

The project team will include fully or partially dedicated Monitoring and Evaluation staff in each district of implementation to ensure rigorous tracking and reporting on results, adaptive management, and rapid feedback loops. This will include field-level project performance monitoring with technical backstopping at a central level.

The project's governance system will also be leveraged to support accountable monitoring. As such, monitoring reports will be presented to the Project Steering Committee on an annual basis, including baseline and end-line, thereby engaging key government partners and stakeholders in validation and progress tracking

Data collection and management

Externally led, mixed-methods baseline and end-line assessments will be carried out to measure intended and unintended changes and analyse overall project performance at the impact and intermediate outcome result levels in the logical framework. The assessments will collect qualitative and quantitative data (disaggregated by sex and age where applicable) through a variety of methods.

For robust quantitative data collection against the project's outcomes, technical resources have been planned for to ensure climate-relevant data gathering, including required technology (e.g satellite, remote sensing), to provide information on issues such as GHG emissions, forest cover and land degradation at both the start and end of the project. Where applicable, government agencies will also be engaged to access statistical information particularly at the provincial and national level. In addition, qualitative data collection will be conducted through other methods such mobile and household surveys, key informant interviews, and focus group discussions. Primary data collection will be disaggregated sex and age when applicable and, in order to monitor development and inequalities, disaggregated even further including disability, group, location etc. when applicable. For data management, the project will use web-based Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning system that is comprised of multiple platforms integrated for collecting, storage, cleaning, analysis and reporting of evidence-based data.

Learning and Dissemination

Through its permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and elaborate regular progress reports providing an accurate account of implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (outputs and direct outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the Log frame matrix:

- Internal Monthly update: Brief updates on the Monthly achievement of the project
- Internal Quarterly progress report: Comprehensive progress report including planned vs actual for activities in the work plan/, outputs and budget.
- Annual Report: Comprehensive report showcasing the annual progress of the project against the planned targets for the reporting year. This report will include updates on Programmatic results (outputs and outcomes), update of the Performance Monitoring Matrix, operational updates, and project financial updates.
- End of Project Report: Submitted at the closure of the project as a deliverable, which will be the sum of all the achievement through the project implementation. It will include comprehensive details on the project performances, implementation, challenges, lesson learned. It will also accompany any special reports, case studies, and evaluation/assessments completed under the project.

In addition, the project has envisaged key knowledge partnerships and outputs for dissemination including studies that will be financed through the action. Specific interventions have been dedicated to work with research partners on generating evidence and enhance knowledge transfer from the project's data and learnings among stakeholders and public partners.

5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the importance of the action, mid-term and final evaluations will be carried out for this action or its components via independent consultants.