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List of Acronyms

AAC	Allowable Annual Cut
ALAT	Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania
BTC	Belgian Technical Cooperation
BTI	Beekeeping Training Institute
CAG	Controller and Auditor General
CBFM	Community-Based Forest Management
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CTA	Chief Technical Adviser
DED	District Executive Director
EU	European Union
FBD	Forests and Beekeeping Division
FGD	Focal Group Discussions
FITI	Forest Industries Training Institute
FTI	Forestry Training Institute
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoF	Government of Finland
GoT	Government of Tanzania
HRBA	Human Rights Based Approach
JFM	Joint Forest Management
JFMA	Joint Forest Management Agreement
KVTC	Kilombero Valley Teak Company
LAMP	Land Administration and Management Programme
LGA	Local Government Agency
LIMAS	Lindi and Mtwara Agribusiness Support
LUP	Land use plan
MCDI	Mpingo Conservation Development Initiative
MFA	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
MJUMITA	Mtandao wa Jamii wa Usimamizi wa Misitu Tanzania (Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania)
MKUKUTA II	Mkakati wa Kukuza Uchumi na Kuondoa Umasikini Tanzania awamu ya pili (Second National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP II))
MNRT	Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism
MSA	Market System Analysis report, 2018
NAFOPEDA	National Forestry and Beekeeping Database
NAFORMA	National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment
NAPA	National Adaption Plan of Action
NEP	National Environmental Policy
NFBKP II	National Forestry and Beekeeping Programme Phase II
NFP	National Forest Programme
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPC	National Programme Coordinator
NWFP	Non-Wood Forest Product
PAF	Performance Agreement Framework
PD	Programme Document
PFP	Private Forestry Programme – <i>Panda Miti Kibiashara</i>
PIM	Programme Implementation Manual
PO-RALG	President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government

PMT	Programme Management Team
PPP	Public Private Partnership
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
SB	Supervisory Board
SC	Steering Committee
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
SHIVIMITA	Shirikisho la Viwanda vya Misitani Tanzania (Tanzania Forest Industries Federation)
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SUA	Sokoine University of Agriculture
SULEDO	Sunya, Lengatei and Dongo Community Forest Reserve under Securing Sustainability of LAMP Initiatives-project
TEITI	Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
TFA	Tanzania Forest Authority
TFCG	Tanzania Forest Conservation Group
TFS	Tanzania Forest Services Agency
TRA	Tanzania Revenue Authority
TSh	Tanzanian shilling
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VFMA	Village Forest Management Area
VICOBA	Village Community Bank
VLFR	Village Land Forest Reserve
VLUP	Village Land Use Plan
VNRC	Village Natural Resource Committee
WB	World Bank
WWF	World Wildlife Fund for Nature

PROGRAMME FACT SHEET

Programme title:	Forestry and Value Chains Development (FORVAC)
Sub-sectors:	Forestry Development; Private Sector Development
Geographical coverage:	<p>Tanzania - Institutional development component nationwide</p> <p><u>Original coverage 2018</u>: 8 districts in 3 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga and Songea districts); Headquarters in Dar es Salaam</p> <p><u>Annual Workplan 7/2019-6/2020</u>: 10 districts in 4 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi in Tanga region and Mpwapwa in Dodoma region; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea and Nyasa districts); Headquarters in Dodoma</p> <p><u>Annual Workplan 7/2020-6/2021 and Annual Workplan 7/2021-6/2022</u>: 12 districts in 5 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi in Tanga region and Mpwapwa in Dodoma region and Suledo Community Forest in Kiteto District in Manyara region; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru districts); Headquarters in Dodoma</p> <p><u>Extension phase 7/2022-7/2024</u>: 8 districts in Lindi (Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea) and Ruvuma (Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru) clusters (regions); limited operations in Kilindi and Handeni districts in Tanga region</p> <p>Headquarters in Songea in Ruvuma region</p>
Duration:	Four years (7/2018–7/2022), with two-year extension (7/2022-7/2024)
Programme financing:	<p>Government of Finland: € 9,950,000 + € 4,200,000 (extension phase 2022-2024)</p> <p>Government of Tanzania: in kind contribution (salaries, operating expenses and office space) € 200,000</p> <p>Programme Total Budget € 14,350,000</p>
Competent authorities:	<p>Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p> <p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania</p>
Impact:	Reduced deforestation and increased economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands
Results of the Programme	<p>Expected outcome:</p> <p>Improved forest sector market / value chains contributing to sustainable forestry and forest-based livelihoods</p> <p>Modified Outcome: Sustainably managed forests and forest-based enterprises generating income for community members and revenue for community social services</p> <p>Output 1: Improved value chains and increased private sector involvement in the forest sector</p> <p>Modified Output 1: Sustainable Forest Management mechanisms established, forest-based Value Chains developed and Private Sector Involvement in the forest sector increased</p>

	<p>Output 2: Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forestry value chain development enhanced</p> <p>Modified Output 2: Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forestry value chain development enhanced</p> <p>Output 3: Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place</p> <p>Modified Output 3: Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed</p> <p>Output 4: Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed</p> <p>Modified Output 4: Legal and policy frameworks for CBFM and forest value chains strengthened</p>
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1. SUMMARY

"Forestry and Value Chains Development" (FORVAC), aims to contribute in increasing economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands. The expected outcome of the programme is "Improved forest sector value chains contributing to sustainable forestry and forest-based livelihoods".

The FORVAC builds on the activities, experiences and lessons learned from three bilateral programs in Tanzania financed by Finland: National Forest and Beekeeping Programme (NFBKP II, 2013–2016), Lindi and Mtwara Agribusiness Support (LIMAS, 2010–2016), and Private Forestry Programme (PFP, 2014–2018, Phase 2 under planning). NFBKP II and LIMAS have worked under the Community-based Forest Management regime to advance sustainable forest management and generate income and employment to communities from declared Village Land Forest Reserves. The Private Forestry Programme is working solely in plantation forests but, has created valuable experiences to share in value chain development, mobilization of rural communities for economic activities, and developing training and extension services for small-scale forest enterprises.

The Programme outcome will be achieved through the accomplishment of the following outputs:

Output 1: Improved value chains and increased private sector involvement in the forest sector

Modified Output 1: Sustainable forest management mechanisms established, forest-based value chains developed and private sector Involvement in the forest sector increased

Output 1 will be produced through two interventions, by establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR); and via Support to value chains development.

Establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR) is a starting point for Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) and related value chains development in the context of FORVAC. VLFR establishment also covers land use planning to secure ownership over forest products, such as timber, NWFP/NTFP and charcoal, for local communities and it sets up basis for CBFM.

Local communities need assistance for the development of forest value chains deriving from the VLFRs that fall under the Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) regime. FORVAC support is addressed to producer groups within target villages as well as responsible private sector involvement in any parts of these value chains. During Inception phase FORVAC conducts a Market System Analysis (MSA) in order to have clear view on the forest products related market system and value chains. On the basis of MSA, value chains will be identified within FORVAC working areas. FORVAC will support development of value chains deriving from forests under CBFM.

Output 2: Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forest value chain development enhanced

Modified Output 2: Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forestry value chain development enhanced

Output 2 will be produced through three interventions. FORVAC will improve institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM and develop forest value chains. All target villages require capacity development, including further support to manage the VLFRs and value chain development within these communities, also involving producers' groups.

FORVAC will also improve capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forest and related value chains and incorporating HRBA aspects. This intervention focuses on strengthening capacities at all levels to plan, support, manage and monitor CBFM and forest value chains development. All relevant stakeholders engaged in the programme will be capacitated to strengthen their understanding and capacities regarding the concept of the

value chain and its implications for sustainable forest management, inclusive socio-economic and environmental aspects and how communities and other value chain actors can benefit in terms of income and employment.

Third intervention under this output is via incorporating forest products value chains/market system and business development skills in curricula of relevant training institutes, such as Sokoine University of Agriculture and Forestry Training Institute (FTI).

Output 3: Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place

Modified Output 3: Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed

Output 3 will be produced through the following two interventions: Enhanced extension and communication services; and Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) established.

The enhanced extension and communication services, and support for the establishment of improved monitoring systems, is part of capacity development work to be implemented by FORVAC. The Programme will enhance information management and public awareness on forest policy implementation. A communication and extension plan will be developed for the dissemination of relevant information on forest policy measures regarding CBFM and forest value chains and results of the programme.

FORVAC will support the establishment of Management Information Systems (MIS) and relevant databases on legal, forest resource, raw materials, market information and pricing of products. In addition, capacity development for the use and maintenance of the MIS will be provided. In addition to the establishment of a MIS at the national level, access to market information will be supported for instance by utilizing mobile technologies. It is expected that these platforms will be developed in partnership with relevant private sector actors and other projects programmes will be consulted to identify effective and efficient methods.

Output 4: Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed

Modified Output 4: Legal and policy frameworks for CBFM and forest value chains strengthened

Output 4 will be produced through the following two interventions; Improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development; and Support to development of forest law enforcement, forest governance and trade of legally sources timber.

The intervention of improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development will focus on improvement of legal and policy frameworks to guide and improve sustainable forest management and trade procedures. The programme will support capacity building of the Forest and Beekeeping Division. The Programme will also support the legislation review and harmonization, and ensure that formulation and revisions of relevant bylaws at field level conform to the national policies and legislation. Timber measurement systems will also be harmonized as regards the use of conversion tables for calculating tree and wood volumes. This will also involve provision of clarity of timber harvesting and pricing between government owned forests resources and VLFRs.

FORVAC will focus on forest value chain development based on production of timber, charcoal and NWFP/NTFP in the project districts and areas allocated there to local communities (CBFM within Village Land Forest Reserves). The Programme will support the development of forest law enforcement, as it is only relevant to the development of CBFM and improvements of conditions for the trade of legally sourced timber, charcoal and other forest products originating from the project area. Legal and policy frameworks will be improved and

harmonized to guide and improve sustainable forest management and trade procedure. Due to rampant illegal trades, there is a need to introduce new procedures to improve governance and support such systems, which curb illegalities and promote sustainable forest management.

The implementing agency of the programme is the Forest and Beekeeping Division (FBD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), which will work in close cooperation with Tanzania Forest Service and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG).

The role of the private sector will be prominent in developing financially feasible value chains. Private sector organizations, particularly entrepreneurs engaged in forest and non-forest products harvesting, processing, transport and marketing will have a key role in the implementation of this intervention. The Programme will support commercialization and improvement of the value chains together with the private sector and NGOs under Community Based Forest Management regime in three clusters. The geographical coverage has developed as follows:

- Original coverage 2018: 8 districts in 3 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga and Songea districts); Headquarters in Dar es Salaam
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For the Extension Phase the Programme will continue to work fully in Ruvuma and Lindi Clusters, however, two districts (Kilindi and Handeni) in Tanga region will be attended with reduced focus and with sporadic support only, strengthening selected businesses and value chains that have been attended already during 2018-2022.

The Programme will be managed by a Supervisory Board and a Steering Committee. The programme Management Team (PMT) will manage the day-to-day programme activities. The PMT will be co-managed by the National Programme Coordinator (Government of Tanzania contribution) and Chief Technical Adviser (Government of Finland contribution). At the district and village level, coordination arrangements will remain predominantly as previously established under the NFBKP II programme. In addition, there are three Clusters comprised of respective districts and three Cluster Coordinators supporting their respective Cluster up to 22 July 2022 (during the extension phase 2022-2024 only two clusters, namely Ruvuma and Lindi, remain fully operational). International and national Technical Assistance will be recruited to assist the implementation of the Programme.

The total original budget of the Programme is EUR 9.95 million (Finnish contribution). Additional finance proposed for the Annual Workplan 2021-2022 (EUR 277 932), the bridging phase 1-22 July 2022 (EUR 26 836) and the Extension Phase is EUR 4 200 000 altogether. Including the national contribution (EUR 200,000) and the additional budget for 2022 – 2024, the Programme total budget is EUR 14,350,000.

The Government of Tanzania contribution (in kind) consists of salaries and all expenses of government staffs at central (including the proposed National Programme Coordinator), regional and district level and of provision of office space to the Technical Assistance experts. Implementation of the activities outlined in this Programme Document will take place over a 48-month period. The Extension phase implementation period will be altogether 24 months.

In addition, the MFA of Finland reserves a right for an option of additional services from the Consultant to support objectives of the Project. This option will amount up to a maximum of 10,000,000 euros. Out of this option, the above-mentioned EUR 4 200 000 will be used for the Extension Phase and to support the FORVAC implementation during AWP 2021-2022 until the end of June 2021 and over the bridging period 1 – 22 July 2022 before the start of the Extension Phase.

The estimated number of final beneficiaries is 330,000, consisting of local communities, household members and individual persons in eight districts, as well as of private companies and local traders, e.g. sawmills, pit sawing teams, charcoal traders, honey processing and marketing companies and NGOs. The Forest and Beekeeping Division of the MNRT, Tanzania Forest Services Agency and their personnel at local level as well as PO-RALG together with District Councils, Village Councils and VNRCs will benefit from the programme. The Programme stakeholders include other sector ministries, civil society organizations, Community-based Organizations, research institutes and development partners.

Summary of the changes made in the Programme document for the Extension Phase 2022-2024

The Programme document has been revised partly in order to update it for the Extension phase (2022-2024). The justifications and clarifications for the changes are presented here. It was agreed with the MFA of Finland that it was not necessary to alter and modify the whole programme document, as FORVAC will continue with the Extension phase of two years and it will target the same Outcome and the same Outputs, and basically no completely new activities will be started during the Extension phase. Thus, the Programme document justifies well the continuation of FORVAC implementation and will continue to give proper guidance.

However, at the same time it is important to note that the **Programme Results Framework** has been updated, according to the External Review and Evaluation Services (ERET) Mid-Term Evaluation (MTR) recommendations, and with the help of the ERET Team Leader. This was necessary in order to make the RF more logical with realistic indicators and targets and provide *“sufficient details and explanations on the achievements of the programme (‘outputs’), the effects at the end of the programme (‘outcome’) and the long term wider benefits for the target group and contribution to national policy objectives (‘impact’)”*. Also, the indicators at each level of results were analysed and partly reformulated to give more accurate information on the results, to be SMART and to be easier to measure, according to the recommendations of ERET. The simplified, reconstructed Theory of Change by ERET Team has been presented in the document (Figure 1: Theory of Chain FORVAC 2022-2024). The FORVAC response to the ERET recommendations during initial Phase and the Extension Phase, has been presented in the Annex 11.

The summary of the major changes in the Programme document are, as follows:

- Background information on climate change adaptation and mitigation in FORVAC has been added, and justifications on FORVAC actions related to climate change and related capacity building have been given.
- An overview for the Extension phase has been given.

- The Results Framework has been updated and included as an Annex 1.1. Accordingly, the PD text has been revised to correspond to the changes made.
- The restructured Theory of Change has been added in the PD (Figure 1)
- A tentative list of ST Technical Assistance inputs during AWP 2021-2022 & 1-22 July 2022, and the Extension Phase (23 July 2022-22 July 2024) have been added (Table 2)
- Information on the Extension Phase TA staff has been added (Chapter: Means and budget)
- The updated Programme Results Framework has been added to the beginning of Annex 1
- The Programme Extension Phase budget amendments have been made. An overall budget for the full programme period has been added as Annex 2.1, while the extension phase budget is included as Annex 2.3
- The summarised work plan for the whole Programme period has been updated (Annex 3)
- TA staff TORs have been updated to reflect the changes in the TA staff and the tasks (Annex 4)
- Information on the Tanzania Climate Change Strategy and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) has been added (Annex 5)
- Information on FORVAC's Non-discrimination related activities (as part of Finland's cross cutting objectives) has been added (Annex 6)
- Justification for FORVAC's implementation in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation has been added (Annex 7)
- Information on FORVAC's charcoal related activities have been added (Annex 9)
- References are added in the list of References (Annex 10)
- The FORVAC Team response to the External Review and Evaluation Services (ERET) Mid-Term Evaluation Recommendations has been added (Annex 11)

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. Country Context

Tanzanian economy is one of Africa's fastest growing economies. During 2016-2018, Tanzania's average annual GDP growth rate was 7% and in 2018, it was 7%. The per capita gross domestic product (GDP) is USD 900 in 2017. The most recent data indicate that 43.5% of the population is living on less than USD 1.25 per day. In the early 2000s, 84.2% of Tanzanians lived under that poverty threshold.

Population is the greatest driver of change in Tanzania. According to the World Bank Data (2018) the population of Tanzania was 59 million. At the current growth rate (3.1%), Tanzania's population is projected to reach 72 million by 2025. With regards to this program, the demand of timber, charcoal and firewood is increasing with the population rise hence the need to prioritize sustainable production and efficient utilization of forest resources.

Tanzania remains in the "low human development" group in terms of its Human Development Index (ranking 154 out of 188 countries in 2018, but its Vision 2025 is to be a "middle income country" with a high level of human development. A new dimension of growth is now anticipated, as major new revenues from offshore gas fields come on stream over the coming decade. However, poor governance and natural resource degradation (in a context of climate change) are major development challenges.

Agriculture is the main economic activity. However, it is characterized with low productivity, lack of value addition, weak market linkages and unavailability of financial credits. As a result, per capita income in the rural areas and other regions are less than half of that of Dar es Salaam region, the wealthiest area. Poverty is deeply rooted in the imbalance between what women and men do, and what they have in terms of both assets and rights. Therefore, gender equality is also a poverty issue.

On the economic front, Tanzania began macroeconomic reforms in the 1980s and still continues the transition from socialism towards a free-market system. The business climate, however, remains challenging. To achieve its middle-income goal by 2025, Tanzania must fast track the implementation of policy and regulatory reforms that promote private investments in key productive sectors; curb corruption; produce skilled labour; and improve infrastructure, particularly in roads and energy.

Human rights

Since the institution of multi-party democracy in 1992, Tanzania has demonstrated progress in democratization and respect for human rights. Tanzania has ratified most of the international human rights instruments and established institutional frameworks to support democratic governance and the implementation of human rights. After the UN's Universal Periodic Review from 2011, the Tanzanian government accepted several of the recommendations made by the review. This can be seen as a sign of the Tanzanian government's commitment to improve the human rights situation. However, despite the positive general framework, there remains considerable scope for very significant improvements in the actual human rights situation for the population in general.

The constitution provides for basic civil and political rights, including freedom of assembly and freedom of speech. Civil society and media outlets have played a greater role in domestic politics in recent years, and this has led to increased surveillance of media by the government. However, freedom of expression, access to information and media freedom are regulated by outdated legislation. The judiciary remains largely

independent, but there has been concern over incidences of Tanzania not having lived up to international standards of fair trial, while corruption continues to be a major challenge. Lack of capacity and resource constraints, including legal, are a further obstacle for the majority of citizens gaining effective access to the rule of law, based on timely and just treatment of their cases.

While efforts have been made to promote the practical implementation of economic, social and cultural rights, the full realization of these rights continues to be a major challenge. Unemployment is high, and international labour standards are not effectively implemented or enforced. Gender inequalities are deeply rooted in socio-cultural traditions, and violence against women and children, including domestic violence, female genital mutilation, and child labour continue to be widespread. There is also widespread continuing concern over lack of secure sexual and reproductive rights, the result of which are continued high rates of preventable infant, under-five and maternal mortality. There are also very high rates of teenage pregnancies, and women lack access to information and assistance in family planning and other reproductive health care services (See Annex 6).

Land Tenure

The right to own land is one of the biggest hindrances in developing the rural areas of Tanzania. Many households (especially poor households) do not have Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCROs) or title deeds for their land, and many villages lack land use plans. Formal laws provide equal rights to access to land for women; however, the customary law and traditional practice may prevent women from owning land. Please see analysis of land ownership laws and policies in Annex 5.

Gender equality

While Tanzania has made progress in creating policies and strategies to advance women's empowerment and gender equality, it still has a long way to go towards operationalizing them. Currently, the 1977 Constitution of Tanzania prohibits gender-based discrimination, but the country's legislation has yet to be adjusted to support this principle. In 2014, Tanzania was ranked in 125th place in the Gender Inequality Index out¹ of 188 countries² and in 130th place in 2018. By 2021, Tanzania had a score of 0.56 in the Gender Inequality Index, ranking it in 146th position globally of 191 countries³ - hence this inequality has been worsening. These problems are particularly significant in forest communities, such as where FORVAC operates (see further discussion of gender equality and human rights issues in Annex 6).

Climate change

Climate change has already led to increase in temperatures, a change in rainfall patterns, an increase in extreme weather events, and sea level rise. Without significant global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, these changes are projected to continue in Tanzania, with varied impacts on human health, agriculture, livestock, water, and ecosystems (especially coastal and marine, woodland and grassland).

Climate variability and climate change are key risk and vulnerability factors for forest-dependent communities, because of the heavy reliance of the communities on exploitation of trees and other forest products. The growing population pressure, which strains the environment, aggravates the situation, leading to the loss of

¹ Proportion of parliamentary seats occupied by females and proportion of adult females and males aged 25 years and older with at least some secondary education; and economic status, expressed as labour market participation and measured by labour force participation rate of female and male populations aged 15 years and older.

² The GII is an inequality index. It measures gender inequalities in three important aspects of human development—reproductive health, measured by maternal mortality ratio and adolescent birth rates; empowerment, measured by

³ [hdr2021-22pdf_1.pdf \(undp.org\)](#)

biodiversity, rapid deterioration in land cover, and a significant decrease in the available water due to the destruction of catchments areas.

Climate change issues and environmental sustainability need to be proactively addressed, building community resilience by raising awareness on implementing PFM in a holistic sense and emphasizing adequate and inclusive land use planning. This includes agroforestry and agriculture issues related to deforestation, and forest and land degradation. It is evident that households become less vulnerable when people's economic situation improves, thus enhancing resilience to climate change induced natural hazards (MSA).

FORVAC works supporting the establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR), including land use and forest management plans. The VLFR's are prerequisite for the villager's to be able to manage their forests on legal basis. At the same time FORVAC is improving the institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and Village Natural Resource Committees (VNRC) to implement and monitor community-based forest management (CBFM) and to develop forest value chains.

One of the key problems in Tanzania forestry is illegal logging. The forest protection is the core of Tanzanian forest legislation regarding natural forests and all cutting is subject to strict norms and assessments. The VLFR's are a way to control and systematically reduce the illegal logging and to bring the forest management to a sustainable basis. For example, clear felling is not applied to the VLFR management, but selective, rather careful, and low-intensive harvesting is applied to bring income to villages and to give the villages incentives to manage their forests on sustainable basis. Annual Allowable Cuts (AACs) based on Forest Management Plans prepared propose 0,3 m³/hectare harvest (by selective "thinning") on average. Compared to for example Finland, the mentioned figure is only a fraction of any commercially viable timber harvest volume.

Therefore, the climate resilience and low emissions development is built in the VLFR establishment process which is a key activity that FORVAC supports. This means that FORVAC work, through improving sustainable forest management practices, is aiming at making a positive contribution to climate, reducing climate-related risks and negative impacts of climate change by increasing climate resilience of local communities. As one of the key targets of the VLFR establishment is the reduction of illegal logging, they will logically lead to mitigation of negative and adverse impacts of overlogging, which for its part, is causing climate change. FORVAC will monitor the effects of climate change to forests during Extension phase. A specific study will be implemented on the forest related changes occurred in Programme area, by studying time series of satellite images. In addition, increase of climate resilience among programme beneficiaries at village level will be monitored assessing the increase of household income from forest-based enterprises/businesses that will help the beneficiaries to cope with negative effects of climate change.

The role of the Forest Sector in Economic Development

It is estimated that the forestry sector contributes 3 – 4 % to Tanzania's GDP (Ministry of Finance 2013; Tanzania Revenue Authority 2012, cited in the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative scoping study⁴). Forests provide a range of products and ecosystem services, some of which are reflected in monetary terms (such as timber and derivative products like paper) but others are non-monetary (such as the ability of forest soils to purify water, regulate run-off, sequester carbon, etc.). However, due to methodological differences, the real contribution of forest resources to the national and local economies may be underestimated. It is also notable that the national statistics on the contribution of the forestry sector to GDP do not reflect the illegal

⁴ Green Advocates International, Inc. 2014 Scoping Study of the Forestry Sector for the purpose of including the industry in Revenue Disclosure through the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, December 2014

proportion of the forest product trade. Abdallah (2014)⁵ estimated the contribution at 4% on the basis of forest services like royalties directly paid to the government upon harvesting forests products, and production and exports (but excluding hunting and illegally harvested and traded forest products).

Illegal activities take the form of logging without documentation, logging in unauthorized areas, under declaration of volumes leading to undervaluation and the use of invalid export documentation. Asia and Middle East are currently the main importers of unprocessed and semi-processed timber products from Tanzania, with China the fastest growing importer of indigenous hardwoods. Unfortunately, there is no efficient system in place to ensure that the products are coming from legal/formal sources. Together with gradual transport infrastructure improvements, timber trade dynamics have changed in terms of increased volumes, changes in targeted species, greater private sector investment, and a higher proportion of illegal activities (MSA).

The area under forests and woodlands in the Tanzania mainland is 48.1 million ha of which 20.9 million ha (43.3% of the total areas) are productive forests (NAFORMA 2015⁶). The remaining forest area of 27.2 million ha (57%) consists of 18.0 million ha which are wildlife reserves and 9.2 million ha which are protection forests that are legally in-accessible for wood extraction. The total wood volume from all the forest categories is 3.3 billion m³, out of which 97% is from natural forests and 3% from planted trees. The average volume of wood is 37.9 m³/ha. According to Naforma data, 21.6 million ha or 46% of forests and woodlands is under village government.

The annual demand (consumption of wood) is estimated to be around 62.3 million m³. However, Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) from the productive forests is around 42.8 million m³ hence creating an annual wood deficit of 19.5 million m³ which is obtained from illegal harvesting in reserved forests or over harvesting leading to forest degradation and deforestation. The average annual wood consumption in Tanzania per capita is around 1.39 m³ while the annual allowable cut (sustainable supply) is around 0.95 m³ per year per capita.

According to the report commissioned by Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TEITI), Tanzania's natural forest hardwoods are relatively valuable, worth an estimated USD 42 million annually. The total harvesting of hardwoods from natural forests for timber was estimated at 170.000 m³. The softwood industry is dominated by Sao Hill Plantation, where production declined by 43% over the last five years. The Government-owned Sao Hill Forest produced one million cubic meters of timber in 2011, 80% of all plantation harvesting. The largest share, some 650.000 m³, goes to small and medium size saw millers. The main industries based on plantations are sawmilling, paper, telephone, and building poles. Revenues of USD130 million annually were generated from the softwood timber trade. A reduced supply of softwood timber has resulted in an increased unit price for this product in Tanzania.

The value of forestry activities in Tanzania is greater than the value of all export crops combined (USD 751 million for forestry as compared to USD 730 million for all export crops). In addition to the relative size of the forestry sector, prices in forestry have been more stable than export crops.

A survey conducted by MNRT in 2009 found that of 236 sawmills, that were proposed for registration throughout the country, provided employment to 3,296 persons. The National Forest Programme (NFP) estimates that the sector employs about 3% of paid labour. This accounts about 10,000 persons at that time, excluding even bigger proportion of people in informal forestry related sector activities.

⁵ Abdallah, J.M. (2014). Contribution of The Forest Sector to the National Economy Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism National Forest Programme, Special Study to National Forest Programme Formulation funded by FAO.

⁶ MNRT / TFS 2015 National Forest Resources and Monitoring. Main Results. May 2015. Results published on 24th of June 2015.

Based on TFS data, exports remained stagnant 2012-2016, although the value of forest exports increased. The number of permits issued, the volume of products exported and the export fees collected have remained stable over the four years period for which data was obtained. TRA data indicates that India, Kenya and China are the most important export markets. The TRA data set shows the dominant position that exports to India represent, accounting for almost half of the value. Kenya, at 22% of value, is the second most important export market for Tanzanian timber. Shipping data shows an increase in volume over the last four years, but this contrasts with TFS and TRA data. Shipping data indicates a steady increase in containers carrying sawn timber for export for the period 2010 - 2014. If all of the shipped containers are full of sawn timber, the amount of timber shipped would be in excess of the 24,000m³/year that were issued permits by TFS.

Government forestry revenue comes from natural forests, plantations, exports and services⁷. Most TFS revenue is collected from royalties, revenues from fines and confiscations generate a low 2%. The largest revenues are collected from royalty payments for harvesting. Tanzania Forest Fund charges generated an additional 19% of revenues. Logging and Miscellaneous Development Administration (LMDA), collected from plantations, contributed to 5% of revenue. Fines and penalties levied contributed only 2%. Considering the high-perceived levels of illegality, it is surprising that compounding fees contributed so little.

A considerable shortfall in revenue collection is as a result of the substantial illegal/semi-legal timber and wood trade. Rural communities, traders and the government have lost massive potential revenues to wasteful harvesting and processing, non-collection of royalties and under-valuation of forest products. According to studies such as (TRAFFIC, 2007) and Timber Trade Flows (HTSPE, 2014), revenue lost by central and district governments due to the under-collection of royalties reached up to 96% of the total amount of potential revenue due. At a central government level, it was tentatively estimated that nationwide losses of revenue to the Forestry and Beekeeping Division amounted nationally up to USD 60 million annually due to the under-collection of natural forest product royalties in the districts. Some District Council budgets would have increased several times over if all potential timber revenues were actually collected. Substantial revenue losses were also apparent prior to and during shipment. For example, the trade statistics show that China imported ten times more timber products from Tanzania than appear on Tanzania's own export records. This suggests that Tanzania collected only 10% of the revenue due from these exports (TRAFFIC, 2007).

The consumption of charcoal is expected to increase in near future. Charcoal is a growing forestry industry due to increasing population, electricity tariffs, urbanization and unavailability of affordable alternative energy (TEITI 2014). It is traded through a well-developed but informal value chain worth USD 600 million annually. According to NAFORMA (2015), wood-based energy (fuel wood and charcoal) accounts for 94.6% of Tanzania's cooking energy. Charcoal is the main energy source for the urban population in Tanzania. In 2009, about one million ton of charcoal was consumed per every year (World Bank 2009). The energy source is perceived as reliable, inexpensive and accessible compared to alternative energy sources. Given the lack of affordability of alternative fuel sources and the convenience of using charcoal, domestic consumers are increasingly switching to charcoal, especially in urban areas. For example, records showed that the demand of households using charcoal in Dar es Salaam increased from 71% in 2007 to 91% in 2012. According to Forestry and Beekeeping Division (FBD, 2018) about 70% of the households in Dar es Salaam use charcoal as the first choice of cooking fuel (MSA). The number of households using kerosene for cooking declined from 12% in 2007 to 1% in year 2012 (VPO 2014).

⁷ The TEITI report also lists and analyses the types of Payments to Government (e.g. fees, royalties, taxes payable at different levels both local and central government and legal provisions for collecting revenues).

The charcoal business is characterized by low capital costs, little knowledge, experience requirements to enter business, and by relatively high financial returns compared to other rural economic activities. The charcoal market works efficiently, and the value of the entire Tanzania charcoal sector is valued at USD 650 million. Consequently, the charcoal sector contributes significantly to rural employment and income generation⁸ and charcoal production is one of the key livelihood activities in woodlands of Tanzania. These financial gains are largely based on illegal harvesting on general lands, mostly in unreserved village lands and even governmental forest reserve without any sustainability.

Charcoal production is one of the key livelihood activities in woodlands of Tanzania. The production of charcoal dominated by the “informal sector” in which small-scale producers use traditional technologies to produce charcoal. In Tanzania, mainly traditional earth kilns are used to produce charcoal from wood. The wood itself is extracted from natural forests, rather than from plantations, and the wood is very often illegally harvested. This implies that both central and local governments do not earn the expected revenues from the charcoal produced.

The typical characteristics of charcoal production are that the villages where charcoal is produced do not have land use plans and, production is done without harvesting plans. However, the forest harvesting and trade guidelines published in 2007 require that harvesting should be based on a District Harvesting Plan and take place only after being vetted by a District Harvesting Committee. While charcoal consumption is very high in urban areas, fuelwood is used in villages. There are significant number of charcoal producers in almost all villages in Tanzania located nearby cities, municipalities and townships. In some villages all tree species are used i.e. there is no selection of species, and sometimes both big and small trees are cut for charcoal production. The main technology used in charcoal production is the traditional earth kiln and the wood is not properly seasoned before carbonization starts. Therefore, charcoal kiln efficiency is low and has not been improved on over years. Charcoal making is regarded as a part time job, but some individuals produce charcoal all year around.

80% of wood harvested is used to make charcoal, 90% of royalties are realized from timber, illustrates the “skewed” royalty setting system: Charcoal royalties in the Southern Zone generate 10% of revenues but the volume of charcoal that generated these revenues represents 80% of trees harvested. This illustrates a failure in the royalty system. TFS has responded to the mismatch between supply and demand by increasing the royalty rates (MSA).

The value chains in hardwood utilization and trade are poorly known. Little official data has been published concerning total harvesting volumes, demand, utilization and prices of different hardwood tree species available from natural woodlands. Harvesting of hardwood species for sawmilling and further processing of timber for carpentry, construction, furniture making is mostly based on illegal logging because trees are felled on general lands (mostly unreserved village lands) without proper harvesting licensing. Even in such cases where licensing is provided volumes are not based on Annual Allowable Cuts drawn based on principles of sustainable forestry. The existing market studies are either outdated or partial; the best-known species are in good demand in Dar es Salaam and in other key urban markets (such as Morogoro, Mwanza) but closer to the forest resources also lesser-known species are used. Prices of best species are much higher in domestic markets than if exported. Illegal trade from neighbouring countries is also thriving. TFS and TRA’s recording systems are not compatible so the exported volumes are not well known. Altogether, large part of hardwood harvesting and utilization is illegal and takes place through “uncontrolled” routes.

⁸ Gmünder S, Zah R, Rainhard J & Charron-Doucet F 2014 Transforming Tanzania’s Charcoal Sector. Life Cycle Assessment Component Prepared for: SDC, Prepared by: Quantis, February 10, 2014

Participatory Forest Management

Participatory Forest Management (PFM) is part of the National Forest Programme in Tanzania. It aims at transferring local forest tenure to communities or sharing the costs and benefits between the government and communities in state-owned forests. Participatory Forest Management models in Tanzania consist of Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) and Joint Forest Management (JFM). PFM allows local communities to declare – and ultimately gazette – Village Land, Group or Private Forest Reserves (commonly referred to as Community-based Forest Management, CBFM), and local communities to sign joint forest management agreements with government and other forest owners (commonly referred to as Joint Forest Management, JFM). FORVAC will work on CBFM.

In 2012, it was estimated that 7.7 million hectares of forestland was supposed to be covered by PFM arrangements. Approximately 2.4 million hectares were reported to be covered by CBFM activities and 5.3 million by JFM activities. At the end of 2012, a total 1,233 villages were engaged with Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR) management or in the process of establishing a VLFR. However, the current unconfirmed estimate suggests that the number of declared VLFRs is about 500 to 663. The legal process of establishing a VLFR is both labour and capital intensive and takes a considerable amount of time. Roughly, on average, it cost nearly seven million TSh (approximately 3,600 EUR) to establish a single VLFR in a period of not less than six months. However, this is subject to the size of the forest, topography and whether the area is free from resource disputes.

The Village Councils have well-developed roles and powers which can be put to good use in the Participatory Forest Management. Village members in rural communities in Tanzania have the authority to elect their own village government (the village council) to manage their affairs. They also have the right to make Village Bylaws, which enable local rules to be given the full weight of formal law. By law, the Village Councils are accountable to the village members, acting upon their behalf. Villagers tend to be more accountable to their own communities than to outsiders.

The current legal and policy framework (Forest Policy, Forest Act, Local Government Act and National Forest Programme) clearly stipulates that Community-based Forest Management should be the management modality for village lands. An updated information base to take the policy dialogue, legislative reforms and forest management activities in Village Land Forest Reserves forward exists; the national forest resource assessment results (NAFORMA) were officially published in June 2015.

Villagers are engaged in both forms of Participatory Forest Management (CBFM and JFM). CBFM takes place on village lands and the trees are owned or managed by either a Village Council (through a Village Natural Resource Committee, VNRC), a registered group or an individual. Most of the costs and benefits related to the management are carried by the owner. The CBFM approach empowers the community to become both managers and forest owners. The communities elect village institutions (Village Natural Resource Committee) to take the role of forest management (production and protection). The district authority (in practice District Forestry Officer) supports and assists the owner to manage the forests sustainably. Village Land Forest Reserves are managed by VNRCs and the role of central government is minimal. The districts have a role in supporting and monitoring VLFRs to ensure their conservation and sustainable management. Districts also play a role in providing an enabling environment for economic development. It is beyond the district council's mandate to get involved in marketing, sales and logistics required in timber selling and harvesting from VLFRs.

⁹ MNRT 2012 Participatory Forest Management in Tanzania, Facts and Figures, December 2012

2.2. Policy framework

Compatibility with Forest related Policies, Programmes and Legislation in Tanzania

The Programme is compatible with the policies, acts and legislation that influence forest management, conservation and private sector development in Tanzania. Review of policy documents (see annex 5) showed that 4 national strategies, 14 sector policies, and 18 legal acts would have some implications in the process of implementing the Programme.

The key policies as strategies which guide the forest sector development and on which the proposed programme is built on are MKUKUTA II, which is a Tanzanian Poverty Reduction paper and a framework for donor assistance, and Five Years Development Plan. Cluster 1 of MKUKUTA requires pursuing policies that attract public and private investments in agriculture and natural resources, promote diversification to non-farm activities. On the other hand, the five years development plan (2016/17 -2020/21) identify sustainable forest management, private forestry, tree planting, forest value chain development and capacity building in forest and beekeeping institutions as intervention areas to strengthen contribution of forestry sector in the national economy.

The National Forest Policy of 1998 and the Forest Act of 2002 are the key policy and legal frameworks, which guide the forest sector in Tanzania. Additionally, However, more recently the National Forest Policy Implementation Strategy (NFPIS, 2021-2031) has been developed and this has replaced the NFP II as having the key linkage with FORVAC. The NFPIS indicates the ways to implement the National Forest Policy.

Compatibility with the Finnish Development Policy

The programme is well aligned with both the 2016 Finnish development policy (under which it was planned) and the more recent 2021 Finnish development policy¹⁰ and its priority areas: promoting the rights of women and girls; education and training; sustainable economy and decent work; peaceful, democratic societies; climate change, biodiversity and sustainable management and use of natural resources. This FORVAC programme aims explicitly at increasing livelihoods and decent work, and it is built around the principles of the protection and sustainable management and use of natural resources. The programme also aims at increasing women participation in forestry-based livelihoods.

The programme is also part of the MFA's Country Strategy for Development Cooperation with Tanzania 2021–2024. The Country Strategy includes Impact 2: Improved Forest-based Livelihoods and Climate Resilience. The Strategy aims to contribute to the Tanzanian development goals within the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 of good governance, and promotion of inclusive, sustainable and employment enhancing growth.

2.3. Lessons learned

Two bilateral programmes in Tanzania, namely the **National Forest and Beekeeping Programme** (NFBKP II, 2013–2016) and **Lindi and Mtwara Agribusiness Support** (LIMAS, 2010–2016), have done valuable preparatory work in developing and addressing the so-called 2nd generation in CBFM. The 2nd generation CBFM entails that, villagers are able to generate income and economic incentives from sustainably managed forests. It allows commercial utilization and harvest of Village Land Forest Reserves. Both programmes have developed relevant tools and methods e.g. by identifying feasible methods for forest management and harvesting plans. Similarly, both have hands-on experiences from developing and strengthening forest governance at district and local level.

¹⁰ MFA Finland, 2021, Report on Development Policy across Parliamentary Terms

The market-driven approach of LIMAS and NFBKP II in value chain development will be particularly relevant to FORVAC Programme. Value chain development is considered an important part.

In addition, the on-going **Private Forestry Programme** (2013–2018) supported by the Government of Finland offers lessons and methods in value chain developments. It also aids individual capacities development or group of villagers in forest management and governance that may be feasible to adopt in the FORVAC Programme. This will be mainly in sharing experiences in marketing of forest products. Furthermore, experiences from sustainable charcoal production in Kilosa (SDC/Tanzania Forest Conservation Group TFCG) and timber harvesting in SULEDO (Sida/ Land Administration and Management Programme), and Kilwa (Mpingo Conservation Development Initiative, MCDI) have become widely known and they inspire communities. Through these pilot activities, examples of successful forest-product based value chains are evolving.

Experiences from some other non-wood forest product -based value chains exist in Tanzania. Successful market-driven value chains in modern beekeeping and honey production exist (e.g. in Tabora region). Based on experiences of MCDI, market for lesser-known timber species exists outside Tanzania and FSC certified timber is sought after by international ethical buyers. However, there is a significant gap in comprehending the process and implementation of FSC certification and the return on investment (as a whole) is unclear (MSA). The FSC process is long, expensive and, in this context, requires a return on investment from the market. According to MSCl, group FSC certification costs USD 50,000 to set up and USD 10,000 per year to maintain.

The transparency of the process is fairly low among the villagers and that FSC costs go beyond direct costs (e.g. requires patrolling and protection costs) to the extent that it is impossible to know actual costs versus and profit.

There are good examples of natural resource-based value chains (e.g. LIMAS) and an example of a sustainably produced charcoal value chain (SDC / TFCG). A number of development partners are interested in working in sustainable forest management (SFM) (e.g. Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC), Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Government of Finland and EC) and a group of likeminded donors exist.

Due to governance and management challenges at the local level, timber production and selling from some VLFRs is not effective. Though the starting points and opportunities for timber production and sales are good, many obstacles occur which hinder unlocking the business potential of VLFRs. The NFBKP II and LIMAS projects and other initiatives such as MCDI, SULEDO, and the Kilosa Sustainable Charcoal project have reported the following challenges and lessons learned:

- 90% of the hardwood timber sold on the markets is illegal and originates from (a) timber licensing by Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) from general lands (mostly unreserved village lands) because it is not based on sustainable harvesting plans – mostly based on Village Councils' approval and (b) timber is illegally imported from Zambia, DRC and Mozambique and exported to Kenya.
- Traders can buy hardwoods much cheaper from general lands because the current measurement/conversion tables are not applied in a correct way in timber deals from general lands. As a result, timber sold from VLFRs becomes even 50-60% more expensive (NFBKP II, 2016 and LIMAS, 2015)
- To avoid fragmentation and hence loss of negotiation power of small tree farmers, the first option for FORVAC VLFRs would be to start negotiations with Tanzanian Tree Growers Association Union (TTGAU) to serve as an apex body for VLFRs as well.
- Administratively set royalty rates are very high to timber traders that seem to encourage many actors in the value chain to illegal and non-transparent practices to gain profits.

- Based on the Forest Act (2002) villages are not obliged to use governmental royalty rates but in practice, this has become a norm. Villages can go for auctioning of their timber but currently there are not enough buyers.
- Villages that have VLFRs are not organized, though Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania (MJUMITA) does important networking for the villages. For more credible business intentions, villages with VLFRs would need to be organized. They should set up an organization, a co-operative or a company that would be capable to acquire capital through loans and to tackle long-term risks. Responsible private sector actors are not many. Government has key role and mandate over timber supply systems. This creates a situation, which encourages non-transparent practices in hardwoods chain. This means that most of the timber sales and logging is happening through uncontrolled routes.
- Comprehensive data on hardwoods does not exist, including present and future market demand by tree species in domestic and export markets, and lesser-known species (LKS); also capacity, machinery, recovery rates and production volumes of sawmilling are poorly known.
- Importance of financial feasibility and profitability is not understood as a basis of investment decisions or when carrying out forest management operations; currently not much of effort is put in in channelling money and resources back to plantation forests and natural woodlands to sustain the future revenue flow.

The MSA report presents the following information on the types of payments to Government:

Box 1: Types of Payments to Government (e.g. fees, royalties, taxes payable at different levels both local and central government and legal provisions for collecting revenues)

(Extract from: Green Advocates International, Inc (2014) "Scoping Study of the Forestry Sector for the purpose of including the industry in Revenue Disclosure through the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TEITI))

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In contrast to the royalties and fees listed above, which are provided for under the Forest Act 2002, direct taxes are governed by the Income Tax Act 2004 and are administered by the Tanzania Revenue Authority.

Royalty rates are determined administratively, not based on forest markets: Though royalty rates have been updated, a concise model for their determination has never been developed. Stakeholders claim there is an urgent need for royalty rates based on "economic surplus" models, which enable efficient markets and maximize revenue. Royalty rates have been determined arbitrarily.

80% of wood harvested is used to make charcoal, 90% of royalties are realized from timber, illustrates the "skewed" royalty setting system: Charcoal royalties in the Southern Zone generate 10% of revenues but the volume of charcoal that generated these revenues represents 80% of trees harvested. This illustrates a failure in the royalty system. TFS has responded to the mismatch between supply and demand by increasing the royalty rates.

Payment Flows (including payments and transfers to/from local and district levels of government) Royalties from forests is TZS 70 billion/year. At the same time, revenues from taxes levied on salaries, profits and VAT has remained at levels not exceeding TZS 3.6 billion/year. Forest trade and revenue reflects an industry focused on raw materials but offers little processing, value added or employment creation.

A number of studies have highlighted problems of revenue collection in the forestry sector. In comparing performance to goals the following issues arise:

- The licensing system for natural forests is not effectively controlling use of forest resources, the resource base is becoming degraded;
- The unsustainable use referred to above is largely illegal and is exacerbated by corruption;
- Controlling natural forests will always be challenging; natural forests tend to be large, remote, dispersed, and poorly served by public infrastructure;
- Market and institutional arrangements in forestry are characterized by multiple players (central government, local government, a poorly developed commercial sector, and communities), the crowded playing field complicates resource management.

There are instances where TFS revenue targets are not met from its own degraded production forest reserves and fast-growing plantations, which have production gaps (see Indufor 2011). New models are, therefore, needed to bring in additional capital and technical expertise. It is estimated that 40-45% of the TFS current revenues originate from natural woodlands, it is however, very modest collection of the revenue compared with the available potential. Thus, it is also clear that more transparent and efficient revenue collection from natural forests is needed.

Box 2 Opportunities and Challenges

According to NFBKP II and LIMAS projects and the stakeholders, the basic opportunities for financially viable as well as socially and environmentally sustainable community-based forest management are well in place in Tanzania:

- By 2012 about 1,200 villages had established VLFRs covering over 2 million hectares.
- By 2015 a total of 1,663 VLFR had been established
- Market demand for some commercially valuable hardwood species is high.
- Forest resources in the Southern and Western Tanzania are still in many places abundant.
- Villages can legally strengthen and secure rights over forests by establishing VLFRs, as legally defined in the Forest Act of 2002.
- Villages can establish private or group forest reserves as stipulated by the Forest Act of 2002.
- VLFRs are under the authority of village councils (VC), managed by village natural resources committees (VNRC), and both are accountable to village assemblies (VA).
- The Forest Act of 2002 gives VLFRs wide powers to capture the economic value of these locally controlled forests:
 - Villages can keep 100% of revenue and are tax-exempt;
 - Villages may set their own prices for forest products and are not obliged to follow government royalty rates set administratively; and
 - Villages may harvest trees based on their management plan and are exempt from restrictions on certain “reserved” species listed in Government regulations.

Concurrently, communities face many obstacles which hinder unlocking the business potential available from VLFRs:

- Financial feasibility/profitability of timber sold from VLFRs is poor because demand is low due to large quantities of illegal timber available.

- Even the best existing models for CBFM (such as Sunya, Lengatei and Dongo Community Forest Reserve under Securing Sustainability of Land Administration and Management Programme, SULEDO and Mpingo Conservation Development Initiative; MCDI) are still subsidized by grants and are going to be self-financing only when external investments and business skills are attracted and their businesses really get going.
- VLFRs are semi-governmental bodies under the jurisdiction of village councils/VNRC/VA and not bankable, unless a legal entity will be established, such as a cooperative, limited company or an association, and required institutional structures are in place.
- VLFRs' networks (fairly independent from the local/central governments) at communal, district and national levels are still very weak to provide sufficient lobbying, service provision (e.g. provide marketing services, improved access to markets and negotiation of better prices) to their members.
- Local communities lack adequate market/value chain knowledge and business strategies for increasing local capture of forest value.
- Very little value addition is created at village level, mostly through pit-sawing with wasteful resource use and very meagre profits.
- By existing laws villages are not allowed to harvest forest products from non-reserved lands, hence the need for establishing VLFRs to give villages harvesting power. However, villages are struggling to compete with the government-licensed timber logging on non-reserved village lands for quantities that are not based on estimates of annually allowable cut based on sustainable forest management.
- Incentives for facilitation of CBFM by district authorities are few because though they have a mandate they have very limited resources.
- Villagers' technical and business knowledge and skills along the forest-based value chain are poor.
- Variations of communities' forest assets range widely from very high stocking to bare lands and thus in some cases prospects for short-term cash-flows are very meagre or non-existent: economic and financial feasibility of *miombo* natural woodlands is inherently low, particularly when the standing volume is on an average at 38m³ /ha¹¹.
- Infrastructure in remote areas is poorly developed and makes transportation expensive.

Market demand and prices of hardwood tree species

Currently, the market demand for the most desired timber species is very high. There is a shortage in the markets, which has pushed prices up. The market demand for specially Grade I and II timber species is thriving and actually very high, but demand for Grade III timber/species remains low due to consumers' ignorance of their properties and suitability to different end uses. However, a considerable share of the timber, particularly in local markets, originates from illegal sources and distorts the prices. See illegal timber trade explained below.

Due to many factors which have been summarized by different market studies (see e.g. Market Study by Indufor, 2011) demand for timber in Tanzania will rapidly grow and there is a need to widen basis for new timber species to be launched in the markets. Therefore, it would be advisable to join forces with TFS to promote lesser-known species with some financial and human resources.

¹¹ Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania, 2015. Main results of the National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment of Tanzania mainland (NAFORMA). Main results.

Supply, harvesting, and processing of forest products with or without certification

Currently, there is no sustainable forest management, which could determine the criteria and indicators for sustainable management of natural woodlands in Tanzania, apart from FSC-based forest certification by Mpingo Development and Conservation Initiative (MCDI) and their adjacent communities in Kilwa and Tunduru, and New Forests Company plantations in Kilolo district, Iringa. A chain-of-custody certificate needs to be in place to prove the sustainability of transportation of forest produce from the end source to the end user, which is often overseas. An establishment of the forest certification system with chain-of-custody is an expensive undertaking not only to establish but to keep up, though at least some premium is paid by buyers for the sourced timber. The national FSC standard has been finalized and submitted to FSC International. Publishing is expected in 2018.

Tanzania with support, primarily from WWF, has developed the FSC standard for the country¹². The Tanzania national forest stewardship standard has been approved by FSC and is now included within the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS). Mpingo Conservation Development Initiative (MCDI) with Fauna & Flora International and WWF partnership facilitated a group certification of forests in Lindi villages through Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). This rigorous certification scheme requires third party auditing and is based on ten principles covering social, economic, ecological and cultural issues; and includes managerial aspects as well as environmental and social requirements (MSA).

There is a however large amount of illegal timber entering timber markets, which means that timber from certified village forest reserve cannot compete in the market. Although, Nanjirinji village one of the FSC certified VLFRs appear to be dependent upon WWF and MCDI to 'bring them a buyer' so this lack of market knowledge and relationships could also be a factor.

The market for FSC timber is currently small in Tanzania and customers are scarce. There is a good market for FSC timber from countries such as USA, Europe and Japan, but these countries also require a very high quality that is not currently available from the VLFRs (except through Sound and Fair which currently has fairly low capacity, about 5 m³ sawn wood/day although they have plans to scale up into furniture manufacturing). Construction companies have tried to source FSC timber through VLFRs but they ultimately rejected most of the delivery as the quality was deemed to be inferior. The companies seem to be more concerned about the quality of the timber than the FSC certified raw materials, even if they like the FSC concept.

There is also a need to assess the suitability of the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) - system to be used by Tanzanian timber trading. The European Union adopted the Action Plan for FLEGT in 2003. The aim of the Action Plan is to improve governance and reduce illegal logging by strengthening legal forest management, improving governance and encouraging trade in legally sourced timber. The ultimate aim of the FLEGT is to support efforts by timber-producing countries to combat illegal logging by preventing illegal timber from entering the EU market through bilateral trade agreements called Voluntary Partnership Agreements.

The first steps have been taken by Tanzanian forestry authorities to be familiarized with the FLEGT system to fight illegalities and poor governance in timber trade. A delegation from Tanzania visited Ghana in March 2016 to engage with Ghana on its forest management systems and its Legality Assurance System. The aim was to

¹² The FSC Principles and Criteria (P&C) set out the global requirements for achieving FSC forest management certification. This international standard is then adapted at the national (or regional) level to reflect the diverse legal, social and geographical conditions of forests in different parts of the world. The Tanzania Standard: <https://ic.fsc.org/en/newsupdates/id/2142>

exchange experiences and consider the appropriateness of similar measures in Tanzania. The delegation learned from Ghana that the system has contributed to better forest governance; strengthening of institutional capacity; improved transparency; stronger controls, improved law enforcement and enhanced legal compliance by both the administration and operators. The key building blocks of such a system as a part of the FLEGT are detailed under the Programme Description.

Financial feasibility of key Value Chains (timber, charcoal)

To investigate pricing of saw logs and sawn timber, the LIMAS project conducted in 2013 a study on “Timber trade and harvesting in VLFRs in Angai”. The different methods of timber selling analyzed were:

- Villages sell wood on stumpage, traders using pitsaws for processing into sawn timber.
- Villages sell wood on stumpage, a buyer is a saw miller.
- Villages sell logs at landing in Liwale.
- Villages sell sawn timber, processing by pitsaws.
- Villages sell sawn timber, processing by sawmill in Liwale.

The comparative calculations of different timber selling methods indicated that the villagers could increase their economic return if they entered into processing and selling sawn timber. In other words, they could increase their share of the value addition along the value chain. However, managing timber trade and getting involved in processing would require managerial and business skills and investment capital if modern sawmilling machinery and other equipment would be acquired.

According to MSA report the timber value chain is comparatively short compared to those for other forest products. Timber is sourced from inside Tanzania as well as imported from neighbouring countries including Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda and Congo DRC (Chenga & Mgaza, 2016).

Internally sourced hardwood timber is predominantly from community-based forest reserves and non-reserved forests. The main geographic sources of supply are Lindi, Tabora, Katavi, Morogoro, Tanga and Ruvuma (Chenga & Mgaza, 2016). The forests in the community-based forest management and non-reserved forests are secondary, often seriously degraded, and the majority of class I and II timber species¹³ have already been harvested. Non-reserved forests constitute un-reserved forests in village lands and general land.

According to data by the National Forestry Resources Monitoring and Assessment of Tanzania (NAFORMA), Tanzania mainland has an estimated allowable cut of about 42.8 million m³ annually consisting of timber for construction, utility poles, fuelwood (charcoal and firewood), furniture and joinery, pulp and paper. However, the overall national wood consumption on mainland Tanzania is estimated at 62.3 million m³ based on a per capita consumption estimate, in which case 19.5 million m³ more than the annual allowable cut, which could come from illegal and unreported wood harvesting as well as cross border timber movements and imports.

The key components of the **charcoal value chain** include: forest management for sustainable supply of raw materials, charcoal production technologies, charcoal transportation to market and consumption centres; bulky and retail selling of charcoal and re-use of charcoal wastes. The charcoal value chain comprises a range of actors and players including producers, processors, transporters, vendors and end users. For sustainable charcoal

¹³ These are classification of tree species from non-plantations forests. Species in Class I and II have high royalties compared to other classes. Also see the classification in Annex 4 for further information.

production, concerted efforts are, therefore, required to ensure integrated planning and efficiency in all components of the charcoal value chain. Within the charcoal value chain, villagers get a very small portion of the market value. Average farm gate price of charcoal per kg is 80 TSh while market price of charcoal is 600 TSh per kg in Dar es Salaam. Intermediaries are gaining within the charcoal value chain.

Charcoal is the single largest source of energy for cooking in urban areas of Tanzania, and its demand is growing due to an expanding population and lack of affordable alternatives. Charcoal is preferred in urban areas because it is cheap (local resource) and easy to transport, distribute and store. It is almost smokeless and has a higher caloric value (30 MJ/kg) than firewood (15MJ/kg). Currently, the largest share of charcoal comes from natural forests, while plantations, woodlots, or trees outside the forest plays only a small role for charcoal production. By the end of 2012, the population consuming charcoal in Tanzania mainland was 11.12 million people who consumed 2,333,743 tons of charcoal. Efforts to enhance sustainable supply of charcoal are, therefore, important for the inclusive growth of Tanzania.

Transporters of charcoal operate through unsustainable informal system. There is a hostile relationship between forest officials and traders of charcoal and other forest products in terms of revenue collection. Revenue collection by forestry officials is normally conducted through road patrols instead of collecting revenue in the field where production takes place. In some cases, assistance of armed police and game scouts are used in forest revenue collection. Transparency and involvement of all actors in the charcoal value chain will eliminate existing revenue collection challenges between forest officials and the local community.

The FORVAC Programme has developed an Intensified VLFR Charcoal Production Model, and related research and piloting of this more sustainable model in Handeni District of the FORVAC Tanga Cluster belonged to the major activities of AWP 2021-2022. This was discussed in detail in Annual Report 2021-2022.

3. REASONS FOR LAUNCHING THE PROGRAMME

The national forest resources monitoring and assessment (NAFORMA) results provided updated information on the state of the forests in Tanzania. According to information from the National Carbon Monitoring Centre high deforestation rate was estimated at about 469,420 ha per annum. According NAFORMA (2016), the different types of forest cover about 54% (around 48 million hectares) of the total land area in Tanzania. The main forest and woodland types include the miombo woodland, woodland mosaics, mangrove and the closed canopy forest (tropical/rain forest), the miombo woodland being the dominating forest type. The report “Tanzania’s Forest Reference Emission Level Submission to the UNFCCC” estimated the deforestation to be 582,427 ha/yr during 2002 – 2013 (Forest change statistics (2002 – 2013) for the Tanzania Mainland). In addition, there is widespread degradation of the existing forests due to overharvesting in legally accessible forests and illegal logging in protected forests. In addition, non-reserved village lands are subject to unsustainable logging without proper forest resource assessments and harvesting plans. The negative impacts are extremely serious in terms of loss of water retention capacity of forests, reduction of year round surface water, reduced rural livelihoods, reduced food security, and loss of biodiversity to mention a few. Establishment of VLFR’s are a way to control and systematically reduce the unsustainable cuttings and to bring the forest management to a sustainable basis, to increase climate resilience and to accelerate low emissions development. Improving sustainable forest management practices aims at making a positive contribution and reducing climate-related risks and negative impacts of climate change by increasing climate resilience of local communities. Sustainable forest management will produce incomes for households from forest-based enterprises/businesses that will help the beneficiaries to cope with negative effects of climate change. The reduction of illegal logging will, for its part, mitigate negative and adverse impacts of overlogging.

The main drivers of forest degradation are the **growing energy needs of an expanding population coupled with subsistence agricultural expansion**. Demand for wood energy is rapidly increasing due to rapid population increase and continuing dependency of forest biomass as the national energy source (at almost 90%). Particularly unsustainable charcoal burning has turned many government forest reserves deforested or badly degraded. Therefore, alternative management models for charcoal production are needed, such as the experimental Kilosa model. In parallel to supply side instruments there is a need to introduce measures to reduce wood consumption, e.g. use of improved stoves, improved efficiency in processing and use of waste material, as well as shift in energy patterns will need to be pursued with the relevant authorities and private and non-governmental actors. Furthermore, the dominant vegetation types have low productivity and approximately half of the forest resources are found in protected areas and are not available for harvesting.

Poor agricultural productivity and dependency on forest resources: Subsistence, including shifting agriculture, puts pressure on forest resources as long as there is no extra land available and alternative sources for household income are non-existent. From a poor person’s point of view, there is no incentive to protect forests as long as no extra lands are available for subsistence agriculture. There is a need to integrate forestry with agricultural development through proper village land-use planning. Lessons learned from conservation agriculture (e.g. under LIMAS project) are also valuable.

Lack of village boundary surveys and village land use plans: There are only about 1,000 villages of total of 10,500-11,000 villages having their village land area surveyed and a village land use plan in place, respectively. The number of the villages adjacent to forests or natural woodlands is not known but might be in the range of 6,000-8,000. Even if the villagers know the traditional village boundaries but if they have no legal documents, they have no statutory power to chase away for instance pastoralists invading village lands with large flocks of cattle for grazing. In addition, the villages with a land use plan (LUP) have no resources to put their existing plans

into action. It is essential to have proper village land use plans in place and steps taken for putting them into action.

Non-harmonized legal and policy framework: logging on non-reserved villages' lands will continue without proper forest resources assessment and harvesting plans because the Land Act and Village Land Act are not harmonized. This is unsustainable and leads to further deforestation and degradation. Controversies and inconsistencies between the Land Act No. 5 and Village Land Act No. 4 are also cited to be among the challenges causing forest degradation and therefore require harmonization. According to the Village Land Act, 'general land' includes all land that is not reserved land or village land, whilst the Land Act says 'general land' means all public land which is not reserved land or village land and includes unoccupied or unused village land.

Organizational arrangements (GoT): In Tanzania, the forest sector operates administratively under two Government ministries: the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) under which is the Tanzania Forest Services Agency that manages the state forests; and the President's Office Regional Authorities and Local Governments (PO-RALG) under which is the management of district forests and privately owned forests. About one third of forest resources are managed by the Central Government through the TFS (a semiautonomous body) and wildlife authority. The remaining two thirds is under the management of President's Office Regional Administration and Local Governance (PO-RALG), and the private sector which owns less than 10%. Vast areas of the unreserved forest and woodlands locate in village lands where their management is mostly unsustainable. This is primarily due to the weak capacity at Local Government Agencies (LGA) as compared to the Central Government's financial and human resources.

Some of the key challenges in administering forest resources in accordance with SFM are:

- Weak institutional linkages and unclear mandates between the central and local levels, NGOs, local communities and the private sector on conservation and management of forest ecosystems
- No effective extension services are available for decentralized forest management for the local governments, communities and the private sector

Communities' share of financial benefits from Participatory Forest Management (PFM) value chains is low:

The Government of Tanzania is fighting the disappearance of forests by promoting PFM. So far, financial benefits from Joint Forest Management (JFM) have been minimal and success in JFM have been few. As a result, communities are not necessarily eager to participate unless they get their fair share of the value addition from forests to market. On the other hand, there are few Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) arrangements that have successfully managed to generate financial benefits to communities. However, majority of them have not yet been able to deliver. This is due to poor commercialization of forest products available in their forest. Currently communities do not have access to information about fair prices of products as traders and middlemen control the market (only prices of honey are well known). The royalties and taxes are determined based on administrative decisions and on incomplete or outdated information about market prices. In addition, many VLFRs are small and degraded, which means that financial flows will mature only in the far future.

Lack of investments in VLFRs and private sector involvement: VLFRs are under jurisdiction of the Village Councils and managed by Village Natural Resource Committees, which are semi-governmental entities and owned by all villagers. Partly due to this setup, investment in VLFRs, which are locally controlled, has been slow if not non-existent in Tanzania. Investors prefer to cooperate with organizations, which are true business entities, and can get loans. On the other hand, the forests under the village jurisdiction need to be ring-fenced from unnecessary risks, which is not the case in VLFR setup. However, there are such producer organizations

already existing in charcoal and honey productions. In addition, many NGOs have an important role to play in advancing sustainable forest management, particularly in Village Land Forest Reserves.

The concept “Investing in locally controlled forests” (ILCF) may offer a new way of addressing some of the constraints identified in conjunction of CBFM (see IIED, 2012). Investing in locally controlled forests offers a framework for balancing acceptable returns from financial investments with social justice and environmental sustainability. ILCF distinguishes between two types of investment, namely “enabling investments” and “asset investments”. Enabling investments are typically donor-grants, which build sustainable and investable projects and businesses while asset investments require a return on capital. Now there is need to facilitate a process for establishing such business models or institutional arrangements, which can act as go-betweens with the VC/VNRC and investors to make forest-abundant VLFRs or degraded Government Forest Reserves attractive investment targets.

Inadequate monitoring systems, poor data availability and use: There is limited data available on forest resources, markets, product prices, trade and industry, apart from the forest resource assessment NAFORMA. There is as well no systematic data collection, storage and processing as regards PFM, apart from recording such things as how the establishment of each VLFR or JFM agreement is progressing, who gets timber cutting licenses on village lands, what are sawmilling capacities and their log intakes etc. These records are kept by TFS. In the longer term, a decision is needed whether TFS is the right entity to have all the communal forest resources data inclusive of forest management and harvesting plans (currently though these are not centrally stored/held anywhere). Namely, there is a conflict of interest here because TFS competes in timber markets with wood coming from VLFRs.

Limited capacities at all levels: Capacity development and skills training are needed at all levels, nationally, regionally and locally, and for all the activities inside the different value chains (timber, charcoal and honey, etc.). However, so that timber production will be prioritized capacity development and skills training is required not only for professionals and community members but also for systematically developing the institutional capacities of such bodies as, FBD, TFS (to some extent), District PFM teams and extension services, Village Natural Resource Committees, service provider organizations etc. In the field level, training and skills development is needed from forests to markets and further processing, particularly for timber but also for charcoal and honey value chains. In case of timber, such skills as forest management, wood selling and pricing, measurements, forest harvesting, logistics, processing (saw milling, carpentry), marketing and selling of products are required. As addressing climate change is already increasingly important in any natural resource management related intervention, FORVAC will pay attention to climate change related capacity building, both with the rights-holders and the duty bearers. The recently published MFA of Finland Country Programme (Tanzania 2021-2024) prioritises the needs and rights of the rights-holders, exactly where the focus FORVAC is, at the grassroots level. FORVAC will address the concerns of the villagers who earn their living under the threat of adverse climate change impacts.

Governance and illegal logging: Governance in forestry sector is challenging; illegal and corrupt utilization practices, such as unauthorized logging and charcoal production, are common. Contributing factors include weak law enforcement, high political interference and poor overall resource governance at all levels. Similarly, the collection and management of forest revenue are still inefficient: it is estimated that only 5 to 10% of the revenue due from the forest reserves and general lands is actually collected. Fines and penalties provided in the forest act have turned out ineffective and controlling the issuance and monitoring of logging licenses at district level as well as adherence to existing forest harvesting guidelines are somewhat problematic.

The increasing illegal trade contributes to deforestation and loss of biodiversity. Because of illegal timber trade, revenues worth millions of dollars are lost every year. In September 2015, Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique, Uganda and Madagascar signed an agreement in the XIV World Forestry Congress in Durban to fight illegal timber trade in Eastern and Southern Africa. As the next step, countries will prepare and implement action plans. WWF, TRAFFIC and SADC have supported for years the countries in establishing regional collaboration. Finland is supporting WWF, TFS and Tanzanian Natural Resources Forum in their works to promote sustainable forestry and actions against illegal timber trade.

To unlock the commercial potential of the VLFRs and produce income and employment, very concerted efforts are needed by all actors to make hardwood value chains transparent and reduce the large number of clear disincentives, which keep the illegal business and trade going. Here, responsible private sector actors have a key role to play as providing capital and know how on a win-win basis and concurrently promoting sustainable forest management and transparency, which are not presently in place.

Rationale for the Extension Phase of FORVAC

The on-going FORVAC Programme has produced during the 1st phase (2018-2022) valuable lessons and learning that forms the basis of FORVAC implementation during the Extension phase (2022-2024). Reference is made to the reports 'External Review and Evaluation Services of Forestry Programmes in Tanzania (ERET)/ Report of Programmes Assessments 2021: Mid-Term Evaluation FORVAC' (2021); and the report 'Socio-Economic Assessment: Poverty, Vulnerability, Gender & Community Based Forest Management supported by FORVAC' (2022).

The Mid-Term Evaluation in 2021 concluded that the FORVAC Programme (2018-2022) is responsive to the conditions and needs of the beneficiaries. The Programme is well aligned with, and responsive to the development objectives, policies, and priorities of the Government of Tanzania, and is particularly important because of its focus on the business and market-driven value chain approach (as was confirmed by the Minister of NRT). The MTE also confirmed that FORVAC is well aligned with- and responsive to the development objectives and priorities of the Government of Finland.

The MTE and SEA reports noted the good foundations established by the Programme, especially with regard to CBFM. Further training for VNRCs is needed. However, given that the CBFM process needed to be established prior to the value chain activities starting, more time is needed to put the value chain activities on a sustainable basis. In addition, while there has been good progress on gender equality, more targeted support is needed for women and PiVPs to ensure that they are actively participating in decision-making and benefitting from the project. The Mid-Term Evaluation recommended an extension of the programme for another two years (2022-2024), in particular to improve the value chain activities and sustainability.

4. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

4.1. Overview of the programme

FORVAC will shift emphasis from community-based forest management to sustainable utilisation and forest value chain. The programme will concentrate more on strengthening institutional framework and creating enabling environment for the private sector stakeholders to manage and utilise natural forest sustainably. **Adoption of business and market-driven value chain approach is at the core of the Programme as is linking up with business development providers and private sector.** This will be based in an approach to work with clusters of districts, building on the critical mass of successful value chains based in VLFRs and thus generating positive economic and social impacts in the surrounding communities and districts.

The programme will increase income and employment in the communities and among private sector entrepreneurs who are involved from harvesting to the sales of forest-based products in the markets. **The core of the programme will emphasise development of enabling environment for the private sector and communities, to invest more on the forest resource and to make better use of forests in a sustainable manner.**

The Programme will support improvement of policy and regulatory frameworks for CBFM (and JFM) and facilitate revision of the Forest Act and regulations. The Programme will also support the development of institutional framework and forest governance capacity of various stakeholders involved in CBFM, most importantly FBD.

The Programme aims at promoting good forest governance and transparency of decision-making and financial management. The Programme will enhance the capacity and transparency of FBD and TFS in collection of revenue. Information management will be strengthened through improved monitoring systems using internet-based systems, and human resources developed for increased transparency and accountability of professional conduct. These will also contribute to the fighting illegal timber trade.

The Programme aims at identifying and developing income and employment generating activities that are based on forest resources (timber, charcoal and non-timber forest products). It focuses on the 2nd generation Community-based Forest Management development (emphasis on sustainable harvesting and legal trade of forest products) and development of sustainable management and harvesting in the existing VLFRs with high volume of productive forests. As a result, there will be increased income and revenues from CBFM to communities.

The Programme also intends to facilitate the development of equitable and transparent ways to share the generated cash benefits between the villagers who are the managers and users of VLFRs, and especially to consider the need to strengthen women participation in the forest management, value chain and benefit sharing.

The lessons learned in previous interventions, including the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) pilot projects implemented with the Norwegian funding, will be applied. The Programme integrates climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation in its activities, and contributes to improved climate resilience by strengthening the adaptive capacities of local stakeholders in addressing climate change. FORVAC will build the forest related value chains to support the diversification of villagers' livelihoods. Always, when possible, special attention will be paid to persons in vulnerable positions.

In the degraded national forest reserves the programme will look possibilities to pilot private public partnership (PPP) in collaboration with TFS. There are vast areas of land in forest reserves that are not under forest cover and could be used for plantation establishment. However, special attention will be paid on environmental and social safeguards in using these areas.

The Programme intends to identify and implement innovative new methodologies and technologies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness at different stages of the value chain and CBFM process. It will build its operations on proven and tested pilots that will be up-scaled and adopted in a limited number of districts and villages.

The improvement of institutional framework and enabling environments will raise confidence of the management capacity of the institutions and facilitate other investors to finance sustainable management of the natural forests. Special emphasis is put on engaging more women and to shared benefits between men and women.

The Programme will take into account the following:

- Financially feasible businesses need to be generated from the declared Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR) and strengthening market-driven value chains together with the private sector actors, NGOs and district teams;
- Relevant stakeholders and institutions need to be capacitated to plan, support, manage and monitor Community-based Forest Management and related value chains; and
- Illegal trades of timber and wood products need to be halted through improving good governance.

The Programme is well in line with the Tanzanian poverty reduction strategy and forest sector policies and with the government of Finland Development Policy Guidelines, including those for the Forest Sector (2012). It will contribute directly to the empowerment of women and girls through developing value chains that promote women and the poorest to benefit both economically and socially from sustainable forest management. Involvement and strengthening of private sector actors will also be prominently addressed in the Programme. The emphasis on responsible management and good governance will contribute to stable and well-functioning societies. Capacity to manage renewable sources of energy (charcoal and firewood) and preserving the catchment forests will be also addressed.

Geographical Coverage of the Programme

Based on the initial MNRT Concept Note (May 2015), the Programme working area is divided into clusters (some of them supported by NFBKP II during 2013-2016). The selection of clusters and districts is further guided by the forest area and stock of already declared VLFRs (i.e. realistic potential for forest-based income / value chains) and likelihood of achieving tangible results during the Programme lifetime. Preference has also been given to districts that have been supported by NFBKP II. The results expected to be achieved in the target districts and villages should be easily replicable to other forested districts. The geographical coverage has developed as follows:

- Original coverage 2018: 8 districts in 3 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga and Songea districts)

- Annual Workplan 7/2019-6/2020: 10 districts in 3 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni, Kilindi and Mpwapwa; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea and Nyasa districts)
- Annual Workplan 7/2020-6/2021 and Annual Workplan 7/2021-6/2022: 12 districts in 3 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni, Kilindi and Mpwapwa and Suledo Community Forest in Kiteto District; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru districts)
- Extension phase 7/2022-7/2024: 8 districts in Lindi (Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea) and Ruvuma (Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru) clusters; limited operations in Kilindi and Handeni districts in Tanga region; Headquarters in Songea in Ruvuma region

4.2. Programme overview for the Extension Phase 2022-2024

FORVAC will continue with an emphasis in promoting sustainable utilisation of community forest resources and development of forestry value chains. In addition, the programme will keep on working to strengthen the institutional framework and to create enabling environment for the local communities and the private sector stakeholders to manage and utilise natural forest sustainably. An inclusive **Business and market-driven value chain approach will continue to be the core of the Programme. At the same time the inclusion of private sector to the value chain will continue.** The Programme will work with clusters of districts, building on the successful value chains based in VLFRs and sustainable FMPs, thus generating positive economic, social and environmental impacts in the communities and districts. Diversification of Programme beneficiaries' livelihoods will strengthen their adaptive capacities in addressing climate change.

During the Extension Phase, FORVAC will continue the work that has been started during the years 2018-2022. No major new initiatives will be started but the work will focus on strengthening the key results that are under work currently. FORVAC work focus will be in Ruvuma and Lindi clusters, however, due to budget constraints Tanga cluster will be attended with reduced focus and with sporadic support only, strengthening the businesses and value chains that have been attended already and that have proven to be successful interventions.

The Programme Results Framework (see Annex 1 b) has been updated as a result of the FORVAC Mid-Term Evaluation, implemented in 2021. In the following chapter the new Result Chain is presented, after the original description.

4.3 Results and key activities

Programme Impact:

Increased economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands, and reduced deforestation.

Modified Programme Impact:

Reduced deforestation and increased economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands.

Programme Outcome

Improved forest sector value chains contributing to sustainable forestry and forest-based livelihoods.

Modified Programme Outcome:

Sustainably managed forests and forest-based enterprises generating income for community members and revenue for community social services.

Outputs

The outcome will be achieved through four interlinked outputs. They are:

Output 1: Improved Value Chains and increased private sector involvement in the forestry sector.

Modified Output 1:

Sustainable forest management mechanisms established, forest-based value chains developed and private sector Involvement in the forest sector increased

The main activities during the Extension Phase will be, as follows:

- Strengthening the Value Chains (timber; honey; others) to secure income, improve livelihoods and bring sustainable benefits for communities and to increase their climate resilience. FORVAC will provide entrepreneur support to a wider scope of forest related value chains (for example value chains related to mushrooms, bamboo, wild fruits, etc.)
- Further development and testing of the intensified sustainable VLFR charcoal production model developed and piloted during AWP 2021-2022, potential extension to new areas in 2022-2023.
- Survey & mapping of VLFR; VLFR Management Plans (FMPs) developed & gazetted. Any additional VLUP processes will not be started during the extension phase, but a limited amount of Forest management plan-related processes will be implemented.
- Call for Business Proposals; micro-businesses supported: one more call for business proposals will be arranged in Ruvuma and Lindi clusters, targeting approximately 60-80 business initiatives.

When needed, FORVAC will use well-known Service Providers, with a good work record in the region to implement programme activities via service contracts.

Output 2: Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forest value chain development enhanced.

Modified Output 2: *Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forest value chain development enhanced*

The main activities during the Extension Phase will be, as follows:

2.1 Community level

- Support the VLFR management and financial capacity building
- Support to timber harvest sales and marketing
- Training on principles of inclusive benefit sharing of VLFR income flow.
- Support to other value chain development
- Exchange visits between the communities

2.2 District / national level

- Training Of Trainers (TOT) -approach on capacity building on PFM, (LUP), laws and regulations related to value chains
- Exchange visits to area of successful interventions in CBFM and value chains

2.3 Educational institutes

- One thesis related to forest products value chain/market system and business development, relevant for CBFM supported
- Support to formulation of value chain development related modules to the curricula of selected educational institutes (SUA/FTI)

Output 3: Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place.

Modified Output 3: *Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed*

The main activities during the Extension Phase will be, as follows:

3.1 Enhanced extension and communication services

- Facilitate stakeholder participation in CBFM, VCD and beekeeping related events
- Support to production of CBFM, VC and beekeeping related extension material
- Media engagement and results sharing / success stories
- Awareness raising events in selected schools, also to cover a role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation

3.2 Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS)

- Review & planning workshops
- Monitoring & backstopping of FORVAC interventions
- MIS strengthening

Output 4: Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed.

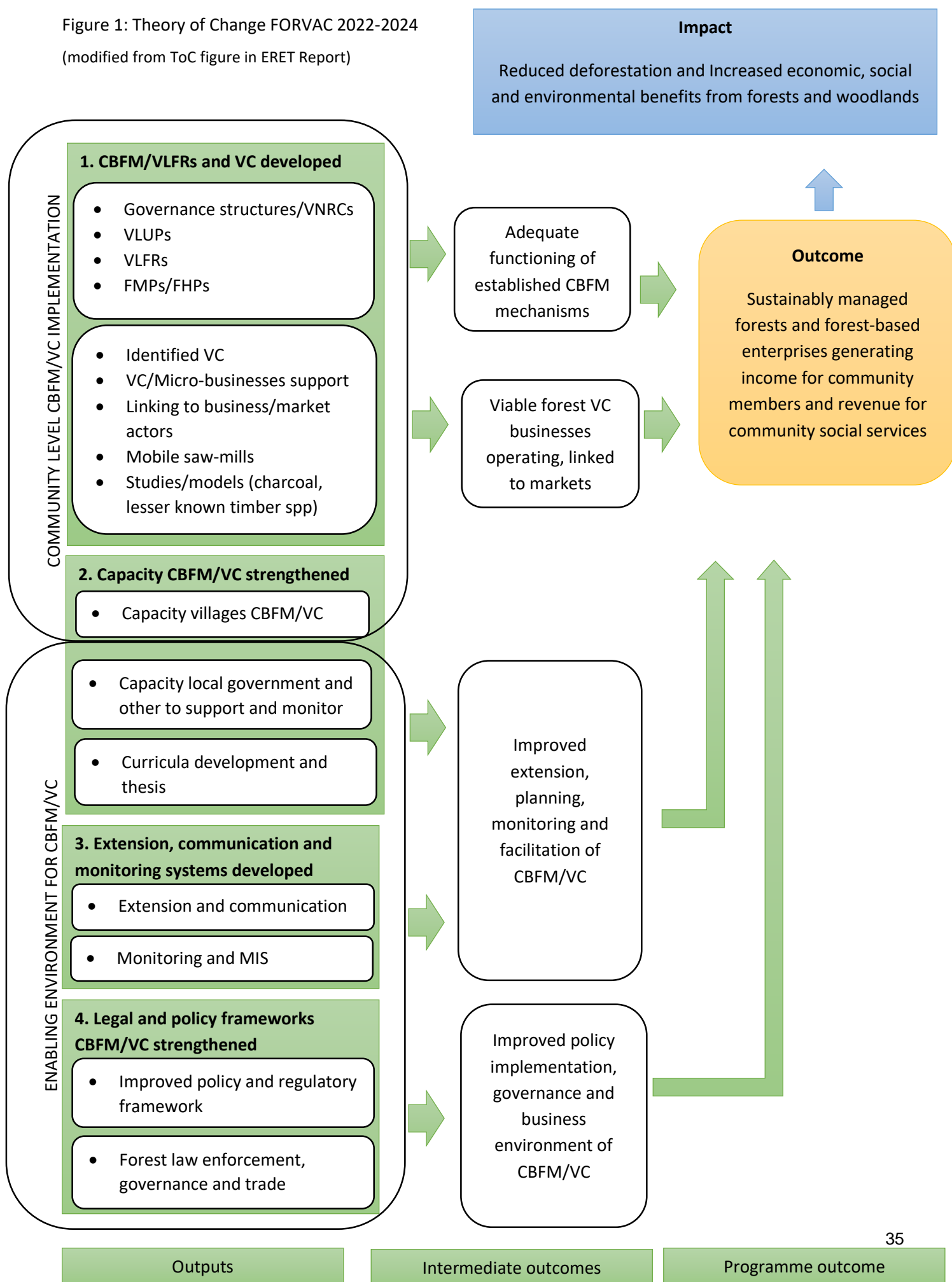
Modified Output 4: *Legal and policy frameworks for CBFM and forest value chains strengthened*

The main activities during the Extension Phase will be, as follows:

4.1 Improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development

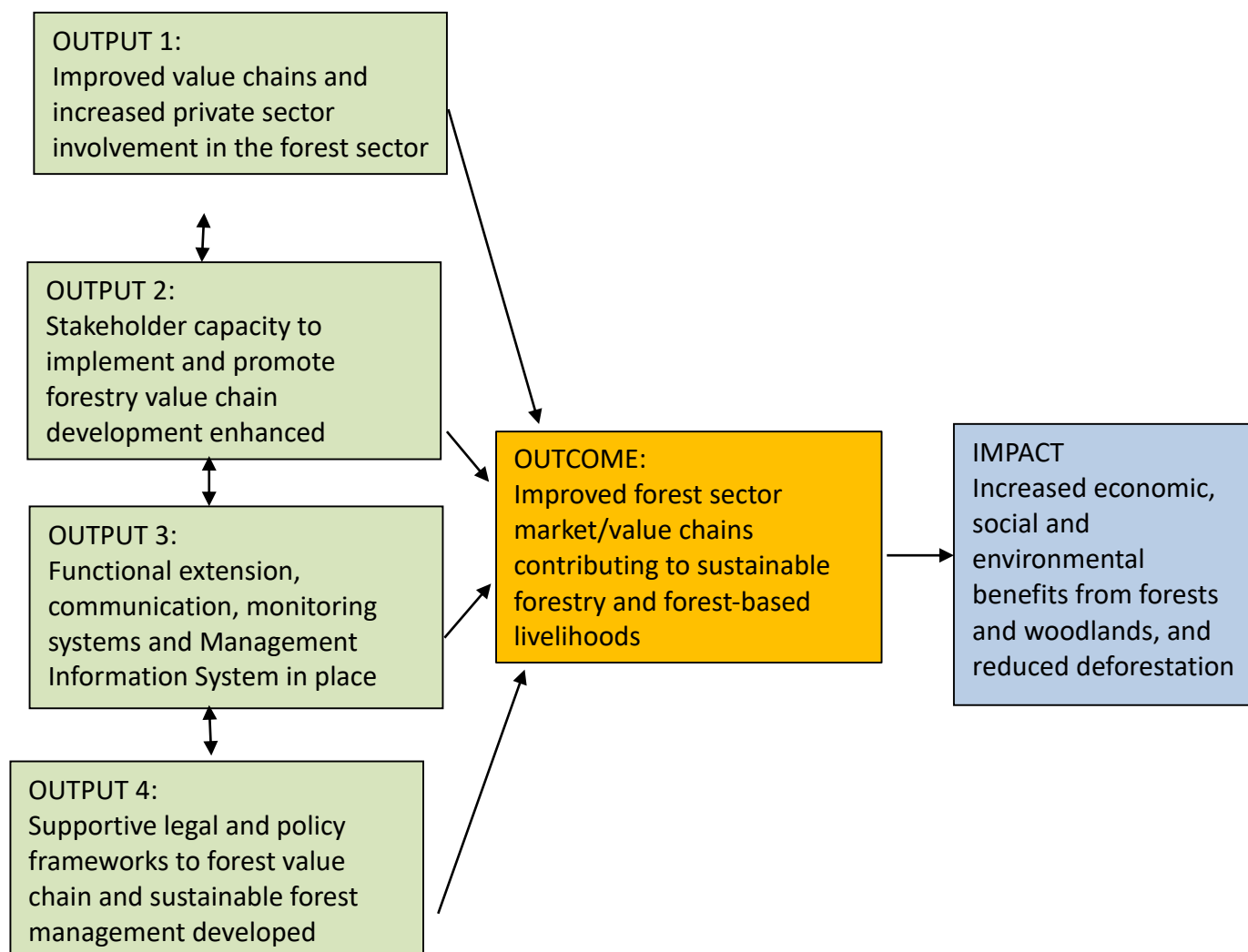
- National workshops/forums on policies and laws and challenges related to CBFM and its value chains
- Development of Chain of Custody for Tanzanian community timber

Figure 1: Theory of Change FORVAC 2022-2024
(modified from ToC figure in ERET Report)



The original Programme results chain is presented in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Results Chain



The planned outputs, strategic approaches, and proposed main activities are highlighted below. The Programme will follow Tanzanian budget year in the planning and reporting.

The Updated FORVAC Results Framework given in Annex 1 describes indicators, related baselines and targets, and means of verification for outputs (the original results framework is also included). Relevant activities are further discussed below and presented in detail in the Overall Work plan 2018 – 2024 of the programme (given in Annex 3).

Output 1: Improved Value Chains and increased Private Sector Involvement in the forest sector

Output 1 will be produced through two interventions, namely:

- 1.1 Establishment and Mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR); and
- 1.2 Support to value chains development

1.1 Establishment and Mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR)

Establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR) is a starting point for CBFM and related value chains development in the context of FORVAC. VLFR establishment also covers land use planning to secure ownership over forest products, such as timber, NWFP/NTFP and charcoal, for local communities and it sets up basis for CBFM. As given in the FORVAC Overall Workplan, this intervention covers the following main activities:

- i. Establishment of Village Natural Resources Committee (VNRCs): awareness raising, forming the VNRC, training the VNRC on the establishment and management of VLFR
- ii. Support to comprehensive Village Land Use (VLUP), taking all land usages into account (e.g agriculture, livestock and forestry also including NTFP/NWFP and charcoal production)
- iii. Demarcation of village forest areas for VLFR, participatory forest assessment also covering NTFP/NWFP and charcoal production and production of VLFR Management Plans
- iv. Support writing the Bylaws and legal registration of VLFR
- v. Support gazettement of selected VLFR/CFR (1 - 3 VLFRs in each cluster), (VLFR/CFR can be "gazetted" by MNRT/FBD, but this is optional)
- vi. Promotion of development of Timber Harvesting Plans
- vii. Promotion of equitable benefit sharing of timber sales, charcoal and NTFP/NWFP income
- viii. Support for developing community-based patrolling and introduction of information dashboard for reporting illegal activities involving communities and the private sector as informants in selected districts

The table below (Summary of the VLFRs) describes a current situation of the establishment of VLFR in the FORVAC area.

Table: Summary of the VLFR status during the Inception Phase

SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF ESTABLISHMENT AND MOBILIZATION OF VILLAGE LAND FOREST RESERVES (VLFR)								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cluster	District	No. of existing VLFRs	Total area of existing VLFRs (ha)	No. of new VLFRs to be established (villages)	Total number of villages with VLFRs + VLFRs to be established (No. 3 + 5)	Total area of selected villages for the FORVAC intervention, ha (VLFRs + additional VLFRs to be established)	LUP needed/new VLUPs to be developed	No. of VLFRs with timber harvesting commenced
Tanga	Handeni	2	14,169	3	5	19,462	3	
	Kilindi	2	1,072	3	5	4,410	4	
Lindi	Liwale	24	139,420	3	27	216,995	9	17
	Nachingwea	2	9,789	6	8	33,498	0	6
	Ruangwa	2	9,075	8	10	25,725	8	5
Ruvuma	Namtumbo	6	29,900	1	7	32,900	7	
	Songea	5	14,177	2	7	24,177	5	
	Mbinga	4	7,140	2	6	15,723	6	
	Nyasa	10	23,046	0	10	26,046	10	
Total		57	247,789	28	85	398,938	52	28
Anticipated increase in area of VLFRs during the life time of the programme (ha)						151,149		
Anticipated increase in area of VLFRs during the life time of the programme (%)						61		

At the time of starting FORVAC, existing VLFRs were at different stages of development, some had already been declared and had a management plan, bylaws and even timber harvesting ongoing; some others had completed

only part of required steps of establishment, and they, for instance, could be lacking VLUPs and Management Plans.

The table above also gave a tentative plan for further actions to be taken to facilitate establishment and mobilization of VLFR including figures such as: number of villages already involved in the VLFR process; total area of existing VLFR; number of additional villages and their forest area to enter in the process of establishment of VLFR; number of additional VLUP needed and number of VLFR already commenced or ready to commence timber harvest. These numbers are given by districts. Based on this information of VLFR in 9 districts, it is estimated that the Programme supports activities related to the establishment and mobilization of VLFRs in a maximum of 85 VLFR over the duration of four years. The number also included establishment of 52 additional Village Land Use Plans.

The table presented very preliminary information gathered during short field visits, before the Cluster Coordinators (CCs) started their work in Programme districts. One of the key tasks of the CCs after having started their work, was to further elaborate and update the baseline data, in line with other baseline indicators (see the RF, Annex 1). The design of the Programme MIS Unit was planned to be implemented at the same time, with a strong interaction with CCs.

Updated status of the VLFRs and VLUPs are provided in the Annual Reports.

Support to value chains development

Communities and the private sector involvement

In addition to the establishment and mobilization of VLFRs (1.1 above), local communities need assistance for development of forest value chains deriving from the VLFRs that fall under the Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) regime. FORVAC support is addressed to producer groups within target villages as well as responsible private sector involvement in any parts of these value chains.

The role of private sector (villagers included) is prominent in the Programme. In addition to communities, private sector organisations, particularly entrepreneurs engaged in forest product harvesting, processing, transport and marketing have a key role in the implementation of the programme. Private companies and NGOs have been engaged in the Programme implementation under Service Provision agreements or as actors in the value chain. Private companies and local traders, e.g. sawmills, pit sawing teams, charcoal traders, honey processing and marketing companies are also be among programme beneficiaries through their involvement and role in developing the wood and non-wood based value chains.

Market System Analysis

In order to have a clear picture on the forest products related market system and present characteristics of different value chains, and the status and financial viability of key value chains (primarily timber, but also charcoal and honey), FORVAC conducted a Market Systems Analysis (MSA) including socio-economic study for existing PFM in FORVAC districts during the inception phase. This study contains the following components:

- Review existing Village Land Forest Reserves (and other CBFM activities where relevant) in the eight FORVAC districts to establish current development status and requirements.
- Review of VLFR timber pricing (Timber Pricing study) in relation to TFS royalty rates and mapping of key market constraints. This should also include the review of the applicable mode of selling either stumpage or selling processed timber.

- Review of demand, supply and prices of forest products in domestic and international markets, including lesser-known species.
- Tentatively map / define existing and potential value chains (both timber and NWFP).
- Collection of socio-economic data which contributes to establishing baseline information. The findings will contribute to the design of the programme during the inception phase.

Identification of value chains with potential business opportunities

Based on the Market Systems Analysis, Value chains (timber, charcoal, NWFP/NTFP) with potential for business opportunities have been identified in the FORVAC districts and villages at the early stage of the implementation. In case of bigger financial potential, the followings steps can be applied (selected steps can be used also to “smaller products” having local importance):

- Collection of information on timber, honey and other products, markets and value addition possibilities, identification of value chains with a potential for economically viable development and reviewing related business opportunities
- Carrying out pre-feasibility studies
- Project formulation and business plan preparation including required human resources, financing, legal set up and time frame
- Selecting an organization/partnership (existing/business ventures, e.g. forming an association, cooperative or company) for implementation of the project or the production idea
- Monitoring and evaluation

The selection of a business approach and strategies also built on the achievements and activities already on going in 57 villages based on inputs provided by the *NFBKP II and LIMAS programmes*.

Furthermore, a profound study on demand, supply and prices for different forest products (hardwood tree species-based) has been conducted in domestic and export markets. Lesser-known timber species have been assessed and their use promoted, as seen feasible, to ensure demand for a wider range of species.

Equitable benefit sharing of income from timber sales are promoted. Different systems have been piloted and established from social funds to cash distributions to households or to village levels only. These are a means of ensuring that the majority of village residents can benefit from forest income, even if not directly involved in harvesting. Villages are encouraged to include the majority of interested persons in decision-making regarding the activities and use of the social funds. **A specific VLFR Benefit Sharing Guideline will be developed within AWP 2022-2023, and this “social trust fund” will be recommended to all villages.**

Support to value adding activities

Partly parallel with the VLFR establishment process, starting from the villages already having the registered VLFR and related Village Land Use Plan and the VLFR Management Plan, FORVAC supports development of value chains deriving from forests under CBFM. This includes any feasible value adding activities from production to end-consumer, incl. business potential and feasibility assessment. Activities cover the following tasks:

- Support to market development (e.g. product catalogue and promoting products and services related to CBFM)

- Wood products, NTFP/NWFP, Charcoal: Business plans and business skills development
- Support institutional arrangements/business models with market linkages (e.g. MoUs, joint ventures, PPP & other partnerships, groups/association/cooperative initiatives) in processing and storage facilities
- Assist communities to improve the quality of timber harvested from community forests and link their production with market (demand)
- Support to timber processing entities to improve efficiency of timber processing (e.g. use of efficient sawmills contra pit sawing, saw doctoring, improved recovery and quality of production)
- Support VLFRs in harvesting contracts: mentoring, formulation of contracts, linkages with contractors/harvesting companies/buyers: meetings, trade fairs/FGDs, workshops, advisory services
- Support to piloting bamboo production and processing/manufacturing products from bamboo
- Assessment of Identification of potential pilot forest certification in selected VLFR/CFR, assessment of feasibility
- Assess and pilot innovation models available to attract private sector capital to rehabilitate degraded TFS production forest reserves and improve the status of protected forest reserves. A joint venture and/or PPP with private sector actor(s) will be established to test proposed model to verify their institutional and financial feasibility. Through these partnerships, it is possible to promote establishment of plantations or establish mosaic plantation inside natural woodlands, and then for example outsource natural woodlands to private investors.

Output 2: Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forest value chain development enhanced

Output 2 will be produced through the following three interventions:

- 2.1 Improved institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM and develop forest value chains;
- 2.2 Improved capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forest and related value chains and incorporating HRBA aspects; and
- 2.3 Forest products value chains system and business development skills incorporated in curricula of relevant training institutes.

2.1 Improved institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM and develop forest value chains

All target villages require capacity development, including further support to manage the VLFRs and value chain development within these communities, also involving producers' groups. Villagers and members of Village Natural Resource Committees and Village Councils are expected to be more engaged in the value chain development. This entails developing their capacities. For instance, in terms of timber sales and marketing, VNRCs require training in calling for tenders and negotiating contracts, harvesting operations and their supervisions as well as on marketing of timber products together with improved access to price and other market information.

The package for pre-logging training, trade and logging supervision developed by LIMAS will be applied. A comprehensive training programme will be developed and implemented based on a thorough capacity assessment.

Capacities of communities (villagers and VNRC members) to implement CBFM will be improved through training and engagement. Such training and engagement will be in forest inventory methodologies, forest harvesting plans, forest management based on management objectives, forest harvesting, volume computation and timber grading, silvicultural procedures and guidelines for natural forest (miombo), fire management, overall financial management and record keeping, as well as, law enforcement through patrolling. Capacity building is further addressed to organizing auctions, preparation of tenders, eventual contract negotiations and contract management. Entrepreneurship approach and customer-oriented marketing skills will also be enhanced. Related support may include but is not limited to the following activities:

- Capacity building in CBFM, LUP, laws and regulations related to value chain
- Support negotiations for CBFM benefit sharing
- Train/educate communities on their rights and benefits of sustainable forest management
- Training of VNRCs in financial aspects (feasibility calculations, business planning)
- Capacity building in forest management plan development & implementation
- Training on select practical skills related to forest value chains
- Support fund raising activities for the development of new value adding activities. (grants and loans from existing service providers, such as TaFF, VICOBA/S&L/SACCO)
- Pilot establishment of showrooms (for wood-based products like furniture) and collaboration between traders, sawmillers, carpenters and other wood processors/users also at the community level
- Exchange visits to area of successful interventions in CBFM and value chains

2.2 Improved capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forest and related value chains and incorporating HRBA aspects

This intervention focuses on strengthening capacities at all levels to plan, support, manage and monitor CBFM and forest value chains development. All relevant stakeholders engaged in the programme will be capacitated to strengthen their understanding and capacities regarding the concept of the value chain and its implications for sustainable forest management, inclusive socio-economic and environmental aspects and how communities and other value chain actors can benefit in terms of income and employment.

An institutional capacity assessment/training needs assessment (TNA) will be conducted to identify the existing capacities and the competencies needed. This is to ensure that the capacity development actions address the true needs and capacity gaps in a sustainable manner. Capacity building will be based both on training individuals but equally important in building the institutional capacity which is more than a sum of the capacities of individuals. In accordance with the modern concept of capacity development, the approach entails training of individuals, instructional development, leadership development as well as accountability. A results-based approach will be applied, entailing definition of the skills and competencies needed by the actors and then developing a training programme to respond to those needs.

Based on the TNA, a comprehensive training and capacity development plan will be developed for the Programme. Capacity development will contain various activities such as coaching, training, and peer support and experience exchange. A critical measure for successful capacity development is team building and ownership. A monitoring system will be developed to track the changes and outcomes gained through the capacity development activities.

The capacity development plan will address the capacity development needs of various groups of beneficiaries with diverse capacity building needs. The key beneficiary groups include: Service providers such as NGOs, private companies and local traders, e.g. sawmills, pit-sawing teams, charcoal traders, honey processing and marketing companies. The training will be provided based on a thorough training needs assessment. The project will support capacity building of the Forest and Beekeeping Division, which will also be supported in provision of development of different methodologies and guidelines to support CBFM. Tanzania Forest Service has already established its own capacity-building plan and is training its staff, so it is recommended to analyse carefully what additional inputs are needed.

District staffs need enhanced capacities to support and monitor CBFM and value chains. They also need to be supported in the change of the emphasis from forest conservation to the sustainable utilization and value addition of forest resources. Good governance e.g. democracy, civil rights, transparency, and the rule of law, accountability, efficient services delivery, conflict mediation, budgetary and financial management, revenue mobilization and public expenditures are integral elements of the new approach to be supported to the district staff. Human Right Based Approach shall be incorporated to the programme implementation and relevant stakeholders train on it.

FORVAC will be responsible for ensuring that the programme proceeds in a participatory manner, and that it maximizes its positive social and environmental impacts. The Programme document is in line with the environmental regulations and policies of GoF and GoT, however, FORVAC needs to comply with relevant international conventions, with particular attention to forest products. The programme team, with the start of the work of CCs, needs to identify and monitor, during the course of the programme, the environmental and social safeguards. Training, technical advice and capacity building on safeguards in the district and village level and for technical service providers will be given.

The producer groups will be facilitated to gain access to additional finance opportunities and advice and capacity development support will be provided for the establishment of saving and loans associations (Village Community Banks, VICOBAs) and/or collaboration with existing VICOBAs. The financial management and control will be enabled through introduction of effective and adequate oversight mechanisms, including also internal and external audit systems. Appropriate measures to address any potential deficiencies in the control system will be developed. Particularly importance will be on-job-training of the value chain advisor(s) and the cluster coordinators for them to build further the capacities in different VCs and advance value chain approach.

Responsible partners for delivering the trainings include Forestry Training Institute (FTI), Forest Industry Training Institute (FITI), Forestry and Wood Industries Training Centre (FWITC) and Vocational Education Training Authority and UONGOZI Institute, and in selected topics also Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). The Private Forestry Programme has commenced development of a VETA-level training programme for Tree Growers' Associations, TGAs, Small, and Medium Enterprises for forestry, forest harvesting and small-scale sawmilling in collaboration with Forestry Training Institute, Forest Industry Training Institute and Vocational Education Training Authority. The training programme, once developed and approved, is expected to be applicable for training of forest users and managers in VLFRs and other reserves as well.

The programme will collaborate with UONGOZI Institute in organising and running national events (such as Forest Forum, National Forest Conference, National Forest industry conference, Public Private Dialogues) especially targeting capacity building based on specific needs.

Support will be continued to capacitate FTI and FITI by enforcing collaboration with and international organization/vocational training institute or university. The support will further enhance the tutors skills and knowledge and update their teaching skills and ability to use modern methods. The roles of Private Forestry Programme and FORVAC towards FTI and FITI should be defined.

FORVAC's intervention to improve capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forestry and related value chains, incorporating HRBA aspects, may include but is not limited to e.g. the following set of activities:

- Conduct a comprehensive Capacity and Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for all relevant stakeholders (e.g. Institutions, NGOs, service providers, districts)
- Capacity building in PFM, LUP/VLUP, and laws and regulations related to CBFM and value chain development
- Capacity building to districts staff on forest value chain (value links) development
- Capacity building on social and environmental safeguards at district and village levels; monitoring
- Support training on business development services to FORVAC districts
- Cooperation with Tanzania Forest Industries Federation (SHIVIMITA)
- Exchange visits in Tanzania to successful interventions in CBFM and forest-based value chains
- Exchange visits to selected interventions in Sub-Saharan African countries for experiences exchange and for drawing lessons learned from forest value chain development (specific products, e.g. bamboo etc., success stories)
- Study tour for exchange of experience and for lessons learned to Finnish interventions on forestry extension services and jointly /community managed forests
- Piloting Enterprise/Innovation Centres: establishment of a regional/district platform for collaboration and interaction between stakeholders (communities, processing, marketing etc.) to address local specific production and market interventions
- Organize biannually stakeholder meetings with key CBFM actors and build an interactive website to serve as a platform for sharing produced materials, lessons learned and technical papers.
- To set up a helpdesk for CBFM at the national level to consult practitioners at different implementation levels, and to coordinate all CBFM activities that are implemented by different stakeholders in Tanzania. This is to ensure that the stakeholders are well informed on the contents and applications of the national strategies.

2.3 Forest products value chains/market system and business development skills incorporated in curricula of relevant training institutes

The programme supports incorporation of training in forest products value chains/market systems and business development skills in curricula of several educational institutes, such as Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and Forestry Training Institute (FTI). A set of related activities is given below:

- Support Tutors and Lecturers of training institutes (SUA and FTI) to participate in forest value chain/market systems and business development related trainings/short courses
- Support training institutions to develop/mainstream forest products value chains/market system and business development in the undergraduate curricula
- Support studies and thesis/dissertations related to forest products value chains/market system and business development relevant for CBFM
- Support scientific workshops for sharing research results relevant to CBFM and forest value chains development

Output 3. Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems; and Management Information System (MIS) in place

Output 3 will be produced through the following two interventions:

- 3.1 Enhanced extension and communication services; and
- 3.2 Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) established.

3.1 Enhanced extension and communication services

Capacity development also includes supporting operational forest extension and communication services, and supporting establishment of improved monitoring systems.

Communication and Information Dissemination

The Programme will enhance information management and public awareness on forest policy implementation. A communication and extension plan has been developed for the dissemination of relevant information on forest policy measures regarding CBFM and forest value chains and results of the programme. Policy discussion takes place also at a national level, e.g. National Forestry Conferences.

A communication and extension plan is based on identification of key target audiences, development of tailored messages related to policy and legal issues, including issues related to forestry and climate change, existing opportunities for employment and income generation through forestry activities, sharing experiences on efficient management of forests and efficient utilization of forests and their products. A variety of dissemination means, including mass media channels, will be used and use of innovative approaches for information dissemination is encouraged. For instance, mobile technology could be employed to informing foresters.

In the information dissemination, special attention will be given firstly, mainstreaming gender issues in the information dissemination (e.g. by introducing examples of women participation and avoiding gender-biased messages) and secondly, to ensuring access to information for diverse groups, for instance for illiterate persons. Efforts are made to share information at community level via village notice boards, community radio and use of loud hailers. FORVAC will use the existing structures of hamlets, for example to encourage the hamlet leadership

to convey messages to all members of the village. In this way they will ensure that information of potential activities or meetings reach the maximum numbers, irrespective of their geographic location or disabilities.

In line with the Manual for Bilateral Programmes, the programme communication plan also includes measures for internal information sharing among the various actors and stakeholders involved in the implementation of the programme. These are included in the plan.

It is proposed that the programme will have biannually stakeholder meetings (workshops, seminars) with key CBFM actors. An interactive website has been built to serve as a platform for sharing produced materials, lessons learned and technical papers. Efforts are made to ensure that the stakeholders are well informed on the contents and applications of the national strategies. For this purpose, a helpdesk for CBFM will be set up at the national level to consult practitioners at different implementation levels. This will also coordinate all CBFM activities that are implemented by different stakeholders in Tanzania.

In 2008–2017, Finland in collaboration with other development partners supported Mama Mimitu Campaign run by Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF), a campaign that is addressing good governance in forest sector and ensuring Tanzania community fully benefit from forest resources. Mama Mimitu Campaign has been a good platform to work with national NGOs especially in fighting illegal logging and forest trades. To continue the work of these NGOs, the Programme will support them in specific activities addressing land use plans, illegal logging and timber trade activities. The support will be through using these NGOs as service providers to the project. Results will be disseminated as per the programme communication and extension strategy.

FORVAC's intervention to enhance extension and communication services may include, but is not limited to, the following set of activities:

- Supporting FBD on organizing National forest conference or platform and participating other forest and beekeeping related events
- Assists active journalists committed to forest issues to be further involved in forestry related activities to report and learn new concepts emerging in the forest sector
- Facilitate development of communication strategy
- Develop Extension strategy, taking principles of HRBA and value chain aspect into account
- Support to the development of National PFM/CBFM Apex body
- Support FBD to develop Extension materials and documentary packages
- FORVAC will seek interaction with relevant institutions in charge of the Beekeeping Research Master Plan to agree on joint efforts

3.2 Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) established

In order to have the monitoring and consequently the information dissemination and communication to become successful, the information needs and the roles and responsibilities of FBD, TFS, PO-RALG and districts in collecting, managing and sharing forest data have to be clarified. In addition, both the hardware and software specifications and the capacity of relevant stakeholders to assume monitoring responsibilities need to be carefully analyzed.

National monitoring systems

Attempts have been made to establish national monitoring systems, but so far they have not been completed or taken into use. As a starting point, the programme will explore the current status of monitoring and analyze the problems encountered as well as needs for the data, and the roles and responsibilities on data collection,

processing, and dissemination. The process would also include defining the information needs and responsibilities of various organisations in the development and use of computerized national Management Information System.

Based on this analysis, the Programme will support the establishment of Management Information Systems (MIS) and relevant databases on legal, forest resource, raw material, market information and pricing of products. In addition, capacity development for the use and maintenance of the MIS will be provided. In addition to the setting up, a MIS at the national level, access to market information will be supported for instance by utilizing mobile technologies. It is expected that these platforms will be developed in partnership with relevant private sector actors and other projects programmes will be consulted to identify effective and efficient methods.

The Programme will enhance the capacity, efficiency and transparency of FBD and TFS in the collection of revenue as well as in the information management.

In the development of the MIS, the project team will work in close contact with the MNRT. The respective organizations involved need to nominate a contact person to be in charge of getting the required tasks accomplished. In addition, a person to represent VLFRs will be nominated to provide advice on data collection and use.

FORVAC's intervention to Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) includes for instance the following set of activities:

- Support district & national authorities in monitoring of implementation and results of FORVAC interventions
- Develop and introduce the Management Information System
- Develop a self-sustaining (by end of programme) Market Information System and monitoring systems to fit in with the on-going Management Information System activities
- Update facts and figures of PFM across Tanzania
- Establishment of the VLFR Database

Additionally, the development of efficiency of Tanzanian timber tracking system to monitor timber flows within the country will be included in the workplan under Output 4.

Output 4. Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed

Output 4 will be produced through the following two interventions:

4.1 Improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development; and

4.2 Support to development of forest law enforcement, forest governance and trade of legally sources timber

The intervention of improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development will focus on improvement of legal and policy frameworks to guide and improve sustainable forest management and trade procedures. The programme will support capacity building of the Forest and Beekeeping Division, which will also be supported in provision of development of different methodologies and guidelines, as well as including the production or update and dissemination of necessary technical guidelines to support CBFM and provision of working equipment including three vehicles.

The Programme will support the legislation review and harmonization as deemed necessary. The Programme will also ensure that formulation and revisions of relevant bylaws at field level conform to the national policies and legislation. The Programme directly contributes to various elements of the NFP II and it will provide support to NFP II institutionalization.

Timber measurement systems will also be harmonized as regards the use of conversion tables for calculating tree and wood volumes. This will also involve provision of clarity of timber harvesting and pricing between government owned forests resources and VLFRs.

Main activities of the Intervention 4.1 include among others:

- Advocate for harmonization the forest sector legislation with the legislation of other related sectors, including the revision of the Forest Act and related regulation.
- Carry out relevant studies and establish feedback mechanism to provide inputs to the further design of policy measures promoting various elements of CBFM
- Support training to increase understanding of policies and laws relevant for CBFM development
- Support dissemination of New Forest Policy
- Support development of Charcoal strategy
- Support drafting of Beekeeping Policy and finalization of Beekeeping Research Master Plan
- Facilitate translation of forest related legislation into Kiswahili/popular version and dissemination in the districts and FORVAC villages
- Support production and dissemination of technical guidelines related to CBFM and value chain development.

4.2 Support to development of forest law enforcement, good forest governance and trade of legally sources timber

A continuous development of forest law enforcement is included under the duties of MNRT and TFS. The Government of Tanzania also works to set up and implement the national forest policy and other relevant policies e.g. concerning trade. These policies also refer to roles of local communities and involvement of the private sector in Tanzanian forestry, forest industry and trade in Tanzania and out of the country.

The implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan is a demanding process requiring a number of measures to be taken by the potential partner country, and comprehensive negotiations for the VPA with EU that take years. Additionally, most of the VPA partner countries have needed extensive donor support (e.g. specific FLEGT support projects) to go through the entire process.

Based on the specific review (FORVAC 2018) of available information and discussions with stakeholders, it seems that, at this point of time Tanzania is not ready to enter into implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan and preparations for the VPA – a full FLEGT implementation in Tanzania is not envisaged. In these conditions, taken the timeframe of the FORVAC implementation and the available resources and the core of the programme, development of forest value chains, in to account, FORVAC's general approach to the development of forest law enforcement, forest governance and the trade of legally sources timber would be:

- FORVAC focuses on forest value chain development based on production of timber, charcoal and NWFP/NTFP in the project districts and areas allocated there to local communities (CBFM within Village Land Forest Reserves).

- The FORVAC programme extends its support to development of forest law enforcement, as it is only relevant to the development of CBFM and improvements of conditions for the trade of legally sourced timber, charcoal and other forest products originating from the project area. This also refers to the development of forest governance and trade functions – FORVAC involves in actions linked with forest value chains.

Legal and policy frameworks will be improved and harmonized to guide and improve sustainable forest management and trade procedure. Due to rampant illegal trades, there is a need to introduce new procedures to improve governance and support such systems, which curb illegalities and promote sustainable forest management.

A set of FORVAC activities to develop forest law enforcement, good forest governance and trade of legally sources timber, to be implemented under the Intervention 4.2, in given below:

- Support to set-up a national action plan for developing the Tanzanian Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)
- Support to the formulation of TLAS
- As a sub-component of TLAS, support development of efficient timber tracking system
- Support measures to establish and install electronic devices in the checkpoints to monitor movement of timber (electronic wood tracking system)
- Contribute to a process of reducing number of checkpoints in major highways
- Develop a checkpoint on the highway with modern facilities to work as a demonstration/training site for introduction of improved and more efficient checking procedures and technologies, including software.

Short term consultancies

A tentative international and national short-term consultancy inputs are listed in Table 1. For the extension phase, a tentative list of short-term consultancies is presented in Table 2. Part of the consultancy months remain unspecified for the time being, and will be defined during the course of the project. The current split between the international and national consultancy months should be seen as an indication, and depending on the needs and availability of qualified consultants, the ration could be altered. Good practice is to match the national and international consultancies.

One potential consultancy during the extension is the proposal to pilot the Gender Action Learning System (GALS) in some FORVAC communities. This is in response to the difficulties noted regarding full involvement of women and people in vulnerable positions in decision-making and participation in the value chains, due to the social and cultural norms they are confronting. Rather than working at community level, GALS is a household methodology that aims to begin with improving gender equality at home, then working outwards. This would be proposed to begin in 2023.

Table 1. Short-Term Technical Assistance inputs 2018-2022

Short Term Technical Assistance inputs by outputs and required months	w/m
Project management	2,50
Review of the Programme Document and preparation of budgeted Work Plans	0,75
Preparation of the amended FORVAC Programme Document	0,75

Short Term Technical Assistance inputs by outputs and required months	w/m
Updating FORVAC risk analysis and risk matrix from the point of view of human rights	0,50
Support planning of the Programme extension and compilation of the Annual Workplan 2022-2023	0,50
Output 1: Improved Value Chains and increased Private Sector Involvement in the forest sector	16,75
Market Systems Analysis: A Market Diagnosis for FORVAC	7,00
Land Use Planning Consultant to secure cost-efficient and participatory implementation of the VLUP process and assist to set-up the FORVAC Management Information System (MIS)	7,75
International Forest Value Chain Dev. Expert inputs	2,00
Output 2 Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forestry value chain development enhanced	3,75
TNA, developing capacity building strategy and plan	3,00
Facilitating Forest Inventory Data Analysis Training Workshop in Lindi Cluster	0,75
Output 3. Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place	6,00
Establishment of the FORVAC Management Information System (MIS), training and maintenance	3,00
Preparation of a communication plan	1,00
Development of the CBFM Apex Body	2,50
Total ST inputs in 2028-2022:	29,50 months

Table 2. Tentative list of short term Technical Assistance inputs during AWP 2022-2023 & AWP 2023-2024 (Extension Phase).

Expected Short-Term Technical Assistance inputs by outputs and required months	w/m
Programme management	0,25
Amendment of the PD with the results of SEA and ERET (6 effective working days)	0.25
Output 1. Sustainable forest management mechanisms established, forest-based value chains developed and private sector involvement in the forest sector increased	2,50
Analysis of existing wood demand of buyers for miombo timber and production capacity of local industries in southern/central Regions of Tanzania, identification of market for VLFR timber and establishment of a marketing strategy for this timber (2-3 experts, 2.5 months in total).	2.50
Output 2. Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forest value chain development enhanced	7,25
Piloting the Gender Action Learning System (GALS) in FORVAC	2,75

Assessment of opportunities for increased inclusion of women, PLWD and PiVP in the activities and benefit sharing of VLFRs (1-2 experts)	1.00
Developing VLFR Benefit Sharing Guidelines	1.50
Develop a VCD training module to the curricula of Forestry Training Institute (FTI) Olmotonyi (implementing first a needs assessment both in FTI and Beekeeping Training Institute, TABORA)	2.00
Output 3. Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed	9,00
Data collection and input to update the VLFR/CBFM database covering FORVAC operational area in Lindi, Ruvuma and Tanga Clusters	1.50
Develop and pilot a satellite image -based monitoring of forest cover (deforestation) in the Programme area	3,00
Develop a GIS based tool for to support monitoring of the Programme activities and results and demonstration of the activities on the map, including data input	1.50
Programme-end impact studies	3,00
Output 4. Legal and policy frameworks for CBFM and forest value chains strengthened	4,00
Development of a simplified methodology and guidelines for Participatory Forest Resources Assessment, PFRA (2-3 experts)	2.50
Field assessment (2 districts/4 villages) of Tanzanian timber legality framework (2 experts)	1.50
Unspecified ST consultancies	1,00
Total input by the ST consultants (months):	24,00

4.4 Assumptions

Principal assumption is that the FORVAC programme is based on a high level GoT commitment to sustainable development, sustainable forest management and economic growth as the foundations for poverty reduction and reduced forest degradation.

The Results Chain set out in Figure 1 presents the programme logic. This logic as well as related assumptions will be revised during the first months of the programme. The assumptions are set out below and they are included in the Results Framework (Annex 1).

At the outcome level, the key assumptions of the Programme are:

- Political commitment for sustainable forest management and value chain development in CBFM
- Favourable political, legal and policy framework for Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and towards private sector and civil society engagement in business development
- Institutional stability within MNRT
- Good cooperation between MNRT / FBD, TFS and PO-RALG; all having clear roles on how to support communities and private sector
- Domestic market available for sustainably harvested timber, charcoal, honey and other NWFP products
- Increasing international market access for FSC certified timber
- Level of forest encroachment does not increase

The key assumptions applicable for different outputs include:

- Law enforcement is sufficiently efficient to make legally harvested timber viable
- Management plans fulfilled and are implemented according to sustainability criteria
- Strong leadership and equitable participation of villagers in CBFM is maintained
- FBD and PO-RALG take active stance in solving the coordination and monitoring issues
- PO-RALG allocates sufficient resources to districts
- Villages, private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions
- Political will to support CBFM exists at District level
- A sufficient number of qualified Service providers available
- Domestic market demand increases for lesser-known timber species; for quality honey and other honey products produced in Tanzania
- Other NWFPs (other than honey products) with commercialization potential are available
- Private sector, villagers and VNRC exist in the districts and are interested to participate in value chain development Government organisations willing to implement capacity development results
- Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing and able to implement capacity development and are committed to interact with GoT institutions
- Equitable participation of villagers in CBFM related capacity development
- FBD/TFS and PO-RALG take active stance in promoting capacity building at all levels
- Willingness and ability of relevant educational institutes to include forest value chain development in their curricula
- MNRT and PO-RALG take active stance in extension and communication services along the VC at all levels
- Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing to develop extension and communication
- TFS and FBD and other concerned governmental parties including research institutions, as well private sector and NGOs are committed to set up functional monitoring and MIS systems and provide inputs on regular basis
- Districts, villagers and VNRCs cooperate in collecting data for village monitoring system
- Political will exist for updating and endorsing the sector level policy and legal documents
- GoT committed to support Forest Law and Governance enforcement, as well as implementation of Charcoal strategy
- Private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions in legal and policy revision processes, and GoT takes due recognition

4.5 Beneficiaries and Stakeholders

The achievement of the results of the Programme will require involvement of a broad range of stakeholders including:

- Individual households & villages: villagers involved in CBFM – including specific targets of Women, Youth (under 25 years) and the disadvantaged (people with disabilities or long-term sickness)
- Tanzanian private sector actors in the value chain, such as processors, small enterprises, traders
- Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the government of Tanzania

- Development partners
- Non-governmental organisations, Non-state actors, training institutes, universities and researchers
- The general public, in Tanzania and in Finland

The estimated number of final beneficiaries is 330,000. Besides local communities in eight districts, the beneficiaries include Forest and Beekeeping Division (FBD) of the MNRT, Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) and their staff at national level. They will benefit from the capacity development, improved policies, Sustainable Forest Management guidelines and tools, revenue collection, control of illegal timber trades and benefit sharing mechanisms as well as new methodologies for harvesting and auctioning serving better the private sector entrepreneurs and local communities.

At district and village level the beneficiaries consist of local communities, household members and individual persons in eight districts in some of the most forested parts of Tanzania where there is good potential for generating forest-based income. NBFKP II developed pro-poor CBFM approach which promotes better women's participation in forest management, which will be applied and further developed. They are expected to benefit from the improved performance of Community Based Forest Management. In addition, a vulnerability analysis will be conducted in the target areas to ensure that the rights and opportunities of the vulnerable people will be addressed by the programme in an equal manner.

The capacity building for District Councils and district staff aims to change the emphasis from forest conservation to the sustainable forest management, utilization, and value addition of various forest products. Private sector, entrepreneurs, trader associations and business community will be partners and beneficiaries in the value chain development (harvesting, processing and marketing) and the business community is expected to contribute to employment generation at village and district level. Forest based products' producers will benefit from increased market demands and improved products. The existing service providers, such as NGOs, research and training institutions and their consulting companies, will also benefit from increased opportunities to provide expertise on CBFM. The pool of competent service providers is expected to increase because of emerging demand on quality support services for sustainable forest management. The roles and responsibilities, development needs and expected benefits of the stakeholders are presented in the table 2:

Table 2 Stakeholders

Stakeholder Group	Responsibilities	Development needs and expected benefits from the programme	Issues and Implications for the programme
Forestry and Beekeeping Division (FBD) of MNRT Duty Bearer	Policy and regulation in forestry and bee resources; supervision of law enforcement; technical guidance, in charge of NFP, training institutions (FTI, FITI); coordination of the efforts in climate change mitigation.	Revised policies and strategies; technical guidelines, methodologies for harvesting and auctioning developed; capacity development and information management.	Strengthening the role of CBFM and providing technical support; increase involvement of private sector involvement in CBFM

Stakeholder Group	Responsibilities	Development needs and expected benefits from the programme	Issues and Implications for the programme
Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) Duty bearer	In charge of central government forest reserves and bee resources in all land categories; collects revenue for FBD; markets forest and bee products. NAFORMA	The TFS will benefit from skill enhancements at all levels (including District technical staff).	Clarification of royalty rate determination principles and mandates between TFS and districts; harmonisation of different acts to prevent illegal logging on general lands; forest governance improvement; support to innovative joint ventures and private public partnerships to increase private sector involvement in forests under TFS's custody.
PO-RALG (President's office, Regional Administration and Local Governments) District Council and District technical staff/PFM teams Duty bearer	In charge of forestry and other natural resources management, coordination and monitoring activities. Technical assistance/ extension services to VNRC's; Oversight that district councils are run based on democratic principles.	Improved extension and monitoring; new skills and approaches; new manuals and lessons learned shared across the Programme districts and among the development partners supporting related interventions. District Councils will benefit as the increase in formal business activities will assist the districts in creating revenue to be collected from the forest-product levies and local taxes.	Participation of district PFM teams in forestry and bee resources related activities; either through participating in forests resource assessments, village land use planning or monitoring activities in the village levels. Provision of site-specific knowledge and guidance
Village Councils and Village Natural Resource Committees and producer groups and business entities. Rights Holders (also Duty Bearers)	VLFRs are under the VC jurisdiction and managed by VNRCs. Villagers can establish such institutional arrangements which can make business; e.g. cooperatives and companies	The villages with VLFRs will benefit from improved monitoring and facilitation of CBFM by District Council and District PFM teams and from increased income and employment through value chain development. The VCs and VNRCs capacities will be strengthened to implement and manage CBFM and forest value chains. Institutional capacities of VNRCs and Village Councils	Entrepreneurship approach and customer-oriented marketing skills as well as financial management and control will be enhanced. The producer groups will be facilitated to gain access to additional finance opportunities and advice. Capacity development will be provided for the establishment of saving and loans associations

Stakeholder Group	Responsibilities	Development needs and expected benefits from the programme	Issues and Implications for the programme
		will be enhanced to manage village forests responsibly.	(Village Community Banks, VICOBA) and/or collaboration with existing VICOBA's.
Entrepreneurs, traders' associations and business community	The private businesses and entrepreneurs will buy wood from the communities and further process them into high quality timber, furniture and other wood products. Charcoal producers will sell their products to the organised traders who will deliver the products to the markets. NTWPs will also be harvested and sold in the local, district and national markets.	They will benefit from information and capacity building, and ultimately from improved potential to run their businesses. The companies will ultimately benefit from improved potential to run business. Input producers will benefit from increased market demand.	The business community contributes to income and employment generation at village and district level. Skills development and gradually market-driven approach makes the VLFR's self-financing. Establishment of different business models will contribute to that end and increase institutional sustainability.
Service providers, such as NGOs, research institutions and their consulting companies	Provide services along the value chain from forests to markets.	Improved skills and opportunities to provide assistance and services to the communities and districts. The Programme orientation to VLFR Governance and management and to wood and non-wood based forest product value chains will assist them to focus their organizational and human resource development activities to developing additional services to cater for the expanding market.	Service providers will be employed through outsourcing principle to provide different services along the value chain from forests to markets.

In addition, the stakeholders of the Programme include the following:

- Civil society organizations, NGOs and Community-based Organizations (CBOs) engaged in e.g. community development activities, e.g. Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) and MJUMITA
- Private sector, forest industry and other related bodies, e.g. Tanzania Forest Industries Federation SHIVIMITA.
- Forestry, socio-economic research and policy institutes, e.g. Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania Forest Research Institute (TAFORI), and UONGOZI Institute
- Other government institutions (Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Industry Trade and Marketing, National Land Use Planning Commission, Regional secretariats, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Cooperatives, Ministry of Water and Irrigation)
- Forestry and beekeeping colleges (Forest Training Institute, FTI, Forest Industries Training Institute, FITI, Beekeeping Training Institute, BTI) and Sokoine University of Agriculture – it is expected that the expansion of Programme activities will offer employment opportunities for the young graduates of these institutions.
- Development Partners active in participatory forest management, private sector and value chain development and institutional development. The Programme will coordinate and seek synergies with other projects and interventions in the sector (see Annex 9).

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. Inception Period

The inception period will be the first six months of the Programme. The purpose of this inception phase is to establish a sound management system for the programme, to build the team, to introduce the programme to the key stakeholders and to set up an overall work plan with key milestones and deliverables for the Programme. The Programme and its partners will make detailed district or cluster and programme level annual plans, review and start revising NFBKP II approaches, mechanisms and structures. The inception phase also includes background studies and preparation work (e.g. development of a communication plan, market system analysis) and setting up the baselines and target values.

Conditions for a smooth start and implementation of the programme are partly in place because of the NFBKP II (vehicles) that can be maintained and used by FORVAC. Further, most guidelines, manuals, implementation arrangements and procedures will remain in place.

The activities of the inception phase include, among others:

- Finalising results chain, establishing or revising baselines and elaborating indicators
- Preparing an overall work plan with key milestones and deliverables
- Preparing of a Programme Implementation Manual
- Collecting the existing tools (guidebooks, training materials etc.) from previous projects
- Launching necessary baseline studies and surveys
- Developing a communication plan for the programme
- Conducting a market system analysis on the present status and financial viability of key value chains (primarily timber, but also charcoal, honey), including:
 - o sector/value chain characteristics
 - o resource base, licensing and pricing
 - o financial feasibility/profitability at producer level
 - o domestic and export demand for products
 - o effect of illegal activities
 - o processing capacity/structures and profitability at mill gate; status of hardwood sawmilling
 - o certification requirements
 - o service provision arrangements
 - o marketing arrangements and branding
- Identifying site-specific problems that constrain achievement of desired results and impact, taking into account existing best field lessons on sustainable forest management and value chains
- Familiarizing with frameworks, which promote local development and are essential for private sector involvement, economic growth, and entrepreneurship, and analysing policies and acts, which create enabling environment for private sector actors
- Inception phase is also a stage to ensure that human rights principles and crosscutting objectives of Finland's development policy are set as guiding principles of the entire programme operation and management from the beginning.

The Steering Committee and the Supervisory Board meetings will approve the overall work plan (RBM). This will be arranged in the end of the inception phase to define programme's approach and approve the proposed changes to the Programme Document. It will also aid to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the implementing partner(s), to agree on the contributions of each stakeholder for the first year (based on work plans and programme budgets) and to specify the reporting and performance monitoring requirements and responsibilities with the institutions involved. Discussions and decisions made during the meetings shall be recorded in minutes or in other joint documents (e.g. aide-memoires).

5.2 Planning, monitoring and reporting

Planning: The operational planning of the Programme will be based on the overall programme work plan and budget, to be developed in accordance with the Programme Document and the programme's result chain and result framework. The result framework will give a clear and concise picture of the expected outputs and their targets, planned activities and the proposed fund allocations for the period. Annual work plans in turn, will specify annual result targets and milestones (based on the indicators of the results framework). The annual budgets will be prepared as part of the annual work planning process in a table format, with accompanying justifications and explanatory notes.

Actual field activities will be carried out by different service providers, and also district Participatory Forest Management professionals can be engaged in these teams. The work plan will indicate clearly all the activities to be carried out under supervision and guidance of each Cluster Coordinator in districts. All the activities will be planned and implemented together with district PFM teams, which consist of forest officers responsible with promotion of CBFM at the district level, or PO-RALG natural resources adviser who is overlooking the district forest officers. PFM teams will also supervise and monitor different activities together with VNRCs/VCs.

Monitoring: Results indicators are defined in the Results Framework. These indicators will be reviewed during the inception period and baselines as well as target values will be established. To the extent possible, the monitoring systems shall be based on the existing monitoring systems developed during the previous programmes. For instance, the NFBKP II district level monitoring was done based on the separate result-based framework. Furthermore, the village monitoring indicators of the Socio-economic Assessment (SEA) may be used to track progress on pro-poor, inequality-reducing, gender-focussed and right-based implementation.

Concerning capacity development, relevant outcome and output indicators will be selected. In addition, regarding the results of strengthening the TFS as an institution, the monitoring systems should track not only the outputs or benefits by the individuals but also the overall benefits of the institution.

The key mechanisms and processes of the Programme monitoring include:

- Information collection by the programme personnel.
- Data collection and progress reports from districts, based on discussions with PO-RALG and Districts through the District Performance Agreement Framework (PAF) or by establishing a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Progress reports from Service providers through Service Provider PAF, reporting from UONGOZI institute, TFS, FTI, FITI and Sokoine University of Agriculture will be done based on similar PAF framework.
- Field monitoring visits.

In addition to the programme's own monitoring systems, the MFA will contract an external review and evaluation team (ERET) consisting of two members (one international and one local consultant) to support systematic M&E. The ERET consultancy will consist of the following:

1. Review of the evaluability of the programme: at the end of the inception phase, the M&E consultancy will review the programme's M&E and reporting framework and mechanisms to ensure that a solid basis for results-based M&E is in place.
2. Annual reviews: the M&E consultancy will conduct annual review missions to assess progress and to validate and deepen the programme's internal M&E. These reviews will be conducted before the planning of the next year's WP.

Reporting: The districts and service providers will report on progress on quarterly basis and on financial expenditure on monthly basis (based on the arrangements to be established in the programme implementation manual, PIM). Feedback will be provided to the districts/PO-RALG and other service providers. Where service delivery framework will include reporting on results and outcomes of the interventions Feedback will include discussions and agreement on possible corrective measures.

The reporting will follow the guidance of the MFA Manual for Bilateral Programmes. Reporting shall be based on the indicators defined in the results framework. The output indicators and milestones will be tracked at semi-annual level while the outcome and impact indicators will be tracked at annual level. The progress reports will include narrative sections explaining the financial and physical progress, analysis of assumptions and risks, qualitative aspects and implementation issues as well as quantitative data on progress.

The annual reports will include an analysis of the risks and realization of the assumptions, which is essential information for the steering of the programme. In addition, the contributions from the GoT will be reported on annual basis.

Circulation and dissemination of results and lessons learned is required to improve the sustainability and impact of the Programme. The communication plan addresses this.

Human Rights Based Approach

A Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) integrates the norms, principles, standards and goals of the international human rights system into development plans and processes. It is closely linked to national and international legal responsibilities, to which Tanzania is a signatory. Rights-holders are those who can legitimately claim a right - in this case, Tanzanian citizens participating in forest value chains in the FORVAC area. Duty-bearers in the FORVAC case are government bodies, who are responsible for protecting and facilitating the achievement of citizens' rights.

HRBA concerns the right to the process, rather than to the outcome: all human beings have the right to participate in their social, political, economic and cultural development. However, resources are limited and resource sharing is not yet perfect. The state has the obligation to support and empower its people's right to development, via enacting legislation, production systems, etc. This doesn't mean that rights holders can demand perfect achievement of their rights immediately. The State has the obligation to prepare a strategy for progressively achieving universal access. With rights come responsibilities – citizens should care for their forests and behave responsibly. Further details regarding the HRBA can be found in the document "Human Right Based Approach in Finland's Development Cooperation – Guidance Note, 2015".

FORVAC will mainstream a Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) issues through programme activities, including communications. In particular, aspects of transparency and participation are supported by the communications activities.

6. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

6.1. Implementing Agency

The implementing agency is the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania, Forest and Beekeeping Division (FBD). Tanzanian Forest Services Agency (TFS), which is responsible for state forests and forest revenue collection, and PO-RALG district authority, responsible for village land forest reserves, are service providers. In addition, communities have the main implementation responsibility, together with districts under the PO-RALG, private sector entities and NGOs as service providers. VLFRs are managed by VNRCs and are accountable to the Village Councils. A consulting company was selected to support the implementation of the programme. The roles and responsibilities of the consultant company are defined in the bilateral agreement and the services in the contract signed between MFA and the company, including Home Office Coordination functions in quality assurance and in supporting results based management and implementation.

Decision Making

The decision-making system of the Programme includes a Supervisory Board, the Steering Committee and Programme Management Team. At the district and village levels, coordination arrangements remain predominantly as previously established under the NFBKP II, which used the district forest officers as the district project coordinators, who were overlooking activities of the project in the district and at the village level. At the village level, the NFBKP II project worked with village natural resources committees (VNRC) mandated by the village to overlook village land forest reserves on behalf of the village governments and report to the village governments. However, when decisions (approval of management plans, harvesting plans, land use plans and sharing forest revenue and expenditure) needing the endorsement of the village as a whole were made, the entire village was involved through the village assemblies.

In addition, there are three Cluster Coordinators who support their respective Clusters. District authorities (District Councils) in cooperation with the Village Councils are the immediate supervisors of field activities related to the VLFRs and collaborate with private sector entrepreneurs. District PFM teams provide technical backup to the Village Natural Resource Committees, primarily on village land use planning, forest resource assessments and forest management and harvesting planning.

For the FORVAC Extension Phase (2022-2024) the programme activities will be focused in Ruvuma and Lindi Clusters, and in Tanga Cluster FORVAC will continue supporting only selected activities that continue the work that has been implemented and are considered as successful interventions already during 2018-2022. For the Extension Phase the number of Cluster Coordinators will be decreased to two (Ruvuma and Lindi Cluster Coordinators). A post of Forest Management and Value Chain Development Expert that integrates the key working themes of FORVAC is created, with the duty station in Songea. The respective ToR can be found in Annex 4. This arrangement will strengthen the FORVAC Team work, especially as all the team members, except Lindi Cluster Coordinator, will work from the new FORVAC office in Songea. The Songea based staff, TAs and support staff will be able to support the whole Programme area communities, businesses and organisations in professional matters (CBFM; FMP; VCD, etc).

The **Supervisory Board (SB)** is the highest decision making body of the Programme. It is comprised of the following members:

- MNRT (Chairperson)
- MFA – Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland represented by the Embassy of Finland (Co-Chair)
- MoFP – Ministry of Finance and Planning (Member, represented by the Permanent Secretary)

- MoIT – Ministry of Industries and Trade (Member)
- Ministry of Energy (Member)
- Tanzania Forestry Working Group (TFWG)
- PO-RALG

The members of the Supervisory Board are legal representatives of their countries entitled to make agreements and commitments in relation to the programme implementation and use of resources. Its mandate is to agree upon decisions affecting the Programme at the country agreement level, i.e. approve major changes in the Programme strategy and/or financing. It approves the Annual Work Plans, budgets and reports. The SB meets once a year, and in case needed, upon request by one of the parties. The secretariat is made up of the Chief Technical Adviser and the National Programme Coordinator. The TOR of the SVB is presented in FORVAC PIM.

The programme **Steering Committee (SC)** is responsible for the overall steering of the programme implementation. The members of the SC are representatives of the organizations directly involved or influenced by programme implementation, including the MFA represented by the Embassy. The (SC) meets semi-annually to monitor the Programme performance and agree upon adjustments and revisions on the Annual Work Plan and Budget. The members of the SC are given below:

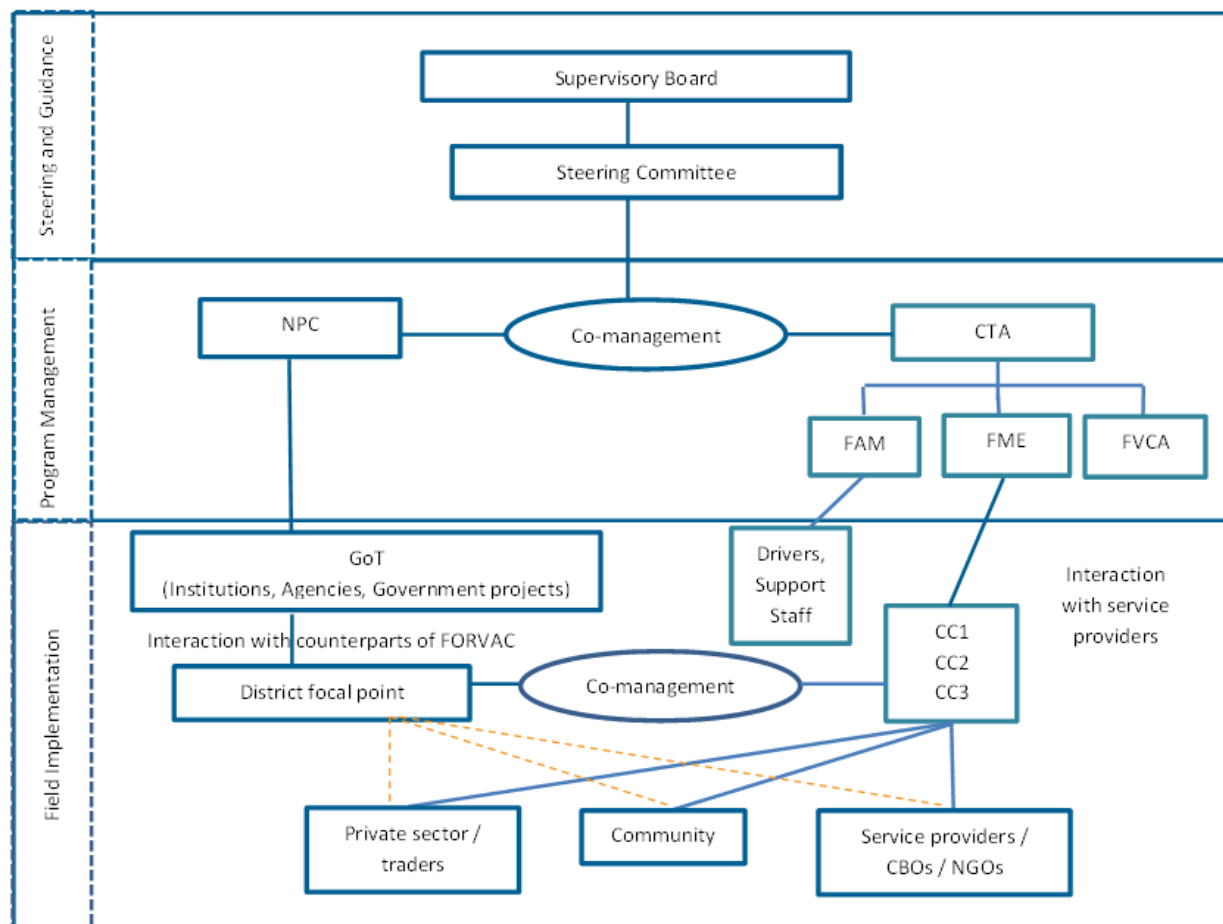
- FBD – Forestry and Beekeeping Division, MNRT (Chair)
- MFA – Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland represented by the Embassy of Finland (Co-Chair)
- ALAT – Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (Member)
- PO-RALG – President’s Office, Regional and Local Government (Member)
- SHIVIMITA – Tanzania Forest Industries Federation (Member)
- TaWoFe – Tanzania Woodworking Federation (Member)
- TFS – Tanzania Forest Service (Member)
- TFWG – Tanzania Forestry Working Group (Member)
- THC – Tanzania Honey Council (Member)
- NPC – National Programme Coordinator, ex-officio secretary, non-voting member; and
- CTA – Chief Technical Adviser (non-voting member)
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Environment
- Representative of ACAMEDIA (to be agreed by competent authorities)
- Regional Commissioner’s Office (Ruvuma, Lindi)

The National Programme Coordinator and the Chief Technical Adviser of the Programme form the technical secretariat and are non-voting members of the SC. The TOR of the SC is presented in FORVAC PIM.

The Programme Management Team (PMT) is responsible for the programme implementation. The PMT is co-chaired by the National Programme Coordinator (assigned by the GoT) and Chief Technical Adviser (CTA). The Programme Management Team consists of the National Programme Coordinator, Chief Technical Adviser, National Forest Management Expert, Value Chain Development Expert and National Finance Manager. The Programme Management Team will function directly under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Forestry Development of the FBD but will be accountable and reports to the Steering Committee. The PMT will ensure effective and efficient day-to-day management of the Programme. The PMT shall meet on weekly basis, or based on the needs as deemed necessary, to assess the progress of Programme activities, develop plans for the coming month and quarter and make day-to-day decisions for the implementation of the Programme. The Terms of Reference of the PMT is presented in FORVAC PIM.

To the extent possible, the Programme management and nominations for the SB, SC and PMT should take into consideration gender balance in their membership. Both competent authorities officially nominate their representatives.

Figure 1. Programme Institutional Framework



District authorities and Cluster Coordinators

Original originally the Programme covered 8 districts in 3 regions, called clusters (Tanga, Lindi and Ruvuma). Field operations in these clusters are led by relevant Cluster Coordinators. Gradually by 2020, the number of districts covered has increased to twelve (12) from July 2020 to June 2022 as follows:

- 12 districts in 5 regions (Tanga cluster: Handeni and Kilindi in Tanga region and Mpwapwa in Dodoma region and Suledo Community Forest in Kiteto District in Manyara region; Lindi cluster: Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea; Ruvuma cluster: Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru districts)

During the extension phase 7/2022-7/2024, the Programme focusses on working in the following regions and districts:

- 8 districts in Lindi (Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea) and Ruvuma (Namtumbo, Mbinga, Songea, Nyasa and Tunduru) clusters (regions); limited operations in Kilindi and Handeni districts in Tanga region

At the district and village levels, the FORVAC Cluster Coordinators collaborate closely with the District Forest Officers overseeing activities of the project in the district and village level. District authorities (District Council), together with Village Councils are the immediate supervisors on the ground and they provide monitoring and evaluation assistance (enforcing the legislation) and technical advice in the field level.

During the inception phase, separate work plans with financial inputs were prepared for all the Programme districts with District PFM teams. Their roles were defined as technical officers providing monitoring and technical backup in the field activities to the VNRCs (under VC guidance and supervision) and as service providers e.g. in forest resources assessment and management planning. This ensured that the Village Natural Resource Committees and other community-based producer organisations fulfil their obligations and implement the activities in a timely fashion. The main set-up was carried over from NFBKP II (and partly from LIMAS).

At the district and village levels, coordination arrangements have remained predominantly as previously established under the NFBKP II. In addition, there were three Clusters comprised of respective districts and three **Cluster Coordinators** who support their respective Cluster. During the extension phase 2022-2024, two clusters, Lindi and Ruvuma, remain fully operational each with respective Cluster Coordinator. Lindi Cluster Coordinator together with the Programme Forest Management and Value Chain Expert coordinate activities which continue at the limited level in Kilindi and Handeni districts in Tanga region. The Cluster Coordinators in the TA team (Lindi CC based in Ruangwa district; Ruvuma CC based in Songea) supervise and provide technical support in programme management to all the districts of their respective cluster. They report to the Forest Management and Value Chain Expert and to districts through the PO-RALG.

The Chief Technical Advisor and the National Programme Coordinator jointly are responsible for the overall coordination, administration, reporting and finances of the Programme. The long-term and short-term Technical Assistance (international and national) work directly under CTA. The Financial Manager works under the direct supervision of CTA. Programme support staff will report to the Financial Manager.

6.2. Role of Private Sector, Service Providers

The implementation of the forest management and value chain development activities is the responsibility of the villagers as managers and users of the forest resources. However, apart from the few pilot villages where NFBKP or LIMAS had provided some support to 2nd generation CBFM issues during 2013-2015, the capacities of communities to implement such activities was limited. Therefore, the role of private sector and civil society is very important; as NGOs and private sector actors act as service providers. They are provided with training to ensure skills transfer.

NGOs are primarily engaged in the establishment of VLFRs, land use plans and forest management activities to transfer technical knowledge and skills. The private sector has a role to play as contractors in harvesting as well as in trading, distributing, and processing forest and related products to transfer business and technical skills along the value chain. The private sector can provide technologies, knowledge and experiences in saw milling, transportation, processing and packaging of products and access to distribution channels and markets. Their role is to promote environmentally sound technologies in the sector to facilitate sustainable harvesting and utilization of forest products.

Business models and institutional arrangements with responsible saw millers and other contractors and traders are being developed and established to assist in commercialization of the VLFRs. Cooperation with the WWF supported operations in the Southern Tanzania is worth considering, including sawmilling technologies and arrangements as applied by SULEDO and MCDI.

LIMAS and NFBKP II contracted Service providers to assist communities in Village Land Forest Reserve establishment, land use planning forest management and harvesting planning, facilitating timber sales and in launching some other value chain development activities (honey). A Service Provider model has also been applied in district capacity building and it can be applied in monitoring and supervision tasks. The experiences have been largely positive and demonstrate competence, albeit relatively small pool of private sector, NGO and CBO actors available in Tanzania for the purpose. Community-Based Organizations may be able to perform some of the activities if well supervised.

7. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The consulting company is in charge of channelling all the programme funds and all the financial management at the national and district levels. Financial management and financial administration is done following the regular MFA Finland consulting company contract model; i.e. the selected consulting company finances the Programme implementation and invoices the incurred costs from MFA Finland following the MFA Finland's Standard Terms of Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Costs.

Agreements needed for the financial arrangements include

- Intergovernmental agreement between governments of Finland and Tanzania
- Consulting contract between MFA Finland and the selected consulting company
- Sub-contracting contracts between the Consulting Company and Service providers / other sub-contractors, based on the lessons learned from previous bilateral projects NFBKP II and PFP

Procurement: Procurement is done according to Finnish Procurement laws (Project Implementation Manual will be written during inception phase) and the formal decision maker regarding procurement is the steering committee. The consulting company in close collaboration with the Programme Entities carries out the procurement.

The Programme uses service providers to provide the needed services during implementation. The Terms of Reference for service provision contracts are developed during Programme implementation. The service providers are selected based on open, competitive tenders applying selection criteria that assess the quality and cost of the service using quality-cost based selection criteria. This is also expected to encourage expansion of the Service Provider pool during the Programme.

8. EVALUATIONS AND AUDITS

An external review and evaluation team (ERET) provides annual reviews of the Programme. An independent evaluation will be commissioned by the Competent Authorities after the end of the Programme. The Programme will assign an external auditor or auditors who shall focus on the use and management of the financial resources allocated to the Programme. The scope and timing of audits will be decided jointly or independently by SB.

9. MEANS AND BUDGET

9.1. Human Resources

National Programme Coordinator (4 years full time) is selected and appointed by FBD. He/ she will be a GoT employee.

The Technical Assistance will comprise the following:

- Chief Technical Adviser (International TA, 4 years full time) (4x10,5 w/m, total 42 working months); Extension Phase: 2x 10,5 w/m, total 21 w/m;
- Value Chain Development Adviser (International 14 months short term); Extension phase: 4+3 w/m, total 7 w/m;
- National Forest Management Expert (National TA, 4 years full time) (4x10,5 w/m, total 42 working months); Extension phase: National Forest Management and Value Chain Expert 10,5+8,5 w/m, total 19 w/m;
- Cluster Coordinator, Lindi (National TA, total 36 w/m); Extension phase: 10,5+8,5, total 19 w/m
- Cluster Coordinator, Ruvuma, (National TA, total 36 w/m); Extension phase: 10,5+8,5 w/m, total 19 w/m
- Cluster Coordinator, Tanga (National TA, total 36 w/m); Extension phase: post discontinued
- Financial Manager (National TA, 4 years full time) (4x10,5 w/m, total 42 working months); Extension phase: 2x 10,5 w/m, total 21 w/m

The ToRs of each of the TA staff are presented in Annex 4.

For the Extension Phase the posts of the International Junior Expert, focusing on M&E and media, and National Junior Expert, focusing on value chains, will continue. Their inputs are resourced from the operational budget. In addition, a Financial Accountant will be funded through operational budget.

The Programme TA staff includes also:

- A pool of short term international and national consultants, and regular home office backup covering the entire Programme lifetime. For the Extension Phase a total of 23 w/m will be allocated for ST consultancies. Tentatively 9 ST TA months are used to support implementation of the AWP 2021-2022 and 14 person-months for the Extension Phase.

Support staff consists of five drivers. FBD may assign additional support and other staffs at the expense of Government of Tanzania.

The job descriptions for the above key staff are attached as Annex 4, Terms of Reference of FORVAC Management. The Terms of Reference for the short-term consultants will be prepared based on needs identified during the Programme implementation and approved by the Steering Committee or by the agreed representatives of MNRT and MFA. It is essential that the expert team and particularly the national forest management expert and cluster coordinators have business and entrepreneurship competence, CBFM and business orientation.

For a smooth mobilisation of the Programme, the Chief Technical Adviser (international), the Forest Management Expert (National), Value Chain Development Adviser (international) and the Finance Manager (national) have been available from the beginning of the programme implementation. Other national experts and support staff were recruited afterwards.

9.2. Budget and Financial Resources

The total initial budget of the Programme was EUR 9.95 million (Finnish contribution). The Government of Tanzania contribution (in kind) consists of salaries and all expenses of government staff at central (including the proposed National Programme Coordinator), regional and district level and of provision of office space to the Technical Assistance experts. This will amount to EUR 200,000. The revised budget for the full implementation period 2018-2024 is approximately EUR 14.15 million (Finnish contribution).

The original budget estimate for the years 2018-2022 and the budget estimate for two-year extension is shown in Table 3.¹⁴ The detailed revised Programme budget 2018-2024, including extension phase period, is shown in Annex 2.1. The detailed original Programme budget for four years (2018-2022) is presented in Annex 2.2.

Table 3 Programme Budget

	Item	Budget, EUR			
		2018-2022		Extension phase 2022-2024	
		Finland	Tanzania	Finland	Tanzania
1	Technical Assistance (TA)				
1.1	TA International + HO coordination	853 000		450 667	
1.2	TA National	810 762		347 500	
2	Reimbursable TA cost	521 538		404 539	
3	ST TA	435 000		360 000	
1+2+3	Subtotal	2 620 300		1 562 706	
4	Implementation costs				
4,1	Output 1	3 256 580		824 187	
4.2	Output 2	1 511 833		452 990	
4.3	Output 3	388 647		186 359	
4.4	Output 4	436 679		200 273	
4.5	Programme management and admin.	1 451 920		504 734	
4.6	Support Staff	259 562		319 251	
4	Subtotal	7 305 220		2 487 794	
5	Tanzanian Input				
5.1	Staff /Support staff				
5.2	Office costs, Equipment, Transport				
5	Subtotal				
Total	without contingency	9 925 520		4 050 500	
	Contingency	18396		152 238	
	International TA - briefing	3 346		0	
	Subtotal	21 742		152 238	
GRAND TOTAL, ALL		9 947 262		4 202 738	

¹⁴ Note that some of the 2022-2024 funds were allocated to be used already during the period 1-7/2022 in order to allow flexible and continuous Programme implementation without any gaps.

Total programme budget	14 150 000 + 200 000 EUR (national)
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10. Sustainability

The Programme has been designed in a manner that the anticipated outputs in the Programme Districts and Villages are gradually expected to be at a sustainable level towards to the end of Programme. An exit strategy will be drafted during the first year of the programme and elaborated before the last year of implementation. It needs to ensure that extension services are available to communities and forest owners by service providers, districts, NGOs and TFS and those communities need to be ready to pay for these services. Thus, at the beginning of the programme a long-term operative and financing strategy for extension services needs to be put in place, including counterpart funding. In such cases where timber and other forest based operations will be financially feasible, the VLFRs can sustain the extension services. Even in case of commercialization or marketing of timber and non-timber forest products the communities will need continuous institutional and technical support for a long time. This continuous support can be provided by private sector actors or NGOs if partnerships have been set up. There is also a need to strengthen the producer organization model (associations/CBOs etc.) in the field of forestry, which assists in networking and lobbying, providing technical assistance, negotiation powers, product sales and such, and can even become business organizations (cooperatives or companies). Here safeguards need to be in place to ring-fence the VLFR from unnecessary risks.

In addition, measures should be taken how to finance VLFR activities in such places where no immediate revenues are available in the near future. Altogether, there is need to assess the present royalty flows or taxes etc. in the field (TFS, VLFRs, TRA etc.) and increase transparency of such flows and find new incentive systems for financing sustainable forest management in poorly stocked woodlands.

11. RISKS AND MITIGATION MEASURES (amended on 13 February 2022, and again in October 2022 and August, 2023)

The contextual risks, which reflect the national situation, are elaborated in the Country Strategy. The programme and intervention related risks are often linked to the capacity and readiness of the local counterparts for reforms. One common problem in almost all interventions is poor financial management and corruption, which hinder aid effectiveness and achievement of results. Governance and corruption issues are regularly brought up in the political dialogue with the Government and in connection with bilateral support and interventions. Civil society's role in monitoring the Government's actions and use of public funds is also strengthened.

This risk and mitigation table has been updated in response to annual FORVAC external Evaluation Reviews, with the 2023 review recommendations being the last review to be considered in the matrix.

Risk	Likelihood of Risk	Impact of Risk	Evidence	Risk response
Contextual Risks				
Widespread corruption in all levels of society which can be reflected in the programme implementation in form of reduced transparency and unhealthy competition. It may also result in social inequality and widened gap between the rich and poor. (However, it is noted that the perception of corruption is lessening).	Medium	High	In 2015, the ranking in the Corruption Perceptions Index was 117/ 168 countries and 87/180 in 2021: source https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2021/index/tza . Forest Governance and Timber Trade Flows within, to and from Eastern and Southern African Countries Tanzania Study, 2014.	Anticorruption policy is applied in FORVAC's operations by the MFA Finland, MNRT and the programme. Potential leakages along the value chain are assessed and interventions regarding corrupt practices are applied, if needed, by the Programme and MNRT. Regular audits are made by the GoT and MFA Finland made. Risk monitoring and response are an integral part programme management (followed up in Supervisory Board). Governance and corruption issues are regularly considered in the political dialogue within the GoT, and between the Embassy of Finland and the GoT.
The need of capturing more agriculture land for food security, which will cause high deforestation and forest degradation due to rapid population growth (2.8%)	High	High	NAFORMA results clearly indicate that particularly natural Miombo woodlands are rapidly degrading in terms of wood stock per ha.	Village land use plans prepared for all forest-adjacent villages to keep invaders out. Enforcement of forest policies and forest control systems to reduce unsustainable use of forests. FORVAC should promote improved information sharing (for instance, increasing the sharing of VLUP maps (MNRT has the responsibility to monitor, along with the district authority in collaboration with the land use planning commission).
Unsustainable agricultural practices (especially shifting cultivation) are a main driver of deforestation and pose a serious risk for CBFM.	High	High	ERET and SEA 2022 findings	There is a need to support a shift to sustainable agricultural systems. However, this is largely beyond the scope of the final two years of FORVAC. As noted in the AWP 2022/23, "During Year 5 of the Programme implementation, as in case of Year 4, the focus will be on the value chain development related activities, and base activities (1.1) will only be done in strategic cases, which contribute to the on-going processes and approaches. Forest management planning is seen of

Risk	Likelihood of Risk	Impact of Risk	Evidence	Risk response
				this type: formulation, or renewal every five years, are required to run timber sales from VLFRs.”
The effective protection and management of VLFRs might result in increased pressure and unsustainable practices in general village lands.	Medium	High	ERET and SEA 2022 findings	PiVPs and also many common villagers are dependent on the use of general village lands for wood and non-wood products, but they are not well managed. In addition to VLFRs and VLUPs, improved management of these other village lands must be encouraged in discussions with VCs. FORVAC is preparing a satellite image system. This will be piloted in 4-6 villages. Towards the end of the programme the findings will be analysed, including any possible impacts on surrounding village lands. While this is too late for FROVAC, the findings can inform future forest management decisions.
Global and local pandemics such as COVID-19.	Medium	High	Experiences gained during COVID-19. Impacts recorded in Annual Reports of FORVAC	When pandemics occur, FORVAC will continue to follow national and international guidelines to ensure safe operations for all stakeholders considering youth, elder and other risk groups. Based on national and international guidelines, FORVAC has developed programme specific COVID-19 guidelines for i) service providers and ii) activities directly implemented by FORVAC.
Programmatic risks				
Lack of political will and consensus to harmonize legal and policy framework	High	High	Stakeholder consultations Studies carried out by NGOs Annual Reports of FORVAC	Studies and background analyses for evidence-based decision making. Support to development of Tanzanian Timber Legality Framework (with TRAFFIC). Support more meetings between Government representatives and NGOs, private sector and community representatives to improve communication regarding CBFM, related VCs and GN417. FORVAC had planned to carry out ST consultancy on GN417 in 2022-23. However, as of October 2022, the Government is now modifying GN417 based on feedback received from many stakeholders. Consequently, this input is no longer needed.
Limited capacity of various actors (MNRT/FBD/PO-RALG and districts and TFS, private sector and NGOs).	High	High	Stakeholder interviews FORVAC reports	Tailored and targeted capacity development; external technical assistance is an important input in complex programmes; ensuring ownership to programme at all levels.

Risk	Likelihood of Risk	Impact of Risk	Evidence	Risk response
				Further financial and human resources are needed from Government actors.
Conflict over forest access between VNRCs and persons who are not aware of forest plans or not included, such as pastoralists, squatters, etc.	Medium	Medium	Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC	<p>FPIC processes have been observed. Where there have been later problems, efforts have been made to consult with 'outsiders' and resolve conflicts by involving them in sustainable forest management. Unlikely in the future as there will not be new land use plans made in FORVAC. In 5-year review of forest management plans invitations will be issued to all forest users (beyond FORVAC, therefore to be monitored by MNRT, districts and village councils)</p> <p>Capacity building of District Authorities on conflict management on land and related natural resources uses.</p>
Uneven participation and information sharing leads to increased gender and social inequity due to lack of willingness to take gender equality and social inclusion into account.	Low	Medium	<p>Socio-economic assessment for NFBKP II project for 8 villages and experiences from the NFBKP II project.</p> <p>PFP Study on HRBA</p> <p>Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC.</p> <p>Additional socio-economic study held in Lindi and Ruvuma Clusters in February 2022, to gather up-to-date information on recent developments.</p>	<p>Changing the traditions and cultural norms requires engagement and education of religious and traditional leaders, men and entire community. The programme includes targeted measures for women and vulnerable groups, as well as mainstreaming. Representative participation will be incorporated in all studies and capacity development.</p> <p>When organizing events and trainings, FORVAC will actively look for women speakers & role models to give positive examples of women leadership. When choosing visuals and communicating, FORVAC will ensure that both men and women represented.</p> <p>FORVAC will apply quotas (in line with Government requirements) and representative participation in all activities. By providing women and vulnerable groups the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their capacities, social norms are changing.</p> <p>Targeted support to women and vulnerable groups to develop forest-based enterprises or gain employment.</p> <p>Targeted awareness-raising activities with youth on sustainable forestry and environmental issues.</p> <p>Exchange visits to areas with successful interventions in CBFM and VCs, in order to promote awareness raising.</p> <p>It is recognised that social norms may limit the active participation of all community members. It is very problematic to lead significant cultural/social norm changes from a small project team, yet a vast, widely spread number of beneficiaries. It is proposed to carry out a pilot of the GALS</p>

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				methodology at household level to empower women and PiVPs, and build on gender equality and social inclusion (see discussion in short term consultancies list in the project document).
Inequitable benefit sharing, with vulnerable groups of villages excluded from forest activities	Medium	Medium	Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC from 2021 onwards	<p>Social Funds are used to benefit vulnerable groups as well as village community in general. It is the duty of the VCs and VNRCs to ensure that they consult beneficiaries on use of the funds, share information on decisions and manage funds transparently. FORVAC will work with VC and VNRCs to strengthen communication of decision-making opportunities. However, it is recognised that not all villagers are willing participants, and FORVAC does not have the staff available to work in an intensive fashion with all potential participants. This is in the hands of the VC and VNRC.</p> <p>The development of the Benefit Sharing Guideline has been included in the AWP 2022-23 (Output 2.1), with 2 short term consultancies - to assess opportunities for increased inclusion of women, PLWD and PiVP in activities and benefit sharing; and for development the VLFR benefit sharing guidelines</p>
Occupational health and safety risks, or infringement of labour rights of forest or enterprise workers	Low	Medium	Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC (including service providers)	Training given to VNRCs in safe forest work & safety gear provided. Part of workers are VNRC members.
Limited number of private sector actors who could provide investments, know-how and increase transparency and efficiency in the value chain from forests to markets.	High	High	Stronger Private Sector Involvement has been highlighted in preparation of the Programme Document for FORVAC. Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC.	<p>FORVAC has supported MNRT to establish Forest Policy Implementation Strategy and Beekeeping Policy Implementation Strategy. These documents include sections of private sector involvement. Still, additional policy dialogue is required and work on other risks such as financial feasibility, royalty rates and institutional aspects that constitute major bottlenecks.</p> <p>Limited number of investors in the Programme area, but the increased availability of legal timber is assumed to increase the investments.</p> <p>FORVAC is supporting private sector actors to come to the village areas to improve NTFP and timber value chains in a sustainable manner. Short term consultancies planned under Output 1.2 - Analysis of existing wood demand of buyers for miombo timber and production capacity of local industries in</p>

Risk	Likelihood of Risk	Impact of Risk	Evidence	Risk response
				southern/central Regions of Tanzania, identification of market for VLFR timber and establishment of a marketing strategy for this timber
Climate change affects crop and livestock production. This will lead to both changed distributions of biodiversity components, and changes in village demands on forest resources even in VLFR.	Medium	Medium	Follow up of REDD+ pilots and longer-term research carried out by research institutions; e.g. Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC	A focus on clustering of villages with good forest resources and larger areas with villages with more limited forest resources (as opposed to fairly small patches under the NFBKP II), with sufficient forest product value chain development, with adequate diversity/variety, will help to mitigate short term shocks at community level. The maintenance of forest cover is both good adaptation and accepted mitigation (less expensive sinks) policy.
Financial feasibility of selling timber and charcoal from VLFRs is not materialized as planned, because it is cheaper for traders to buy timber and charcoal from general lands or TFS due to the current measurement systems and pricing discrepancy. A norm of using governmental royalty rates in wood sales is further making VLFR wood much more expensive which limits its demand in the markets.	High	High	The completion report of the NFBKP II project highlights all key issues related to wood sales. Measurement issues are in a detailed manner explained in the working paper published by the NFBKP II project (2016). Annual National CBFM Forum reports and policy initiatives. Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC.	Measurement systems to be harmonized and enough capacity building to be provided to practitioners in the field. Government Notice 417 is recently introduced. Implementation could be problematic and still waiting to measure impacts on timber sales. As of October 2022, the Government is reviewing GN 417. Dialogue on tax exemption for royalties of VLFR products and ways to make implementation of GN417 more efficient, or to reformulate the GN to make it less of a risk to long term sustainability. Responsibility for implementation lies with the MNRT, and monitoring by the SVB
Royalty rates are administratively set and distort market price level; Revenue collection and distribution is asymmetric; royalties and taxes do not reflect market prices, but administratively set royalties are very high and hamper the sawmills' profitability. This encourages traders to buy timber from general lands in which case measured volumes are much lower and illegal timber is available. Remote VLFRs are unattractive for forest product buyers due to fixed prices not taking distances into account.	High	High	Assessing options to improve value chain for locally controlled forest enterprises in Tanzania by WWF (2016) and "Feasibility study for a management model of PFM by the BTC in partnership by MFA and KVTTC. Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC.	Government Notice 417 is recently introduced. Implementation is problematic and still waiting to measure impacts on timber sales. As of October 2022, the Government is reviewing GN 417.. Undertake royalty assessment for main species and products based on residual value calculations and checking against the prices paid in markets. FORVAC is supporting 4 portable sawmills and their economic viability is under continuous monitoring. Market and price interference by Districts may impact on the profitability of the sawmills, but to date, they have been profitable.

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Institutional Risks				
Overlapping mandates between TFS, DFO and villages on village land forest reserve jurisdictions. For example, it is reported that TFS has also been collecting forest royalties or issuing licences to harvest trees from village land forest reserves (this is against the Forest Act of 2002).	Low	Medium	Analysis by stakeholders (e.g. TFCG and MJUMITA).	Clear definition of roles of FBD and TFS and PO-RALG based on national forest policies and legislation defined and incorporated in FORVAC and implemented accordingly. Timber Legality Framework has been reviewed and submitted (June 2022). Field assessment under work.
Illegal logging brings low-cost timber and charcoal to the market which decrease the market potential of VLFR timber and charcoal. TFS is allowed to harvest from the general lands without sustainable forest management and harvesting plans and with less supervision and control during harvesting, which attracts buyers.	High	High	Results of the TRAFFIC (commissioned by WWF) comprehensive study on illegal logging	Coordination/harmonization of procedures/ measurements et al among the relevant agencies, i.e. TRA/TFS/police; data management system; following of enforcement procedures, such as marking before timber is transported and not after; language standardization for import/export permits; addressing the many disincentives. Support for stakeholder discussions for development of timber tacking systems. TFS, villagers and district authorities need to collaborate in law enforcement. Tanzanian Timber Legality Framework has been formulated and published, and field assessment is under work in AWP 2022-23.
Human resource capacity in some VLFR villages is still low which hampers participants from fully benefitting from business opportunities.	Medium	High	Experiences from LIMAS, NFBKP II, and FORVAC programmes Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of FORVAC	Focus on strengthening the needed capacities and partnerships for the value chain development. This includes linkages with marketing actors to ensure that product quality is improved in order to be competitive.

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ANNEX 1. RESULTS FRAMEWORK

ANNEX 1.1. MODIFIED RESULTS FRAMEWORK FOR THE EXTENSION PHASE (7/2022-7/2024, amended 31st July 2022 & shared with SC approval)¹⁵

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Revised end of the Programme target 7/2018-7/2024	Means of verification	Assumptions
Impact Reduced deforestation and increased economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands	Differences in changes in forest cover area (and GHG emissions) between FORVAC and other public forest areas	0 (the baseline forest cover value TBD by consultancy on satellite imageries of July 2018)	Deforestation (and GHG emissions) reduced compared to public forest areas	Analysis of satellite images (consultancy)	In this context, it is assumed that the establishment of the VLFR, which includes land use planning and forest management as well as timber harvest plans and related bylaws, will lead to sustainable forest management. GoT Land and other NR related policy improve or at least remain favourable for development of the forestry sector GoT allocates sufficient resources for forestry development Political commitment for sustainable forest management and value chain development in CBFM NR and land related law enforcement is in place and is being enforced Policy harmonization contribute to sector development
	Percentage of households having assets: - livestock - motorcycles - bicycles - bee hives - pesticide sprayers	- 65%, - 17%, - 49%, - 3%, - 19%	- 70%, (+5%) - 23%, (+5%) - 54%, (+5%) - 23%, (+20%) - 29% (+10%)	Programme End Impact Study	
	Percentage of households being income poor	33%	<25%	Programme End Impact Study	
	Percentage of households that find service delivery systems well-functioning (disaggregated by sex, age categories and disability)	15.4% (baseline data not disaggregated)	25% for all categories	Programme End Impact Study	

¹⁵ The Results Framework has been edited again in October 2022, pending SB approval.

Outcome Sustainably managed forests and forest-based enterprises generating income for community members and revenue for community social services	Area in hectares under Sustainable Forest Management regime	0 (no villages with both valid Land Use Plans and valid Forest Management Plans)	450,000 ha (based on 69 FMPs)	District and VNRC records. Programme monitoring	In this context, it is assumed that the establishment of the VLFR, which includes land use planning and forest management as well as timber harvest plans and related bylaws, will lead to sustainable forest management. Political commitment for sustainable forest management and value chain development in CBFM Favourable political, legal and policy framework for Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and towards private sector and civil society engagement in business development Institutional stability within MNRT Good cooperation between MNRT / FBD, TFS and PO-RALG; all having clear roles on how to support communities and private sector Domestic market available for sustainably harvested timber, charcoal, honey and other NWFP products Increasing international market access for FSC certified timber Level of forest encroachment does not increase
	Percentage of total income increase from households involved in forest-based businesses sourced legally from VLFRs	0 (regarding baseline income from forest-based businesses: 0 from timber value chain (due to lacking or expired Forest Management Plans no legal timber to be sold/processed) Situation of other forest products in 2018 shall be reviewed and baseline established retrospectively in the context of the Programme End Evaluation Study	10% increase of HH income from forest-based enterprises/businesses	District and VNRC records. Programme monitoring Programme End Impact Study	
	Percentage of adult community members employed in VLFR management and forest-based enterprises (disaggregated by sex, age categories and disability; and differentiated for timber and other VCs)	9% of adult community members (total figure, baseline not disaggregated)	Timber VC: 15% of adult community members: 20% M / 10% F NTFP VCs: 15% of adult community members: 15% M / 15% F To be disaggregated by age categories and disabilities	Programme End Impact Study	
	Volume (m3) and value (income, TZS) of legal timber sold from VLFRs: i) total; ii) lesser-known species; and iii) primarily processed (e.g. for sawmilling) ¹⁶	0 (no legal timber available at the commencement of FORVAC)	20,000 m3 / TZS 4,000,000,000 (total volume/value) 2,000 m3 / TZS 400,000,000 (LKTS) 2,000 m3 / TZS 800,000,000 (primarily processed)	District and VNRC records. Programme monitoring	

¹⁶ Slightly reworded to reflect the different values of timber sold under different categories. Aspirational target, although the demand is difficult to predict under current economic situation, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

	Value of (income derived from) NTFP, total/per household involved in the Programme supported producers' groups and/or microbusiness support, disaggregated by gender and disability ¹⁷	0 (no legal timber available at the commencement of FORVAC)	TZS 125,000,000 / TZS 625,000 Women 40%, PLWD 5%	District and VNRC records Programme monitoring	
	Amount (TZS/EUR) of social funds from forest produce sales used/distributed from FORVAC supported VLFRs (specified for types of support, including to vulnerable people)	0 (no legal timber available at the commencement of FORVAC)	EUR 470,000 / TZS 1,175,000,000	VC, VNRC and District records. Programme monitoring	
	Number of students that are and have been enrolled in FORVAC-supported curricula/training contents	0	100	Reporting by relevant training institutes. Programme monitoring	
	Enabling policy environment and forestry extension services available supporting establishment and management of sustainable CBFM and related VCD	Limited support to CBFM and VCD in the communities covered by FORVAC	Enabling policy environment available supporting establishment and management of sustainable CBFM and related VCD: 69 VLFRs established and operational; 200 new micro-enterprises/businesses operational	Policy reports, forest-related regulation, extension strategies Programme monitoring	

¹⁷ Additional indicator added following discussion with ERET team and Embassy, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

Output 1 Sustainable forest management mechanisms established, forest-based value chains developed and private sector involvement in the forest sector increased	Number and area of operational VLFRs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number and area of village land use plans prepared - Number and area of forest management plans prepared/updated - Number of VNRCs formed/remobilized and percentage of women membership - Volume of AAC in FORVAC covered VLFRs - Area of strictly protected forest in VLFRs¹⁸ 	0 (in the original Programme area, 57 VLFRs, most of them with expired FMPs, totalling 247,789 ha)	VLFRs 69 / 470,000 ha: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LUPs 41 / 620,000 ha - FMPs 69 / 470,000 ha - VNRCs established/mobilized 69; membership 30% women - AAC in FORVAC covered VLFRs 175,000 m3 - Area of strictly protected forest in VLFRs 10% 	District and VNRC records. Programme monitoring	In this context, it is assumed that the establishment of the VLFR, which includes land use planning and forest management as well as timber harvest plans and related bylaws, will lead to sustainable forest management. Law enforcement is sufficiently efficient to make legally harvested timber viable Management plans fulfilled and are implemented according to sustainability criteria Strong leadership and equitable participation of villagers in CBFM is maintained FBD and PO-RALG take active stance in solving the coordination and monitoring issues
	Number of established Bee reserves	No Bee Reserves under FORVAC covered area	5 Bee reserves established and gazetted	Districts' and MNRT's reports (approval) Programme monitoring	
	Number of lesser-known species with market potential identified, studied and marketing commenced	0	14	Programme monitoring	

¹⁸ Added based on discussion with the ERET team and MFA, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

	Number of forest-based businesses supported and linked with traders (disaggregated by type of enterprise, sex, and vulnerability)	0	<p>200 enterprises / micro-businesses</p> <p>1,000 beneficiaries (40% women)</p> <p>At least 10 % of FORVAC supported businesses involve directly vulnerable people or indirectly people living with disabilities (PLWD)</p>	Programme monitoring	<p>PO-RALG allocates sufficient resources to districts</p> <p>Villages, private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions</p> <p>Political will to support CBFM exists at District level</p> <p>A sufficient number of qualified Service providers available</p> <p>Domestic market demand increases for lesser-known timber species; for quality honey and other honey products produced in Tanzania</p> <p>Other NWFPs (other than honey products) with commercialization potential are available</p> <p>Private sector, villagers and VNRC exist in the districts and are interested to participate in value chain development</p>
Output 2 Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forest value	Benefit sharing guideline for VLFRs, addressing the issues of HRBA (e.g. vulnerable groups, people living with disabilities, gender equality, elder people and youth)	0 (VLFR incomes are used for improving social services of villages, but specific guidelines are missing)	Benefit sharing guideline for VLFRs established, disseminated and in use.	District reports. Programme monitoring	Government organisations willing to implement capacity development results

chain development enhanced	Number of CBFM/VLFR community members trained in forest management and value addition techniques, disaggregated by sex	0 (Village Councils and VNRCs, villagers involved in timber harvest & processing, charcoal production and trade with lacking or inadequate knowledge and skills on forest management, VLFRs operation and VCD)	VC, VNRC, Village Assembly meetings: 15,000 (35% women) Individuals: 2000 (40% women) ¹⁹	District reports. Programme monitoring	Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing and able to implement capacity development and are committed to interact with GoT institutions Equitable participation of villagers in CBFM related capacity development
	Number of VSLAs/VICOBA's established and operational and amount of savings (membership, disaggregated by gender and PLWD) ²⁰	0 (low awareness of business financing options, inadequate access to finance)	80 micro-saving groups (VSLAs, VICOBA's) formed and operational Women >50% PLWDs 2% ²¹	District reports. Programme monitoring	FBD/TFS and PO-RALG take active stance in promoting capacity building at all levels Willingness and ability of relevant educational institutes to include forest value chain development in their curricula
	Number of government staff trained in forest management and value addition techniques, disaggregated by sex and main subject/field	0 (Government staff not having adequate knowledge, understanding and skills on forest mgt and VCD)	1,300 (22% women) ²²	District reports. Programme monitoring	
	MSc Curricula for Forest Value Chain and Business Development formulated in SUA	0 (Limited inclusion of VC related education in forestry education at SUA)	i) MSc Forest Value Chain and Business Development and ii) BSc Forest Value Chain and Business Development ²³ related curricula established for Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and under implementation	SUA reports, existing curricula Programme monitoring	

¹⁹ Increased in light of progress so far, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

²⁰ Moved from the earlier position in Output 2 as this is a more logical location, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

²¹ The target numbers indicate the minimum percentage for women and PLWDs in saving groups. Specific VSLAs or VICOBA's can be established if seen to be feasible and sustainable

²² Increased in light of progress so far, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

²³ Adjusted as the institutes wished to add the BSc as well, as the MSc curriculum was already prepared, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

	Number of forest training institutes that have integrated VC aspects in their training contents	0 (Limited integration of forest-based VCD aspects in the training contents)	2 institutes: SUA and FTI ²⁴	Reports by relevant training institutes. Programme monitoring	
Output 3 Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed	Number of implementation Strategies and Extension Manuals of Forestry and Beekeeping Policies developed through FORVAC support and in use	0 (Implementation Strategies and Extension Manuals non-existent)	Beekeeping Policy Implementation Strategy and Forest Policy Implementation Strategy developed and disseminated 4 extension manuals	MNRT/FBD reports: Implementation Strategies and Extension Manuals of Forestry and Beekeeping Policies	MNRT and PO-RALG take active stance in extension and communication services along the VC at all levels Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing to develop extension and communication TFS and FBD and other concerned governmental parties including research institutions, as well private sector and NGOs are committed to set up functional monitoring and MIS systems and provide inputs on regular basis Districts, villagers and VNRCs cooperate in collecting data for village monitoring system
	PFM Facts and Figures 2020 developed and the VLFR database established	0 (The last PFM facts and figures was updated in 2012)	PFM Facts and Figures 2020 published and disseminated The VLFR database updated and taken into use	MNRT/FBD reports. Programme monitoring	
Output 4. Legal and policy frameworks for CBFM and forest value chains strengthened	Number of methodologies and guidelines for VLFR management developed, printed, and disseminated	0 (Versions outdated)	10 different guidelines	MNRT/FBD reports. Programme monitoring	Political will exists for updating and endorsing the sector level policy and legal documents GoT committed to support Forest Law and Governance enforcement, as well as implementation of Charcoal Policy and Implementation Strategy
	Forest legislation (Forest Act and regulations) updated and approved	0 (Updated Forest Act needed for Forest policy development and coordination)	Forest Act approved; related information disseminated in project area (with consideration to accessibility for all potential users)	MNRT reports Forest Act Programme monitoring	

²⁴ Institutes changed - there is insufficient operational budget in the extension period to cover BKTi TABORA as well, and MNRT recommended to focus on SUA and FTI, approved by SC 6.2022 AWP 2022-23

	National Charcoal Strategy developed through a multi-stakeholder process, printed and disseminated	0 (National Charcoal Strategy non-existent)	National Charcoal Strategy developed 750 ²⁵ pcs. of National Charcoal Strategy printed and disseminated	MNRT reports Programme monitoring	Private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions in legal and policy revision processes, and GoT takes due recognition
	Tanzanian Timber Legality Framework established to contribute to the development of the National Timber Legality Assurance	0 (Initiated, with development of timber tracking sub-component of TLAS, electronic device piloted in selected checkpoints)	Tanzanian Timber Legality Framework established	Joint report by MNRT, TFS, TRAFFIC and FORVAC Programme monitoring	
	Chain of Custody for TZ community timber defined	0	Chain of Custody for TZ community timber established	Joint report by MNRT, TFS, TRAFFIC and FORVAC Programme monitoring	

²⁵ Decided in SC Meeting 6.2022 - more effective to use other means to share the information, and budget saving

ANNEX 1.2. ORIGINAL RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value	Means of verification	Assumptions
Impact					
Increased economic, social and environmental benefits from forests and woodlands	Increased household incomes derived from forests (Disaggregated by age, sex, disability)	Special study – baseline sample of HH incomes in Programme area	+15%	District and VNRC records, and PPI (Poverty Probability Index) survey or similar methods	<p>GoT Land and other NR related policy improve or at least remain favourable for development of the forestry sector</p> <p>GoT allocates sufficient resources for forestry development</p> <p>Political commitment for sustainable forest management and value chain development in CBFM</p> <p>NR and land related law enforcement is in place and is being enforced</p> <p>Policy harmonization contribute to sector development</p>
	Less deforestation in the area where FORVAC works	Deforestation rate in FORVAC regions	Deforestation significantly lower by the Programme end in the VLFRs where FORVAC works compared to other VLFRs of the region	National Carbon Monitoring Centre statistics	
	Improved services for villages, e.g. water services, health services, RE solutions improved services of the village office for villagers, e.g. regarding land registry,	Baseline defined in the assessment report by the CCs	Villager's opinions of the related services is improved during the project lifetime (disaggregated by sex, age and disability)	FORVAC reports	
	VLFRs increased contribution to national level sustainable woodland and forest management	247,789.2 ha (NFBK II & LIMAS)	2,4 million ha	NAFORMA MNRT statistics	
	Improved institutional support for the forest sector through regulations and legislation in place	Existing regulations and legislation at baseline	Supportive regulations and legislation revised for sustainable forest management by Programme end	Forest related regulation	

Outcome	Indicators	Baseline	Target value	Means of verification	Assumptions
Improved forest sector value chains contributing to sustainable forestry and forest-based livelihoods	<p>Improved business environment in forestry sector related to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taxes and royalties - standards - forest value chains 	<p>Poor transparency of taxes and royalties</p> <p>Non existing standards in place</p> <p>Poorly functioning forest value chains</p>	<p>Transparent and just system for levying taxes and royalties in place</p> <p>Construction/technical standard developed</p> <p>The number of forest value chains related regulations revised, benefit sharing modalities in use (the number to be defined during the course of FORVAC)</p>	<p>Programme reports</p> <p>Published Standard</p> <p>Revised Regulations published; Programme reports</p>	<p>Political commitment for sustainable forest management and value chain development in CBFM</p> <p>Favourable political, legal and policy framework for Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and towards private sector and civil society engagement in business development</p> <p>Institutional stability within MNRT</p> <p>Good cooperation between MNRT / FBD, TFS and PO-RALG; all having clear roles on how to support communities and private sector</p>

Outcome	Indicators	Baseline	Target value	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Supporting functions/ Service provision for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improved market information system - improved forest value chain financing - enhancing capacities in VC 	Non-existent market information system Low awareness on business financing options Low capacity in place in Tanzania for value chain development	Market information system in place Forest sector businesses linked with financing alternatives ; Better functioning FVCs in Tanzania benefitting forest sector and including participation of women and disadvantaged groups (data disaggregated by sex, age, disability) VC included in the curricula of forestry training institutions	Project reports Data collected from FTIs	Domestic market available for sustainably harvested timber, charcoal, honey and other NWFP products Increasing international market access for FSC certified timber Level of forest encroachment does not increase
	Increased number of community producer groups and their members engaged in wood and NWFP harvesting, processing and marketing (per products/ district/ year, by sex, age and potential disability)	The exact Baseline and targets to be defined by the CCs	70 groups of 30 (women / men); totalling 2100 members (Figures to be revised on the basis of the baseline)	Survey on NWFPs, group records	

Outcome	Indicators	Baseline	Target value	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Social fund distribution from forest produce sales (e.g. school uniforms, school desks, dispensary building, benefitting vulnerable; by gender, age and disability) and number of people benefiting	65 000 000 TSh / ~46 000 people	+75 %	VNRC book keeping, Village records	
	AAC - Annual Allowable Cut defined in harvesting plans, and logging done according to plans	To be established	xx % increase	VNRC records, District records	
	Increased areas under sustainable forest management (CBFM)	247,789 ha	+ 60 % (additional 151,149 ha)	Management plans; District and VNRC records, and survey	
	Improved Forest Law enforcement and Governance system to replace trade of illegal timber with legally produced timber	To be established	Key Forest Law enforcement and Governance system components in place	Project and FBD/TFS/district records	

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value (end of Programme)	Means of verification	Assumptions
Output 1. Improved Value Chains and increased Private Sector Involvement in the forest sector	Number of VLFRs declared and operational, including village land use plans and forest management plans	57 VLFRs (NFBKP II 20 + LIMAS 24) 24 LUP	85 VLFR functional (number of new VLFRs to be established 28) 52 LUP	District register (DFO) VLFR Mgt Plans Programme reports VNRC reports	Law enforcement is sufficiently efficient to make legally harvested timber viable Management plans fulfilled and are implemented according to sustainability criteria Strong leadership and equitable participation of villagers in CBFM is maintained FBD and PO-RALG take active stance in solving the coordination and monitoring issues
	Number of forest harvesting contracts contributing to the timber value chain managed in VLFRs (species, volume sold and unit prices) villages/district / year	to be established Income level 150 000 000 TSh/a	At least for 25 % of the VLFRs established during FORVAC +200%	VNRC records, district records, Programme report	

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value (end of Programme)	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Lesser known species with market potential identified and researched	process (0)	at least 10 with potential for market/business dev.	Assessment Report on Lesser Known Species, Programme reporting	<p>PO-RALG allocates sufficient resources to districts</p> <p>Villages, private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions</p> <p>Political will to support CBFM exists at District level</p> <p>A sufficient number of qualified Service providers available</p> <p>Domestic market demand increases for lesser-known timber species; for quality honey and other honey products produced in Tanzania</p> <p>Other NWFPs (other than honey products) with commercialization potential are available</p> <p>Private sector, villagers and VNRC exist in the districts and are interested to participate in value chain development</p>
	Advocacy on lesser known species	process (0)	x species of lesser known species disseminated	TFS/districts records, market study on species and their market potential assessed and promoted, Programme reporting	
	Honey producer or other NWFP/NTFP producer groups linked with traders and other value chain actors (by sex) and their income increased	70 groups Kg 21 000 / a honey Kg 5250 / a bees wax NTFP: to be established % women producers	+ 30% + 100% + 100% + 100 %	District statistics/records, Programme reporting survey on honey sales and / or NWFP sales	
	Increased efficiency of timber processing (e.g. use of efficient sawmills contra pit sawing)	Current recovery rate 25 -30 % (to be confirmed)	5 – 10 % increase	survey on recovery rates	
	Number of new institutional arrangements/ business models with market linkages (e.g. MoUs, joint ventures, PPP & other partnerships)	process (0)	10-15	TFS, District and Programme records	
	Number of private business actors engaged in legal timber processing (per district/year) increased	to be established	+150%	VNRC (VLFR), TFS, District and Programme records	

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value (end of Programme)	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Increased employment (# of persons getting income) in harvesting and transportation, processing, pit sawing and saw milling; by gender.	to be established	+1000 people (at least 20 % women)	VNRC records, employment study, processing and transportation firm records, district records	
	Total income from charcoal sales within FORVAC VLFR's	to be established	+200%	District forestry offices	
	Reduction in annual illegal forest harvesting cases in FORVAC supported forests	120 cases (check)	<25 cases	Forest threat (illegal tree cutting) assessment, VNRC records, District records, TFS records	
Output 2. Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forestry value chain development enhanced	Number of government staff trained in forest management and value addition techniques, disaggregated by sex (inclusive VETA training programme)	To be defined in TNA	To be defined in TNA	FBD/NFBKP II/LIMAS records from previous phase and service provider records	<p>Government organisations willing to implement capacity development results</p> <p>Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing and able to implement capacity development and are committed to interact with GoT institutions</p> <p>Equitable participation of villagers in CBFM related capacity development</p> <p>FBD/TFS and PO-RALG take active stance in promoting capacity building at all levels</p> <p>Willingness and ability of relevant educational institutes to include forest value chain development in their curricula</p>
	Number of individuals trained in forest management and value addition techniques, disaggregated by sex, age and disability/ by category (village level, SMEs, service providers)	To be defined in TNA	To be defined in TNA	Records kept by the project and service providers	
	Value chain related efficiency in decision making and in administrative procedures increased	To be established	Average time for getting permits reduced Procedures simplified	Procedures defined and used as a reference for assessing the performance	

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value (end of Programme)	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Forest value chain development incorporated in University and FTI/FITI curricula	No existing VC related education	Curricula developed and in use Issues of gender, age and disability considered in learning materials	Programme reports; existing curricula	
Output 3. Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place	Communication strategy mobilized	established	FORVAC communication according to strategy	Programme reports	<p>MNRT and PO-RALG take active stance in extension and communication services along the VC at all levels</p> <p>Villages, districts, private sector, civil society actors and other organizations willing to develop extension and communication</p> <p>TFS and FBD and other concerned governmental parties including research institutions, as well private sector and NGOs are committed to set up functional monitoring and MIS systems and provide inputs on regular basis</p> <p>Districts, villagers and VNRCs cooperate in collecting data for village monitoring system</p>
	Extension strategy developed, aiming for synergies with FBD, on the principles of HRBA, incorporating value chain development	non existent	Strategy developed and put in use	Programme reports	
	Programme MIS unit established contributing to FBD MIS development	non existent	Functional MIS Unit	Programme reports	
	Functional Timber tracking contributing to check point management and monitoring of timber flows	system piloted	system improved and functional and scaled up	TFS reports, FORVAC reports	
Output 4. Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed	FORVAC development support for Guidelines: CBFM books	version outdated	Books updated and distributed to CBFM actors Issues of gender, age and disability considered in visual materials	Programme reports	<p>Political will exist for updating and endorsing the sector level policy and legal documents</p> <p>GoT committed to support Forest Law and Governance enforcement, as well as implementation of Charcoal strategy</p> <p>Private sector and civil society are committed to interact with GoT institutions in legal and policy revision processes, and GoT takes due recognition</p>

Results	Indicators	Baseline	Target value (end of Programme)	Means of verification	Assumptions
	Updated forest legislation (Forest Act and regulations) approved	Updated Forest act needed for Forest policy	Forest Act approved; related information disseminated in project area (with consideration to accessibility for all potential users)	MNRT reports and records	
	Updated Forest Policy disseminated	final draft exists	Forest Policy approved; related information disseminated in project area (with consideration to accessibility for all potential users)	Programme reports	
	National Assessment on the Charcoal sector results supported by FORVAC Timber legality assurance system (TLAS) established	Draft in progress Initiated, with development of timber tracking sub-component of TLAS, electronic device piloted in selected checkpoints	strategy in use TLAS developed and in use, efficient country-wide timber tracking system piloted and taken into use	MNRT records on National Charcoal Strategy TFS reports, MNRT report, Programme reporting	

ANNEX 2. PROGRAMME BUDGET

ANNEX 2.1. REVISED PROGRAMME BUDGET 2018-2024 - including extension period

	Unit	Unit cost (EUR)	Actual Year 1 (EUR)	Actual Year 2 (EUR)	Actual Year 3 (EUR)	Actual Year 4 (EUR)	Budget Year 5 (EUR)	Budget Year 6 (EUR)	Total (EUR)
1. Technical Assistance, fees									
1.1. International LT									
Chief Technical Adviser (CTA)	42	14 500	152 250	152 250	152 250	152 250	151 560	177 107	937 667
Value Development Chain Expert	14	14 000	56 000	84 000	56 000	0	47 600	50 400	294 000
Home office coordination	48	1 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	72 700
TA International LT fees, total			220 250	248 250	220 250	164 250	211 160	239 507	1 303 667
1.2. National LT									
Forest Management and Value Chain Expert	42	5 000	52 500	52 500	52 500	52 500	46 607	51 726	308 333
Financial manager	42	5 000	52 500	52 500	52 500	52 500	49 286	44 381	303 667
Financial Accountant			10 571	2 190			-	-	12 762
National cluster coordinators (3: 2018-2022/2: 2022-2024)	108	3 500	42 000	115 500	110 250	110 250	73 500	82 000	533 500
TA National, Fees. Total			157 571	222 690	215 250	215 250	169 393	178 107	1 158 262
1.3 Short term experts			154 286	160 000	97 857	22 857	274 286	85 714	795 000
Sub-total TA fees (1.1 & 1.2 & 1.3)			532 107	630 940	533 357	402 357	654 838	503 328	3 256 929
2. Technical Assistance, reimbursable costs									
2.1. International LT advisers									
Relocation/repatriation costs (includes both international and local LT advisers' costs)			12 143	-	5 000	-	10 200	21 043	48 386
Housing cost for CTA	48	2 100	3 567	14 787	14 254	12 601	14 750	17 149	77 107

Local and international travel (transport, DSA, accommodation)			54 355	45 753	45 677	28 866	45 000	113 539	333 190
Daily allowance, weekend travel compensations (includes both international and local LT advisers' costs)			22 351	29 754	15 816	18 788	24 000	51 500	162 208
International travel, tickets, CTA & VCA	20	1400	5 466	8 096	3 288	0	2 750	4 750	24 350
Home Office Coordination visits (10)		4300	9 611	-	-	2 143	3 200	3 057	18 011
Support staff			-	31 721	35 479	-	-	-	67 200
Subtotal International TA reimbursable costs			122 114	161 368	152 109	85 947	130 400	274 139	926 077
2.2. National LT advisers									
Relocation / repatriation costs (costs included in 2.1. figures/ Relocation / repatriation costs)			-			-			-
Housing for forest management expert and finance manager	48	2 100	14 621	18 307	20 322	19 435	20 000	45 565	138 250
Housing costs cluster coordinators	48	2 100	0	12 950	12 274	4 115	10 500	17 535	57 375
Local travel (costs included in 2.1. figures/ 'Local and international travel')			-	-	-	-			-
Subtotal National TA housing costs			14 621	31 257	32 596	23 550	30 500	63 100	195 624
SUBTOTAL (International + National) TA reimbursable costs			122 114	161 368	152 110	85 948	130 400	274 138	926 078
Total TA costs			654 221	792 308	685 467	488 305	785 239	777 466	4 183 006
3. Support staff, reimbursable costs									
Drivers (5)			29 773	56 193	51 344	58 025	72 000	48 000	320 810
Other support staff (includes IJE and NJE)			0	0	100 813	158 749	160 000	159 251	578 813
Subtotal Support staff (reimbursable costs)			29 773	56 193	152 157	216 774	232 000	207 251	894 148

4. Implementation costs (Outputs)									
4.1. Output 1 Improved value chains and increased private sector involvement in the forest sector									
1.1 Establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR)			0	688 065	687 134	339 347	304 446	0	2 018 992
1.2 Support to value chain development	14		0	92 913	441 383	1 007 738	375 434	144 307	2 061 774
Subtotal Output 1			0	780 978	1 128 517	1 347 085	679 880	144 307	4 080 767
4.2. Output 2 Stakeholder capacity to implement and promote forest value chain development enhanced									
2.1 Improved institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM and develop forest value chains.			20 551	61 281	463 945	390 566	190 800	85 436	1 212 578
2.2 Improved capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forest and related value chains and incorporating HRBA aspects			40 565	62 260	52 399	206 235	78 400	71 240	511 098
2.3 Forest products value chain/market systems and business development skills incorporated in relevant training institutes			0	0	187 812	26 220	13 600	13 514	241 146
Subtotal Output 2			61 116	123 541	704 156	623 021	282 800	170 190	1 964 823
4.3 Output 3 Functional extension, communication, monitoring systems and Management Information System in place									
3.1 Enhanced extension and communication services			0	31 377	117 497	71 325	36 840	56 835	313 874
3.2 Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) established			0	79 632	46 870	41 946	72 800	19 884	261 132
Subtotal Output 3			0	111 010	164 366	113 271	109 640	76 719	575 006
4.4 Output 4 Supportive legal and policy frameworks to forest value chain and sustainable forest management developed									
4.1 Improved policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development			69 515	166 450	49 963	137 943	79 300	35 612	538 784
4.2 Forest law enforcement, forest governance and trade of legally sources timber			0	0	12 807	0	24 000	61 361	98 168
Subtotal Output 3			69 515	166 450	62 771	137 943	103 300	96 973	636 952
Total Implementation costs (Outputs 1 – 4)			130 631	1 181 978	2 059 810	2 221 320	1 175 620	488 189	7 257 548

4.5 Programme Management									
Procurements / Investments			382 717	84 856	43 681	11 120	0	0	522 374
Vehicle fuel and maintenance costs			44 469	96 060	51 605	66 128	66 000	36 771	361 033
Communication			7 551	13 071	17 713	24 130	3 000	1 970	67 435
Media & publishing			1 188	3 790	0	0	5 400	3 600	23 698
Translations			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banking & financial management			2 262	5 192	4 283	4 569	6 000	5 282	27 588
Office, running costs			6 348	18 799	41 542	43 340	39 660	37 800	187 489
Books, periodicals & stationery			3 280	16 238	19 449	14 662	24 000	17 338	94 967
Maintenance of devices & equipment			977	1 630	341	262	1 778	1 200	6 188
Monitoring and auditing			6 688	23 018	33 346	17 009	36 000	38 092	154 153
Facilitation by NPC and Stakeholders			18 963	25 474	19 673	7 291	14 479	10 000	95 880
SC and SVB Meetings			1 438	11 311	9 581	51 541	18 170	11 217	95 039
Total Programme Management			475 881	299 439	241 214	240 052	214 487	163 270	1 634 343
Contingency (2.5%)			0	18 396	0	0	39 525	112 713	170 634
International TA-briefing			3 346	0	0	0	0	0	3 346
Total contingency and international TA-briefing			3 346	18 396	0	0	39 525	112 713	173 980
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET			639 631	1 556 006	2 453 181	2 678 146	1 667 107	972 923	9 966 994
TOTAL PROGRAMME BUDGET (TA + Operational)			1 293 852	2 348 314	3 138 648	3 166 451	2 452 346	1 750 389	14 150 000

ANNEX 2.2. ORIGINAL PROGRAMME BUDGET

	Unit	Unit cost (EUR)	Year 1 (EUR)	Year 2 (EUR)	Year 3 (EUR)	Year 4 (EUR)	Total (EUR)
1. Technical Assistance, fees							
1.1. International LT							
Chief Technical Adviser (CTA)	42	15 000	157 500	157 500	157 500	157 500	630 000
Value Development Chain Expert	14	15 000	60 000	90 000	60 000	0	210 000
Home office coordination	48	1 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	48 000
TA International LT fees			229 500	259 500	229 500	169 500	888 000
1.2. National LT							
Forest Management Expert	42	5 000	60 000	60 000	60 000	30 000	210 000
Financial manager	42	5 000	60 000	60 000	60 000	30 000	210 000
National cluster coordinators (3)	108	4 000	96 000	144 000	144 000	48 000	432 000
TA National, Fees			216 000	264 000	264 000	108 000	852 000
Sub-total TA fees (1.1 & 1.2)			445 500	523 500	493 500	277 500	1 740 000
2. Technical Assistance, reimbursable costs							
2.1. International LT advisers							
Relocation costs			15 000			30 000	45 000
Housing cost for CTA	42	2 000	21 000	21 000	21 000	21 000	84 000
Local travel			10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000	40 000
Estimation of family costs:							
Travel to/from duty station			7 000			7 000	14 000
Home leave travel				6 000	6 000		12 000
Education of children			12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	48 000
Home Office Coordination visits (1+4)			3 000	2 000	2 000	4 000	11 000
Subtotal International TA reimbursable costs			68 000	51 000	51 000	84 000	254 000
2.3. National LT advisers							
Relocation costs			30 000				30 000
Housing for forest expert and finance manager	84	300	7 200	7 200	7 200	3 600	25 200
Housing costs cluster coordinators	108	150	3 600	5 400	5 400	1 800	16 200

	Unit	Unit cost (EUR)	Year 1 (EUR)	Year 2 (EUR)	Year 3 (EUR)	Year 4 (EUR)	Total (EUR)
Local travel			30 000	30 000	30 000	30 000	120 000
Repatriation costs						10 000	10 000
3. Support staff, reimbursable costs							
Drivers (5)	180	400	12 000	24 000	24 000	12 000	72 000
Repatriation costs						5 000	5 000
Subtotal National TA reimbursable costs			82 800	66 600	66 600	62 400	278 400
SUBTOTAL (International + National) TA reimbursable costs (2)			150 800	117 600	117 600	146 400	532 400
Total TA costs			596 300	641 100	611 100	423 900	2 272 400
4. Implementation costs (Outcome and Outputs)							
4.1. Output 1 Improved national framework for sustainable forest management and forest value chain development							
1.1 New VLFRs established			274 200	280 000	300 000	180 000	1 034 200
1.2 Improved institutional and management of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM, JFM and forest value chains.			150 000	200 000	230 000	200 000	780 000
1.3 Improved district capacities to support and monitor CBFM, JFM and value chains			200 000	230 000	200 000	150 000	780 000
1.4 Improved community, private and public sector to engage and access to economic and social benefits through enabling timber, charcoal, and non-wood forest products value chains (including tuungane)			330 000	230 000	250 000	180 000	990 000
1.5 TFS support and PSI involvement in GoT forest reserves			100 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	250 000
1.6 Support to value chain developments	14	2 000	8 000	12 000	8 000	0	28 000
Subtotal Output 1			1 062 200	1 002 000	1 038 000	760 000	3 862 200
4.2. Output 2 Improved livelihoods and income from sustainably managed forests and value chains							
2.1 Improved policy and regulatory framework for Participatory Forest Management			120 000	150 000	130 000	80 000	480 000
2.2 Improved capacities of forest national level institutional and stakeholders			300 000	150 000	0	80 000	530 000
2.3 Functional forest information and management systems			250 000	200 000	150 000	80 000	680 000
2.4 Studies and short-term services	34	15 000	127 500	127 500	107 500	127 500	490 000
2.5 Enhanced forest extension and communication services			100 000	200 000	80 000	30 000	410 000
Subtotal Output 2			897 500	827 500	467 500	397 500	2 590 000

	Unit	Unit cost (EUR)	Year 1 (EUR)	Year 2 (EUR)	Year 3 (EUR)	Year 4 (EUR)	Total (EUR)
Total Outputs 1 & 2			1 959 700	1 829 500	1 505 500	1 157 500	6 452 200
4.3 Programme Management							
Investments (8 vehicles and 16 motorbikes)			430 000				430 000
Vehicle fuel and maintenance costs (all vehicles)			50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	200 000
Communication			8 000	8 000	8 000	8 000	32 000
Media & publishing			4 000	4 000	4 000	4 000	16 000
Translations			10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000	40 000
Banking & financial management			1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	4 000
Books, periodicals & stationery			2 000	2 000	2 000	1 000	7 000
Maintenance of devices & equipment			2 000	2 000	2 034	3 000	9 034
Monitoring and auditing			60 000	60 000	60 000	60 000	240 000
Total Programme Management			567 000	137 000	137 034	137 000	978 034
TOTAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION COSTS			3 123 000	2 607 600	2 253 634	1 718 400	9 702 634
TOTAL without CONTINGENCY			3 123 000	2 607 600	2 253 634	1 718 400	9 702 634
Contingency (2.5%)			78 075	65 190	56 341	42 960	242 566
International TA-briefing			4 800				4 800
Total contingency and international TA-briefing			82 875	65 190	56 341	42 960	247 366
TOTAL BUDGET			3 205 875	2 672 790	2 309 975	1 761 360	9 950 000

ANNEX 3 PROGRAMME OVERALL WORK PLAN July 2017-July 2024

Project output/main Activity description	Timing											
	07/2018-06/2019	07/2019-06/2020	07/2020-06/2021	07/2021-06/2022	07/2022-06/2023	07/2023-07/2024						
1 Sustainable forest management mechanisms established, forest-based value chains developed and private sector involvement in the forest sector increased												
1.1 Establishment and mobilization of Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFR)												
Establishment of VNRCs (<i>awareness raising, forming the VNRC</i>)												
Land use planning												
Forest management (and timber harvest) planning												
Gazettement of the VLFRs												
Support to patrolling and other field activities of operational VLFRs/CFRs: equipment & motorbikes for selected VLFRs/CFRs												
Introduce and pilot information dashboards for reporting illegal activities in the VLFRs and nearby												
Establishment of bees reserves												
1.2 Support to value chain development												
Identification of Value Chains (VC) with high business potential, feasibility assessment												
Demand analysis of the VLFR timber, establishment of VLFR timber marketing strategy												
Support institutional arrangements/business models with market linkages (e.g. MoUs, joint ventures, PPP & other partnerships, groups/association/cooperative initiatives)												
Assist communities to improve the quality of timber harvested from community forests and link their production with market (demand)												
Assist communities to improve the quality of timber and other forest products harvested from community forests and link their production with market (demand) – support for better equipment												
Identification of lesser known species, establishment of the miombo timber species database and website												
Support VLFRs in harvesting contracts: mentoring, formulation of contracts, linkages with contractors/harvesting companies/buyers												
Support piloting production of bamboo and manufacturing of products from bamboo in the FORVAC districts												
Establishment of the Market Information System to support marketing of VLFR timber												
Support forest related micro-business initiatives in the target villages and districts, mentoring and investment support (call for proposals)												
Mezzo & national level business development (market links, e.g. honey processing and trade, bamboo processing, sawmilling)												
Studies on NTFPs												

2	Stakeholder capacity on CBFM and forest value chain development enhanced																								
2.1	Improved institutional and management capacities of Village Councils and VNRC to implement CBFM and develop forest value chains																								
Capacity building in VLFRs/CFRs, LUP, laws and regulations related to value chain																									
Support negotiations for VLFRs/CFR benefit sharing																									
Train/educate communities on their rights and benefits of sustainable forest management																									
Training of VNRCs in financial aspect (feasibility calculations, business planning)																									
Capacity building in Forest management plan development & implementation																									
Support fund raising activities for the development of new value adding activities (grants and loans from existing service providers, such as TaFF, VICOBAs/VS&L/SACCO)																									
Exchange visit to area of successful interventions in CBFM and value chains																									
2.2	Improved capacities to support and monitor CBFM/forest and related value chains and incorporating HRBA aspects																								
Capacity building in PFM, LUP, laws and regulations related to Value chain																									
Capacity building to districts staff on forest value chain (value links) development																									
Support training on business development services to FORVAC districts																									
Exchange visits to area of successful interventions in CBFM and value chains (local)																									
Build capacity of District Authorities on conflicts management on land and related natural resource use																									
Support district facilities/equipment during implementation of FORVAC activities																									
2.3	Forest products value chain/market systems and business development skills incorporated in relevant training institutes																								
Support Tutors and Lecturers of training institutes (SUA and FTI/FITI/TBI) to participate on forest value chain/market systems and business development related trainings/short courses																									
Support training institutions to develop/mainstream forest products value chain/market system and business development their curricula																									
Support studies and thesis/dissertations related to forest products value chain/market system and business development relevant for CBFM																									
Support scientific workshops for sharing research results relevant to CBFM and value chain development																									
3	Extension, communication, and monitoring systems developed																								

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ANNEX 4 TERMS of REFERENCE of FORVAC MANAGEMENT

1. Supervisory Board Terms of Reference

Functions

The FORVAC Programme Supervisory Board (SB) is the highest decision-making body of the Programme.

The main duties are:

- approval of major strategic and policy issues directly relevant for the project;
- approval of changes in PD including scope and objectives, the organisational structure and management as well as any other changes to the Programme with major financial implications;
- approval of the annual progress reports, work plans and budgets;
- approval of Programme policies and implementation principles;
- any other (policy) decisions which have financial implications.
- The decisions of the SB will be clearly recorded in the meeting minutes. While SB has the full authority to deviate from the PD when approving annual work plans, however, any such deviations should be clearly brought to its attention when the draft annual work plans and budget are submitted to the SB, and such deviations have to be clearly recorded in the meeting minutes of SB.

Composition

The Composition of the Supervisory Board is:

- MNRT (Chairperson)
- MFA – Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland represented by the Embassy of Finland (Co-Chair)
- MoFP – Ministry of Finance and Planning (Member, represented by the Permanent Secretary)
- MoIT – Ministry of Industries and Trade (Member)
- Ministry of Energy (Member)
- Tanzania Forestry Working Group (TFWG)
- PO-RALG

The SB has authority to invite other participants as needed. To avoid any potential conflicts of interest, the National Programme Coordinator and the CTA are not members of the SB. They can participate as resource persons presenting issues to be discussed and decided.

Operational Aspects

- The SB will meet at least once a year to approve the annual budget and related work plan, or more often as needed.
- The Supervisory Board may also make decisions through official correspondence.
- The SB aims at consensus in decision-making. For possible issues that could have considerable implications, especially financial, the Competent Authorities will have a veto-right in the SB.
- The NPC, in consultations with the CTA, shall organise the meetings;
- The agenda will be supplied via email at least 10 working days before the meeting;
- The quorum shall be half the voting members;
- Should a nominated member fail to attend three consecutive meetings, the organisation is requested to appoint an alternative;
- The minutes of the meetings shall be jointly taken by the NPC and CTA.

2. Steering Committee Terms of Reference

Functions

The FORVAC Programme Steering Committee (SC) is responsible for steering programme implementation and ensuring appropriate coordination and cooperation between and among involved institutions. The SC aims at achieving consensus in its decision-making.

The main duties are:

- To provide the Programme with overall policy guidance;
- To ensure the Programme adheres to MFA's "Managing for Results" approach;
- To ensure Programme compliance with the MFA Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and the MFA cross-cutting objectives;
- To review and approve Programme progress reports and work plans;
- To provide operational directives in monitoring the progress of the Programme;
- To review and approve Programme financial reports and budgets;
- To review the Programme's risk assessment and risk response actions;
- To approve adjustments in relation to Programme implementation;
- To advise on personnel issues encountered during Programme implementation; and
- To make decisions on issues of urgency and importance that are not included within the mandate of the Supervisory Board.

Composition

The members of the SC are representatives of the organizations directly involved or influenced by project implementation. The Steering Committee has the authority to invite other participants as needed. The Composition is made up of representatives of:

- FBD – Forestry and Beekeeping Division, MNRT (Chair)
- MFA – Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland represented by the Embassy of Finland (Co-Chair)
- ALAT – Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (Member)
- PO-RALG – President's Office, Regional and Local Government (Member)
- SHIVIMITA – Tanzania Forest Industries Federation (Member)
- TaWoFe – Tanzania Woodworking Federation (Member)
- TFS – Tanzania Forest Service (Member)
- TFWG – Tanzania Forestry Working Group (Member)
- THC – Tanzania Honey Council (Member)
- NPC – National Programme Coordinator, ex-officio secretary, non-voting member; and
- CTA – Chief Technical Adviser (non-voting member)
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Environment
- Representative of ACAMEDIA (to be agreed by competent authorities)
- Regional Commissioner's Office (Ruvuma, Lindi)

If a representative cannot participate in a meeting, a nominated person may attend to represent. Under certain circumstances other representatives of Government, Civil Society, or Private Sector may additionally be co-opted to the meetings (as non-voting members).

Operational Aspects

- The Steering Committee focuses on operational level issues by taking major operational decisions, thereby steering and supporting programme implementation with the aim of achieving functionality and monitoring activities;
- For issues that may have considerable implications, especially financial, the Competent Authorities have a veto-right;
- The Steering Committee may also make decisions through official correspondence (e.g. exchange of letters or e-mails);
- The Steering Committee meets as per need; minimum twice per year. In urgent cases or upon request of a SC member(s) a special meeting may be called;
- The SC meets in a project area when possible;
- The NPC, in consultations with the CTA, shall organise the meetings;
- The agenda will be supplied via email at least 10 working days before the meeting;
- The quorum shall be half the voting members;
- Should a nominated member fail to attend three consecutive meetings, the organisation is requested to appoint an alternative;
- The minutes of the meetings shall be jointly taken by the NPC and CTA.

3. Programme Management Team Terms of Reference

Functions

The Programme Management Team (PMT) is formed as a platform for Programme coordination and exchange of information. It supports implementation and monitors Programme operations in accordance with the Programme Document, approved work plans and budgets. In the above it supports Programme Management in its decision-making. The PMT aims for consensus building in its deliberations. Meetings focus on:

- Discussions of the Programme Document, annual work plans, budgets and financial reports in preparation for SC and SB approval;
- Discussions of audits, policies, manuals, guidelines;
- Discussions on proposed terms of reference for experts (Long- and Short-Term Consultants) prior to Competent Authorities approval / no-objection;
- Discussions on proposed Terms of Reference for service providers and organizations to be selected to serve as Service providers prior to Competent Authorities approval / no-objection;
- Discussions on the performance of programme staff at implementation level and stakeholders and, if necessary, suggests personnel management or capacity building activities;
- Discussions on the follow-up and establishment, implementation and development of activities at national, regional and district levels;
- Discussions on cooperation with organizations involved in similar activities and who have an interest in the outcome areas of the Programme;
- Discussions on adequate coordination, learning and experience sharing;
- The PMT can invite further participants as guests;
- Any other duties as delegated by the SC and / or SVB

Composition

- National Programme Coordinator (NPC; Co-Chair)
- Chief Technical Advisor (CTA; Co-Chair)
- National Forestry and Value Chain Development Expert (FVCDE; Member)
- National Finance and Administration Manager (FAM; Member; Secretary)
- International Forest Value Chain Adviser (FVCA; Member when in country)

Operational Aspects

- The PMT is accountable to the SC and SB respectively;
- The PMT focuses on operational level issues by discussing operational and financial issues, thereby steering and supporting programme implementation with the aim of achieving functionality and a monitoring of activities;
- The PMT meets as per need; minimum once per month. In urgent cases or upon request of a PMT member(s) a special meeting may be called;
- The required quorum for meetings exists when both Co-Chairs and at least one member are present;
- The PMT meets in the Programme premises;
- The NPC, in consultations with the CTA, shall organise each meeting's agenda;
- The minutes of the meetings shall be taken by the FAM (in the FAM's absence by the FVCDE);
- The minutes of the meetings shall be shared with the Competent Authorities via the CTA.

4. National Programme Coordinator Terms of Reference

Duty station: Dodoma

Responsibilities:

- Overall responsibility for the management of inputs provided by the Government of Tanzania and to ensure that these are used appropriately and efficiently;
- Ensure that Government of Tanzania counterpart inputs are allocated to the programme on a timely basis;
- Support programme planning, implementation progress and impact monitoring to achieve planned programme objectives and targets;
- Facilitate appropriate legal support as based on the demand of districts and / or communities during implementation of harvesting and marketing;
- Ensure the submission of periodic work plans and budgets and present the same for approval to the relevant authorities (SC and/or SB);
- Act as Secretary to the SC and SB meetings;
- Co-Chair the Programme Management Team Meetings (together with the CTA);
- Responsible for the coordination of missions by decision-makers and politicians;
- Responsible for the management and administration of support personnel provided by FBD for programme implementation;
- Facilitate integration of project interventions into FBD and Local Government operations;
- Create and maintain linkages with relevant donors and agencies at national, provincial, district and community levels, and the private sector;
- Organize meetings with partner organizations if and when need arise, in collaboration with PMT;
- Identify implementation constraints and find timely solutions to them together with PMT, FBD and TFS staff;
- Any other activity as directed by the Steering Committee that is deemed appropriate and relevant for the effective and sustainable implementation of the Programme.
- In cooperation with the CTA develop work plans and budgets during implementation as per requirements;
- In cooperation with the CTA plan, monitor and report programme activities, achievements and expenditure;

Reporting:

Competent Authorities, Steering Committee and Supervisory Board

5. International Chief Technical Advisor Terms of Reference

Duty station: Dodoma / Songea

Responsibilities:

- Supervise and lead the Technical Assistance Team, direct and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Programme as per MFA Rules and Regulations and as per Development Partner agreements;
- Ultimate responsibility for Support Personnel as per relevant contract;
- Co-chair the Programme Management Team meetings (together with the National Programme Coordinator);
- Oversee the operations of the Programme, ensuring that Programme resources are managed within the stipulated guidelines and contracts, and through authorising the release and retirement of operational funds;
- Lead the review of the Programme Document, budget and work plan during the Inception Phase;
- Lead the development of work plans and budgets during implementation as per requirements;
- Ensure that the cross-cutting themes of gender equality, reduction of inequalities and climate change adaptation and mitigation (climate resilience and low emission development) as well Human Rights-based Approach (HRBA) are mainstreamed throughout the Programme;
- Prepare and monitor programme workplans, budgets and reports;
- Planning, monitoring and reporting of programme activities, achievements and expenditure;
- Support the programme FAM in the development of a programme procurement framework and implementation manual and in the actual procurement of goods and services in an orderly manner;
- Support the FAM in managing office equipment, resources and the vehicle fleet in a manner consistent with the relevant guidelines for vehicle use;
- Coordinate the timely preparation and submission of periodic workplans and budgets and present the same for approval to the relevant authorities (SC and/or SVB);
- Prepare TORs for consultancies and studies, participate in evaluation of proposals and supervise contracts;
- Overall lead for institutional development within the programme support;
- Oversee potential service providers, develop service delivery models, select service providers as well as develop ToRs and contractual arrangements;
- Close coordination and cooperation with key partners and stakeholders at national and local level;
- Participate in all recruitment;
- Any other activity as directed by the Steering Committee that is deemed appropriate and relevant for the effective and sustainable implementation of the Programme.

Reporting:

Competent Authorities, Steering Committee and Supervisory Board

6. International Forest Value Chain Adviser Terms of Reference

Duty station: Dodoma / Songea, Programme Clusters and Districts

Responsibilities:

- Support and develop Programme activities in the areas Forestry and the Market System with an emphasis on value chain development according to current approaches;
- Support FVCDE in his role;
- Support the review of the Programme Document, budget and work plan during the Inception Phase. Support the development of work plans and budgets during implementation as per requirements;
- Develop tools, processes, and monitoring approaches to be tried and tested by FORVAC in the development of forestry and value chain approaches;
- Analyse governance issues in the application of FORVAC's activities and help design processes based on existing rules and regulations. Support FLEGT processes according to programme activities;
- Contribute to the development of the Management Information System;
- Promote HRBA and good governance in the processes involved in the implementation of harvesting and marketing of forest products;
- In conjunction with FVCDE, initiate the implementation design, set-up and coordination of service providers to ensure a consistent understanding and implementation of the overall forest utilization, market approach and programme activities;
- Support FVCDE in the facilitation of buyer contracts, linkages with forest processing enterprises and other relevant institutions;
- Participate in the recruitment of cluster coordinators;
- Any other duties as assigned by the CTA.

Reporting:

The International Forest Value Chain Adviser shall report directly to the CTA.

7. National Forest Management and Value Chain Expert, Terms of Reference

Duty station: Dodoma / Songea / Ruvuma

Responsibilities:

- Support and develop Programme activities in forestry and value chain development
- Support the review of the Programme Document, budget and work plan during the Inception Phase. Support the development of work plans and budgets during implementation as per requirements.
- Support FORVAC's local level implementation and activities, apply the best practices
- Support and develop Programme activities in the areas Forestry and the Market System with an emphasis on value chain development according to current approaches;
- Support and coordinate with service providers to ensure a consistent understanding and implementation of the overall forest utilization, market approach and programme activities;
- Prepare TORs for studies, participate in evaluation of proposals and supervise contracts
- Facilitate forest product buyer contracts and linkages with forest processing enterprises and other relevant institutions;
- Support and collaborate closely with the international forest value chain adviser;
- Supervise and guide cluster coordinators, ensure synergies and application of best practices
- Liaise closely with regional and district authorities to facilitate programme activities
- Oversee participatory land use planning and mentoring of forest managers as groups or individuals
- Guide and supervise the development of product focused forest management plans including harvesting plans at community, group and individual level where appropriate
- Identify and support the identification and development of Income Generating Activities for Local Economic Development
- Identify and support the identification and development of NWFP /NTFP
- Liaise with regional and district officials to facilitate legal processes and the approval of plans for efficient and effective harvesting that is in line with national legal framework. Support legal rights of local communities
- Identify, liaise and coordinate with outsourced service providers and communities to ensure a consistent understanding and implementation of the overall forest management
- Participate in assessing and selecting potential service providers, developing service delivery models, as well as developing TORs and contractual arrangements
- Work in close cooperation with the value chain advisers in the implementation of value chains
- Engage and provide input in appropriate policy and legal fora for lands and forests at national and regional level
- Support, guide and monitor service providers in implementation of business plans, budgets and progress reporting (i.e. service delivery to communities)
- Participate in integration of project interventions into: i) FBD, TFS and Local Government operations, ii) village level institutions including such entities as associations and cooperatives
- Any other duties as assigned by the CTA

Reporting:

The National Forest Management and Value Chain Advisor shall report directly to the CTA.

8. National Finance and Administration Manager Terms of Reference

Duty station: Dodoma / Songea

Responsibilities:

- Support the CTA in financial planning, budgeting and budget monitoring;
- Supervise the utilisation of the programme's financial management
- Responsible for day-to-day accounting; prepare periodic accounts and financial reports as per programme requirements
- Coordinate with Cluster Coordinators on cluster financing modalities including reporting and monitoring
- In coordination with the CTA, prepares financial management and administrative rules and policies to be followed by all partners and programme staff;
- Supports the CTA in contract management;
- Responsible for administrative day-to-day programme management, including support in personnel administration;
- Responsible of procurement planning and process management;
- Responsible of fixed asset management;
- Coordinate the programme's logistics and fleet maintenance;
- Supervises project drivers and support staff;
- Participate in the recruitment of supporting staffs
- Any other duties that may be assigned by the CTA.

Reporting: The National Financial and Administration Manager shall report directly to the CTA

9. National Cluster Coordinators Terms of Reference (Lindi and Ruvuma Cluster Coordinators during the Extension Phase)

Duty station: FORVAC Cluster Office in the Regions/Clusters and Districts

- Lindi - based in Ruangwa district, working area Liwale, Ruangwa and Nachingwea districts. He/she also works, in collaboration with the Forest Management and Value Chain Expert, to coordinate programme activities in Mpwapwa, Handeni and Kilindi districts of the Tanga cluster.
- Ruvuma – based in Songea, working area of Tunduru, Namtumbo, Songea, Nyasa and Mbinga districts

Responsibilities:

- Support FORVAC's local level implementation and activities
- Prepare cluster work plans and budget for activities and account for funds disbursed. Responsibility for finances received according to established modalities.
- Provide information and guidance at village and district level on opportunities and processes and their relative benefits (Village Land Forest Reserves, Joint Forest Management Agreements)
- Participate in assessing and selecting potential service providers, developing service delivery models, as well as developing TORs and contractual arrangements
- Support, guide and monitor service providers in implementation of business plans, budgets and progress reporting (i.e. service delivery to communities)
- Prepare TORs for studies, participate in evaluation of proposals and supervise contracts.
- Initiate and monitor VLUP processes and participate in LUP improvement process
- Initiate and monitor forest management and harvesting planning and actual field operations
- Train and facilitate training of stakeholders; involvement in training needs assessment
- Participate in integration of project interventions into: i) FBD, TFS and Local Government operations, ii) village level institutions including such entities as associations and cooperatives,
- Coordination and cooperation with key partners and stakeholders at local level
- Any other duties as assigned by the FMA or CTA

Reporting:

The Cluster Coordinators shall report directly to the Forest Management and Value Chain Advisor (FMA)

ANNEX 5 REVIEW OF RELEVANT POLICIES AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Programme is compatible with a large number of policies, acts and legislation that influence forest management, conservation and private sector development in Tanzania. Policies, programmes and acts that have a direct or in-direct bearing to the Programme and how the Programme contributes to their achievement are discussed in chapters below.

MKUKUTA II and Multi-Year Development Plans

The **National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty II**, MKUKUTA II is a national plan for putting the focus on poverty reduction high on the country's development agenda and it has provided the framework for donor assistance in Tanzania. MKUKUTA is informed by the aspirations of Tanzania's Development Vision (Vision 2025) for high and shared growth, high quality livelihood, peace, stability and unity, good governance, high quality education and international competitiveness. It supports achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), *Kilimo Kwanza* ('Agriculture First') and 'Big Results Now' initiatives.

MKUKUTA II puts emphasis on (i) focused and sharper prioritization of interventions - projects and programmes in key priority growth and poverty reduction sectors; (ii) strengthening evidence-based planning and resource allocation in the priority interventions; (iii) aligning strategic plans of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to this strategy (iv) strengthening government's and national implementation capacity; (v) scaling up the role and participation of the private sector in priority areas of growth and poverty reduction; (vi) improving human resources capacity, in terms of skills, knowledge, and efficient deployment; (vii) fostering changes in mind-set toward hard work, patriotism, and self-reliance; (viii) mainstreaming cross cutting issues in MDAs and LGAs processes; (ix) strengthening the monitoring and reporting systems; and (x) better implementation of core reforms, including further improvement of public financial management systems.

It strives to widen the space for country ownership and effective participation of civil society, private sector development and fruitful local and external partnerships in development and commitment to national, regional and other international initiatives for social and economic development. Reduction of poverty requires sustained high growth rate of GDP of at least 6-8 percent per annum over the next decade. MKUKUTA II mainstreams environmental aspects successfully across all of its three outcome areas: (i) growth and reduction of income poverty; (ii) quality of life and social well-being, and; (iii) governance and accountability. The Support to Sustainable Forest Management and Value Chain Development -Programme is aligned with MKUKUTA II by supporting employment creation (based on multiple forest product value chains), improve private sector participation in forest management, harvesting and processing of forest products and contribute to the growth rate of the GDP.

Tanzania's **Five-Year Development Plan (2016/17-2020/21)** that is targeting industrialization, human development and implementation of effectiveness, aim at harnessing country's resource endowments including forest to foster Tanzanian economic developments. The plan identifies sustainable forest management, private forestry, tree planting, forest value chain development and capacity building in forest and beekeeping institutions as intervention areas. Such interventions are envisaged to be undertaken to strengthen contribution of forestry in the national economy.

Forestry Sector Policies, Programmes and Legal Framework

The main documents which guided the management and utilization of forest resources in Tanzania at the start of FORVAC consisted of the National Forest Policy of 1998, National Forest Programmes I and II (2001-2010 and 2015-2024) and Forest Act Cap 323 [R.E. 2002], Forest Regulations (2004), Harvesting Guidelines, and PFM guidelines (for JFM and CBFM). The National Forest Policy and National Forest Programme (NFP II) were still in draft form as of September 2015

The overall goal of the **National Forest Policy (1998)** is to enhance the contribution of the forest sector to the sustainable development of Tanzania and the conservation, development and management of forest resources for future generations. The objectives of the forest sector development based on the overall goal are to: (i) ensure sustainable supply of forest products and services by maintaining sufficient forests under effective management. (ii) Increase employment and foreign exchange earnings through sustainable forest based industrial development and trade. (iii) Ensure ecosystem stability through conservation of forest biodiversity, water catchment and soil fertility, and (iv) Enhance national capacity to manage and develop the forest sector in collaboration with other stakeholders.

The National Forest Policy of 1998 requires a programmatic approach to ensure reform of Tanzania's forest administration and management by putting emphasis on participatory management systems of natural and other forests. The move towards PFM was derived from two factors: firstly, recognition that neither central government nor local governments have the human and material capacity to manage the nation's forest resources in a sustainable way without the support of poor communities living close to the forest. Secondly, there was a political will to decentralize government functions to the lowest levels of government. The PFM attempts to secure and improve the livelihoods of local people dependent on forest resources. The Programme supports the forest policy by investing in livelihood enhancement by involving all key stakeholders (including private sector) in the process of forest management, understanding their needs and situations, allowing them to influence decisions and receive benefits, and increase transparency along the value chain.

National Forest Policy Implementation Strategy (2021-2031)

In 2017-2018, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) conducted an evaluation on NFP implementation as a prerequisite to prepare a new forest policy. The evaluation report together with the recommendations received from the Cabinet secretariat with regards to the draft forest policy which was submitted for consideration concluded that, lack of implementation strategy was among the key challenges that saddles development of the forest sector. This led to the recommendation that the National Forest Policy Implementation Strategy (NFPIS) be developed to guide the implementation of NFP (1998).

The NFPIS will spearhead the implementation of the Policy for the period of 10 years (2021/22 – 2031/32). Despite late development, the Strategy has taken into consideration the current status of the sector and other new emerging issues in the sector noted in the Tanzania Development Vision of 2025; CCM Manifesto of 2020; the Third National Five Years Development Plan (2021/22 – 2025/26), and the Sustainable Development Goals (2030). It entails the implementation plan, resources and means applied to mobilize resources that will enable proper Policy implementation. Further, the Strategy will guide preparation of sectoral plans and programmes for effective and efficient NFP implementation.

The NFPIS will guide all interventions under the four forest policy areas and three cross-cutting issues. These areas are: forest land management; forest-based industries and products; ecosystem conservation and management, and institutions and human resources. The three cross-cutting issues are HIV/AIDS, gender and governance.

Forest Act (2002) provides a clear legal basis for communities, groups or individuals across mainland Tanzania to own manage or co-manage forests under a wide range of conditions. The law recognizes two different types of Participatory Forest Management, namely Community-Based Forest Management and Joint Forest Management. Forest Regulations of 2004 and Forest (Amendment) Regulations (2007) amend upon the provisions of the Forest Act. Also trade and revenue collection in forest produce is guided by the Forest Act. The Act makes provisions for issuance of export certificates (for forest products leaving a district) and the ports of exit. As noted in some studies (Abdallah et al., 2012) charcoal is being exported also through unauthorized ports. The law demands that charcoal can only be produced for sale if a permit has been issued in advance by the Forestry Department. More effort is required to enforce this legislation in order to reduce widespread illegal felling of trees for charcoal production, but also to collect Government revenues. The Programme will facilitate revision of the Forest Act to align with the new National Forest Policy.

Forest Harvesting Guidelines of 2007 require that each forest in the country should have a forest management plan. Harvesting of the forest products should be supervised by the District Forest Harvesting Committee whose chairperson is the District Commissioner. All harvestings in government forest plantations should be coordinated by the Committee. Forest product harvesting from government forestland is to be done by permit only. Harvesting of wood for charcoal production, tobacco curing, fish smoking, brick burning and bread barking should be also by permit only. Five percent of the revenues generated should be channelled to the Tanzania Forest Fund to be used for tree planting. Government has also issues notices that regulate the transport times, checkpoints and permits with respect to forest products being transported.

The Community - Based Forest Management Guidelines (first edition in 2001 and update in 2007) provide practical guidance to the district staff and to district and village authorities for implementation CBFM in the country. The Guidelines make clear that the target population for community -based forest management is populations living within and adjacent to the forest domain. The establishment of joint management committees (village and sub-village level) and joint management agreements are promoted.

Joint Forest Management Guidelines (first edition in 2007 and update in 2013) provide guidelines for facilitation of JFM agreements regarding management of forest land in forest reserves owned and managed either by the government (central or local authority) or the private sector. The updated version is produced by the Local Government staff and foresters of TFS. It is a practical guide meant to be used by all types of service providers involved in introduction of JFM at local level.

The Programme will comply with both Guidelines (i.e. CBFM and JFM) by focusing on the stage 4 (i.e. implementation). In this stage, the Programme will support CBFM and JFM communities to put the systems needed to manage the forest in place: e.g. facilitate appointment and training of the patrol team, proper record keeping, making sure the rules are known and respected by all.

Policies and Legal Framework addressing Decentralization and Revenue Collection

The **Local Government Finance Act No 9 of 1982** (revised in 2000), empowers District Councils to collect revenues by imposing taxes, levies and trade licenses. The Act lists the revenues, funds and resources of a

district council, among which shall consist of all moneys derived from fees for forest produce and licences accruing to the district council under section 10 of the Forests Act. Service charges on land rents and trade license remain as valid resources of income to the Councils. The local Government Finance Act enables the Councils to receive funds from the Central Government as subvention through the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Regional Administration (PMO RALG) and Local Government Authority (LAG). The Act empowers the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) to carry out financial audits for establishing the financial performance of any expenditure or use of resources in the Local Government Authorities. Therefore, the CAG provides external oversight to the districts.

Government revenue sources in forestry sector include natural forests, plantations, exports and services. The Government Notice (GN) 433 of November 2013 (made under Sections 77 and 78 of the Forest Act No. 14 of 2002) establishes four main sources of fees and royalties, namely (i) natural forest products (sawn logs, poles, firewood, charcoal etc.); (ii) forest plantations products; (iii) exports; and (iv) non-wood forest products (grazing, orienteering, camping, road service, etc.)²⁶. Sawn timber from natural forests accounts for less than 5% of government revenues. Poles from natural forests and mangroves are more valuable than from plantations but generate less than 1% of government revenue. Revenue from the sale of firewood from natural forests constituted only about 0.8% of the total revenue collected by MNRT in 2006/07. Charcoal is a large generator of government revenue; its use is increasing due to urbanization. Revenue from sale of charcoal from natural forests in 2006/07 constituted 44 % of total revenue collected by MNRT. The government collects 45% of revenue from its plantations, most of which are planted with softwood trees. Furthermore, government is collecting revenue from various other sources in the forestry sector such as exports, services, licences, taxes, fees and levies.

Forest Act of 2002 requires that the Forest Management Plan should give an outline for charges and fees which may be made for access to or use of the forest and the produce of the forest and for the division of the resources so generated by such charges and fees between the various authorities and persons likely to be involved in the management of the forest. It is through these charges that fees shall be collected by the Villages (VNRC and Village Council) in case of VLFR and CBFM. The Act states that the village shall collect some of the revenue from fees, royalties and licenses charged or issued in respect of the gazetted village land forest reserve as may be agreed in the joint management agreement or other arrangement and pay them into the accounts of the village council or an account specifically set up for forest management and development purposes. The Forest Act also makes provisions for revenue collection from central government forest reserves and district forest reserves. TFS and District councils collect revenues in the central government forest reserves and district council forest reserves.

Policies and Legal Framework supporting Private Sector Development and Employment

The **National Public Private Partnership (PPP) Policy (2009)** was followed up by enactment of the **Public Private Partnership Act (2010)**. The main objective of the policy is promotion private sector participation in the development of key economic clusters in terms of investment capital, management skills and technology. The rights of participation of private sector and communities in the forest management were formalized in the Forest Policy (1998) and Forest Act (2002).

²⁶ Scoping Study of the Forestry Sector for the purpose of including the industry in revenue disclosure through TEITI. Green Advocates International 2014.

Enhanced private sector engagement is seen as a key component in the Tanzanian strategy towards rural development, poverty reduction and improved food and nutrition security. The role of the private sector has increasingly grown in relevance and importance since the mid-2000. Cluster 1 of MKUKUTA requires pursuing policies that attract public and private investments in agriculture (including livestock) and natural resources, promote diversification to non-farm activities. According to the draft National Forest Policy of 2015, the role of the Government has been re-defined to be that of policy formulation and guidance, law and order, regulatory and public sector support functions while under various models of collaboration the private sector has been assigned to undertake production, processing, commercial and marketing functions.

There are various policies and regulatory environment in place to enhance private investment in Tanzania. Compared to the past, Tanzania made starting private companies for e.g. forest business easier by creating a business activities registration system and business registration centres in all the local authorities. TIN registration is at no cost. Tax registration has been fully computerized. It takes a minimum of 2 days to obtain TIN number, depending on the number of requests made to the Revenue Authority at the time. The Programme envisages using private sector actors to improve efficiency and incentivised wood and non-wood forest product value chain activities.

The **National Agricultural Policy (1997)** is focused on the government being a facilitator, regulator and supporter while the private sector will deal with production, processing and marketing functions. Other features are that agricultural inputs and prices have been decontrolled, subsidies have been removed and monopolies of markets by cooperatives and marketing bodies have been eliminated.

The **Employment and Labour Relations Act, 2004 (Act No. 6/04)** makes provisions for core labour rights, to establish basic employment standards, to provide a framework for collective bargaining, to provide for the prevention and settlement of disputes and provide for related matters. The Programme is a potential employer and shall adhere to the provisions of this Act.

Land Policies and Legal Framework

The key framework that significantly, influences land use planning and management in village lands, including forestland, consists of the National Land Policy, the Land Act No.4 of 1999 and the Village Land Act No. 5 of 1999.

The **National Land Policy (1995)** recognizes the dual system of land tenure, i.e. customary and statutory rights of occupancy, as equal before the law. However, statutory rights of occupancy shall be granted by the government for a period not exceeding 99 years, while customary rights of occupancy shall have no time limit. The period of 99 years is the maximum period for granting right of occupancy, equivalent to a lease of land, while the customary rights, having no time limit, is an absolute right of ownership of land. The market for the second type of land tenure is higher than for the first one. The policy provides conditions for transactions of land, which has a market value. The policy is weak in that it does not mention the difference between surface land tenure rights and resource tenure rights in both customary and statutory rights of occupancy. The clear recognition of land having a market value in fact bestows resource tenure to individual landowners. It is the resource tenure, which now may determine land quality and the value of parcels of land, where applicable. The proposed Programme adheres to the National Land Policy by upholding the customary law and strengthening district and village institution to manage the forests under village land.

In the **Land Act No. 4 of 1999**, "general land" is defined to mean all public land, which is not reserved land or village land. "Reserved land" is land designated by provisions of specific Acts (Forest, National Parks, Ngorongoro Conservation Ordinance, Wildlife, Marine Parks and Reserves Acts) or any other law, which provides for land to be set-aside for special purposes such as public recreation grounds. This definition contradicts with the one provided in the Village Land Act of 1999, therefore bring in confusion of ownership of forests in village land (especially regarding the village forestland that is not declared a VLFR). However, the National Land Policy advocates the protection of land resources from degradation for sustainable development. Land use planning takes into consideration the land carrying capacity, ensures proper management of rural land resources, promote resource sharing and multiple land use techniques in area of conflicting land use and lastly calls for the involvement of community in resource management, land use and conflict resolution.

The **Village Land Act No. 5 of 1999** administers village land vesting authority is the Village Assembly with the assistance from the Village Council as trustee to villagers. "Village land" means land declared under and in accordance with the Land Act No.4 and Village Land Act No. 5 of 1999. It also includes any transfer of reserved or general land to a village. The Village Land Act defines village land as consisting of land falling in the boundaries of a registered village under section 22 of District Authorities Act No.7 of 1982, land designated as village land under the Land Tenure (Village Settlement) Act No.27 of 1965, land having boundaries demarcated as village land under any law or administrative procedure in force at any time before the Land Act No 4, or land whose boundaries have been agreed upon between the village councils having jurisdiction over that land, and/or land other than reserved which the villagers have, during the twelve years preceding the enactment of the Land Act of 1999 have been regularly occupying and using as village land in whatever manner. The Village Land Act 1999 empowers the village assembly to divide the village into the following: occupied, used, available for occupation, community used and/or public used land, then to be known as communal village land. It also identifies land being occupied or used by an individual, family, or group of persons under customary law. Finally, village councils identify land, which may be made available for communal or individual occupation and use, through allocation by the village council. The same Act gives mandate to the village assembly to further plan the land uses to be designated to the communal village land such as village land forest reserves. The Programme will expedite participatory development of land use plans and village land forest reserves in Liwale District, and will reinforce sustainable management and conservation of VLFRs through provision of capacity building, enhancing value chains of potential forest products and strengthening institutions that oversee VLFRs in the country.

Controversies and inconsistencies between the land acts 4 & 5 of 1999 Land Act No. 4 are cited to be among the challenges causing forest degradation in Tanzania. If Land Act No. 5 and Village Land Act No. 4 are compared side by side, they show inconsistencies that require review and harmonization. For instance, according to the Village Land Act, general land is a residual category, it includes all land that is not reserved land or village land, whilst the Land Act says 'general land' means all public land which is not reserved land or village land and includes *unoccupied or unused village land*" (See Section 2). The part of the definition in italics does not appear in the definition of General Land in the Village Land Act. There are no provisions in either Act that clarify to what exactly the former definition refers. There is little doubt that this definition is yet another expression of the by now familiar concern of freeing 'surplus' land from villages for external investors. Furthermore, there has been weak coordination and communication between ministries responsible for forestry and regional administration and local government. As a result, there have been duplication and conflict of roles between staff of the lead ministries. Further, coordination and

communication between the ministries on the one hand and NGOs/CBOs and private actors is also weak. Lobbying for harmonization of the Act No. 4 and 5 will be one of inputs of this Programme.

According to the **Land Use Planning Act, No. 6 of 2007**, the National Land Use Commission is the principal advisory organ of the Government on all matters related to land use. The Commission formulates policies on land use planning, coordinating the activities of all bodies concerned with land use planning matters and evaluating existing and proposed policies and activities of the Government directed to safeguarding of land against its wrongful, wasteful or premature use or development. Therefore, the Commission recommends policies and programmes for effective protection and enhancement of the land quality and better land use planning. Procedures for the preparation, administration and enforcement of land use plans will be followed as stipulated in the Land Use Planning Act, No. 6 of 2007. For example, the fundamental principles itemized in page 141 will be followed. The principles include: make land available for shelter, human settlements to all community including women, youth, elders, disabled and disadvantaged, balanced development, protect the environment, promote participation of private sector, CBOs, communities in land use planning. The Programme land use planning activities will be implemented by involving the Planning Use Planning Authorities i.e. Village councils, District Councils, National Land use Planning Commission, or any organ the minister of land may declare to be planning authority. Preparation and approval of land use plans will follow the provisions stipulated in the Act.

Other Relevant Policies and Legal Framework

Among other policies that have some significance on planning and management of forests are the National Energy Policy (2003), Environment Management Act (2004), Climate Change Strategy (2012), National Environmental Policy (1997), National Water Policy (1991), National Livestock Policy (2006) and Wildlife Policy of Tanzania (2007).

The objectives of the **National Energy Policy of 2003** are to ensure availability of reliable and affordable energy supplies and their use in a rational and sustainable manner in order to support national development goals. The national energy policy, therefore, aims to establish an efficient energy production, procurement, transportation, distribution and end-use systems in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner. The Policy provides strategies for energy conservation and efficiency. Economic development correlates strongly with energy consumption and energy independence. The utilization of energy is related to exploitation of natural resources and of life supporting elements such as water and forests. Efficient production and use of energy is therefore a necessary condition for sustainable economic development. Energy conservation and efficiency issues should be high priorities of the Government. Implementation of the Programme will results in sustainable charcoal harvesting which hence reduces depletion of forests and woodlots.

Environmental Management Act (2004) Some of the existing environmental planning in the context of the Environmental Management Act addresses certain aspects of climate change, enhancement of climate change in existing governance strategies and institutional arrangements is still required to address all aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation. To address the challenge, the government has undertaken several efforts including undertaking a Quick Scan on the Impacts of Climate Change in 2009; preparation of the National Adaptation Programme of Action in 2007, CDM Guide for Investors in 2004 and the Initial National Communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change inn 2003. These have contributed to better understanding of the present and future impacts of climate change and possible opportunities. In this regard, a need for a better institutional arrangement has been underscored.

The **Tanzania Climate Change Strategy 2012** outlines initiatives to build a critical mass of climate change experts to address adaptation challenges and proactively exploit available opportunities to address both adaptation and mitigation, thereby enhancing Tanzania's participation in the international climate change agenda. The goal is to enable Tanzania to effectively adapt to and participate in global efforts to mitigate to climate change with a view to achieving sustainable economic growth in the context of the Tanzania's national development blueprint, Vision 2025; Five Years National Development plan; and national cross sectoral policies in line with established international policy frameworks. The specific objectives of the Strategy are: a) To build the capacity of Tanzania to adapt to climate change impacts; b) To enhance resilience of ecosystems to the challenges posed by climate change; c) To enable accessibility and utilization of the available climate change opportunities through implementation.; d) To enhance participation in climate change mitigation activities that lead to sustainable development; e) To enhance public awareness on climate change; f) To enhance information management on climate change.; g) To put in place a better institutional arrangement to adequately address climate change and h) To mobilize resources including finance to adequately address climate change.

The Climate Change Strategy establishes a case for achieving sustainable development while participating in mitigation *initiatives, such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), REDD+, and other carbon markets or trading activities.* The forest sector acts as a carbon sink, absorbing all emissions produced at national level and more, making Tanzania a net sink of Green House Gas. Implementation of climate change issues in Tanzania is undertaken within the context of the National Environmental Policy, 1997 and the EMA and other related policies and legislations. With respect to forestry, the sector goal is to enhance climate change resilience of forests for continued supply of the ecosystems goods and services. The strategic objectives are: i) to mainstream climate change aspect into forest management practices, ii) to promote use of lesser known tree species, iii) to promote alternative livelihood to forest dependent communities, and iv) to promote use of non-timber materials. Strengthening and upscaling of community-based forest management best practices is included as one of the seven strategic interventions.

The **National Climate Change Response Strategy (NCCRS) 2021-2026** was published 2021 “to guide the national climate change initiatives amid COVID-19 global recovery struggles”. According to the document, Tanzania's efforts towards maintaining lower middle-income or reaching higher status may be impeded by anticipated climate related shocks, like natural disasters and extreme weather conditions such as abnormal rains and temperatures. This is attributed to the high reliance of the country's economy on natural resources and its consequent low adaptive capacities. The adverse effects of climate change (e.g. extreme weather events) affect country's natural resources, biodiversity, health situation, energy supply and demand, infrastructure, and livelihoods in general. Therefore, existing climate vulnerability and future climate change adverse impacts are likely to reduce Tanzania's efforts and possibilities to achieve projected economic growth, sustainable development and poverty reduction targets as well as quick COVID -19 recovery measures. The overall objective of the NCCRS is therefore to enhance the national resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change and enable the country to pursue low emission development pathways so as to achieve sustainable development. The Strategy covers adaptation, mitigation and cross-cutting strategies that will enable the United Republic of Tanzania to benefit from the opportunities available to developing countries in their efforts to tackle climate change, as noted in the following specific objectives of the NCCRS:

- i. Enhance mainstreaming of climate change issues into national sector and local government development plans and budgets;
- ii. Facilitate implementation and monitoring of the **Tanzania's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)**;
- iii. Align climate change interventions with the national development agenda of industrialized economy;
- iv. Devise and implement strategic adaptation and mitigation measures in line with the national circumstances, requirements of climate change related multilateral environmental agreements, sustainable development goals (SDGs) and related bilateral and regional agreements;
- v. Enhance research, public awareness, education and capacity building on climate change issues;
- vi. Enhance coordination and institutional capacity, including provision of climate services and implementation of the national framework for climate services;
- vii. Facilitate mobilization of sustainable and adequate finance and technologies to support climate change adaptation and mitigation interventions;
- viii. Promote and facilitate transfer of climate-smart technologies to support climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- ix. Promote gender-responsive climate change adaptation and mitigation interventions; and
- x. Promote inclusive engagement of stakeholders, including community, media, civil society organizations and private sector in designing, implementing and monitoring sustainable climate change adaptation and mitigation interventions.

For implementation purposes, the NCCRS includes coordination, resource mobilization and implementation plan. Adaptation remains a highest priority for Tanzania. In the Strategy, objectives, strategies, targets and indicators, indicative budgets and means of verifications and responsible institutions for each respective sector identified are reflected. For the Forest and Bee Keeping the objectives are, as follows: To enhance climate change resilience of forests and non-timber products (with strategies: i) to promote adoption of climate-smart forest management practices; ii) to promote alternative livelihood to forest dependent communities; iii) to promote use of non-timber forest products; iv) to promote nationwide tree planting programs and initiatives; and v) to enhance sustainable bee keeping initiatives and technologies.

FORVAC is acting according to all of the above strategies defined for Tanzania. The **NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs)** (2021) provide a set of interventions on adaptation and mitigation, which are expected to build country resilience to the impacts of climate change and contribute to the global effort of reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) emission. They are guided by the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The NDCs describe the adaptation contributions by Tanzania. The following adaptation measures will be pursued in Forestry sector:

- a) Enhancing participatory sustainable forest and wildlife management and protection,
- b) Safeguarding the ecosystem services, including through the promotion of alternative livelihood options to forest dependent communities, and
- c) Strengthening forestry research and development to promote resilience to climate stress.

FORVAC implements activities regarding each of the above-mentioned measures.

Forestry is also within the four mitigation sectors that Tanzania has prioritized in the NDCs, and mentions that depending on the level of international support the low or high ambition scenario will be realized ultimately. In the Forestry sector Tanzania has defined the following actions:

- a) Enhancing and upscaling implementation of participatory forest management programmes;
- b) Facilitating effective and co-ordinated implementation of actions that will enhance the contribution from the entire forest sector; and
- c) Promote nationwide forest landscape restoration programmes and initiatives.

FORVAC works already according to a) and b) -actions of the above list. The NDCs recognise the climate initiatives via bilateral funding as an option to support the development and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities.

National Environmental Policy (NEP 1997) provides guidelines and plans for managing environment in Tanzania. NEP emphasizes provision of community needs for sustainable management. Hence, among other things, the policy emphasizes the development of environmental sound forest management systems. However, the monitoring mechanisms are still weak with respect to forest activities in Tanzania. The Policy, among other things, requires integrating the economic activities and the conservation aspects into the planning process and involving stakeholders in environmental management. At present, the Government is reviewing the Environment Management Act of 2004.

However, other key aspects such as forest products harvesting e.g. charcoal, timber etc. rarely take into account negative environmental influence such as biodiversity loss, forest degradation and deforestation. In addition, the environmental laws and acts are paralyzed by poor production technologies and low production efficiency and widespread poverty in villages around CBFM. Piloting second generation CBFM intended to be implemented by this Programme will link up conservation and utilization for multiple results.

The **National Water Policy (1991)** identifies the main problem in water resource management as destruction of water sources through agriculture, fire burning of forested land and overgrazing. The main uses of water in the rural areas are for domestic use, livestock, agriculture and wildlife. The real value of most rural land depends on the availability of water on or nearby that land. The Policy empowers rural people to communally own water resources within their villages. The policy does not explicitly state the tenure of water resource to individuals; however, the community at large owns water resources and especially wells. The Programme activities will be in the village and VLRs, many of which are surface and ground water sources for villagers. Therefore all sustainable forest management activities will be planned in a participatory ways and on best ways of ensuring conservation of the water catchment areas according to the policy.

The **National Livestock Policy (December 2006)** aims at stimulating development in the livestock industry in order to increase rural and national income, improve food security and environmental conservations. The policy endeavours to increase national well – being of all stakeholders involved in the livestock industry. The objectives of the Policy among others are to ensure that the environment is conserved for sustainable livestock production and promote integrated and sustainable use and management of natural resources related to livestock production in order to achieve environmental sustainability.

The **Wildlife Policy of Tanzania (2007)** envisages among others promotion of involvement of local communities' participation in and outside the Protected Area network, increasing foreign exchange earnings and integration of wildlife conservation with rural development. The strategies for ensuring that wildlife conservation activities do not compete with other forms of land use include involving rural communities and other stakeholders in taking joint responsibility for the sustainable management of wildlife and other natural resources are still weak in Tanzania.

Table of relevant policies and strategies

Strategies, Policies and Acts	Relevance to the programme
NATIONAL STRATEGIES	
Five-Year Development Plan II (FYDP II) (2016/17-2021/22)	Underlines the private sector's role in implementation of economic activities, while the government is envisioned increasingly in a facilitating role. Forestry is identified by FYDP II as one of the priorities for national development, having close links to the national action against climate change.
National Climate Change Response Strategy 2021-2026 (2021)	Identifies the priority adaptation strategies for a number of sectors, among them forest and beekeeping. Similarly, the priority mitigation strategies cover forests and mangrove sector. Deforestation has been identified as one of the six major environmental concerns.
Draft National Forest Programme II (2015-2025)	It addresses the drivers of the current depletion of the forest resources and ensure sustainable supply of forest products and forest based environmental services to meet the local, national and global needs, on poverty reduction and improvement livelihoods.
SECTOR POLICIES	
Draft New National Forest Policy 2015 and the Old National Forest Policy 1998	Emphasis the need for forest resources to be managed for production and/or protection based on management plans to ensure their sustainability; increasing participation of all stakeholders (private sector and local communities) in forest management and conservation; improved forest governance, livelihoods and forest condition and mitigation of climate change.
National Agricultural Policy (1997)	Focuses on the government being a facilitator, regulator and supporter while the private sector will deal with production, processing and marketing functions.
National Public Private Partnership (PPP) Policy (2009)	Promotes private sector participation in the development of key economic clusters in terms of investment capital, management skills and technology; a key component in the strategy towards rural development, poverty reduction and improved food and nutrition security
National Land Policy (1995)	Recognizes the dual system of land tenure, customary and statutory rights of occupancy, as equal before the law; provides conditions for transactions of land, which has a market value.

<i>The National Energy Policy of 2003 and the Draft National Energy Policy of 2015</i>	The policy confirmed that in terms of consumption, the quantitative distributions of the different energy sources to the energy balance of Tanzania by 2014 were: biomass fuels 90%, Petroleum 8%, electricity 1.2% and others 0.8%. As such sustainable management of biomass resources is an important aspect for the energy sector
<i>National Environmental Policy of 1997</i>	Provide guidelines for implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation measures covering different sectors including the private sector and local communities.
<i>The National Water Policy of 1991</i>	It encourages sustainable management of water catchment areas including sustainable management of forests in village land.
<i>The National Livestock Policy of 2006</i>	It encourages sustainable management of natural resources as a component of implementing the livestock policy
<i>The Wildlife Policy of Tanzania of 2007</i>	It encourages sustainable management of natural resources for improvement of community livelihood, biodiversity conservation and sustainable environmental conservation.
Community Development Sector Policy of 1996	The policy is promoting use of efficient energy technologies covering firewood and charcoal stoves through its booklet with the title <i>"Kitita cha Teknolojia Sahihi zinazoweza kupatikana nchini (2003)"</i>
National Sustainable Industry Development Policy of 1996	The policy gives emphasis to intensification of energy efficiency technologies and wise use of renewable energy options to enhance climate change and sustainable management of natural resources. It promotes and encourages industries to form groups/ association sub-sector wise
Policy paper on local government reform of 1998	<p>Local governments have the responsibility for social development and public service provision within their jurisdiction, facilitation of maintenance of law and order and issues of national importance such as education, health, water, roads, agriculture and sustainable management of natural resources.</p> <p>The Minister responsible for local governments, will co-ordinate central-local relations in particular all initiatives from sectoral ministries on matters relating to local government. The local government reforms are encouraging multi-sectoral cooperation's in implementing its policy.</p>

National Small and Medium Enterprise Development Policy of 2003	It is stated in the policy that the government will ensure that environmental considerations are given due emphasis in all SME development interventions, through facilitating production of technologies which apply renewable energy and conservation of natural resources.
National Health policy 2003 and of 2015	The policy recognizes that sustainable environmental conservation is a pre-requisite for good health of the people which is a major resource essential for poverty eradication, economic development and gender equity.
LEGAL FRAMEWORKS	
Forest Act No. 14 (2002) and Forest Regulations (2004, amended 2007)	Provides a clear legal basis for communities, groups or individuals across mainland Tanzania to own, manage or co-manage forests
CBFM Guidelines (2001, update 2007)	It is a practical guidance to the district staff, private sector and village authorities for implementation CBFM in the country
Joint Forest Management Guidelines (2007, update 2013)	Practical guidance for facilitation of JFM agreements regarding management of forest land in forest reserves owned and managed either by the government (central or local authority) or the private sector.
Local Government Finance Act (1982, revised 2000)	Empowers District Councils to collect revenues by imposing taxes, levies and trade licenses including those from forest products.
Government Notice (GN) 433 (Nov. 2013) & GN 351 (2013)	Establishes main sources of fees and royalties, for forest products and services.
Public Private Partnership Act (2010)	Provides legal guidance and operating systems on issues related to public, private partnership.
The Local Government Finance Act No 9 of 1982 (revised in 2000),	Provide regulations for managing local government financial resources including village government.
The Employment and Labour Relations Act, 2004 (Act No. 6/04)	Provide regulations related to employment of labour
The Land Act No. 4 of 1999 and The Village Land Act No. 5 of 1999	They provide regulations for owning and managing land in Tanzania mainland.
Land Use Planning Act, No. 6 of 2007	Provide guidance and regulations for conducting land use plans

The Environmental Management Act No. 20 of, 2004 and the Environmental Assessment and Audit Regulations No. 349 of 2005	Facilitate conduct of Environmental impact assessments
The Wildlife Conservation Act (No. 5, 2009)	Facilitate harmony between communities living close to forest areas and wildlife including establishment of Wildlife Management Areas.
The Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 5, 2003)	Provide regulations related to occupational health and safety of workers
Employment and Labour Relations Act No. 6 of 2004, the Labour Institutions Act No. 7 of 2004 and the Workers Compensation Act, 2008	Provide regulations related to employment of labour and their rights
Land Disputes Courts Act (No. 2 of 2002).	Provide regulations for solving land disputes.

ANNEX 6 HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER ASSESSMENT (amended October 2022)

Forests, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, and Human Rights

A Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) integrates the norms, principles, standards and goals of the international human rights system into development plans and processes. It is closely linked to national and international legal responsibilities and identifies rights-holders and duty-bearers. *Rights-holders* are those who can legitimately claim a right – and *duty-bearers* are almost always government bodies, who are responsible for not getting in the way of the realisation of the right (respecting the right), not allowing others to interfere with the realisation of the right (protecting the right) and facilitating the realisation of the right (fulfilling the right).

Some of the relevant legal grounds (to which Tanzania is a signatory) are:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)
- The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (1980)

Under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the health and safety of employees comes under Article 6 (the right to life), Article 23 (the right to just and favourable conditions of work), and Article 25 (the right to health); child labour comes under Articles 6 and 26 (right of protection of the child and right to education). The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) has been ratified by Tanzania (signed in July 1980 and ratified in August 1985). CEDAW is the most comprehensive international agreement on the basic human rights of women, and is the only international instrument that

comprehensively addresses women's rights within political, civil, cultural, economic, and social life. The right to freedom from discrimination against women in rural areas is of particular relevance in the context of FORVAC (CEDAW article 14.2).

The relevant legislation of Tanzania regarding a HRBA are those relating to land tenure (such as the National Land Policy, 1997, the Land Act, 1999, and the Village Land Act, 1999), and the general equality – such as the issues mentioned in the Constitution (1977). The Constitution defines that all citizens are equal and are entitled to freedom of discrimination and equal treatment, irrespective of their sex, tribe, place of origin, religion, political opinion or station in life. However, while the Constitution prohibits gender-based discrimination, the country's legislation doesn't always reflect this. Despite the efforts that successive governments have made to promote the concept of community forestry, poor community members have not always participated fully.

In addition, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the Women's Empowerment Principles are of relevance, for those parts of the value chain considering processing, and the right to decent working conditions, including occupational health and safety. Small scale enterprises may not explicitly regard health, safety, and child labour issues as "human rights" issues, but they should address them through individual health, safety, and labour measures.

Traditionally donors supported a needs-based approach to development. The 'right to development' or 'rights-based' approach to development assists the poor or marginalised to assert their own rights to existing resources, and to share these more equally. Rights always signify responsibilities and obligations, whereas needs do not. A human rights-based approach focuses attention on those groups who lag behind. It should be noted that HRBA is not the same as gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), although GESI is a supportive element of a HRBA.

HRBA concerns the right to the process, rather than to the outcome: all human beings have the right to participate in their social, political, economic and cultural development. The outcome can only be assumed, not guaranteed. This recognises that resources can be limited and resource sharing is not yet perfect. However, the state has the obligation to support and empower its people's right to development, via enacting legislation, production systems, etc., and international signatories have the obligation to provide assistance to support these. This doesn't mean that rights holders can demand perfect achievement of their rights immediately. The State has the obligation to prepare a strategy for *progressively* achieving universal access. Efforts have been made to promote the practical implementation of economic, social and cultural rights, however the full realization of these rights continues to be a major challenge.

The human rights principles as specified by MFA Finland (2016) include the following cross-cutting criteria:

- Universality, Interrelatedness and Indivisibility
- Equality and Non-discrimination
- Participation and Inclusion
- Accountability
- Transparency

Background to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Tanzania

Forest-based goods and services are central to the economic, social, and cultural (ES&C) rights of hundreds of millions of people around the world. The World Bank estimates that 90 percent of the 1.2 billion people

living in extreme poverty depend on forest resources for some part of their livelihood (World Bank 2004; UNDP et al. 2005). Forests have proven to serve as important “safety nets” for communities in times of economic stress.

A Socio-economic assessment of poverty, inequality and vulnerability was conducted in 8 PFM communities in Handeni, Kilindi, Ruangwa and Nachingwea Districts (2014).²⁷ The assessment showed multi-dimension of poverty, where significant barriers exist to the poor and extreme poor people, to participate actively in village decision-making and PFM process and activities. In fact, the majority of the village population lacked the ability to engage in village life, in collective decision-making and in providing community contributions (food / money). The main reason included poor people having to attend to food and basic needs, hunger, sickness and long hours of menial casual labour; a long distance to village government offices and a long distance to the Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFRs) with no access to transport.

Social and economic inequality were evident through income inequality, linked to wider inequalities related to access to education, health care and social welfare. There were also ethnic inequalities, whereby pastoralists communities were excluded from village decision-making. Gender inequality was substantial, with women having a low status, less voice and power in decision-making, including village decision-making over forest resources, as well as less access to opportunities than men. Women participated as members of Village Natural Resources Committees (VNRCs) but in lower numbers than men did. There were concerns that application by letter can be a barrier to female entry on VNRCs due to illiteracy²⁸. Furthermore, in most households, women were reported to have limited decision-making power or control over income and other household's assets.

²⁷ Socio-Economic Assessment for the Extension of Support to the National Forestry and Beekeeping Programme (NFBKP II) Implementation (2014) - this fed into the FORVAC programme preparation.

²⁸ However, it is noted that according to CBFM Guidelines, literacy should not be a barrier as members of the VNRC are elected by the village assembly.

The study found that timber and non-timber forest products (NTFP) have a wide range of uses for the poor: these include poles and grass used for house construction, firewood, tree species and forest plants used for food and medicine, and use of forests for mushroom collecting, beekeeping and hunting. Employment in charcoal making and timber cutting are important livelihood activities for men, particularly as a safety net when food is short and when employment in casual agricultural labour is limited. One significant finding was that the majority of the poor do not rely on use of forest products from VLFR, although there are exceptions including traditional beekeepers, mushroom collectors, and those people living in hamlets adjacent to a VLFR. This is because VLFRs were far from village centres, and some of the poor people did not even know where the reserve is or even that it exists. Instead, majority of them depend on trees in open areas, which they have the right to use. The study supported the NAFORMA data by showing that only less 5% is used for commercial products with 95% being for domestic consumption.

Productive activities using forest products were gender divided: charcoal making, timber cutting, carpentry and brick making were carried out by men; firewood and grass collection were carried out by women. Traditional beekeeping was carried out by men, where modern beehives have been introduced beekeeping there were women involved. Mushroom collecting was undertaken by both men and women.

Women contribute to both the formal and informal forestry sectors in many significant ways. They play key roles in agro-forestry, watershed management, tree improvement and forest protection and conservation. Forests also oftentimes represent an important source of employment for women. From nurseries to plantations and from logging to wood processing, women make up a significant proportion of the labour force in forest industries throughout the world. However, although women contribute substantially to the forestry sector, their roles are not fully recognized and documented, their wages are not equal to those of men, and their working conditions tend to be poor.

One outstanding problem is the near absence of women in policymaking roles and processes concerning forestry, though they are the key actors in environmental management in Tanzania. They are involved, for example, as users, producers, managers and collectors of forest products for fuel, food and fodder requirements, collectors of water, farmers and income earners. Nevertheless, women in Tanzania have yet to achieve social and economic status equal to their economic contribution. For instance, women are still rarely seen in decision-making spheres. Naturally a significant change has been the appointment of a female President, in 2021.

The Participatory Plantation Forest Programme (PPF) conducted a study of human rights and gender in the southern highlands in 2021.²⁹ They identified many similar issues to those facing FORVAC communities. Some of the issues they identified included:

- gender disparities in land ownership, due to control by clans and a focus on male inheritance, and a lack of available land for distribution to women and vulnerable groups
- in addition, many households do not have Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCROs) or title deeds for their land, and many villages lack land use plans
- social protection issues, including occupational health and safety problems among forest workers, and a lack of social security for informal workers
- a linkage between the presence of harvesting and timber trading and increased incidence of HIV and AIDS

Tanzania has made progress in mainstreaming gender in policies, legislations and institutional framework. For example, the national forestry programme, 2001-2010, mainstreamed gender into the forest sector,

²⁹ Participatory Plantation Forest Programme (PPF), (2021). Human Rights and Gender Situation Assessment of Forest Rich Villages in the Southern Highlands, Tanzania.

through emphasis on gender balanced participatory forest management and involvement of key stakeholders from the formal and informal forest sector.

Despite the efforts made, in 2019, Tanzania had a score of 0.556 in the Gender Inequality Index, ranking it in 140th position globally of 189 countries - hence this inequality has been worsening - from 125th place in 2014 and 130th place in 2018.³⁰ However, Government statistics from 2016-2021 showed a relatively stable level of inequality in the Gender Gap Index, with a score of 0.712, meaning that women had 29% fewer opportunities than men³¹. In particular, gender inequalities are more severe in rural areas, where socio-cultural traditions are strongest. There still exist some gaps and challenges such as lack of appropriate gender-disaggregated data in both sectors and indicators for an efficient and successful gender mainstreaming in forest policies and institutional framework.

- Despite the role of women in forestry and the gains accrued at family level, their role and position remains at the lowest level both at the household (Chingonikaya 2004) and national levels. Percentage of female employees' stands at 20% compared to their male counterparts at 80% in formal forest sector (quoted in FAO 2003).³²
- The low enrolment of female students in university studies in the forestry sector, for instance less than 10% of the total number of students at the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism of Sokoine University of Agriculture in the 2010s, has been typical. Recent developments, however, show that women are now increasingly involved in forestry studies (below).

Enrolment in a bachelor's degree in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism, SUA.

Year	Total enrolment	Male	Female	Female %
2019	113	77	36	32 %
2020	129	98	31	24 %
2021	168	101	67	40 %

Traditionally, women have had limited power and participation in forest governance organisations, such as via Village Natural Resources Committees. There is limited recognition of their forest knowledge and skills, and no, or poor, land access and tenure. Customary practices on land ownership and decision making are patriarchal in nature, and they hinder women's participation and contribution in policy formulation both at local to national level. In addition, most significantly, due to their heavy workloads in the home and in household agriculture, they often haven't had time to participate in forest activities or meetings, nor support from their families to do so. Some women have themselves perpetuated these traditions in the belief that women were incapable of doing 'men's work'.

Youth: In Tanzania, the law prohibits the exploitation of children in the workplace. By law the minimum age for employment is 14 years (on the mainland). Children older than 14 but younger than 18 may be employed

³⁰ United Nations Development Programme, Human Development Reports: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/gender-inequality-index-gii>

³¹ Gender Gap Index in Tanzania from 2016-2021 - <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1220574/gender-gap-index-in-tanzania/>

³² The Programme will collect updated information regarding the sex disaggregation of the MRNT and TFS (hopefully showing disaggregation of their roles in administration, technical/professional and management positions), and share it with the competent authorities and steering committee in the context of June 2022 SC meeting.

only to undertake non- hazardous work that is not likely to be harmful to the child’s health and development or attendance at school (and for a maximum of six hours per day).

People with disabilities: Disability is the loss or limitation of opportunities to take part in the normal life of the community on an equal level with others due to temporary or permanent physical, mental or social barriers. Such a loss or limitation could be aggravated by negative community perceptions.³³ The Persons with Disabilities Act (2010)³⁴ outlines the obligations to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities in Tanzania.

The human rights-based approach includes the principle of non-discrimination. The aim of non-discrimination as a cross-cutting objective is to ensure that critical forms of discrimination are taken into account when interventions are planned, implemented and evaluated. Non-discrimination as a human rights principle covers all forms of discrimination, and is an important element of Finland’s human rights policy. In the FORVAC context groups facing discrimination might include, for example, persons living with disability, those with chronic illness or HIV&AIDS, and ‘outsiders’ to the village (such as pastoralists or squatters). In Finland’s Development Policy there is a focus on addressing the discrimination against persons with disabilities.

For mainstreaming non-discrimination, data is should be disaggregated by sex, disability and age where possible and the principles of non-discrimination and equality, as well as inclusion and participation guide all actions.

With regard to non-discrimination the “do no harm” -standard implies that:

- Risks for the human rights of vulnerable persons, including persons with disabilities, are assessed, avoided and mitigated.
- Barriers for equal participation and inclusion by all, including persons with disabilities, are identified and addressed
- Impacts on disability inclusion are continuously assessed and monitored
- Data disaggregation according to sex, disability and age is systematically collected, analysed and used.

The Programme’s Approach

FORVAC is in line with the Country Programme for Development Cooperation in Tanzania (2021-2024) of Finland, which prioritises the needs and rights of rights-holders and aims to promote gender equality. Women are encouraged to participate in leadership, and a human rights-based approach is applied. The Country Programme also expects that that the value chain actors and institutions will consider the needs and interests of vulnerable persons (including those with disabilities or living with HIV&AIDS).

FORVAC aims to actively seek to transform elements of the Tanzanian society by addressing discriminatory norms and practices that are impacted by the wood and (selected) NTFP sectors. At the very least it should always aim to *do no harm* in all activities. FORVAC is by its nature at least a Human Rights sensitive project for several reasons. It is focusing on beneficiaries in remote and disadvantaged areas, improving their access to services and livelihoods from their forests. The Project document defines that FORVAC will embed a pro-

³³ Ministry of Labour, Youth Development and Sports. National Policy on Disability. July 2004.

³⁴ Persons with Disabilities Act No.9, 20th May 2010 https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_protect/---protrav/---ilo_aids/documents/legaldocument/wcms_151288.pdf

poor approach in all project activities by ensuring inclusive participation in training, extension and communication, business support and using a pro-poor monitoring systems and guidelines. FORVAC is also working with the State (the duty bearer) to improve capacities of extension staff. It aims to improve the coherence of different policy sectors and legislation, promote openness and transparency of development policy and cooperation and emphasize the ownership and accountability of communities.

The Programme addresses the right of forest users to manage the forests according to their management plans and benefit from the revenues generated by their own activities. The Programme aims to enhance women's participation and promotes equal representation on VNRC. The programme also aims at strengthening the capacities of both the duty bearers and rights holders. Participation and active involvement of local communities for the strengthening of their capacities and opportunities are pre-conditions for implementation. The Programme works with democratically elected representatives of village-based organizations (VNRCs, management committees of Village Community Banks, etc.) and provides extensive support to further development of democratic and good governance practices. The Programme builds capacities of District level stakeholders to uphold all elements of community participation in village forestlands as per the CBFM Guidelines of 2007. The Programme also ensures coherence of different policy sectors and legislation, promote openness and transparency of development policy and cooperation and emphasize the ownership and accountability of communities on development and related objectives.

Vulnerable groups within FORVAC areas could include women, people of low income, those suffering from HIV&AIDS or chronic ill health or disability, female single heads of households, the elderly or children (particularly orphans). The ERET Socio-Economic assessment 2022, noted that alcoholism is a significant problem in some FORVAC working areas, leading to stigmatisation and self-isolation, as well as conflict in the family and the community. This obviously limits that person's possibilities to participate in village meetings or benefit from FORVAC activities; however, it is beyond the scope of FORVAC to deal with this. It is not possible to disaggregate data for reporting on all of these categories in all activities, nor to change the programme to focus the activities totally on vulnerable groups, as the programme must also meet its targets. Rather, it must ensure that the laws are respected, the rights of all to participate in the programme are respected where possible, and benefits flow to all. VNRCs could be encouraged to consult with local vulnerable group representatives and make decisions regarding use of social funds *with* them, rather than *for* them

One option would be that FORVAC will carry out a pilot of household methodologies, specifically the Gender Action Learning System (GALS), which aims to develop fairer decision-making and labour balance at household level. By starting at the very local level, it is anticipated that women and disadvantaged persons, such as people living with disabilities, will be empowered to take a more active role in the community as well. A concept note regarding this has been prepared and it is anticipated that a consultancy will take place in early 2023.

It is noted that while in some countries, issues such as ethnicity, tribe, religion or caste, can be important causes of discrimination, this is not the case in the forest sector in Tanzania (at least in FORVAC areas). There are different practices of some ethnic groups, for instance related to gender taboos, but these do not lead to discrimination in the FORVAC activities. More important for the FORVAC activities, is a person's role in land use. For instance, pastoralists' activities are quite different to those of farmers or forest managers (pastoralists may be a different ethnic group to the VNRC, but it is the competing land uses that are the important issue in the FORVAC programme, rather than ethnic discrimination). In the forest, in addition to

wood production there could also be charcoal producers, with different interests to those harvesting non-timber forest products (e.g. mushrooms) or beekeepers.

FORVAC follows approaches of both **mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion** efforts throughout the programme, and also conducts **specific targeted activities**. FORVAC service providers raise awareness in the community on the importance of participation of all. The Programme follows Government guidance³⁵ and ensures that VNRCs include at least 33% women, including in leadership positions (in addition, sub-villages must be represented). Service providers ensure that women and vulnerable groups are represented in village assembly meetings and facilitate discussion to ensure that they actively speak up and that their opinions are noted in the meeting minutes. They ensure that the drafting of the forest management plans is participatory and the comments of all are noted, and actions taken to reflect these. They ensure decision-making at local level is fair and representatives - and that not that the most powerful local people can dominate. In addition, targeted activities can be developed such as: organising a beekeepers' group and setting aside land specifically for their hives; work with pastoralists to understand their needs and allocate land; giving additional points for vulnerable groups in grant competitions for forest-related enterprises; offering direct support for enterprises or training and mentoring for some vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities.

During the AWP 2022-23, a short term consultancy is planned in the AWP to assess opportunities for increased inclusion of women, PWDs and PIVPs in the activities and benefit sharing of the VLFs.

Forestry is typically a very (able-bodied) male-dominated field and women in several areas are not considered by their community to be strong enough to take part in physical forestry harvesting work. Also challenging is participation in forest patrols, which require sleeping in the forest (particularly as that would mean potentially sleeping away from their husband and patrolling with non-family men) - to date women have been less involved in patrols for this reason.

Regardless of these prejudices, women are increasingly involved (on average 34% of the members of the VNRCs which FORVAC works with are female. FORVAC has directed capacity building to VNRCs that are responsible for managing village forests and incorporated rights, gender and inclusion topics. Female members of VNRCs have been encouraged to be active and, for example, women are equally operating the two mobile-sawmills FORVAC has supported in Ruvuma and Lindi Clusters. It is recommended to include training on gender-based violence to the VNRC training.

In the teak plantations, all village members above the age of 18 years, have had equal rights to apply for plots. Despite the difficulties for women to obtain CCROs, 22% of the plots are owned by women. Six persons with disabilities (PWDs) have plots. Some PWDs work in the forest if their disability doesn't prevent it; in some cases, they are less mobile, but they participate in the decision-making on forest management, while their family does the physical work.

Disability: FORVAC as a value chains development project takes non-discrimination into account in the Programme implementation by aiming to identify persons with disabilities (for instance, by informal discussions, advertisements or via the Census) who can benefit from participating in FORVAC activities, assessing their needs, and monitoring their involvement. It is recognised that the type of disability will

³⁵ CBFM Guideline

influence the opportunities to participate - forest harvesting work is difficult for persons with physical disabilities due to the rough surfaces and difficulty for movement, however committee participation may be more feasible. Other disabilities (such as deafness or albinism) may not impede physical forest work. FORVAC can contribute to changing attitudes within the community by promoting the roles of PWD in reports and awareness-raising materials. The main documents of relevance to communities are posters and training manuals published by FORVAC. Many of these are very technical and don't include any pictures of persons at all, therefore there is not an issue of poor representation in those. There are women and PWD seen in some, though admittedly there are more able-bodied men. Future materials should ensure inclusion of women and PWD in pictures.

It is difficult to disaggregate all monitoring data by disability as not all community members self-identify as having a disability, nor are they evenly spread in the community. Participation in community meetings, for instance, would require potentially intrusive questioning. However, disaggregation in trainings or grants is simpler. The slogan of the global disability movements of "nothing about us without us" should also be observed where possible. For instance, the Programme could survey PWD in communities on their interests - and where VNRCs and VCs will make decisions on the use of Social Funds it generates, that could be used to benefit PWDs, they should be consulted on the needs.

In the 'call for proposals', for community level business initiatives (micro businesses), organised by FORVAC, positive discrimination is used when choosing the potential cases that will benefit from the support of FORVAC (see the guidelines for the selection for Micro-business support). This has resulted in individual entrepreneurs and groups of PWD being selected to receive business support (although it is recognised that FORVAC needs a balance between inclusion of PWD and PiVPs as well as support to businesses with sufficient expertise to be successful, as it does not have a purely charitable focus). In all FORVAC events (trainings, etc.), where possible the organisers will aim to provide access for the participants to the venue, so that all participants, including those with disabilities, can participate the event. When needed for persons with hearing impairments, also sign language interpreters can be utilised or written materials prepared. In general, district and village councils and committees take care of necessary meetings, village assembly meetings, communication, and receive support from FORVAC as needed.

Capacity building: Committee members receive capacity building and trainees gain in confidence through their experiences. Capacity building of VC and VNRC members, as well as government and enterprises, aims for active participation of women, not only place-filling.

Capacity building of district government staff by FORVAC had reached 24% women by 12/2021; and training of regional and central government officers had reached 23%. Given the low numbers of women serving in government roles, this is a good achievement.

Beyond the government, some examples of sex disaggregation of training recipients to date are: 39% women among the village leadership training; 37% women trained among SME employees or owners; and 21% female tree growers.

Training and awareness-raising: At national and district levels it is important to embed the pro-poor approach in all project activities by ensuring inclusive participation in training, extension and communication, business development and using the pro-poor monitoring systems and guidelines. FORVAC has supported the development of guidelines and visual materials, including issues of gender, age, vulnerability and

disability. These have been printed and distributed, but also adopted by the Government. Further efforts are needed for expanding the use of signboards in communities with VLUP maps and information on benefit sharing and opportunities for participation; as well as expansion of use of community radio. Efforts will be made to spread the information to the more remote hamlets by asking hamlet leaders to pass on information to all hamlet residents.

For example, issues of gender, age and disability have been included in the MSc curriculum for Forest Value Chain and Business Development formulated under FORVAC and submitted to the University Senate of Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, for approval. In support for Master thesis students at Sokoine University, FORVAC has achieved equal representation of women and men (four women and four men). During the last two years, theses produced by a FORVAC supported female student and then a male, were selected as the best thesis of the year.

In the remaining exchange visits to be conducted in the extension period, a focus should be placed on involvement of women or PiVPs. This could be done by setting quotas for different community members, depending on the subject matter. In addition, breastfeeding women could be encouraged to bring their babies or small children. Depending on the individual situation, it may be feasible to bring a family member on the visit (eg. grandmother) to mind babies and allow women to participate more fully, or in workshops, to provide a childcarer. In addition, for PWD it may be possible to include disability assistants.

Enterprise, employment and value chain development: The Programme is encouraging the participation of women, youth and PWD in both employment and enterprise development activities. Female-owned enterprises or female members in the group businesses were emphasized in the scoring. As a result, a total of 37% of the supported entrepreneurs were women in phase I, and in phase II the proportion will be 46% women. The VICOPA and VSLA savings groups formed with FORVAC support include more women (60 %). Calls for grants for microenterprises have supported, for instance, women's groups to participate in mushroom collection from the forest and improvements in processing and marketing. This requires little investment and is suitable for very poor women. To date, five women's groups have been supported with training, drying equipment and market linkages. Beekeeping is another enterprise which is accessible to participation by all. At present there is 39% female participation in the beekeeping groups.

In addition, people with disabilities have been invited to submit applications and some have received support to develop their business. However, it was noticed that even giving extra weighting in the scoring, it wasn't always possible for PWD to be successful, as they might not fulfil all the requirements for selection. It was decided to permit involvement of able-bodied family members. In the micro-business support in phase I, only two (2) PWD were directly supported (bamboo and beekeeping businesses), while there were 19 PWD secondary beneficiaries in the 60 selected micro-enterprises. In phase II, nine (9) PWD have been directly supported (beekeeping and bamboo businesses).

Social Funds: While it may be difficult to involve all vulnerable groups in active forest management work or enterprises, it is at least ensured that they will benefit from the income of the Village Natural Resource Committees that have been able to harvest and sell timber or charcoal products. Social Funds raised through the sales of forest produce by the VNRCs are used to benefit the community and improve the social infrastructure and services of the villages, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups - for instance, women, youth, people with disabilities, etc. Examples include expenditure on school infrastructure and equipment and books, health clinics and dispensaries, wells, insurance procured for the sick and elderly, support to

pregnant women, etc. To address the above issues, the Programme will continue promoting the establishment of Village Social Funds in every village with a VLFR and ensure that this dimension is well addressed in the bylaws of each VLFR. In addition, FORVAC will support the development of a guideline for use of social funds.

The development of the Benefit Sharing Guideline has been included in the AWP 2022-23 (Output 2.1), with 2 short term consultancies - to assess opportunities for increased inclusion of women, PWD and PiVP in activities and benefit sharing; and for development the VLFR benefit sharing guidelines.

Decent Work/Workers' Rights: Some of the forest workers involved in FORVAC are village committee members themselves, but many other members of the village participate (either patrolling, carrying out general maintenance or operating a mobile sawmill). Attention has been given to training in Occupational Health and Safety and provision of safety gear. Operators of dangerous equipment supported by FORVAC (such as mobile sawmills) must pass practical and written tests to ensure they can safely operate it. Safe and Efficient Forest Management Practices training is given to the community including topics such as how to fell trees safely, ensure escape routes, use of equipment, safety gear etc. Following this only very rare accidents now.

Some general risks are also inherent in forest work. VNRCs could be attacked by wildlife (such as elephants) or bitten by snakes. FORVAC started to give First Aid training as of 2021 to the VNRC/patrol team. A first aid kit was provided with the training but in future the VNRC is guided to budget for kit purchase. There are also risks of violence if patrollers encounter illegal loggers or hunters in the forest. FORVAC has provided uniforms and training to deal safely with arrests. However, no weapons can be provided or used. The Programme, through MJUMITA, has piloted advice (a dashboard) for VNRCs on dealing with illegal loggers and applying penalties - this was implemented in four villages working with FORVAC.

In some cases, an outside company may bring in machinery to fell the trees and transport them. Social protection issues, including occupational health and safety problems may be a problem for these hired forest workers, and informal workers typically lack social security. While this falls beyond the activities of FORVAC (and is a challenging topic given the informal nature of employment for many), the programme could raise awareness of social security and insurance.

Rights of the Child: With regard to child labour there do not appear to be serious problems in the FORVAC working areas. As noted, the law forbids child labour. In most cases, the forest areas are located quite far from the village. Children are not allowed in the forest area during harvesting and VNRCs are controlling this. The VNRC forest supervisors stop children from coming to the forest, particularly during harvesting, and are fining those who don't comply. In addition, two of the FORVAC supported villages are FSC certified - and this requires there is no use of child labour. Awareness raising regarding the rights of girls and boys will continue.

Land rights and consultation: Provision of Village Land certificates (VLC) and issuance of Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCROs) are among measures outlined in the land laws³⁶ and the policy for strengthening community and individual land tenure. FORVAC has dealt with land rights issues when considering the villagers rights over natural forests (also to some extent for CCROs when working with teak plantations). Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) is required (i.e. participation and consultation on customary lands and new land uses). Consultations are conducted to ensure that the stakeholders are aware

³⁶ including the Village Land Act 1999

of land ownership and access. FPIC has been considered in the past decisions, ensuring community discussions are well informed and facilitated to ensure that everyone knows what is discussed. The complaints mechanisms are clear at community level - and community members are actively speaking up - particularly with respect to demanding information on earnings and expenditure, delayed meetings, etc. This is unlikely to be a significant issue for FORVAC in the future, as in the remaining implementation time there will not be any further community consultations regarding boundary setting, or VLC or village land use plan issuance. Naturally, meetings regarding revision of forest management plans and distribution of benefits will continue, and FORVAC will ensure invitations to all interested parties. Further consultations should be required for the five-year review of forest management plans, however FORVAC will not be present at that time.

Human Rights Principles	What FORVAC can do to apply a HRBA
<p>Equality and Non-discrimination: This is a major focus of the work of FORVAC. Different potential stakeholders are identified prior to any activity, and efforts are taken to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are included, without discrimination.</p>	<p>FORVAC is working with the State (the duty bearer) to improve capacities of extension staff.</p> <p>FORVAC encourages participation of all interested persons (rights holders) in information and planning meetings, grant opportunities, training, election of VNRC members, etc. (including young and old, women and men, people with disabilities or sickness, etc.).</p>
<p>Participation and Inclusion: Who participates and how? Active, free and meaningful participation requires a concrete opportunity to express demands and concerns and influence decisions.</p>	<p>This relies on providing information through multiple channels (see the FORVAC Communication Plan), enabling participation in transparent and inclusive processes, and strengthening the capacities of individuals, civil society, the private sector and government to engage. If only certain channels were used – such as the website and mobile phones – this would mean that only literate and connected persons would receive information. Instead, FORVAC uses a combination of village level notice boards, information sharing on radio, and most successfully, via a form of village crier - a person blowing on a traditional horn, sharing information and calling participants to meetings.</p> <p>FORVAC uses inclusive and participatory approaches in training, extension and communication, business support and pro-poor monitoring systems and guidelines.</p>
<p>Accountability: Who are the duty-bearers? An important element of HRBA is that rights-holders should be able to claim their rights, and justice from duty bearers - usually the State. This is made difficult due to the many types of actors in the value chain, as well as the risk of corruption, and the weak government control over the illegal timber and forest products trade. The rights holders may also face barriers to justice, such as the physical distance from government and courts, weak literacy, the</p>	<p>Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined. Transparent lines of accountability assist responsible parties to know their obligations, and help individuals to know their rights and how to claim them.</p> <p>It has been made clear to community members how and to whom they can register complaints.</p> <p>Information is shared in simple language.</p>

Human Rights Principles	What FORVAC can do to apply a HRBA
lack of access to information about their rights, how to enforce their rights and where to turn to for help.	
<p>Transparency: This is vital to ensure the population is well informed regarding the means to be used to achieve their rights to use forest resources. Beneficiaries (and particularly women and youth, who are often excluded) need to be aware of their rights and responsibilities (under national law) with regard to participation, decision-making, natural resource management, tenure and governance. Involvement of the Village Natural Resource Committees, as well as other groups in the value chain (such as producers, traders, processing companies) with adequate representation of all groups at all stages of procurement, construction and management, is an important step for transparency.</p>	<p>FORVAC shares information on legislation and regulations - for instance, on occupational health, safety, and child labour issues for those involved in the value chains; on regulations regarding harvesting of timber and NTFPs; on necessary steps for traders to follow; on the taxes and other costs that communities and traders can expect to pay on forest products; etc.</p> <p>Once approved by the Steering Committee/Supervisory Board, FORVAC work plans are published on the FORVAC website. In addition, opportunities such as calls for proposals are published on the website and are discussed in community meetings.</p> <p>In addition, public information sessions, exhibitions, leaflets, posters, audio-visual materials, such as video documentaries of successful interventions (success stories) published in social media, community radio, and other communications tools (as discussed in the FORVAC communications plan) improve information sharing.</p>

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Forestry and Beekeeping Division (FBD) of MNRT Duty Bearer	Policy and regulation in forestry and bee resources; supervision of law enforcement; technical guidance, in charge of NFP, training institutions (FTI, FITI); coordination of the efforts in climate change mitigation.	Revised policies and strategies; technical guidelines, methodologies for harvesting and auctioning developed; capacity development and information management.	<p>Application of laws and regulations</p> <p>Approval of Village Forest Management plans.</p> <p>Potential revisions to GN417 to not interfere with community rights are under work by the Government, as of October 2022.</p> <p>FORVAC to provide: Capacity building on HRBA and GESI as needed</p> <p>Support production of relevant guidelines (incorporating HRBA and GESI issues) and sharing them with</p>

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			the MNRT for dissemination (including in different languages).
Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) Duty bearer	In charge of central government forest reserves and bee resources in all land categories; collects revenue for FBD; markets forest and bee products. NAFORMA	The TFS will benefit from skill enhancements at all levels (including District technical staff).	Application of laws and regulations; Transparency in collection and management of forest revenues. FORVAC to provide: Capacity building on HRBA and GESI as needed
PO-RALG (President's office, Regional Administration and Local Governments) District Council and District technical staff/PFM teams Duty bearer	In charge of forestry and other natural resources management, coordination and monitoring activities. Technical assistance/ extension services to VNRC's; Oversight that district councils are run based on democratic principles.	Improved extension and monitoring; new skills and approaches; new manuals and lessons learned shared across the Programme districts and among the development partners supporting related interventions. District Councils will benefit as the increase in formal business activities will assist the districts in creating revenue to be collected from the forest-product levies and local taxes.	Application of laws and regulations. Not interfering with efficient and effective work of VCs and VNRCs. Approval of Village Forest Management plans & annual harvesting quotas, and monitoring activities of the VCs and VNRCs to ensure the forest is protected and managed sustainably and resources are shared fairly and transparently. FORVAC to provide: Capacity building on HRBA and GESI as needed. Support production of guidelines to facilitate HRBA, such as: Guidelines for Equitable distribution of Social Funds, with examples for communities; setting criteria with quotas for grants; how to facilitate broader consultation in decision-making, etc.

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Village Councils and Village Natural Resource Committees and producer groups and business entities. Rights Holders (also Duty Bearers)	VLFRs are under the VC jurisdiction and managed by VNRCs. Villagers can establish such institutional arrangements which can make business; e.g. cooperatives and companies	The villages with VLFRs will benefit from improved monitoring and facilitation of CBFM by District Council and District PFM teams and from increased income and employment through value chain development. The VCs and VNRCs capacities will be strengthened to implement and manage CBFM and forest value chains. Institutional capacities of VNRCs and Village Councils will be enhanced to manage village forests responsibly.	<p>Ensuring that the elections for VNRCs are conducted and are representative of the community.</p> <p>Informing and including all in meetings, planning, forest management activities and income generating opportunities, etc.</p> <p>Transparent and effective management of finances from forest sales, and use within the community to ensure vulnerable groups benefit.</p> <p>FORVAC - will facilitate meetings and support information sharing and awareness raising.</p> <p>Capacity building opportunities to be offered to all stakeholders in an equitable manner (considering GESI principles).</p> <p>Supporting preparation of Guidelines for equitable distribution of Social Funds, with examples, for communities.</p>

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Entrepreneurs, traders' associations and business community	The private businesses and entrepreneurs will buy wood from the communities and further process them into high quality timber, furniture and other wood products. Charcoal producers will sell their products to the organised traders who will deliver the products to the markets. NTWPs will also be harvested and sold in the local, district and national markets.	They will benefit from information and capacity building, and ultimately from improved potential to run their businesses. The companies will ultimately benefit from improved potential to run business. Input producers will benefit from increased market demand.	<p>Not interfering with the rights of community members.</p> <p>Complying with the law.</p> <p>Treating all community members equally regardless of sex, ability, etc.</p> <p>FORVAC will provide business mentoring, technical assistance and targeted grants for microenterprises to support women and vulnerable groups to establish forest-related businesses.</p> <p>To generate income from the VLFR management for necessary social investments, FORVAC with relevant partners will facilitate specific timber trade events to support marketing of forest products.</p>
Service providers, such as NGOs, research institutions and consulting companies	Provide services along the value chain from forests to markets.	Improved skills and opportunities to provide assistance and services to the communities and districts. The Programme orientation to VLFR Governance and management and to wood and non-wood based forest product value chains will assist them to focus their organizational and human resource development activities to developing additional services to cater for the expanding market.	<p>Respect the rights of all stakeholders, ensuring no discrimination and including all relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Transparent management of finances.</p> <p>Support capacity development and information sharing, emphasising HRBA and GESI principles.</p> <p>Reporting to include disaggregated data and information on how service provider has ensured inclusion, representation and</p>

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			equitable decision making in their work FORVAC will contract service providers and apply GESI and HRBA in ToR.

Forests and Human Rights

Forest-based goods and services are central to the economic, social, and cultural (ES&C) rights of hundreds of millions of people around the world. The World Bank estimates that 90 percent of the 1.2 billion people living in extreme poverty depend on forest resources for some part of their livelihood (World Bank 2004; UNDP et al. 2005). Forests have proven to serve as important “safety nets” for communities in times of economic stress.

Socio-Economic Assessment for the Extension of Support to the National Forestry and Beekeeping Programme (NFBKP II) Implementation

The Socio-economic assessment of poverty, inequality and vulnerability was conducted in 8 PFM communities in Handeni, Kilindi, Ruangwa and Nachingwea Districts (2014). The assessment showed multi-dimension of poverty, where significant barriers exist to the poor and extreme poor people, to participate actively in village decision-making and PFM process and activities. In fact, the majority of the village population lacked ability to engage in village life, in collective decision-making and in providing community contributions (food / money). The main reason includes poor people having to attend to food and basic needs, hunger, sickness and long hours of menial casual labour; a long distance to village government offices and a long distance to the Village Land Forest Reserves with no access to transport.

Social and economic inequality were evident through income inequality, linked to wider inequalities related to access to education, health care and social welfare. There were also ethnic inequalities, where by exclusion of pastoralists communities were excluded from village decision-making. Gender inequality was substantial, with women having a low status, less voice and power in decision-making, including village decision-making over forest resources, as well as, less access to opportunities than men. Women participated as members of VNRC but in lower numbers than men did. There were concerns that, application by letter can be a barrier to female entry on VNRCs due to illiteracy. Furthermore, in most households women were reported to have limited decision-making power or control over income and other household’s assets.

The study found that timber and non-timber forest products (NTFP) have a wide range of uses for the poor: these include poles and grass used for house-building, firewood, tree species and forest plants used for food

and medicine, and use of forests for mushroom collecting, beekeeping and hunting. Employment in charcoal making and timber cutting are important livelihood activities for men, particularly as a safety net when food is short and when employment in casual agricultural labour is limited. One significant finding was that the majority of the poor do not rely on use of forest products from VLFR, although there are exceptions including traditional beekeepers, mushroom collectors, and those people living in hamlets adjacent to a VLFR. This is because VLFRs were far from village centres, and some of the poor people did not even know where the reserve is or even that it exists. Instead, majority of them depend on trees in open areas, which they have the right to use. The study supported the NAFORMA data by showing that only less 5% is used for commercial products with 95% being for domestic consumption.

Productive activities using forest products were gender divided: charcoal making, timber cutting, carpentry and brick making were carried out by men; firewood and grass collection were carried out by women. Traditional beekeeping was carried out by men, where modern beehives have been introduced beekeeping there were women involved. Mushroom collecting was undertaken by both men and women.

Women contribute to both the formal and informal forestry sectors in many significant ways. They play key roles in agro-forestry, watershed management, tree improvement and forest protection and conservation. Forests also oftentimes represent an important source of employment for women. From nurseries to plantations and from logging to wood processing, women make up a significant proportion of the labour force in forest industries throughout the world. However, although women contribute substantially to the forestry sector, their roles are not fully recognized and documented, their wages are not equal to those of men, and their working conditions tend to be poor.

One outstanding problem is the near absence of women in policymaking roles and processes concerning forestry, though they are the key actors in environmental management in Tanzania. They are involved, for example, as users, producers, managers and collectors of forest products for fuel, in Tanzania women spend no less than 18% of their time collecting firewood), food and fodder requirements, collectors of water, farmers and income earners. Nevertheless, women in Tanzania have yet to achieve social and economic status equal to their economic contribution. For instance, women are still rarely seen in decision-making spheres (e.g., only 14% of administrators are women, as are 26% of all professionals) (Mhina, 2001).

Tanzania has made much progress in mainstreaming gender in her policies, legislations and institutional framework. For example, the national forestry programme, 2001-2010, mainstreams gender into the forest sector, through emphasis on gender balanced participatory forest management and involvement of key stakeholders from the formal and informal forest sector. But there still exist some gaps and challenges such as lack of appropriate gender-disaggregated data in both sectors and indicators for an efficient and successful gender mainstreaming in forest policies and institutional framework.

- Despite the role of women in forestry and the gains accrued at family level, their role and position remains at the lowest level both at the household (Chingonikaya 2004) and national levels. Percentage of female employees' stands at 20% compared to their male counterparts at 80% in formal forest sector. (quoted in FAO 2003)

- Low level of enrolment of women students, estimated at 7% in the Faculty of Forestry, which falls under science programmes in Sokoine University of Science and Agriculture. An unofficial estimate is that over the last 20-year period, less than 10 % of graduates have been women
- Customary practices on land ownership and decision making which is patriarchal in nature, hinders women's participation and contribution in policy formulation both at local to national level.

The Programme's Approach

The Programme addresses the right of forest users (in VLFRs) to manage the forests according to the management plans and benefit from the revenues generated by their own activities. The Programme aims at enhancing women participation and promotes equal representation on VNRC. The programme also aims at strengthening the capacities of both the duty bearers and rights holders. Participation and active involvement of local communities for the strengthening of their capacities and opportunities will be pre-conditions for implementation. The Programme will work with democratically elected representatives of village-based organizations (VNRCs, management committees of Village Community Banks, etc.) and provide extensive support to further development of democratic and good governance practices. The Programme will build capacities of District level stakeholders to uphold all elements of community participation in village forestlands as per the CBFM Guidelines of 2007. The Programme will also adhere to ensuring coherence of different policy sectors and legislation, promote openness and transparency of development policy and cooperation and emphasize the ownership and accountability of communities on development and related objectives.

All Programme Components will address the gender and equality concerns. Measures will be developed to support involvement of the most vulnerable where feasible. It is at least ensured that they will benefit from the income of the Village Natural Resource Committees that have been able to harvest and sell timber or charcoal products in improving the social infrastructure and services of the villages (e.g. wells, clinics and schools built / repaired, insurance procured for the sick and elderly, support to pregnant women). To address the above issues, the Programme will continue promoting the establishment of Village Social Funds in every village with a VLFR and ensure that this dimension is well addressed in the bylaws of each VLFR.

At national and district levels it is important to embed the pro-poor approach in all project activities by ensuring inclusive participation in training, extension and communication, business making and using the pro-poor monitoring systems and guidelines.

Non - discrimination

Non-discrimination - the human rights based approach includes the principle of non-discrimination. The aim of non-discrimination as a cross-cutting objective is to ensure that critical forms of discrimination are taken into account when interventions are planned, implemented and evaluated. Non-discrimination as a human rights principle covers all forms of discrimination, and is an important element of Finland's human rights policy. In Finland's Development Policy the focus is on addressing the discrimination against persons with disabilities.

For mainstreaming non-discrimination the minimum requirement is to ensure that a human rights assessment with a focus on disability has been sufficiently conducted, data is disaggregated by sex, disability

and age where possible and the principles of non-discrimination and equality, as well as inclusion and participation guide all actions.

With regard to non-discrimination the “do no harm” -standard implies that:

- Risks for the human rights of persons with disabilities are assessed, avoided and mitigated.
- Barriers for equal participation and inclusion by persons with disabilities are identified and addressed
- Impacts on disability inclusion are continuously assessed and monitored
- Data disaggregation according to sex, disability and age is systematically collected, analysed and used.

FORVAC as a value chains development project takes the non-discrimination into account in the Programme implementation by identifying persons with disabilities who can benefit of FORVAC activities, assessing their needs, and gathering information of them. In the ‘call for proposals’, for community level business initiatives (micro businesses), organised by FORVAC, positive discrimination can be used when choosing the potential cases that will benefit of the support of FORVAC. In all FORVAC events (trainings, etc.), the free path for the participants to the venue will be guaranteed so that all participants, including with disabilities can participate the event. When needed, also sign language interpreters can be utilised.

ANNEX 7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENT

The **climate of Tanzania** (National Biodiversity Strategy 2012): The climate in the country is diverse because of proximity of the ocean and inland lakes; wide altitudinal range, which governs temperature; and latitude. It is characterized by two main rain seasons namely the long rains and the short rains which are associated with the southward and northwards movement of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone. The long rains (Masika) begin in the mid of March and end at the end May, while the short rains (Vuli) begin in the middle of October and continues to early December. The northern part of the country including areas around Lake Victoria Basin, North-Eastern Highlands and the Northern Coast experience a bimodal rainfall regime. Central, South and Western areas have a prolonged unimodal rainfall regime starting from November, continuing to the end of April. In general, annual rainfall varies from 550 mm in the central part of the country up to 3,690 mm in some parts of southwestern highlands (Chang’a et al., 2010). Most of the country receives less than 1,000mm, except the highlands and parts of the extreme south and west where 1,400 to 2,000mm can be expected. Average rainfall in the central regions is around 600mm.

Temperature varies according to the geographical location, relief and altitude. Along the coast and in the off shore islands the average temperature ranges between 27°C and 29°C, while in the central, northern and western parts temperatures range between 20 and 30°C. Temperatures are higher between the months of December and March and coolest during the months of June and July. In the Southern highlands and mountainous areas of the north and northeast, temperature occasionally drops below 15°C at night, and in the cold months in June and July sub-zero temperatures can also be experienced. Distribution of Tmin is identical to that of Tmax; lower values of Tmin are cantered on southwestern and northeastern highlands. Mbeya, Igeri, Arusha, Moshi and Kilimanjaro are the coolest areas characterized by mean annual Tmin values, which are less than 15°C. Coastal areas including Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mtwara, Zanzibar and Pemba are characterized by relatively higher values (> 20°C) of mean annual Tmin.

Climate trends and projections: Analysis of recent climatological data and observational evidence from local communities are overwhelmingly indicating some signals of increased climate variability and climate change over most parts of the country. Increasing temperature, notably over highland areas are observed in most

parts of the country, late rainfall onset and early withdraw (cessation), decreasing rainfall amount and seasonal shift in rainfall patterns are becoming more common. Most parts of the country, particularly the Central and Northern Zones, which are semi-arid, are very vulnerable to climate variability and they will be more vulnerable to the projected increase in frequency and amplitude of extreme climate events.

A slightly weak decreasing trend can be discerned from the mean annual rainfall time-series over most of the meteorological stations. The observed rainfall trends are not statistically significant, underlining the nature of uncertainty associated with rainfall patterns. However, intra-seasonal and inter-annual variability manifested through late onset and early cessation, increase in dry spells and shift in rainfall patterns are becoming more common. Projections from Global Circulation Models (GCMs) are indicating that due to doubling concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere by 2100; there will be an increase in rainfall in some parts while other parts will experience decreased rainfall.

Impacts of climate change: Climate change projection indicates that the frequency and severity of extreme climatic events will increase. In the last 40 years Tanzania has experienced severe and recurring droughts with devastating effects to agricultural, water and energy sectors. Currently more than 70% of all natural disasters in Tanzania are hydro-meteorological, and are linked to droughts and floods.

Climate change impacts on forest ecosystems and biodiversity are expected to vary depending on vegetation species. The common impacts to all forests types include loss of biodiversity; disappearance of wildlife habitats, increased risk of bush fires, limited availability of forest products (timber and non-timber products) and ecosystem shift (for example, forest to woodlands, or woodlands to grasslands). The National Programme for Adaption (NAPA), 2007 forecasts change to drier forests and ecosystems because of climate change. Species that are expected to be more vulnerable are those with limited geographical range and heat intolerant; low germination rates; low survival rate of seedlings; and limited seed dispersal/ migration capabilities. However, knowledge on the magnitude of effects on individual species is still limited.

Current changes in the global climate are unique in that they are superimposed upon a landscape, which has already been greatly altered by human activity. Current knowledge is insufficient to predict the magnitude of the change, or the implications of the change on **biodiversity**, but it seems safe to conclude that some species will benefit and some will suffer from the change. Climate change affects the distribution of species in forests. Climate change impacts could therefore affect the composition and distribution of plants along forest ecosystems. Monitoring of plant species in such ecosystems would provide invaluable signals of the impacts of climate change. Recent anthropogenic, climate and land use changes have triggered observable changes in the distribution and functioning of a substantial number of species throughout the world.

According to the National Climate Change Strategy, the impacts of climate change are already being felt across Tanzania and are projected to increase in both frequency and severity leading to severe socioeconomic implications. Country ability to address the current and projected impacts of climate change is strongly hindered by a number of climatic and non-climatic factors. Non-climatic factors include poverty, inadequate institutional arrangement, lack of adequate financial resources, lack of sufficient human resource and technological capacities, low awareness and lack of adequate climate change information management.

Notably, climatic factors such as incidences of sporadic extreme weather events and slow onset events are increasing in many parts of the country with severe consequences on food production, water access and energy generation. The recent food shortages resulting in widespread hunger, water scarcity and acute

power shortages signify the vulnerability of the country to impacts of climate change. Analysis of climate change projection indicates that Tanzania will continue to face future development challenges because of increased climate variability and climatic changes.

Forests and woodlands are the sources for most of the wood and non-wood products. Wood products include timber, poles, firewood and charcoal. Non-wood products include ropes, resins, tie and dye colours, wildlife, game meat, fruits, traditional or natural medicines, natural vegetables, palm leaves for making baskets/mats, honey and beeswax, mushrooms. Furthermore, forests and woodlands do provide other goods and services to people such as food and water. Also biomass is the main source of fuel for rural population and accounts for 92% of the total energy consumption in the country. A number of intangible benefits also do exist as outcomes of presence of forests and woodlands. Such benefits include unique natural ecosystems and genetic resources, depository of biodiversity, amelioration of climate (microclimate), carbon sequestration, habitat to wildlife and cultural and religious values. Increased temperature and changes in rainfall regime will seriously affect the variability of such goods and services from the forestry sector.

The forest sector act as a carbon sink, absorbing all emissions produced at national level and more, making Tanzania a net sink of GHGs. JFM and CBFM if implemented well could contribute to mitigation of climate change over long period. Well-managed forest will be able to reduce incidences of fire, soil erosion, improve ground water resources and increase co-benefits such as non-wood forest products.

Climate variability mainly due to reducing precipitation and the length of the rainy season is reported as one of the main causes of crop failure in some parts of Tanzania. In Tanzania a range of impacts such as failure of harvests, decreased food supplies and regular diet changes during bad periods has been reported in some areas that have been affected by climate change and variability. The Programme intends to work with communities to increase participation in the management of forest resources and develop value chains of potential forest products to deliver tangible income for well-being creation and healthier forest resources.

The economy is highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change and to extreme weather events because of its dependence on the use of natural resources, rain-fed agriculture and biomass for household energy. Tanzania has formulated a National Programme of Adaptation (NAPA). Tanzania NAPA document is informed by the aspirations of MDG, National Development Vision 2025 and MKUKUTA for high and shared growth, quality livelihood, peace, stability and unity, good governance, high quality education and global competitiveness. The NAPAs' main objective is to serve as a direct channel where by the Government communicates urgent and immediate adaptation needs. The NAPA has identified linkages to more long-term strategy frameworks and legislation such as EMA of 2004 and Forest Act 2002. Tanzania NAPA identifies priority areas in various sectors, and further prioritizes project activities in those sectors. These activities need immediate and urgent actions for the country to adapt to such climate change effects on a short-term basis as well as putting in place mechanisms for addressing long-term adaptation initiatives. Among the proposed activities, the following ones are related to forests, forest management and charcoal / fuel wood:

- Community based catchments conservation and management programs
- Afforestation programmes in degraded lands using more adaptive and fast growing tree species
- Develop community forest fire prevention plans and programmes
- Establish good land tenure system and facilitate sustainable human settlement

The impacts off climate change will pose serious challenges to sustainable livelihoods and economic development, particularly for rural households. The capacity of the communities to mitigate or adjust to

climate change is still low. Bali Conference identified four key issues including: adaptation, mitigation, technology transfer and financial mechanisms to support implementation particularly of mitigation and adaptation activities. Developing, optimizing and sustaining capacity to address the challenges brought by climate change will require a number of interventions through raising awareness, training to build capacity at various levels, sustainable forest management and outreach. The Programme will support Village Land Forest Reserve Management and Governance, develop wood and non-wood based value chains, and develop institutions to support community based forest management. The Programme focuses on village forests because they constitute more than 45% of total forests in the country and the forests are regarded as traditional safety net for a the larger section of communities in villages. Therefore, sustainable utilization of these forests might enhance adaptation of the rural households and minimize climate change risks. The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) (2021) provide a set of interventions on adaptation and mitigation, which are expected to build country resilience to the impacts of climate change and contribute to the global effort of reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) emission. The NDCs describe the adaptation contributions by Tanzania. The following adaptation measures will be pursued in Forestry sector:

- a) Enhancing participatory sustainable forest and wildlife management and protection,
- b) Safeguarding the ecosystem services, including through the promotion of alternative livelihood options to forest dependent communities, and
- c) Strengthening forestry research and development to promote resilience to climate stress.

FORVAC Programme is designed to increase the sustainable management and use of forests (a), and to safeguard the ecosystem services, promoting alternative livelihood options at the beneficiary communities and districts (b). The local villages and rural households are supported to find new ways to increase their resilience against the climate change, for example by creating alternatives for income generation by increasing value adding chains of forest resources and that way bringing additional alternatives for incomes at the village level. FORVAC builds on the successful value chains based in VLFRs and sustainable FMPs, and generates positive economic, social and environmental impacts in the communities and districts. Diversification of Programme beneficiaries' livelihoods will strengthen their adaptive capacities in addressing climate change. FORVAC is also supporting forestry research to find use for lesser known tree species and that way increasing the raw material base for value chains.

The NDSs mention forestry as one of the four mitigation sectors that Tanzania has prioritized. In the Forestry sector Tanzania has defined the following actions:

- a) Enhancing and upscaling implementation of participatory forest management programmes;
- b) Facilitating effective and co-ordinated implementation of actions that will enhance the contribution from the entire forest sector; and
- c) Promote nationwide forest landscape restoration programmes and initiatives.

FORVAC works according to a) (implementation of participatory forest management), and b) (effective and co-ordinated implementation of actions that will enhance the contribution from the entire forest sector) - actions of the above list.

According to the State of the Environment Report 2006 **environmental degradation** is highly linked to destruction of the country's forest and woodland resources base. Experiences show that human activities in forests and woodlands have been very difficult to control due to inadequate capacity in the designated institutions both in central government (FBD) and District Councils. This has led to over utilization of forest and woodland resources (timber, firewood, charcoal and poles). Uncontrolled human activities in most forest and woodlands have threatened existence of valuable timber species.

More recent analysis is available in the 5th National Report on the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (URT / Vice President's Office, Division of Environment 2014). Deforestation and degradation of forestland is severe in Tanzania. Between 1990 and 2010 (a span of 20 years) Tanzania lost about 38% of its forest cover due to changes in land use. It is estimated that the annual loss of forest area is approximately 400,000 ha per annum for Tanzania Mainland. This rate of deforestation is due to demographic and economic pressures. The main threats to forests include settlement and agricultural expansion, charcoal and fuelwood production, overgrazing, uncontrolled fires, shifting cultivation and illegal logging. Deforestation leads into loss of ecosystem goods and services and increased conservation costs. Deforestation (particularly in watersheds and water sources) has further knock-on effects due to reduced water flows. Reduced flows can interrupt power generation in hydroelectric schemes and can have similar effects in many other sectors including agriculture and wildlife management.

Fire occurrences in the forests and woodlands are an annual phenomenon. Fire is used by local people as a tool to clear areas of bush ready for farming, to improve prospects for hunting, to induce green grass growth for grazing and to clear areas for charcoal making. Uncontrolled fires cause very significant damage to forests and woodlands, ecosystem services and destroy habitats. The fire incidences are further driven by factors such as a) the lack of village forest management plans, b) lack of improper fire prevention techniques, c) the general lack of fire control and little knowledge on the consequences of fire on the forests. Fire control or prevention is a community affair and the communities must be willing and able to deal with it. However, communities around the forests and woodlands lack the skills and techniques to control or prevent fires.

Recent experiences in PFM from Tanzania suggest that in most areas JFM has been influential in **restoring and sustaining forest degradation** as compared to forests managed by government alone or under open access regime³⁷. A comparative study of matched pairs under JFM and state management showed forests under JFM to be in better condition than those without JFM. Other studies have indicated a decreasing trend of stem density, and increasing gradient of basal area and standing volume from non-CBFM to CBFM regimes. Similar trends were observed when CBFM and JFM forests were compared. In terms of improved forest quality, CBFM seems to perform better than non-CBFM and JFM due strong institutional arrangement and improved incentive mechanisms. Participatory Forest Management regimes therefore improve forest condition.

ANNEX 8 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF NFBKP II DURING 2013-2015

Source: NFBKP II Results Based Monitoring Framework, situation in July 2015

³⁷ Tanzania Natural Resource Forum 2013 Community-Based Natural Resource Management. Stocktaking Exercise in Tanzania

Key Result	Key achievements of NFBKP II by June 2015
<p>1 An improved pro-poor model for CBFM is operational in 16 districts</p>	<p>Service providers (districts, NGOs, private sector use the pro-poor 2nd generation CBFM mode, and monitor performance in ways that capture participation of poor and female forest users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Service Provision contracts implemented and/or ongoing by 9 Service providers. The Service Provision contracts have focused on development of management plans and on initial establishment of value chains (mainly in beekeeping) in the pilot districts and villages. • In 2015, the NFBKP II Steering Committee decided to focus the activities in 10 districts (compared to the initial 16 districts). • 81 new VLFRs initially registered and established in 16 districts (a total area of 207,255 ha and population 160,280 people; (efforts to support so-called “2nd generation issues” not addressed in this initial VLFR formation process). • 4 Forest Management plans with adequate Harvesting Plans prepared and being operationalised; updating of 1 additional plan will be started. At the end of NFBKP II 5 VLFRs would have a legal permit to harvest timber and other products from the VLFRs. • Document printing and distribution, e.g. on-going process to complete CBFM guidelines in Kiswahili (2000 copies to be distributed). • 160 district staff and other stakeholders trained on pro-poor CBFM approaches; District Forestry Team members in 11 districts (80 persons) trained in resource assessment and management plan preparation. • 50% of the participating villages and VNRCs trained in record keeping • 20 VLFRs involved in the implementation of Income Generation Activities (IGAs); beekeeping approach under development. • Pro-poor inclusive Village Land Use Plans (VLUP) ready in seven villages, in three more villages have VLUP development in process.
<p>2 Increased support to CBFM both politically and through improved training, advocacy and other services</p>	<p>Sustainability of CBFM activities at LGAs (Local Government Authorities) improved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Government funding (PO-RALG) to Districts has only marginally improved (FY 2014/2015) • One session of Decision Makers Forest Academy (Service Provider: Uongozi Institute) implemented in 2014 (the National Forestry Conference) and 2015 each (topic: CBFM). One more session planned for early 2016. A documentary film is being produced. • Establishment of networks in 30 CBFM villages about to begin. The networks will serve as a forum for local communities to interact and share knowledge and experiences on addressing common challenges. They also support capacity building in management and conservation of forests.

Key Result	Key achievements of NFBKP II by June 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedagogical capacity building is in process; ICT facilities and knowledge has improved at the Forestry Training Institute (FTI) and Forest Industries Training Institute (FITI) with support from Häme University of Applied Sciences, HAMK) Also some new training materials and equipment have been procured. • MNRT accounting systems for NFBKP II have improved (Epicor software in use and is controlled by Treasury). One internal audit has been conducted. • Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System in place and Results-Based Monitoring Framework used for monitoring.
3 Good governance, transparency and rule of law increased in CBFM villages	<p>Village Natural Resource Committees make decisions in democratic manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 people trained (Training of Trainers, ToT) at district level (PFM Focal Persons) on good governance • VNRCs VLUM, VCs and villagers (at sub-village level) in the 8 villages in the four pilot districts trained through 5-day training in each village. A total of 2,800 villagers participated in the training.
4 Increased benefits and income to villagers from sustainable forest management and adoption of business approach	<p>% increase of income of poorer households (including women headed households)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feasibility study conducted and models for pricing and selling timber tested • Support framework designed for implementation of second generation CBFM on timber harvesting and trade. Implementation to start in August 2015. • 120 individuals in 20 communities trained on business plan development • A feasibility analysis on business development and entrepreneurship within VLFR management plans has been conducted.

ANNEX 9 MAIN INTERVENTIONS FOR EXPERIENCE SHARING

Interventions & Processes	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
Private Forestry Programme (PFP) – Panda Miti Kibiashara	A joint programme of MNRT and MFA (duration 2014-2018) working on the development of sustainable and high-quality tree growing and strengthening of private plantation –based forest value chains. experiences in developing enabling policy development and in SME development and forest value chains will be useful; the concept of developing on-site delivery models for vocational short-courses in forestry (PFP in collaboration with FTI, FITI and VETA) may be applicable for training of managers and users of VLFRs and other reserves; elements of a multi-stakeholder approach (PPP concept) shared by PFP and the Programme. The second phase of PFP is planned to begin in 2019.
Mama Mitsu Campaign	Advocacy and awareness raising campaign facilitated by Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF) on governance and forest management ongoing in southern Tanzania (second phase 2012-2017); expected to improve transparency and accountability in the forestry sector and reduce illegal harvesting; has accumulated valuable lessons on addressing key governance issues in forest-adjacent communities and in awareness generation on economic value of forest resources.
Support to Tanzanian Innovation Systems (TANZIS)	A joint programme of MFA and Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to develop Tanzania's innovation ecosystem. The Tanzania Innovation Support Programme (TANZIS) builds on activities, results and experiences of the Information Society and ICT Sector Development Project (TANZICT, 2011–2017). TANZICT provided experiences and approaches from the living labs concept in entrepreneurship training. Possibility for a partnership in Mtwara-Lindi regions in SME development and particularly in furniture industry would be useful in value chain development. TANZIS is planned to focus more on innovation as a cross-cutting theme and less on the ICT sector than TANZICT. TANZIS is expected to start at the end of 2018 or in 2019.
WWF Tanzania, cooperation with WWF Finland	WWF Tanzania has been developing and promoting community forest concept with its local partners (MCDI, MJUMITA, District Councils) for over ten years. At the moment, WWF with MCDI have extended to community forestry to four districts in southern Tanzania: Tunduru and Namtumbo Districts in Ruvuma Region, and Kilwa and Rufiji Districts. WWF Finland has supported WWF Tanzania with MFA funded Partnership programme since 2013 as part of the WWF's regional forest programme. WWF Finland facilitated the engagement of the regional programme to the investors in 2014 which resulted in the cooperation with Finnfund. The joint value chain analysis of community forest was conducted in 2016. The work around tackling illegal timber trade focuses across Eastern Africa and is coordinated from the WWF's Tanzania's office.

Interventions & Processes	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector	SDC in partnership with Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, TFCG (new phase planned from 3 rd quarter of 2015). Key partner for the Programme in adoption and further development of sustainable charcoal value chain. Close collaboration between SDC and the Programme is planned (please see sections 4 and 6 for details).
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and Tanzania Extractive Industries Initiative (TEITI)	<p>GoT demonstrated its commitment to increased transparency through joining the in December 2012. EITI principles are available in Annex 7.</p> <p>TEITI pursues improved transparency of the extractives sector through increased public access to comprehensive, timely and quality information on Government revenue; increased disclosure of revenue allocation and spending; Increased accountability leading to reduced actual and perceived corruption; and institutionalisation and sustainability of EITI in Tanzania. Commissioned a Scoping Study of including forestry sector in Revenue Disclosure through TEITI (please see section 1.6.2).</p>
Kilombero and Lower Rufiji Wetlands Ecosystem Management Project (KILORWEMP)	<p>Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC) supports several community-based wildlife, wetland and beekeeping initiatives. KILORWEMP experiences in sustainable management of natural resources and improved local governance and coordination of environmental management systems will be valuable for the Programme; jointly with Kilombero Valley Teak Corporation has explored opportunities to develop a community oriented collaborative management scheme of an 8,000 ha block of KTVC forest. KILORWEMP has with NFBKP II reviewed miombo management and forest management planning standards.</p> <p>BTC has also generated relevant experiences to share from the Beekeeping Programme in Kigoma Region; a replicable mode of sustainable beekeeping development; processing, packaging and marketing of bee products, doing business with traders, developing improved harvesting and pre-processing methods.</p>
Empowering Communities through training on Participatory Forest Management, REDD+ and Climate Change Initiatives (ECOPRC)	A 5-year training programme (2012-2016) funded by NORAD; beneficiaries current and future students of FTI and village and community leaders responsible for PFM, REDD+ and climate change initiatives; lessons, experiences and pre-tested packages for training members of village environment committees (VEC) and Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRCs) and all resource persons at village level.

Interventions & Processes	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Programme (CCIAM)	NORAD-supported research programme (2009-2015) with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Ardhi University (ARU), and Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) and Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB). Some of the studies completed during CCIAM (e.g. on economic assessment of climate change impacts) offer relevant insights for the Programme.
National Climate Change Monitoring Centre (NCCMC)	NORAD in partnership with Sokoine University of Agriculture; establishment of a new centre; carbon data collation and sharing for national communication and Carbon House Gas (CHG) reporting; once operational, may be able to provide insights in the forest cover and quality change.
Mainstreaming sustainable forest management in the miombo woodlands of western Tanzania	UNDP (2012-2017); strives to improve sustainable use and management of natural resources derived from Miombo woodlands and to strengthen the skills and capacities for Community Based and Joint Forest Management; the lessons learned will contribute to improving the sustainability of Miombo woodlands; valuable lessons and experiences that would be applicable in Programme area (e.g. miombo regeneration and silvicultural regimes); also promotion of sustainable charcoal production
ICRAF programmes on value chain development	World Agroforestry Centre, ICRAF, has generated experiences and lessons from development of Non-Wood Forest Product value chains in Tanzania, including from identifying new Wood- and Non-Wood Based value chains; can be considered as a Service Provider / partner for e.g. provision of inputs in forest resource assessments and identifying new NWFP value chains

A number of civil society, private sector and other entities have also expertise and experience in working with the forestry sector and value chain development exist in Tanzania. They are all potential partners to the Programme. They are briefly described in Table 5 (and in Annex 7).

Relevant civil society, private sector and other entities for experience sharing and potential partnerships

Interventions, Processes & Partners	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
The Tanzania Forest Industries Federation, SHIVIMITA	All forest industry companies are members of SHIVIMITA; a useful potential partner for identification of medium-scale and larger wood processing facilities and in development of Wood-Based Value Chains; a platform for experience sharing
The Community Forest Conservation	MJUMITA is a partner and service provider of NFKBP II in forest governance related activities; a network of community groups involved in Participatory Forest Management (PFM) in Tanzania. The network provides a forum for capacity

Interventions, Processes & Partners	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
Network of Tanzania, MJUMITA	building, advocacy and communication for these groups. MJUMITA members include VNRCs and Environmental User Groups. MJUMITA's areas of expertise include capacity building, advocacy and communication for community groups involved in PFM.
Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative, MCDI	MCDI works to conserve endangered forest habitats in East Africa by promoting sustainable and socially equitable harvesting of valuable timber stocks and other forest products. In particular it is involved in sustainable harvesting of the African Blackwood tree (Mpingo); has focus on timber and forest certification, combining REDD and CBFM, and benefit sharing with local communities; implements a FSC certificate for community managed natural forests with international market access for certified timber; both NFBKP II and LIMAS have used MCDI as a Service Provider in various forest planning and management assignments.
Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, TFCG	Focuses on conservation of natural forests; works through capacity building, advocacy, research, community development and protected area management, implements community development activities; implements the SDC-funded Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector Project (please see table 4 above); promotes good governance and improved accountability in the forestry sector.
Tanzania Natural Resources Forum, TNRF	Works to address governance, policy and practice in the natural resources sector; areas of expertise include Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM), Climate Change and Land based Investment.
WWF Tanzania	Experiences from interventions in landscape-scale conservation, forest management (e.g. coastal zone) and community forestry; also from renewable energy solutions. Cooperation with WWF Finland.
TRAFFIC	The wildlife trade monitoring network and leading non-governmental organization working globally on trade in wild animals and plants in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development; has researched governance of timber trade in Tanzania and associated loss of revenues
Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)	Faculty of Forestry & Nature Conservation with highly qualified personnel in the PFM, REDD+ and climate change disciplines in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. SUA specializes in teaching, conducting research, outreach and consultancy in Forestry, Forest Economics, Environmental Science and Agricultural related sciences. The consultancy and outreach activities relevant for PFM initiatives; undertaken by the consultancy unit FORCONSULT (also a Service Provider to NFBKP II).
The Institute for African Leadership	Provides leadership programmes relevant to development and sustainable development, and intends to help bring about tangible benefits related to

Interventions, Processes & Partners	Lessons, implications and partnership potential vis-à-vis the proposed Programme
(UONGOZI Institute)	sustainable development in Tanzania and the rest of African countries. UONGOZI Institute; has implemented several events of the Decision Makers Forest Academy in Tanzania.
Forest Industries Training Institute, Forestry Training Institute, Vocation Education Training Authority	In collaboration with PFP, FTI and FITI entry level developing an entry level worker level training (on-site / mobile courses) to address forest management, harvesting and wood processing for village-based forest owners and small harvesting and wood processing businesses (initial focus on plantation forestry): the concept – once fully developed and approved – is expected to be useful for training the village-level beneficiaries of the Programme
Kilombero Valley Teak Company (KVTC)	A private forest company managing 28,000 ha of land in the Kilombero and Ulunga Districts of the Morogoro Region in Tanzania; operates an outgrower scheme with local villages and farmers and runs a sawmill in Ulunga; is interested in engaging in participatory forest management and has explored opportunities for creating a community-based forest management undertaking on KVTC's natural woodland areas.
Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF)	Supports management of the Eastern Arc Mountains in Tanzania; invests in sustainable community development among other topics; some scope for collaboration under EAMCEF Community Based Conservation and Development Project portfolio (aims at improvement of rural livelihoods of forest adjacent communities)
Tanzania Forest Fund (TaFF)	Provides a long term reliable and sustainable funding support to conservation and forest resources in Tanzania; some scope for collaboration, for example for forest dependent communities to raise additional funding for proper forest land management
Forest Development Trust, FDT	Works to increase the supply of wood products and energy from sustainable sources with benefits to the participating smallholder; among other things seeks to enhance smallholder employment and increase smallholder net income

ANNEX 10 STUDIES AND LESSONS LEARNED

In this chapter, some key studies and relevant lessons learned with respect to revenue collection in forestry sector, REDD+ issues, economic profitability of VLFRs, sustainable charcoal production, Participatory Forest Management and biomass energy are discussed. These studies have influenced the Programme result chain and proposed activities (please see Sections 3 and 4).

The **Scoping Study of including forestry sector in Revenue Disclosure through TEITI** (Green Advocates 2013) was conducted in order to boost revenue collection from forests and woodlands for strengthening the financial sustainability of FBD and the proposed successor of TFS (proposed Tanzanian Forest Authority). The study identified weaknesses in collection, transfer of funds and records kept at the Headquarters and districts. There has been an upward trend in forest-based revenue collection over the last four years. The restructuring of the forestry administration has led to improved revenue collection. Revenues have increased by 40%, reaching TSh 70 billion by 2014. The actual royalty rates are however still determined administratively, not based on market values. Even if royalty rates have been updated, models for their determination have not been developed to date. There is an obvious need for royalty rates to reflect economic value, which would enable efficient markets and maximize revenue to all stakeholders including forest managers. The national forest policy of 1998 already stipulates that the pricing of forest products and services will be based on economic and market value. The revenue study proposed a number of measures, which could be used as an input for financing and improving revenue collection mechanisms.

The Study came with the following key recommendations: (i) Incorporate forestry into EITI implementation in Tanzania, with a view to increasing revenues to the government, improving the governance of the sector, and enhancing sustainability, (ii) Produce an EITI report that starts with payments made by major companies in the sector. Small players should be incorporated into EITI reporting in later stages, (iii) Expand the current TEITI Multi-stakeholder Group to include TFS, one company and one civil society organization from the forestry sector, (iv) Build the capacity of TFS in data management and storage, (v) Enhance the coordination of government agencies responsible for revenue collection from the forestry sector. EITI principles and TEITI recommendations have influenced Programme design, particularly proposed Outcomes 1 and 2.

REDD+ Lessons Learned Assignment, Tanzania. The Government of Norway has invested on Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation including climate change. There are some lessons learned in the implementation of seven REDD+ pilot projects in Tanzania between 2009 and 2014³⁸. The Projects, implemented by Tanzanian and international NGOs were designed to test local approaches to implementing REDD+ across a range of different social, institutional, tenure and ecological conditions. Funding was provided by the Government of Norway through the Royal Norwegian Embassy. Although the focus has been on REDD+, much of the lessons and recommendations are valid in the broader context of PFM and forest governance.

Participatory forest management (which in turn emphasises the creation of local incentives for sustainable forest management), community based fire management and conservation agriculture appear to be the most

³⁸ Lessons learned from the implementation of REDD+ Pilot Projects in Tanzania. Final Report August 2015. NIRAS Finland; URT & NRE 2015 Policy Briefs 1-7, all available at http://www.norway.go.tz/News_and_events/Climate-Change/Norway-and-Tanzania-with-important-contribution-to-reduce-emissions-from-deforestation/

effective approaches in addressing deforestation drivers in the Tanzanian context. Clarifying, formalising and strengthening communal as well as individual land tenure was a major focus of a number of pilot projects and often seen as a precondition for addressing many deforestation drivers. This support resulted in important non-carbon benefits (co-benefits) that in many cases were seen locally as of greater value than other benefits generated by the project.

Externally defined objectives of reducing carbon emissions (which calls for large areas of forest to be protected) may however conflict with local demands for expanding agricultural production due to growing demands for land and such trade-offs need to be negotiated in a participatory and inclusive manner. Land use planning should be done on larger jurisdictional or landscape levels to create synergies and economies of scale and to minimize leakage. Working with isolated villages should be avoided. Leakage from one village to others is common when the local by-laws restrict certain uses and the inhabitants of one village move their activity to other villages where such restrictions are not in place, or not enforced. Demands under REDD+ for “permanence” is providing impetus for the extension of JFM agreements up to 30 years in duration, which provides increased tenure security for local communities. Upscaling joint forest management agreements and other collaborative arrangements to share benefits that favour local communities can improve the management of government Forest Reserves. Fragmented, dispersed and relatively small sites managed under PFM require aggregating entities to be able to present larger volumes of carbon to the international voluntary carbon market.

Although the Tanzanian governance framework requires participation of local people before a project can proceed, this is not necessarily applied through a quality, participatory process that ultimately produces consent or no consent. Village and community natural resource management institutions can improve governance processes and outcomes when introduced in a participatory and transparent manner. Conducting free prior and informed consent (FPIC) increases the influence of community members in decisions related to their own environment and livelihoods. It stimulates and incentivises more conscious practice and facilitation of quality participation and community decision making to achieve consent for REDD+ interventions. Obtaining consent within the context of a REDD+ pilot project generated important benefits including changing project designs to be more responsive to local needs, but this also resulted in delays and additional up-front costs.

Tanzanian REDD+ pilot projects have experimented with a range of local-level benefit sharing arrangements, both in the way benefits are disbursed, but also in the way in which benefits are calculated and shared. Benefit sharing systems work best when the final recipients design them and opportunities for elite capture are minimised. Communities can and do make sensible decisions on how revenues should be shared and used. Local level benefit sharing arrangements work best when those being paid (rural communities responsible for management of natural resources) have the right to choose how benefits are received and used. Making direct financial transfers to the individuals and households as well as paying for actual measured reduction of emissions as early as possible increases effectiveness and efficiency of REDD+.

REDD+ pilots have experimented with a variety of approaches to Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV), most of them combining highly technical, remote sensing (RS) approaches with community based forest carbon monitoring models. Tanzanian REDD+ pilots demonstrated that communities are capable of undertaking complex and technically demanding MRV tasks provided that sufficient training and incentives are applied. Piloting of participatory forest carbon monitoring has been successful but lack of national standards for MRV, rapid development of information communication technology (ICT) and remote sensing

technology, as well as heavy reliance on external expertise have created heavy demands on NGOs implementing pilot projects.

With respect to gender equality, key strategies and actions proposed consist of undertaking gender analysis and assessment before starting project activities, ensuring both women's and men's views are included in management plans and decision-making and building capacity on gender needs at two levels, both within implementing organisations (whether from government, private sector or NGOs) and within the target groups – including both men and women. Beneficiaries (and particularly women, who are often excluded) need to be aware of their rights and responsibilities (under national law) with regard to participation, decision-making, natural resource management, tenure and governance.

Largely, technical challenges associated with developing validated and verified Project Design Documents were grossly under-estimated by project implementers, and as a result, the process has taken significantly more time, funding and capacity than originally anticipated. Falling prices coupled with limited demand in the global carbon market threaten the viability and sustainability of project-based approaches. With respect to benefit sharing, the low price of carbon and the lack of clear and committed financing undermine the profitability and upscaling of REDD+ as well as its investment potential. Given the low levels of forest carbon across much of Tanzania and low prices of carbon internationally, total revenue generated from carbon sales will probably be rather low. Therefore, other forestry income streams should be developed to benefit rural communities for their efforts.

A Danida funded research programme on **Participatory forest management (PFM) for rural livelihoods, forest conservation and good governance in Tanzania**^{39,40} investigated whether and to which degree the concept of participatory forest management (PFM) in Tanzania has delivered on its triple objective; (i) forest conservation, (ii) improved rural livelihoods and (iii) good forest governance. The results show that forests under PFM are in general harvested below or at their production capacities, but only where local communities are capable of controlling outsiders' access to their forest. Most PFM forests are too small to satisfy even local demands for wood products, should they become the only source of wood available. As sources of cash and subsistence products, PFM forests contribute significantly to rural livelihoods and in some cases to village government coffers. Yet, while the poorest are significantly more dependent than the more well off households are on forest income, it is the more well off households who extract the highest absolute values from forests. These inequitable socio-economic effects of PFM appear rooted in the locally devised PFM rules that the more well off households have influenced to their advantage. The project sends three overall policy messages: 1. PFM can work to conserve forests when local people can effectively control outsiders, 2. The area of PFM in Tanzania should be enhanced significantly to reduce deforestation, and 3. More equitable local-level distribution of benefits from PFM seems to require top-down promotion of minority rights and interests at village-level. The following constitute the key recommendations of the research project: 1. The Government of Tanzania and donors should continue and enhance support to the PFM Programme because, once established, PFM forests do not require high maintenance costs to continue

³⁹ Danida 2015 Danida Research Portal. Participatory forest management (PFM) for rural livelihoods, forest conservation and good governance in Tanzania <http://drp.dfcentre.com/category/project-type/larger-strategic-projects-enreca-prior-2008> accessed on 9 September 2015

⁴⁰ Treue T et al 2015 Does Participatory forest management promote sustainable and equitable forest management in Tanzania? Policy Brief 2005-07-11

delivering benefits to society on a sustainable basis. 2. Environmental income should be part of official national statistics and 3. Elite capture in PFM should be addressed through information and education such that the poor may enhance their share of forest income through democratic processes.

There are various **studies** available discussing **economic aspects of legal timber trade** in the VLFRs in Tanzania. There are only three known cases to date (September 2015) of these trades. Those are SULEDO forest community in Kiteto district, villages in Kilwa district supported by Mpingo Development and Conservation Initiative and Angai forest villages in Lindi. All three cases provide supporting evidence that there is significant economic potential in the sustainably managed VLFRs. The projected income levels meet and surpass the costs of forest management planning and VLFR governance capacity development approximately in 2-4 years (depending on the area of the forest).

The **SULEDO Forest Community** was an Equator Prize Winner in 2012. According to the **Equator Initiative Case Study**⁴¹ and **managing our Forest – Experiences from the SULEDO Forest Reserve** (undated) the community is made up of ten rural villages, with a total population of 30,000 people. The villages are located in the Kiteto district. The villages are relatively large, ranging in size from 8,700 ha to over 52,000 ha, with an average size of 30,000 ha. The size of the Suledo forest is 167,000 ha and it consists of miombo woodland. From 1997, the Suledo Forest has been under the management of the Suledo Forest Community, which operates as a network of autonomous community-based organizations, representing the interests of each of the villages. The community has for a number of years been supported by Swedish development cooperation (SIDA). The forest was given the status of VLFR in 2007. The most promising prospective source of income for the community is through the selective logging of valuable hardwood species from the forest. Plans to produce charcoal from the remnants of harvested trees also represent a potential source of income generation and employment from the forest. Potential annual revenue from timber in Suledo is USD 213,000 (USD 23,700 per village, figures from a study conducted in 2010).

Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (founded in 2004⁴²) support seven rural communities in **Kilwa** district to secure legal tenure over their forest resources. Five of these villages have begun generating forest-based income by selling sustainably harvested timber (produced under FSC certification). Overall, communities in Kilwa district have earned more than USD 100,000 from timber sales during 2009-mid-2014. Four of the supported villages earned USD 56,012 from certified timber sales (FSC group certification scheme) in 2013-2014 (up 60% from the previous year). The communities involved in the scheme also have potential for diversifying the species that are being commercially harvested. They have stocks of non-blackwood timber species sufficient to generate more than USD 600,000 in sales each year.

Studies made by LIMAS in Angai forest^{43,44} indicate that sustainable utilization of the forest resource in form of trade in timber provides an opportunity to become one of the key income generating activities management in the Angai villages. Timber trade based income opportunities were assessed in 2014 based on harvesting quota information and using GoT royalty rates as stumpage price. The harvest revenue

⁴¹ UNDP 2012 Suledo Forest Community, Tanzania. Equator Initiative Case Study Series, New York, NY.

⁴² MCDI 2015 Annual Report 2013-2014

⁴³ NIRAS 2014 Income generating opportunities through timber trade in Angai, Powerpoint presentation, 30 September 2014

⁴⁴ NIRAS 2014 LIMAS – Lindi and Mtwara Agribusiness Support. Timber Trade and Harvesting in Village Land Forest Reserves in Angai, Final Report. March 2014

potential in the six studied villages alone was estimated to be up to EUR 340,000 annually (approx. EUR 56,700 per village), see table 6 below).

Income opportunities from harvesting timber in Angai villages (source: NIRAS 2014)

Village	Population	VLFR area, ha	Estimated sales volume (m ³)		Estimated income, TSh		Estimated income, EUR	
			5 years	per year	Total 5 years	Per year	5 years	Per year
Mtawatawa	906	12 391	2 792	790	808 722 585	161 744 517	402 350	80 470
Kitogoro	1 105	8 275	847	169	173 536 434	34 707 287	86 337	17 267
Litou	863	1 808	680	136	139 314 710	27 862 942	69 311	13 862
Kiangara	1 435	641	64	13	13 186 247	2 367 249	6 560	1 312
Nahoro	1 224	21 933	8 713	1 743	1 784 332 931	356 866 586	887 728	177 546
Mtungunyu	788	19 037	2 421	484	495 762 515	99 152 503	246 648	49 330
Total	6 321	64 085	15 517	3 335	3 414 855 422	682 701 084	1 698 934	339 787

EUEI PDF-funded Biomass Energy Strategy (BEST 2014) concluded that forestry biomass energy demand is unsustainable in Tanzania. Demand for wood energy has led to increasingly negative environmental, agricultural and other local and macro-impacts. Unsustainable biomass energy demand is accelerating year-on-year because of the low priority that is accorded to biomass energy by almost all key government agencies. Also there are perceptions that biomass energy is an inferior source of energy, which make it synonymous with under-development. There is a lack of a national policy framework for biomass energy and poor public awareness of biomass energy efficiency issues and options. Governance of commercial biomass energy production and trade is complicated, often contradictory and poorly-regulated. There is also a lack of replicable examples of, or models for sustainable charcoal. Also, there are no mainstream commercially competitive biomass alternatives to charcoal and fuel wood.

Two recent studies discuss the potential and issues related to sustainable charcoal production and markets extensively. The **Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector - Life Cycle Assessment Component**⁴⁵ provides a life cycle analysis of the charcoal value chain (forest management, charcoal production, transport, retail and distribution, consumption and end-of-life). The report concludes the charcoal value chain shows high

⁴⁵ Gmünder S, Zah R, Rainhard J & Charron-Doucet F 2014 Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector. Life Cycle Assessment Component Prepared for: SDC, Prepared by: Quantis, February 10, 2014

variations and a huge optimization potential in terms of resource efficiency and climate change. The GWP of charcoal is highly dependent on the conversion efficiencies, the land management regime that is in place and on the assumptions related to the impact modelling. Using biomass for charcoal production does not lead to permanent deforestation, even though the carbon stocks are temporarily decreased. Conversion of forestland to agricultural land should be avoided in all circumstances. Eco-efficient stoves and improved kilns are also a prerequisite for sustainable charcoal production. The study showed that from a resource and climate perspective there is substantial potential to optimize the current charcoal value chain. To obtain a complete view of sustainability, the results of the LCA study should be interpreted together with other assessments focusing on the social and economic dimensions.

The report on **Market Research for Sustainably-Produced Charcoal**⁴⁶ found out that charcoal has no “brand loyalty” – customers easily and often change suppliers. In urban charcoal markets, there is no shortage of supply or suppliers. A “new” charcoal, one sold on being sourced “sustainably” will start with no brand loyalty, regardless how it is packaged, certified and branded. Loyalty is built over time where expectations of quality and quantity are met, where trust on supply is developed. A process occurs over time and requires “patient capital”. The number of producers has increased significantly as the opportunities to earn cash revenues from production have increased with Tanzania’s rapid urbanisation. In addition, the number of small players in transport and sales has also increased significantly over the past five years. The findings support the TFC model of sustainable charcoal and its principles. The key principles for sustainable charcoal are: i) it must be sustainable: ecologically and socially, ii) charcoal should be produced and traded legally (formal business); iii) the value chain should be commercially viable and pro-poor; and iv) the system / mechanism should be scalable. To make the charcoal sector more sustainable, it is necessary to try out innovative models that support these principles. Sustainable charcoal can contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation. Further, sustainable charcoal production can provide an incentive for community-based forest management and generate sufficient benefits for a community to select forest relative to other land uses. A way forward would be to encourage local, small-scale transporters to purchase from sustainable charcoal producers and sell directly to urban retailers, eliminating as many “middle men”.

FORVAC supports the national efforts to prepare the charcoal strategy, with MNRT leading the preparation process. Other actions by FORVAC, together with TAFORI, is to create intensified sustainable VLFR charcoal production model. The idea is to create a model that will offer the VLFRs a sustainable way to produce charcoal. If the illegally and unsustainably produced charcoal can be replaced by a sustainably produced charcoal, it can contribute both climate change mitigation, by saving forest resources from unsustainable use, and adaptation, by offering the villages a way to increase their incomes through a sustainable value chain. The model is now piloted in two selected villages.

⁴⁶ Camco Clean Energy (Tanzania) Limited 2013 Final Report Market Research for Sustainably-Produced Charcoal. Commissioned by TFCG

Through Programme, technical assistance the wood harvesting and processing recovery rates will be also be improved by using waste reducing methodologies and value added improved in primary and secondary wood processing. The access to timber markets will be improved through development of long-term procurement contracts between wood producers and processing industries. The Programme, in collaboration with other actors, will explore and develop markets for lesser-known timber species that currently have limited demand. Opportunities for expansion of FSC-certification in VLFRs will also be explored. The opportunities for women's participation in various elements of timber value timber values chain will be enhanced.

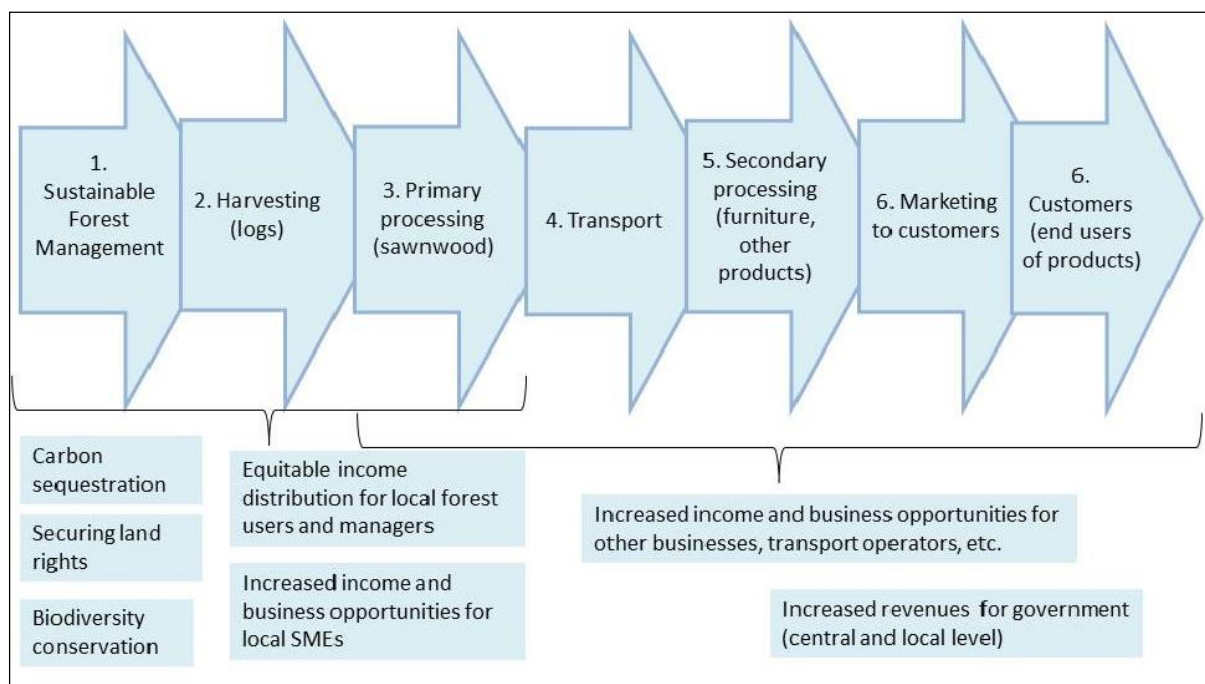


Figure 1 Timber value chain (modified from Private Forestry Programme – Panda Miti Kibiashara, Project Document, revised version of June 2015)

The link to the value addition in the value chain will be strengthened by providing business management support to individual firms and trader associations. The support will focus on capacity building (in administration, accounts and financial management, customer care). The target groups consist of e.g. timber traders, charcoal and honey traders and other input and commodity traders. When appropriate, mentoring services will be also offered to promising firms to assist them secure credit and improved banking services. Innovative mobile phone applications for producing local information on log and timber prices on local and regional markets will be piloted and scaled-up as feasible, in collaboration with other programmes such as Private Forestry Programme. Another application of both local and national importance is for reporting illegal logging, forest fires and wildlife poaching.

Viable Charcoal Value Chain (**Output 2.4**) will be further developed by using the modified SDC/TFCG sustainable charcoal harvesting model (see Figure 2). The emphasis of the Programme will be supporting steps 1 to 4 of the value chain initially.

In many areas, the charcoal production to date has led to degradation and forest deforestation with main benefits going to intermediaries and final consumers. Charcoal production has the potential to deliver

benefits to immediate producers and provide employment while contributing to conservation of forest resources. Charcoal production is widely considered as pro-poor and can constitute a significant driver of economic growth in CBFM villages. The demand for charcoal is anticipated to continue increase particularly in peri-urban and urban areas. The SDC/TFCG sustainable charcoal harvesting model has not yet been replicated or tested elsewhere. In collaboration with SDC the Programme will provide added value in improving the charcoal production efficiency and value chain in other districts. A key aspect is to enable the communities to collect income from charcoal production and ensuring that all stakeholders along the value chain understand and respect the permits issued by the communities. It is expected that the amount of royalties on charcoal collected by Districts and TFS will also increase in the process. TFCG has also developed methodology and prepared a district harvesting plan for Kilosa.

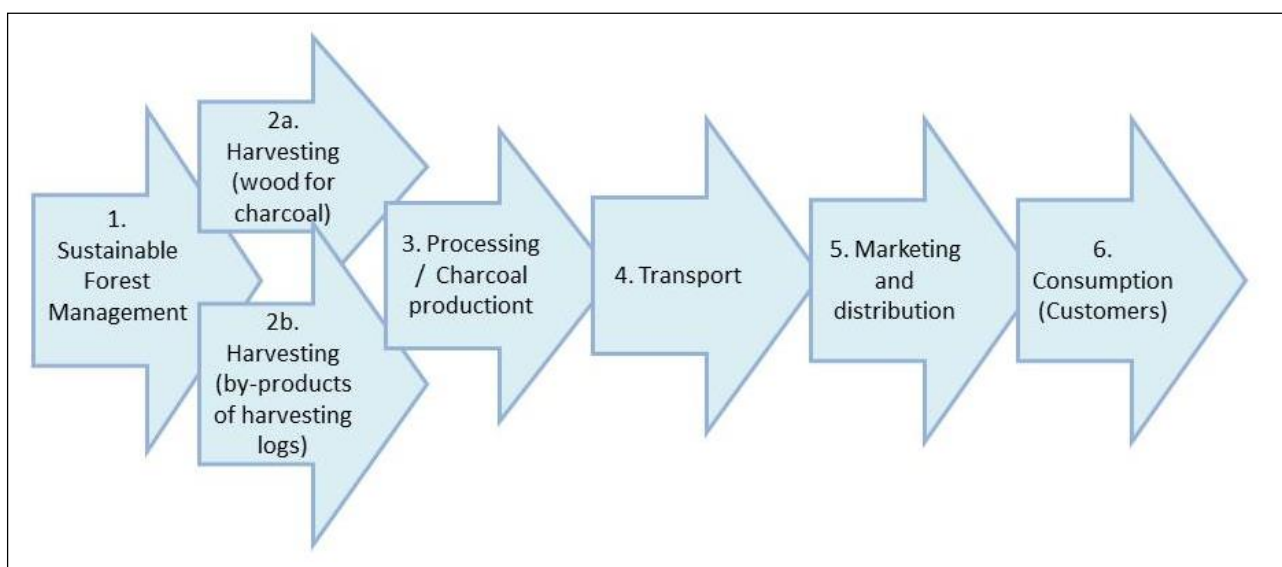


Figure 2 Sustainable Charcoal Value Chain (Modified from Gmünder et al 2014)

The Programme aims at adoption, validation and further development of the SDC/TFCG value chain approach through a variety of actions. The link between VNRCs and charcoal traders will be enhanced to remove existing market limitations. The Programme will ensure the sustainability of forest management by introducing management regimes, which do not result in deforestation and forest degradation and are viable in the local socio-economic context. This will entail prevention of disturbances and introduction of protective measures for harvested forest compartments until the next forest generation has been established. Appropriate measures to control leakage will be introduced to prevent unsustainable charcoal production within and outside VLFRs. The institutional frameworks of the value chain will be strengthened through improved coordination, product processing and volume and horizontal interaction among VNRCs. Equitable benefit sharing mechanism will be safeguarded by bearing in mind all target groups including the vulnerable, women and youth. The key steps in the establishing the Sustainable Charcoal Production value chains into a community are presented in Table 8.

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ANNEX 11 FORVAC Team response to External Review and Evaluation Services (ERET) Mid-Term Evaluation Recommendations

ERET Report recommendation	FORVAC Team response
Overall recommendation	
Explore the options for extension of the programme for two years (starting from July 2022) using the current contract and programme set-up to avoid a large gap between phases and to enable the current team to achieve sustainable results and make up for the delays experienced at the start-up of the programme without the need to retender.	Relevant Programme document updates and a new budget will be prepared and proposed to MFA of Finland and MNRT Tanzania for decision making.
Relevance of programme design and strategy	
<p>1. Facilitate further dialogue between key stakeholders in the sector to improve consensus on the value chain strategy and CBFM approach in general and influence policy actions that will improve CBFM in Tanzania. This could include the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect evidence and analyse key issues and challenges reported by communities, local government and other stakeholders on the timber value chain aspects, including implications of GN417, the perceived competition with licences provided in general village lands, issues of taxes and link to service provision, and other constraints. • Support FBD in facilitating a national dialogue with all relevant stakeholders in the sector to discuss the issues and agree on solutions. Provide support to the implementation of the solutions. 	<p>This will be taken into account in detail in the context of the formulation of the Annual Workplans and the Programme implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FORVAC, together with its partners and SPs, will collect relevant information and facilitate events (workshops, taskforces etc.) to analyse observations and find solutions for improvements. In addition to FBD, also TFS is in a central role regarding these efforts.

<p>2. Identify the options for an improved village selection strategy for the next phase, including the possibility of a clustered approach of villages within the landscape that integrates not only the communities with large intact forests but also those that have less potential for timber value chain in the short term and identify options for encouraging conservation of the forest resources such as introduction of conservation agriculture, VICOBA's and other income generating activities.</p>	<p>In Mpwapwa and Kilindi Districts in Tanga Cluster, FORVAC supports establishment of five (5) specific bee reserves (areas reserved for protection & beekeeping). These areas are outside the villages that FORVAC support. FORVAC may also extend micro-business support to some new villages. Otherwise, additional villages will not be included in the Programme area.</p>
<p>3. Make improvements to the design aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the operational strategies and contribution of the programme on Human Right Based Approach and identify options on how the programme can further improve gender equality (especially in decision-making processes) and address the interests of youth and persons in vulnerable positions. • Transfer the support to teak plantations in Nyasa District to PFP2. • Revise the Results Framework to improve its vertical and horizontal logic and make the indicators SMART and realistic. Involve an expert to ensure high quality of the output. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FORVAC will ensure that in the context of annual work planning, and during field implementation and reporting, Human Right Based Approach (HRBA), Gender and Equity Considerations are addressed adequately. Indicators on target groups, disaggregated by sex, age categories and disability, have been added in the modified RF • As the support to Teak plantations were transferred from PFP in 2020 to FORVAC, a new transfer back to PFP 2 is not justified. • Revision of RF has been made with the support of ERET TL and included in the revised Programme document.
Coherence	
<p>4. Improve collaboration with other key stakeholders and development partners in the sector.</p>	<p>FORVAC collaborates with a large number of stakeholders, and shall continue relevant collaboration also over the AWP 2021 – 2021 implementation and the upcoming extension period up to July 2024.</p>
Efficiency	

<p>5. Address the issues caused by delays without compromising the quality of implementation for the remaining period of the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the revision of the RF, revise the targets to make them realistic. • Reallocate the budgets between the different operational activities and outputs, based on a realistic assessment of the remaining activities. • MFA to approve the proposal submitted by FORVAC for additional funds to alleviate the shortage on management budget and inputs by the VCDA and Junior experts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of targets has been done and the new targets have been included in the new RF • The reallocation is presented in the budgets of the AWP 2021 – 2022 and the Extension Phase • To be done by MFA
<p>6. Rearrange the composition of the Steering Committee and invite relevant stakeholders from the regions and research institutions to join.</p>	<p>To be discussed with MNRT, MFA and the current SC members before the end of the current phase</p>
<p>7. Review the support provided by Service Providers and focus on those that show good performance and have long presence in the area. Increase transparency of decisions and review the options for supporting Districts to provide support to VICOBA.</p>	<p>FORVAC will focus on Service Providers that show good performance and have long presence in the area. The Programme document has been updated accordingly, and this will be taken into account in contracting Service Providers.</p>
<p>8. Make improvements to the M&E system. Assess the suitability of the newly established CBFM database for use of FORVAC M&E and if not adequate establish a detailed FORVAC-specific geo-referenced database (or additional modules in the CBFM database) of the supported villages and status of FORVAC-supported interventions.</p> <p>Strengthen joint field monitoring and identify options for improved outcome and impact assessments.</p>	<p>FORVAC has included the proposed actions in the workplans (AWP 2021 – 2022, and will include them in Extension phase workplan).</p> <p>RF and its indicators have been further developed in the context of formulation of the Programme extension plan.</p>

Effectiveness and Impact	
9. To increase effectiveness, more emphasis could be put on the charcoal/biomass energy value chains and on policy-related work to help improve the regulatory aspects and enabling environment for CBFM and especially the timber-and charcoal value chain.	<p>Within AWP 2021-2022, FORVAC supports MNRT to develop a National Charcoal Strategy. This activity continues during the extension phase.</p> <p>The Programme has also developed a model to intensify sustainable charcoal production in VLFRs. Two (2) pilots and related studies are currently ongoing in Handeni District in Tanga Cluster.</p>
Sustainability	
Refer to other recommendations, especially 1, 9 and overall recommendation for extension. As part of the dialogue on enabling environment, options must be reviewed for making the VLUPs and especially FMPs less expensive and technocratic, enabling villages to support the process from their own means.	FORVAC has made the MNRT/FBD aware of the high expenses of establishment and management of VLFRs. This concern shall be further addressed during the AWP 2021-2022 and the Programme extension phase.

FCG.