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INTRODUCTION

After meetings on the 17.09 it was requested that there was a change of direction. Having agreed that having received the target number of respondents (around 20), the technical adviser decided that what was required was follow up interviews with respondents. As such, the data now needed to be examined to identify a singular group with whom follow up interviews could take place.

FILTERING AND GROUP SELECTION

This was then done by filtering the various different results to produce a coherent cluster of respondents who could be characterised as being similar. To telephone all respondents would be time consuming and ultimately not necessarily give clear and focused answer. Although the number of respondents was quite small, there was variation in the different groups. The significant challenge in such an exercise is to balance the need to have a large enough group to be able to work with them but to sufficiently narrow the number of groups.

The full filtering process is described below;

- Initially it was decided to focus on organisations which either identified as working on the national or the national/local level i.e. exclude those which solely worked on the local level as this group was very small and would have a different focus.
- Then in terms of the groups' previous experiences of VPA FLEGT, it was decided to focus on organisations which focussed in the past on both impact and implementation monitoring.

Somewhat unsurprisingly given that the majority of the respondent list was from the VNGO-FLEGT network then groups who listed themselves as working in both impact and implementation monitoring were the single biggest demographic.

What can be seen below of the respondent information is that the answer to q9 have broadly similar trends within them

Name	2.Operational scale	7- Experience VPA / FLEGT- 1	7- Experience VPA / FLEGT- 2	Q9- Plan to operate ranked- 1	Q9- Plan to operate ranked- 2	Q9- Plan to operate ranked- 3
Center for Environment and Community Research (CECR)	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	
Capacity Development Center for Environment and Natural Resources (CEN)	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Implementation Monitoring	Cooperate with independent review units
Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD)	National	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Grievance, accusation and feedback mechanism	Implementation Monitoring
Agriculture and Forest Research and Development Centre for Northern mountainous region (ADC)	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Cooperate with independent review units
Consultative and Research Center on Natural Resource Management	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	VNTLAS Readiness
Center for Application Research Transfer Science and Technology in the Northwest	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Provide information about VPA-FLEGT	Implementation Monitoring
Centre for Rural Development in Central Vietnam (CRD)	National and Local	Implementation Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Impact Monitoring	Implementation Monitoring	Provide information about VPA-FLEGT

FOLLOW UP

Kim Anh then called these different organisations to follow up and gain more detail. The overall conclusion of Kim Anh in talking to them was

“In summary, their technical capacity is quite weak, except for CRD and CORENARM which are slightly better and seem to take more serious consideration in working on technical issues (e.g. import control, compliance, OCS, etc.). The rest generally resorts to community-based topics, most commonly labor safety, social safeguards, impacts on disadvantaged groups, etc. However, they all aims to work with households and SMEs, which is a good starting point...Besides these 7, I’ve sorted the list of reply again and would like to suggest we invite them + VIFORES, CED and Pan Nature to join the validation meeting.”

The full table of results and outcomes is below

Organisation	Previous experience in VPA FLEGT	Topic focussed on	Skills focussed on
SRD Email	- Monitoring impact of VPA on forestry households and SMEs	- Forest governance - Income - Social safeguard - Labour safety	Not specified
Centre for Rural Development in Central Vietnam (CRD) Email	- Impact monitoring of VPA: - Assess impacts of VPA on households and SMEs - compliance capacity of households and SMEs - survey compliance with timber legality of SMEs in Dong Nai and Quang Tri	- monitoring impact of VPA on households and SMEs - OCS monitoring and technical support for households and SMEs - communication on VPA/FLEGT at community level	- Impact monitoring - Communication Training
Center for Environment and Community Research (CECR)- Email	- Training and guidance for SMEs on compliance to Environmental Law and related regulation in Bắc Ninh (2016) and Huế (2017).	Compliance with regulations on: - Labor safety - Social safeguards - Environment Etc.	Not specified
Capacity Development Center for Environment and	- Baseline study for VNTLAS funded by the EU-FAO project	Labor safety & health Community livelihood Law compliance (forestry, intellectual property)	Communication Training (documentation, accounting system for households, SMEs)

<p>Natural Resources (CEN) Telephone</p>		<p>Community, households, craft village, SMEs</p>	
<p>Agriculture and Forest Research and Development Centre for Northern mountainous region - Telephone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Research - Communication - Monitoring 	<p>Interested in all aspects of VPA implementation but focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender issues - Women - which correlate to their existing works 	<p>Policy advocacy Research</p>
<p>Center for Application Research Transfer Science and Technology in the Northwest – CARTEN- Telephone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings on TLAS implementation funded by EU/FAO through VNGO-FLEGT Network - Baseline study on community (households taking part in planting, transporting, processing timber) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support mitigation of risks/ negative impacts from VPA on ethnic minority communities living near forests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research - Consultation - Communication and training
<p>Consultative and Research Center on Natural Resource Management (CORENARM) Email</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementational monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Timber legality verification (for both households and SMEs) o Timber import control o Operators classification o Supply chain control - Social safeguard/ Impact monitoring of VPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Impact on organizational structure of forestry households, focus on efficiency improvements o Impact on awareness and environmental protection activities o Impact on policy debate and advocacy capacities of CSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring supply chain, focus on - Households. - Audit skills - Policy debate and advocacy, focus on Forestry Law 2017 and related legislatures.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Impacts on the progress of sustainable forest management and national forest certification	
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