

Donor country Finland			
Project/programme title SUFORD, Sustainable forestry for rural development project			
Purpose To promote sustainable forest management			
Recipient country Lao PDR	Sector Forest/mitigation	Total funding Phase I: EUR 6,000,000 Phase II: EUR 9,000,000	Years in operation Phase I: 2004–2008 Phase II: 2009–2012
Description Specific objectives are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the policy, legal and incentive framework enabling the expansion of Participatory Sustainable Forest Management (PSFM) in the whole country • Bring the country's priority natural production forests under the PSFM • Improve well-being and livelihoods in villages through benefits from sustainable forestry, community development and development of viable livelihood systems • Support the development of new and innovative methodologies for REDD monitoring. 			
Indicate factors that led to project's success The project is comprehensive in scope and covers the national policy, field implementation and capacity development.			
Technology transferred Participatory forest management could provide a sound base for further development of the REDD concept. The SUFORD project has supported the Lao PDR government in piloting new and innovative tools for forest carbon assessment. High resolution satellite images and airborne laser scanning (LIDAR) have proved to be cost-effective tools for the assessment.			
Impact on greenhouse gas emissions/sinks			