



Low Carbon Development Strategy

Transforming Guyana's Economy While Combating Climate Change



Amerindian Development Fund

Introduction

On 9th November, 2009, Guyana and Norway signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in which Norway committed to provide Guyana up to US\$ 250 million by 2015 for its work on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus (REDD+). To date, Guyana has earned US\$ 150 million and is investing these payments in priority projects under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS). One of these projects is the Amerindian Development Fund.

The Amerindian Development Fund

The Amerindian Development Fund (ADF) was established to provide funding to support the development of Amerindian communities, settlements and villages. Under this project Community Development Plans (CDPs) were prepared. CDPs outline priority development projects identified by the villages themselves. The ADF is being implemented by the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs (MoAA).

CDPs must be approved by a village general meeting and all residents are encouraged and entitled to participate in the entire process. In this way, the process complies with the provisions of the Amerindian Act and moreover, conforms to the principle of free,

prior and informed consent (FPIC).

CDP projects are generally categorised into seven broad sectors: agriculture, manufacturing, village infrastructure, tourism, village business enterprise, mining and transportation.

Status Update

Implementation of the Initiation Phase is almost completed. Under this Phase, the implementation of 26 CDPs is being funded. Prior to implementation, micro finance agreements were signed with all 26 villages and further, community and village members have been trained in business development, agriculture, poultry production, cattle rearing, aquaculture, forestry and apiculture. Funds have been disbursed to all communities in the Initiation Phase, and the CDPs of those villages are being implemented.

Phase II of the ADF

On the 2nd September, 2014, the full project document was approved by the Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF) Steering Committee. On the 18th September, 2014 when the GoG and UNDP signed a GY\$ 1.3 billion agreement for the implementation of Phase II. The implementation of this phase of the project has now begun.

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