

FTA Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Impact Assessment (MELIA)

Workplan 2020

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This document presents the W1-2 funded (or co-funded) activities of the MELIA CCT (Cross Cutting Theme) in line with the envelope attributed to it in 2020.

The MELIA Workplan in 2020 will be organized around the two chapters:

- 1) **Integration studies documenting progress of FTA towards outcomes**, documenting the contribution in addressing key global challenges where FTA is particularly expected to deliver results.

	Objective	Indicator
1	Reduce deforestation	Number of hectares protected from deforestation
2	Restore degraded land	Number of hectares restored
3	Sustainably manage land and natural resources for productive and resilient landscapes	Number of hectares with improved/ more sustainable forest and agricultural practices
4	Improve livelihoods through forests, trees and agroforestry	Number of people with reduced (lifted out) of poverty and improved livelihoods
5	Improve food security and nutrition through forests, trees and agroforestry	Number of people more food secure and with improved nutrition

They link to the global challenges, and also to other domains. For instance, the CGIAR SRF has a GHG mitigation target for FTA. Indicators 1 and 2 (and part of indicator 3) can relatively easily inform FTA's contribution to GHG mitigation. Similarly, these 3 indicators, together with a food diversity and agro-biodiversity sub indicator in indicator 5 can help tell a story, with some quantitative figures, on how FTA helps to protect biodiversity and promote agrobiodiversity.

Some key intermediate intervention domains are key means towards these targets: especially value chains, landscapes, good governance; and also diversification, quality of planting material for instance. They both also influence hectares and people. We could try to disaggregate indicator 4 and 5 by gender/youth in particular to cover the relevant impact area of the One CGIAR.

The studies will attempt to integrate multiple contributions/impact pathways toward these impacts at the global scale, within a broad Theory of Change associated with each indicator. Mature research initiatives for each impact indicator will be identified, mapped and evaluated more in depth as examples. A common process and methodology will be developed by the MELIA team for that purpose (D1). This methodology will also make clear that there are different "degrees" of influence that deserve to be documented: reach (= the first necessary steps for impacts have been in place), adoption/change, and persistence/permanence/desadoption.

- 2) **Three studies documenting progress within selected impact pathways representative of FTA.**

The studies were selected following a consultative process involving Flagship leaders and may be used as inputs into the integration studies listed above. (Deliverables 7, 8 and 9)

- Supporting public and private commitments to zero deforestation. Research on the drivers of zero deforestation commitments in the private and public sector and on the alignment of private sector commitments with relevant policy agenda will result in a better understanding of the necessary new policies and institutional arrangements, their implementation in practice and their positive and negative social, economic, and ecological impacts, including the expected intended and unintended consequences on land uses changes. This evidence base and the dissemination of this research will ultimately lead to support effective action towards zero deforestation at scale and meet expected end-of-program outcomes.
- Local governance and policies – formulating and implementing a National Agroforestry Policy in Nepal.
- The Role of trees in agriculture and farming systems (synthesis of available studies).

Continuation of studies started in 2019

- Assessing CIFOR’s research impact and the environmental and socio-economic impacts of Vietnam’s national Payment for Forest Environmental Services (PFES) policy – with co-funding from SPIA to further develop the proposal and research partnership building, and to carry out preparatory work for the full study. (Deliverable 10)
- Finalization of the evaluation on FTA contributions to knowledge and understanding of governing sustainable oil palm landscapes. (Deliverable 12)

Additional study during 2020

In addition to the studies above, the following studies will be carried out:

- Impact assessment and prospects for agroforestry systems: Rubber Agroforestry systems in Kalimantan, Indonesia. (Deliverable 11)
- Study on the use of Bioversity International restoration tool by local actors (Deliverable 17)

Additional activities during 2020

MELIA will also undertake the following activities:

- It will continue to support Flagships in the revision of their end of program outcomes and milestones. This review will factor-in the disappearance of the year 2022 of the CRPs (CGIAR Business Plan measure), as well as the lower than expected W1-2 funding. W1-2 funding received by FTA in the 2 first years of phase 2 was 25% lower than in the approved proposal. (Deliverables 13, 14 and 15: review of all Flagships’ end of program outcomes)
- The cluster will be responsible for planning and delivering the “Stream 6” session on “Science Quality and Effectiveness” at the FTA Scientific Conference 2020 in September (Deliverable 16)
- Finally, the cluster will support the FTA Management Support Unit (MSU) in the work planning and reporting process.

Part of the FTA Melia workplan will be implemented through a long-standing agreement that CIFOR has with Royal Roads University (RRU).

The budget in the Table below includes 421,400 USD of Tier 1, 207,200 USD of Tier 2 funding and an additional 276,100 USD of Tier 3 funding, for a total of 904,700 USD.

Melia allocations and workplan 2020 (W1-2)

FP #	Index	(index is associated to the deliverable) Title of deliverable	Total	CIFOR T1-3	CIFOR T1	CIFOR T2	CIFOR T3	ICRAF T1-3	ICRAF T1	ICRAF T2	ICRAF T3	Bioversity T1-T3	Bioversity T1	Bioversity T2	CIRAD T1
MELIA	D1	Process and Methodology for FTA Integration Studies	85,220	65,220	10,000		55,220	10,000	10,000			10,000	10,000		-
MELIA	D2	Integration Study to assess FTA Contribution to the protection of forests and reduction of deforestation	115,000	95,000	95,000			10,000	10,000			10,000	10,000		-
MELIA	D3	Integration Study to assess FTA Contribution to the reduction of rural poverty, and improved livelihoods	115,000	30,000	30,000			65,000	65,000			20,000	20,000		-
MELIA	D4	Integration Study to assess FTA Contribution to the restoration of degraded lands	73,680	73,680			73,680								
MELIA	D5	Integration Study to assess FTA Contribution to the sustainable management of land and natural resources for productive and resilient landscapes	73,600	73,600			73,600								
MELIA	D6	Integration Study to assess FTA Contribution to the improvement of food security and nutrition through forests, trees and agroforestry	73,600	73,600			73,600								
MELIA	D7	Study to assess progress along emblematic FTA Impact Pathways: Supporting public and private commitments to zero deforestation	50,000	50,000	50,000			-				-			-
MELIA	D8	Study to assess progress along emblematic FTA Impact Pathways: formulating and implementing national policies (National Agroforestry Policy in Nepal)	50,000	10,000		10,000		40,000	25,000	15,000		-			-
MELIA	D9	Study to assess progress along emblematic FTA Impact Pathways: the role of trees in agriculture	30,000	-				30,000		30,000		-			-
MELIA	D10	Outcome evaluation of Vietnam's national Payment for Forest Environmental Services (PFES) policy	31,600	31,600		31,600		-				-			-
MELIA	D11	Impact assessment and prospects for agroforestry systems - Rubber Agroforestry systems in Kalimantan, Indonesia	60,000	-				-				-			60,000
MELIA	D12	End of project evaluation on FTA contributions to knowledge and understanding of governing sustainable oil palm landscapes (finalization)	7,000	7,000	7,000			-				-			-
MELIA	D13	Review of FP1 EoPOs and SLO targets	20,000	-				-				20,000		20,000	-
MELIA	D14	Review of FP3 and FP5 EoPOs and SLO targets	40,000	40,000		40,000		-				-			-
MELIA	D15	Review of FP2 and FP4 EoPOs and SLO targets	30,000	-				30,000		30,000		-			-
MELIA	D16	Session on "Science Quality and Effectiveness" at FTA Science Conference developed and delivered	40,000	20,000	9,400	10,600		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000	-
MELIA	D17	Study on the use of biodiversity restoration tool by local actors	10,000	-								10,000	10,000		
		TOTAL MELIA	904,700	569,700	201,400	92,200	276,100	195,000	110,000	85,000	0	80,000	50,000	30,000	60,000