

# Technical Cooperation for the REDD Early Movers (REM) Program - Mato Grosso and Acre - Brazil

## REDD Early Movers

The REDD+ for Early Movers (REM) program is an essential element of Germany's bilateral involvement in REDD + (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation), commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) and implemented jointly by the German Development Bank, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and German International Development Cooperation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The REM program supports countries called Early Movers, rewarding “REDD pioneers” such as Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil for their success in reducing deforestation.

KfW offers results-based financial cooperation for the REM program, while GIZ provides the technical cooperation necessary for the national counterparts to implement this financing scheme. REM operates within the Official Development Assistance (ODA) framework and is co-financed by the UK and Norwegian governments.

## REM in Brazil

The REM Program in Brazil is co-financed by the Government of the United Kingdom and implemented with the State Governments of Mato Grosso and Acre via their Environment Secretariats and the Acre Climate Change Institute and with the Brazilian Federal Government via the Environment Ministry (MMA). The REM Program is aimed at rewarding REDD pioneers for their success in reducing deforestation. As the states of Mato Grosso and Acre made significant progress in reducing deforestation, they are rewarded with results-based payments. The State of Acre is currently in its second phase of the program and has had good results in reducing carbon emissions from deforestation, while the State of Mato Grosso is in the initial phase of planning and implementation of the program.

Resources for the program are distributed in accordance with a benefits-sharing strategy, into sub-programs, defined by each state. In Mato Grosso, for example, the sub-programs supported

are: (1) Institutional Strengthening and Structural Public Policies, (2) Indigenous Territories, (3) Family Agriculture, Traditional Peoples and Communities and (4) Sustainable Production, Innovation and Markets.

In this case, GIZ particularly supports, together with federal and state agencies, the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the participatory construction of the Indigenous Territories Sub-Program. This support is mainly provided via the Mato Grosso Federation of Indigenous Peoples and Organizations (FEPOIMT). GIZ supports FEPOIMT in its activities, seeking to consolidate and strengthen it as an institution.

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<b>Country</b>	Brazil
<b>Executive Agency</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
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## Key results

- **Construction of the Indigenous Territories Sub-Program in Mato Grosso State**

In cooperation with FEPOIMT, civil society (including other indigenous associations and pro-indigenous institutions), federal and state government, the program supports the construction of the Indigenous Territories Sub-Program, in compliance with ILO



On the left: Indigenous Woman of the Nambikwara/ Negarote people (Vale do Guaporé, Mato Grosso) explaining REDD + Safeguards during the Information, and Conception Workshop.

On the Right: Boe/Bororo people (Aldeia Meruri, Mato Grosso) at the Information and Conception Workshop of the Indigenous Territories Subprogram of the REM/ MT program (2018).



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Convention 169, requiring free and informed prior consultation. Information and Conception Workshops for the Indigenous Territories Sub-program have been planned and are currently being carried out across the state.

- **Participatory governance**

Participatory governance has been ensured for all processes, from decision making to validation and monitoring of REM programs and sub-programs in the states. Activities include strengthening civil society forums, developing communication strategies and advising on new benefit-sharing programs, as well as supporting various key technical representatives, such as Indigenous Peoples and women, in their respective participation.

- **Increasing liaison between the states and CONAREDD+**

Support and advice is offered to the Mato Grosso REDD+ Management Council, the Acre State Commission for Validation and Monitoring (CEVA) and their representatives in the federal consultative bodies of CONAREDD+ and its Thematic Advisory Chamber on Safeguards (CCT-Salv). The exchange of experiences and lessons learned from these institutions with those of REM programs in other countries, such as Colombia and Ecuador, is also encouraged.

- **Support for compliance of the socio-environmental safeguards**

There is information sharing on socio-environmental safeguards between the states and between the state and federal levels, which includes sharing the lessons learned from the safeguard compliance process within the states.

There have been conceptual proposals and coordination with other actors for the simplification of the safeguards systems. This was based on a systematic approach to risk analysis, mitigation actions and monitoring, which facilitated the integration of the safeguards into the core planning, implementing and monitoring processes of the benefit-sharing systems in each state.

- **REM methodologies for Mato Grosso and Acre States**

Development of state methodologies for the operation of the REM program, including integration of ombudsman processes adapted to the needs of REDD+, with the support of training workshops for the establishment of these mechanisms.

- **Improved deforestation control**

There are ongoing studies on deforestation patterns and their drivers in the states of Acre and Mato Grosso, focusing on small and medium areas of deforestation, together with socially responsible management proposals for subsistence farmers at the agricultural frontiers.

## Final Considerations

With these contributions, GIZ supports the Brazilian states of Acre and Mato Grosso in meeting the requirements for results-based payments. By ensuring inclusive governance and benefit-sharing arrangements, the project enables different stakeholder groups to benefit from the payments: those who traditionally keep the forest standing, and those who need support and encouragement for sustainable production at the borders of deforestation.

To ensure an integrated approach with the national REDD+ framework, REM works in close synergy with the Climate Change Policy Program (PoMuC), which in turn cooperates with the Environment Ministry's Climate Change Secretariat for the development of the National REDD System, registration and safeguards.

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