- UNDP India country office shared the reformulated implementation strategy with the Chief Secretary. The State Government reviewed the document. The same document was shared with the GEF Operational Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for their approval and concurrence. The implementation strategy was translated in Malayalam, the local language and was shared with the peoples' representatives.
- The reformulated implementation strategy was presented to the Chief Minister, elected representatives, Forest Department and the Local Self Government by UNDP. The project was given a green signal for implementation, however few changes were to be done as per the suggestions made during the discussion.
- Changes have been made to the revised implementation strategy and the same was sent to the Chief Secretary for his kind approval.
- The revised implementation strategy was presented at the National Project Steering Committee by the Kerala Forest Department and the same was approved by the National Project Steering Committee.
- The implementation arrangements and fund flow mechanism were discussed with the State government.
- The revised implementation strategy was approved and the same has been endorsed by the Chief Minister.

Outcome 2: Multiple use landscape management is applied to secure the ecological integrity of the High range landscape

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Outcome 3: Commonly accepted governance framework for multiple-use high range landscape management evolved

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Key achievements:

- The revised implementation strategy was presented at the National Project Steering Committee by the Kerala Forest Department and the same was approved by the National Project Steering Committee.
- The revised implementation strategy was approved and the same has been endorsed by the Chief Minister.
- UNDP engaged with relevant stakeholders in the state to finalize the implementation arrangements and fund flow mechanism.

