

The Voluntary REDD+ Database:

**Enhancing its role as a mechanism
in support of REDD+ initiatives in
the Congo Basin**

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Overview

Welcome to the Voluntary REDD+ Database

The Voluntary REDD+ Database provides information on REDD+ financing, actions and results that has been reported to the REDD+ Partnership. It aims to improve effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination of REDD+ initiatives; and to support efforts to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in REDD+ financing. The Database relies solely on data voluntarily submitted by countries and institutions. The core data concerns "arrangements": agreements to undertake REDD+ related actions, involving funders and recipients. These include both planned and finalized agreements.

The statistics, map, graph and list of arrangements on this page may be viewed "as reported by funders" or "as reported by recipients", by selecting an option from the green menu bar in the centre of the page. Differences between these summaries are largely a result of arrangements that have only been reported by one party. The REDD+ Partnership encourages input from countries and institutions that have not yet reported on their REDD+ financing, and the VRD Team stand ready to provide advice and assistance.

Data may also be viewed for individual countries and institutions. This information is organized in the same way as the Overview page, though the default view shows data reported by the selected country/institution. To view data reported by others involving that country/institution, select 'as reported by others' from the green menu bar in the centre of the page. Information about individual arrangements can be accessed by clicking on them in the 'List' view, accessed via the green menu bar.

The user guide offers more details on how to use the VRD to answer your REDD+ financing questions.

ARRANGEMENT RECORDS **580** COUNTRIES REPORTING **40**

COUNTRY TO COUNTRY FUNDING

\$4.16B

AS REPORTED BY FUNDERS

COUNTRY TO INSTITUTION FUNDING

\$3.80B

AS REPORTED BY FUNDERS

INSTITUTION TO INSTITUTION FUNDING

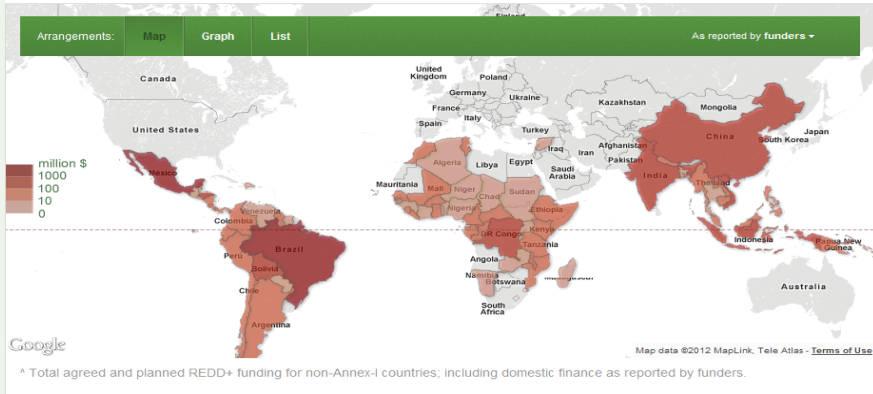
\$0.03B

AS REPORTED BY FUNDERS

INSTITUTION TO COUNTRY FUNDING

\$0.47B

AS REPORTED BY FUNDERS



* Total agreed and planned REDD+ funding for non-Annex-I countries; including domestic finance as reported by funders.

ABOUT REDD+

Click here to find out more about REDD+, the REDD+ Partnership and the Voluntary REDD+ Database.

USER GUIDE

Click here for advice on finding specific information

HELP US IMPROVE THE DATABASE

Click here to submit data from your country or institution to the Voluntary REDD+ Database (VRD).

<http://www.reddplusdatabase.org/>



VRD Data Status

Arrangement type	Amount (billion US\$) in Nov (Apr) 2011 as reported by:		
	Funder countries	Recipient countries	Institutions
Funder country → REDD+ country	4.12 (4.1)	0.67 (0.4)	<i>n.appl.</i>
Funder country → Institution	3.58 (3.6)	<i>n.appl.</i>	0.78(0.0)
Institution → REDD+ country	<i>n.appl.</i>	0.3 (0.2)	0.65(1.0)



VRD Data Status (discrepancies)

- "Top 10" addressed - US\$ 1.15 billion worth of discrepancies resolved
- Main reasons for discrepancies:
 - reporting of the arrangement by only one party (main reason is difference in opinion on definition of what constitutes REDD+ financing)
 - reporting on different stages in fund disbursement



VRD Data Status (Fast Start Finance)

- Dataset not yet complete
- Of the data available:
 - 4 billion in pledges reported
 - More than half of FSF pledges have so far been committed in an agreement with a recipient
 - More than half of FSF arrangements have been/will be disbursed before end of 2011



Advantages of the VRD for the CBFP

- It is the only country endorsed database
- Experience gathered since 2010
- No need to duplicate data collection
- Maintenance of database is already being handled by UN-REDD
- Designed to enable
 - Efficiency, Effectiveness, Coordination, transparency, country needs assessments



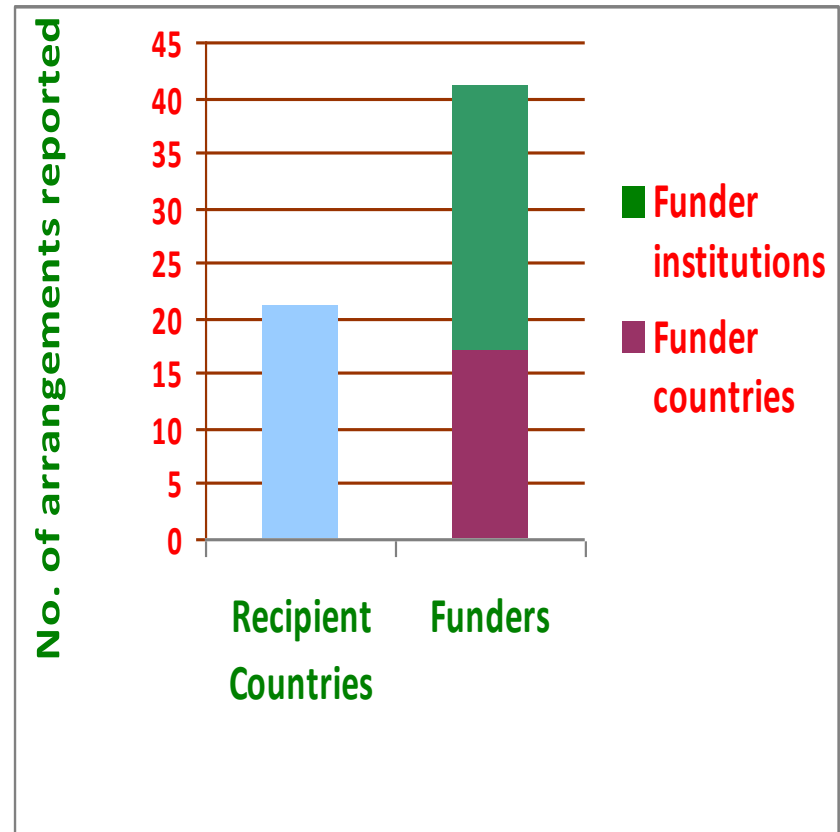
Congo Basin in the VRD

- **9** Congo Basin countries are mentioned in database
- **6** sent in reports
- However, only **3** responded to the 2011 questionnaire



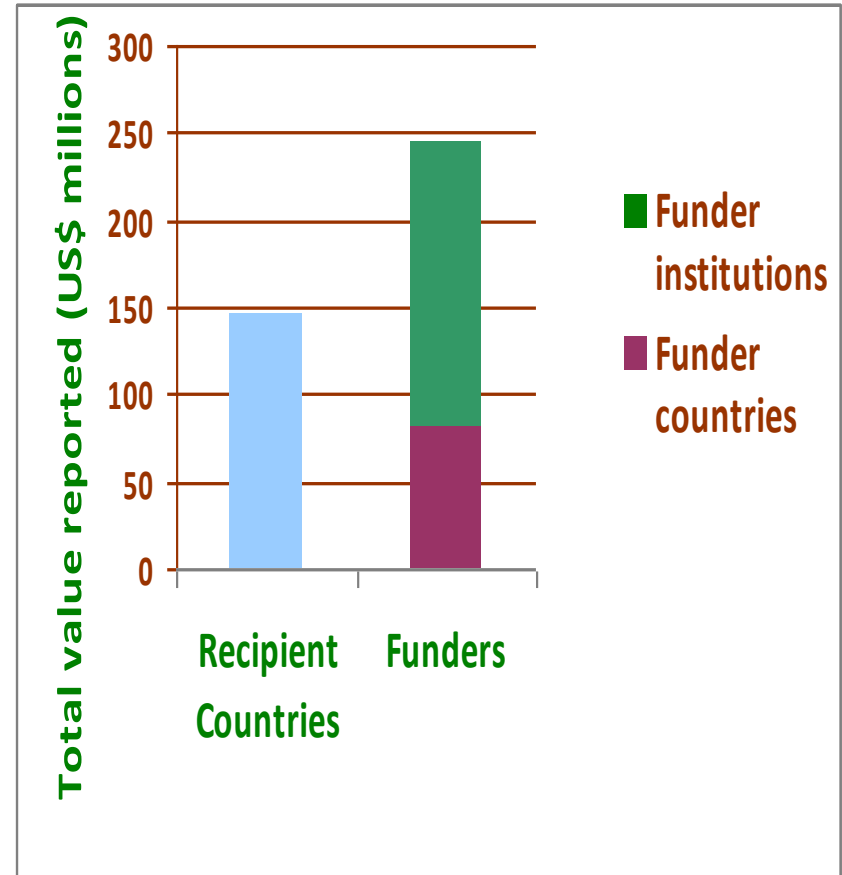
Congo Basin in the VRD (cont.)

- Of the 580 arrangements, 62 (10%) are directed to the Congo Basin
- Barely 33% of these arrangements were reported by Congo Basin countries



Congo Basin in the VRD (cont.)

- Only 60% of the value of funding to Congo Basin countries is reported by the countries themselves
- Funder Countries reported committing 166 million to CBFF in addition to direct funding to countries



Congo Basin in the VRD (cont.)

- **Some funders are vague in their report; they do not specify the amount of funding to specific countries**
- **15 arrangements reported by CB countries have not been confirmed by donors**
- **Several reported arrangements are managed by the donor's own institutions and national focal points are not even aware**



Enhancing the VRD – CBFP relationship

- **UN-REDD responsibilities**
 - Training on data collection and input
 - CBFP website development (database component)
 - Database maintenance and update
 - Country needs assessments



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- **CBFP responsibilities**

- Commitment of dedicated focal points who continually report new data, engage in attempts to address discrepancies, etc
- Knowledge of existing networks
- Determine the level of granularity
- Determine what counts as REDD+ financing
- Tracking from pledges to commitment to disbursements
- Additionality (is the REDD+ funding additional to existing ODA)



Enhancing the VRD – CBFP relationship

- **Proposal to move forward**
 - a) Start with VRD dataset
 - b) Exhaustive data collection & input exercise
 - c) CB data made available
 - d) CBFP dataset is made available for website intergration
 - e) Gap analysis /country needs assessments



Thank you!

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