Overview of National REDD+ Programme and Update on Progress

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What is REDD+?

- An international policy designed to provide positive incentives from industrialised countries to reduce emissions from the forestry sector in developing countries
- There 5 eligible REDD+ activities:
  - 1. Reduce deforestation
  - 2. Reduce forest degradation
  - 3. Forest Carbon Conservation
  - 4. Sustainable forest management
  - 5. Enhancement of forest carbon stock

❑ Why do we need REDD+?

- Global forest loss causes 17% of global greenhouse gas emissions
- REDD+ is designed to reduce these emissions, and mitigate climate change

❑ Why do we implement REDD+ in Cambodia?

- REDD+ is a key element of the National Forest Programme of the Royal Government of Cambodia
- It is mandated by Decisions of the UNFCCC which are supported by the Royal Government
- REDD+ can provide significant benefits to Cambodia, such as economic development, support to society, and protection of the environment, especially forests and wildlife

Overview of UN-REDD Programme

- The Cambodia REDD+ Programme design is based on the Cambodian REDD+ Roadmap – developed by an interim interagency Taskforce
- It is intended to support the development of national REDD+ strategies and for building capacities in REDD+ related areas
- In Cambodia, the Programme has three national implementing partners, the FA, GDANCP and FiA and it will engage with a broad range of stakeholders inside and outside government
- It is supported by the UN-REDD Programme (FAO, UNDP, UNEP), JICA, the Embassy of Japan and other donors

Expected Outcome Components

1. Effective management of National REDD+ Readiness process including effective stakeholder engagement
2. Development of REDD+ Strategies and a framework for their implementation at national level
3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at Subnational levels
4. A forest monitoring system, REL framework and capacity for their implementation are developed

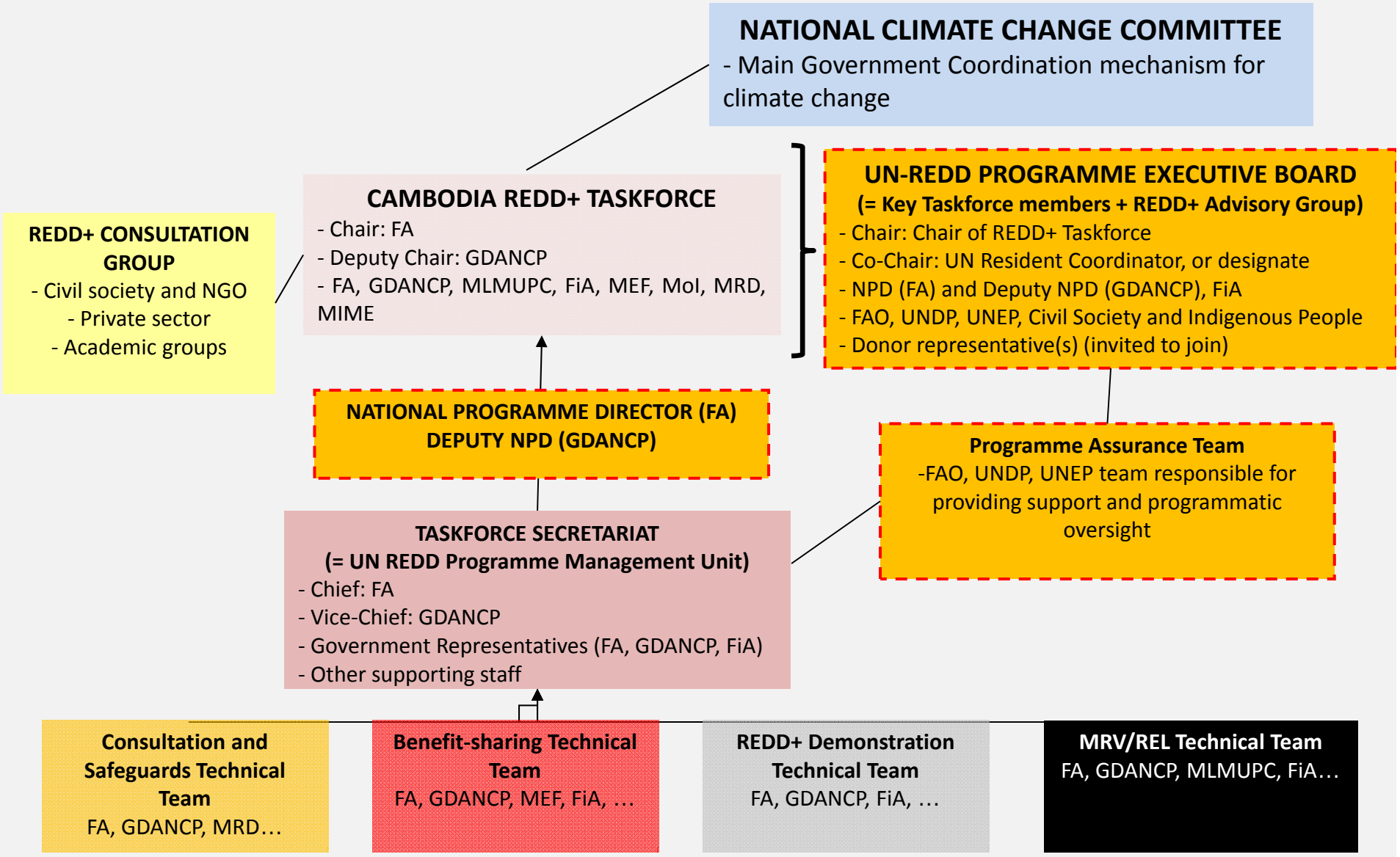
Ways of Achieving Outcomes

- Highly coordinated multi-stakeholder approach:
  - Interagency Taskforce
  - Interagency Secretariat
  - Focus on awareness raising, consultation and coordination
- Collaborative approach with existing strategies other donors and programmes to support development:
  - Maintaining a strong focus on existing forest management strategies
  - Working with other donor initiatives supporting REDD+
- Initial focus on capacity building, support to existing initiatives, and understanding potential costs and benefits

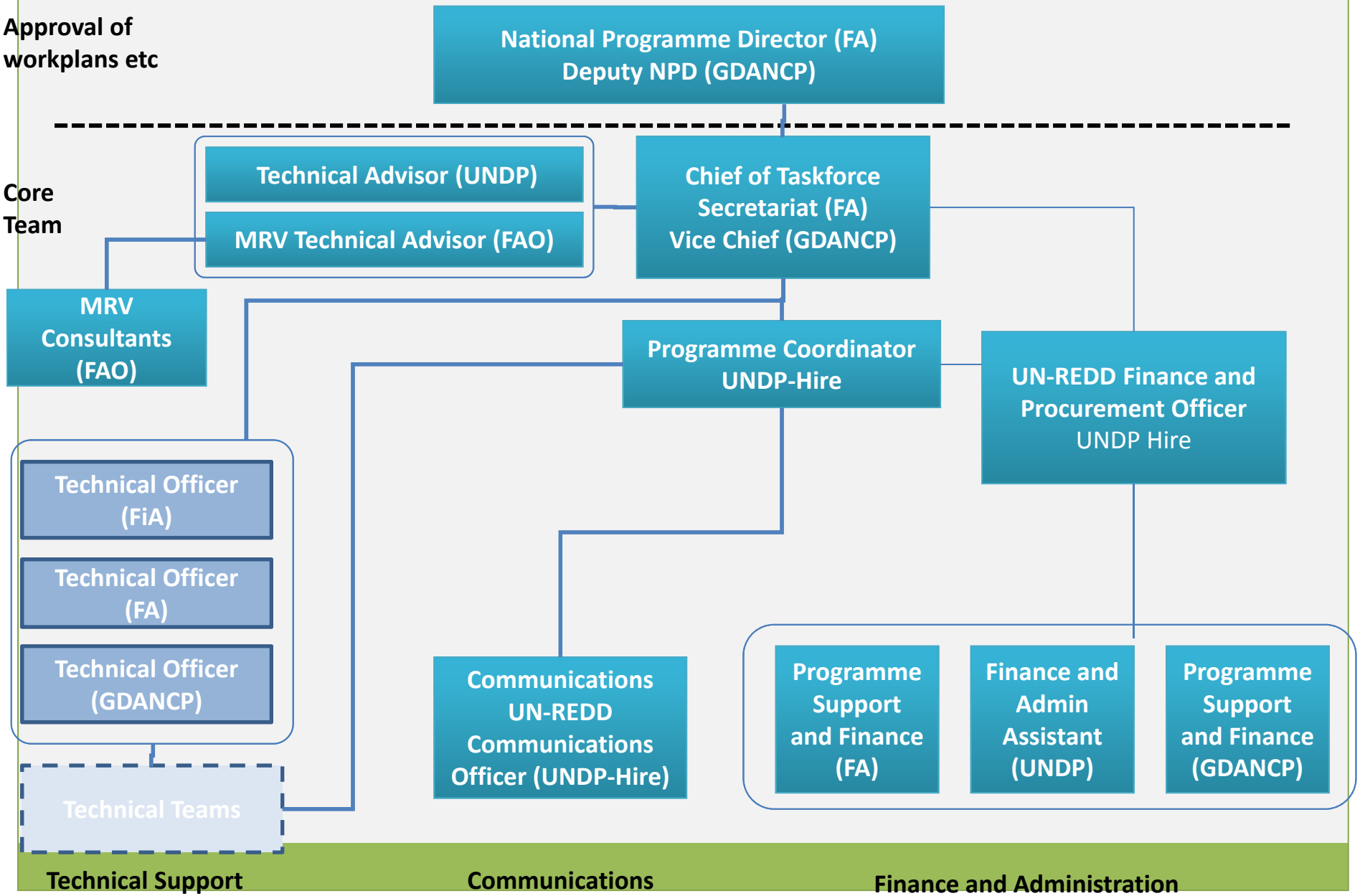
1. Effective National REDD+ Readiness Process

- Establishment of key bodies
  - Establishment of PEB
  - Establishment of Taskforce
  - Initial Taskforce Training
- Stakeholder engagement
  - Focus should be on a process of awareness raising for stakeholders and training for core staff
  - Increasing access to information on the programme through the creation of a programme website

Operational Structure



REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat Structure



2. Development of Strategy and Implementation framework

- Agencies will be conducting initial assessments of what REDD+ could mean for their strategic plans
- Initial work will be carried out to look at the potential costs and benefits from REDD+ within different forest areas
- Continued work on capacity building within and information sharing in key areas including benefit sharing, linkages between national and subnational approaches, importance of safeguards

3. Improved capacity to manage REDD+ at subnational level

- Focus on completion of existing pilot projects
- Identification of priority areas at the subnational level

4. Development of a forest monitoring system, REL framework

- Will focus on capacity building of key government agencies and other stakeholders
- Work on assessing different approaches to forest monitoring

Update on Progress

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