



This newsletter provides the latest updates from the EnABLE trust fund and related social inclusion and gender equality work.

This issue includes recent highlights from **April through June 2023**, as well as information on upcoming publications and events.

SNAPSHOTS

- EnABLE Steering Committee endorses three country programming proposals
- Costa Rica: EnABLE endorses grant to support inclusive benefit sharing in Costa Rica's emission reductions program
- Nepal: Endorsement of EnABLE grant to enhance inclusivity in the Terai Arc Landscape Emission Reductions Program
- Guatemala: Capacity building activities to promote transparency and inclusion for Maya communities in emission reductions benefit sharing
- Nepal: EnABLE releases videos spotlighting Indigenous voices in REDD+
- Indonesia: Increasing community engagement in emission reductions program implementation

UPCOMING ENABLE PUBLICATIONS, WEBINARS, AND EVENTS

- An e-learning course for Indigenous Peoples and local communities in EnABLE programs, with the first two modules expected to launch in August 2023. Module 1 details the monitoring and evaluation under EnABLE, and Module 2 focuses on the social inclusion aspects of REDD+ programs.

- Framework Note for the EnABLE Social Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan scheduled to be released in August 2023.
- Global Dialogue of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, November 6-9, 2023 in Accra, Ghana.

EnABLE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

There are nine countries with ongoing EnABLE knowledge and capacity-building programming. Country programming proposals, in various stages of development, have been endorsed by EnABLE's Steering Committee for six of these nine countries. The [EnABLE webpage](#) features a [dashboard](#) with more information and resources on EnABLE's activities and emission reductions (ER) programs in each country.

Knowledge and capacity building programming has yet to commence in Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, the Dominican Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Republic of Congo.

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS
Africa	Ghana	Country project under preparation
	Madagascar	Country project proposal under development
	Mozambique	Country project initiated
East Asia and the Pacific	Indonesia	Country project under preparation
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Country project under preparation
	Vietnam	KCB programming initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	Country project under preparation
	Guatemala	KCB programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country project under preparation

ENABLE STEERING COMMITTEE ENDORSES THREE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING PROPOSALS

The EnABLE Steering Committee held its sixth annual meeting in Rome, Italy, June 1-2, 2023, to discuss progress made and to review country programming proposals. The Steering Committee reviewed, discussed, and approved two strong proposals to enhance social inclusion and gender equality in emission reductions programs currently underway in Costa Rica and Nepal. The Steering Committee also endorsed an additional allocation for Ghana, which now joins Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Mozambique as countries with an active EnABLE country program.

During the meeting, a representative of EnABLE's new Technical Advisory Group (TAG) presented the group's vision and aims. The TAG consists of a roster of Indigenous Peoples' experts on results-based climate finance and REDD+. The group will be instrumental in ensuring that EnABLE's country programs match the needs and expectations of target beneficiaries and achieve a substantial level of inclusivity.

During the meeting a knowledge event was held on incentivizing social outcomes in results-based climate finance. With the help of colleagues from ART Trees and PRO-GREEN, findings were presented on the advancement of initiatives aimed at developing and operationalizing incentives or credits for positive social and environmental outcomes.

The Steering Committee was also updated on the Indigenous Peoples Dialogue scheduled to take place in Accra, Ghana, November 6-9, 2023. During this Dialogue, Indigenous Peoples and local communities will meet to discuss various topics of concern ahead of COP28. Topics on the agenda include the recognition and security of land and resource rights, and direct support to Indigenous Peoples and local communities as essential custodians of lands, forests, and biodiversity. The EnABLE Steering Committee will hold a technical meeting in the margins of this important Dialogue.



Steering Committee members and invited guests.
Photo credit: EnABLE Secretariat.



Community discussion in Ghana's ER Program area. A field trip to the program area will take place during the Global Dialogue will take place in Ghana in November 2023.

COSTA RICA: ENABLE ENDORSES GRANT TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE BENEFIT SHARING IN COSTA RICA'S EMISSION REDUCTIONS PROGRAM

The EnABLE Secretariat recently endorsed a US\$3.7 million grant to support socially-inclusive benefit sharing in Costa Rica's emission reductions (ER) program with the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

The grant project will focus on the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in ER program implementation. Activities will include the creation of an autonomous steering committee to provide overall governance of the project. This committee will be composed of Indigenous Peoples' representatives, including from women's associations. National Indigenous Peoples' organizations, Indigenous development associations, and national or regional civil society organizations will act as implementing partners for project activities and will work directly with beneficiary communities.



Community members provide input on their priorities and needs for the EnABLE grant to Costa Rica.
Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Costa Rica.



Participants prioritize activities to be undertaken within different categories.
Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Costa Rica.

The grant project's design is the result of strong country engagement by the EnABLE task team based in the region, as well as comprehensive and inclusive discussions with national entities, Indigenous Peoples, and other relevant stakeholders. The EnABLE Secretariat also provided input and guidance throughout the proposal preparation process.

EnABLE's US\$3.7 million grant is expected to be implemented in the first half of 2024, after grant preparations conclude in December 2023.

NEPAL: ENDORSEMENT OF ENABLE GRANT TO ENHANCE INCLUSIVITY IN THE TERAI ARC LANDSCAPE EMISSION REDUCTIONS PROGRAM

During its meeting in June, the EnABLE Steering Committee endorsed a US\$4 million grant for the EnABLE country program to support social inclusion in Nepal's emission reductions (ER) program under the FCPF Carbon Fund.

The grant project will support capacity development and productive engagement of Indigenous Peoples and marginalized groups in operationalizing Nepal's ER program and its benefit-sharing plan in the country's Terai Arc Landscape.

Specifically, the project will target beneficiaries in community-based forest management in Sudurpashchim and Madhesh provinces to strengthen inclusive and sustainable forest management, decision making, and benefit sharing at the community level. Within these two provinces, project activities aim to support marginalized groups including women, Indigenous groups, Muslims, and Dalits, as well as those facing specific disadvantages such as persons with disabilities.



Women participating in an EnABLE outreach event in preparation of the EnABLE Country Program grant. Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Nepal.

Like all EnABLE programs, activities are to be implemented by national-level civil society organizations. These entities will play a crucial role in implementing the various components of the program, including: 1) capacity building for inclusive decision making and benefit sharing of community forests; 2) support for sustainable forest management and forest enterprises; and 3) knowledge, communications, and coordination among key stakeholders in the ER program to support broader inclusivity efforts for locally-led climate action.

GUATEMALA: CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND INCLUSION FOR MAYA COMMUNITIES IN EMISSION REDUCTIONS BENEFIT SHARING



Community activity organized in the Petén district of Guatemala by **Utz Che**.
Photo Credit: Asociación Utz Che'



Maya woman consulted for the EnABLE program.
Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Costa Rica

The EnABLE Secretariat recently approved a knowledge and capacity-building project in Guatemala to bolster social inclusion in the implementation of the country's large-scale emission reductions (ER) program with the FCPF. This new capacity-building project aims to enhance the inclusion of Maya communities as direct beneficiaries in the benefit-sharing arrangements of Guatemala's Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA) with the FCPF Carbon Fund. The project also seeks to strengthen transparency and accountability in climate finance by implementing a collective social accountability exercise. This exercise is designed to improve monitoring of the ERPA and other climate change financial flows and forest compensation programs.

The *Utz Che* Guatemalan Association of Community Forestry was selected to implement project activities, which are expected to benefit more than 300 Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives as direct beneficiaries, and a further 8,500 Indigenous families (approximately 42,500 people) as indirect beneficiaries.

NEPAL: ENABLE RELEASES VIDEOS SPOTLIGHTING INDIGENOUS VOICES IN REDD+

The EnABLE team in Nepal recently released three videos featuring Indigenous Peoples discussing their knowledge and traditions in sustainable forest management. These videos highlight the many ways they protect the forest and benefit from its resources, and the symbiotic relationship between people and nature.

The first video, *The Forests and Chepangs in the Terai Arc Landscape*, highlights the experiences of the Chepangs, one of the 59 recognized Indigenous groups in Nepal. The video illustrates how forests have provided necessary livelihood and environmental services for Indigenous communities over generations.

The second video, *Climate Change and Impact on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*, addresses the impacts of climate change that Indigenous communities are already experiencing. This includes devastating floods that destroy houses, schools, and infrastructure, while washing away crops and threatening the lives of people and animals.

The third video in the series, *Community Voices in Sustainable Forest Management*, highlights three success stories in the Terai region of Nepal where communities have been able to enhance their livelihood opportunities and benefit from environmental services through the sustainable management of forests.

The videos, which are available in Nepali with English subtitles, will be used in community meetings as well as general awareness raising to help promote and increase social inclusion in REDD+ efforts.



Still of Nani Maya Praja describing uses of forest products, taken from video 'The Forests and Chepangs in the Terai Arc Landscape'.
Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Nepal.



Still of Moti Kumari Chaudhary describing forest loss, taken from video 'Community Voices in Sustainable Forest Management'.
Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Nepal.

INDONESIA: INCREASING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EMISSION REDUCTIONS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

In collaboration with Yayasan Bumi, a local NGO focused on sustainable natural resources management and community empowerment in East Kalimantan, the EnABLE Indonesia team recently completed the preparatory phase to its country program. This preparatory work began in 2022 with comprehensive training for village assistants to enhance their capacity in community engagement and communication, particularly in facilitating village meetings aimed at discussing the East Kalimantan emission reductions (ER) program.

The training involved 50 participants from various government agencies at the provincial and district levels and local NGOs and civil society organizations. Participants identified ways to engage with and support Indonesia's ER program, while incorporating gender mainstreaming into the facilitation process, and enabling community development planning at the village level.

These skills will assist local communities, particularly vulnerable groups, in understanding how to access benefits from the ER program's benefit sharing mechanism.

Subsequently, a pilot phase was conducted to field test community engagement and capacity-building strategies in village meetings across 10 sample villages in the Kutai Kertanegara and Paser districts.

The field test involved conducting village meetings guided by two trained facilitators, with various community groups, including youth, women, Indigenous People, and vulnerable groups. During these meetings, information about the ER Program was provided, followed by community members identifying the village's potential to engage in ER program activities and the support they required to enhance their engagement.

To evaluate the pilot implementation, an assessment meeting took place in Samarinda, where facilitators and Yayasan Bumi analyzed the challenges and lessons learned encountered to date. These insights gained from the pilot phase inform the development of the follow-up work, consisting of a full-fledged EnABLE country program in Indonesia. This US\$4 million program, endorsed by the EnABLE Steering Committee, is currently under review, and is expected to be launched in the fiscal year 2024.



Facilitation training for local facilitators. Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Indonesia.



Community members of Tuana Tuha village in Kutai Kertanegara District mapping out their village potentials. Photo Credit: EnABLE team in Indonesia.

Pilot phase field test main findings:

- Remoteness of villages results in low access to information and engagement
- Communities are spread out, requiring prior coordination for village meetings
- Use of local language is essential
- Engagement should be tailored to target audience, including women farmer's groups.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, August 9, 2023
- Africa Climate Summit Week, September 4-8, 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya
- UN General Assembly (UNGA), September 5-19, 2023 in New York, USA
- United Nations Secretary General Climate Week, September 17-24, 2023 in New York, USA
- World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings, October 9-15, 2023 in Marrakesh, Morocco
- Latin American and Caribbean Climate Week, October 23-27, 2023 in Panama City, Panama