



FORMULATION OF THE NATIONAL ADAPTATION PROGRAM OF ACTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE
NAPA, 00011846 (CMB/02/G37)

PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2004

1. GENERAL

During the period of October-December 2004, the NAPA staff completed the first draft project profiles for adapting to climate change, which is the core output of the project. In total, 31 proposed adaptation projects in water resources, agriculture, coastal zone and human health have been identified. The proposed projects have been prioritised based on 14 ranking criteria. The project profiles then were presented at a national workshop on prioritised NAPA activities. Subsequently, the project staff organised a series of sub-national (provincial) meetings in 16 climate hazard-prone provinces to get inputs and comments on the draft profiles from participants and identify potential, province-specific projects for NAPA. The provincial meetings generated 28 projects, of which 7 are new projects and 21 have similar objectives to the ones initially identified. The project staff also worked on completion of the gap and policy analysis report.

2. STAFFING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The National Project Manager, the Administrative Assistant and the Driver have had their contracts extended until the end of March 2005. Dr. Rizaldi Boer, regional consultant on vulnerability & adaptation assessment to climate change in agriculture, visited Cambodia in early November 2004 to assist the project in organising a national workshop on prioritised NAPA activities. Request for extending Government counterpart involvement with the project for the next three months has been sent to the UNDP Country Office.

3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Development and Prioritisation of Project Profiles

The project staff have completed the preparation of 31 project profiles for adaptation to climate change based on field survey findings, the gap and policy analysis and the recommendations of the national workshop on identified NAPA activities. The proposed projects are divided into three major categories: water resources and agriculture, coastal zone and human health. The proposed projects then have been classified as high, medium and low priority categories, using 14 criteria. These criteria include appropriateness of technology, capacity building and training, reduction of casualties, impacts on livelihoods, food security, human health, biodiversity and environmental amenities, and cultural heritage. For each criterion, proposed projects are scored as having negative or positive impacts, or as being neutral.

National Workshop on Prioritised NAPA Activities

The proposed project profiles for adaptation to climate change were presented at a national workshop on prioritised NAPA activities, which was held on 05 November 2004 in Phnom Penh. Over 50 participants from concerned government ministries and agencies, the UNDP Country Office, national and international NGOs, and donor projects were in attendance of the workshop. The workshop collected inputs and comments from the participants on the proposed project profiles and their priority ranking.

Sub-National (Provincial) Meetings

From 30 November to 13 December 2004, the project organised a series of provincial meetings in 16 climate hazard-prone provinces to present the revised project profiles, which were prepared based on the National Workshop of 05 November 2004 and earlier field surveys. The project staff were divided into 3 teams. Each of the teams was responsible for organising meetings in 1 of the 3 clusters: along the Mekong, around Tonle Sap Lake, and in the coastal zone. Project staff met representatives of provincial authorities and concerned departments (planning, environment, agriculture, water resources, rural development, health), provincial Red Cross and Disaster Management Committee, and Seila Programme to discuss draft project profiles and to identify new, province-specific projects to adapt to climate change. It was generally agreed that most of the proposed NAPA projects are of importance for their respective provinces. In total, the provincial meetings identified 28 projects, of which 7 are new projects, 21 have objectives similar to the proposed projects and have been integrated into the latter ones.

4. PLAN FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2005

The following activities will be implemented during the final months (January-March 2005) of the project: (i) finalise and publish gap and policy analysis report; (ii) review the NAPA document (which also includes the project profiles) by concerned stakeholders (including the Least Developed Countries Expert Group), and accommodate comments and inputs from the stakeholders; (iii) conduct a final consultative meeting with the Steering Committee to discuss the final draft NAPA document, (iv) conduct a final national workshop to present the final NAPA document and revise the NAPA document accordingly based on the workshop feedback; (v) translate the NAPA document into Khmer and submit it to the Government for approval; and (vi) disseminate the NAPA document to stakeholders.

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