



GLOBAL COMPARATIVE STUDY ON REDD+ PHASE 4

Knowledge for action to protect tropical forests and enhance rights

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

This three-year project (2021–2023) builds on CIFOR and partners' long-term Global Comparative Study (GCS) on REDD+ since 2009, which has produced science-based information, analysis and tools to promote effective, efficient and equitable (3E) outcomes in REDD+ implementation, including secure rights and livelihoods for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

The ultimate aim is for policymakers and practitioners in key tropical forest countries to design and implement 3E forest-friendly policies and actions, based on the knowledge and capacities co-developed through this project.

WHAT WE DO

The project activities are organized into four research-to-action work packages plus a communications and outreach work package (Figures 1 and 2).

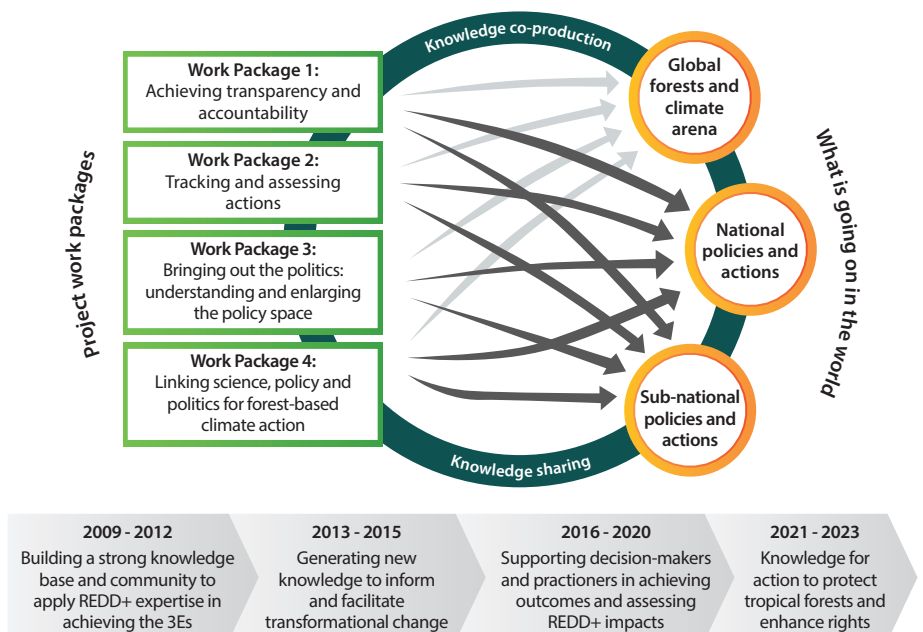


Figure 1. The four research-to-action work packages of the project

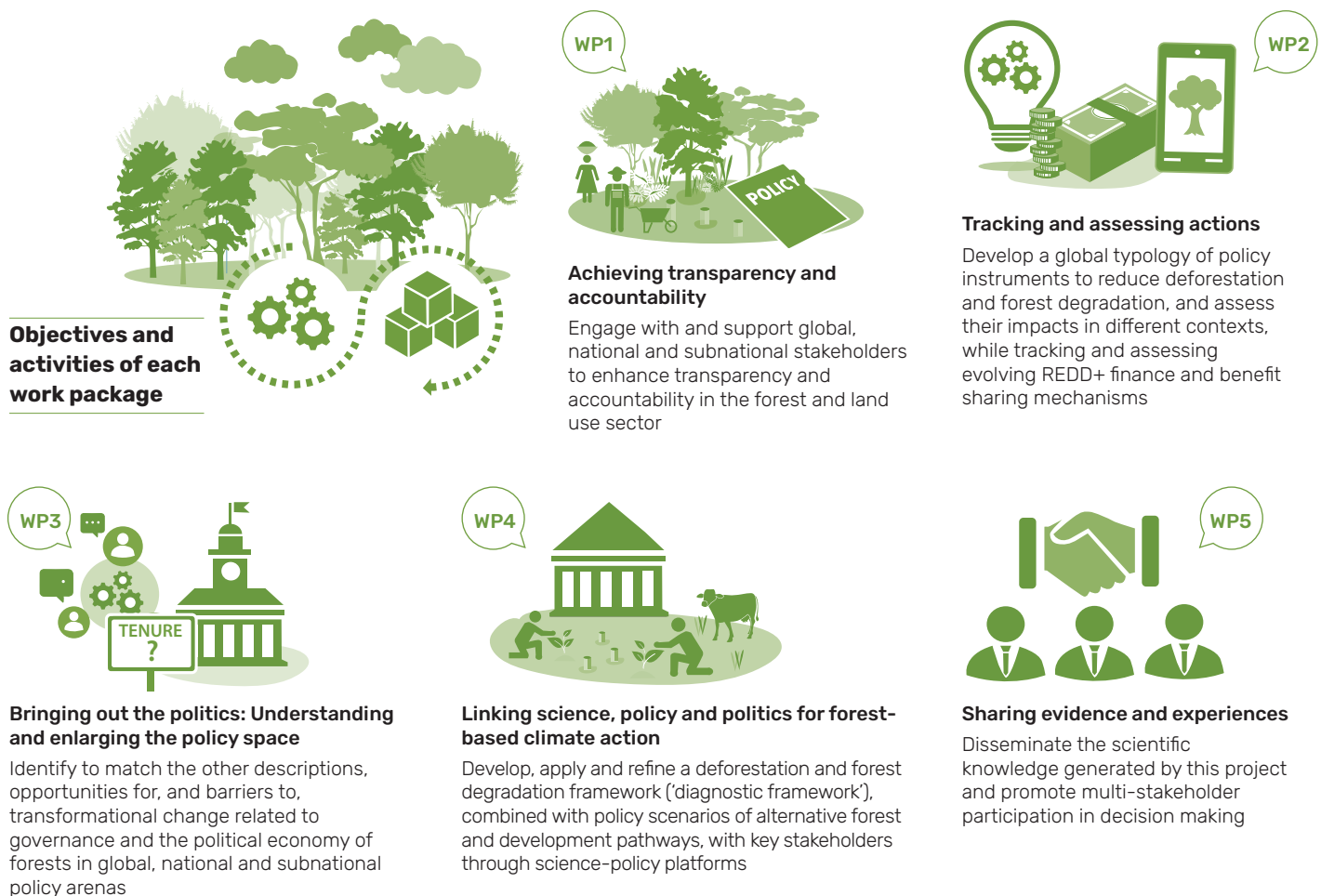


Figure 2 shows how the work packages relate to each other.

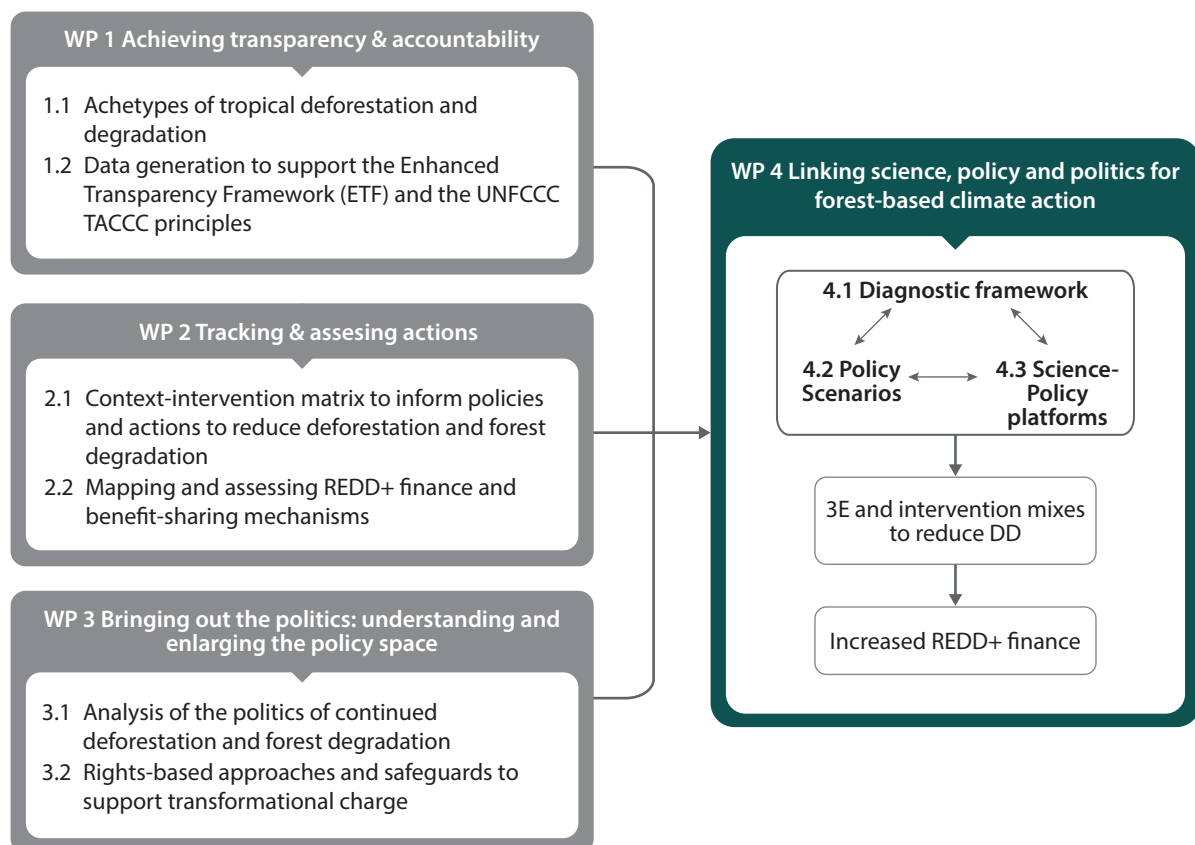


Figure 2. The research framework: Connections between research-to-action work packages, activities, and research outcomes.

WHERE WE WORK

We are carrying out research in Peru, Brazil, DRC and Indonesia, along with a global comparative analysis (Figure 3).

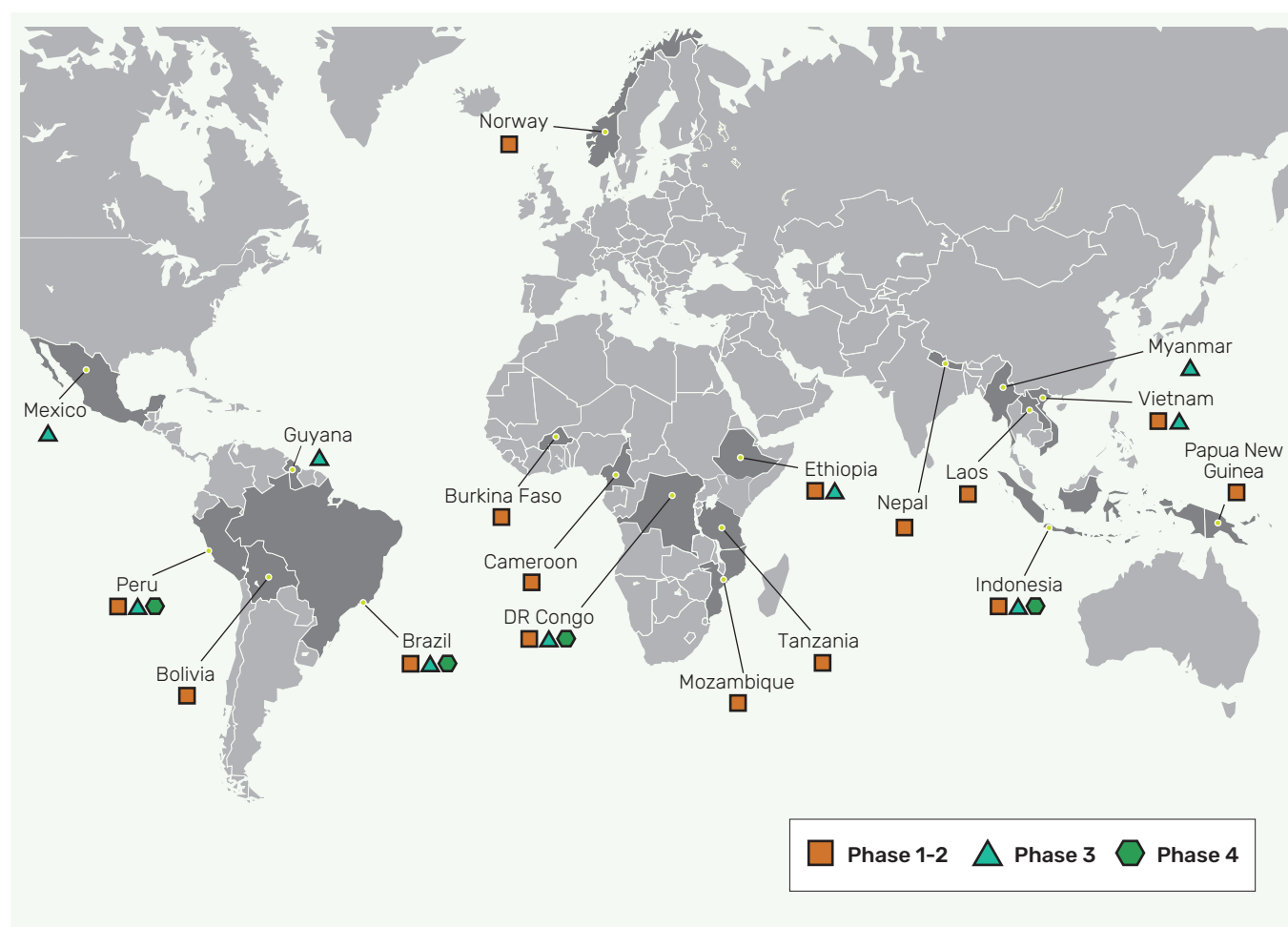


Figure 3. Map of project research activities

In each study country, our project activities are developed based on consultations with national stakeholders to align project activities and outcomes to each country's needs.

THEORY OF CHANGE

The project's impact pathway follows a **five-stage approach** (Figure 4):

- 1. Knowledge creation and co-learning** in WPs 1–4, including deep engagement of key stakeholders across the whole research cycle, especially through science-policy platforms to co-produce the WP4 diagnostic framework and policy scenarios [knowledge co-production activities]
- 2. Improved access to knowledge** for stakeholders involved in the co-production activities, increasing a sense of ownership and the likely uptake of research results [knowledge co-production outcomes]
- 3. Change in the aspirations of engaged actors**, including increased knowledge of and use of evidence generated throughout the project [knowledge co-production outcomes]

- 4. Behaviour change among engaged actors**, including greater commitment to forest-friendly 3E policies and actions in an enlarged policy space, and more willingness to compromise to address trade-offs, resulting in the design and implementation of such policies and increased finance for forests [intermediate and end-of-programme outcomes/ NICFI Outcomes]
- 5. Impacts on the change in state:** deforestation and forest degradation are reduced, sustainable development is promoted, and biodiversity is conserved.

The first four stages fall mainly within the sphere of influence of CIFOR and partners. Achieving the desired outcomes in these phases would lead to a credible contribution to changes in state resulting from decisions of key policymakers and practitioners in the forests and climate change policy arena.

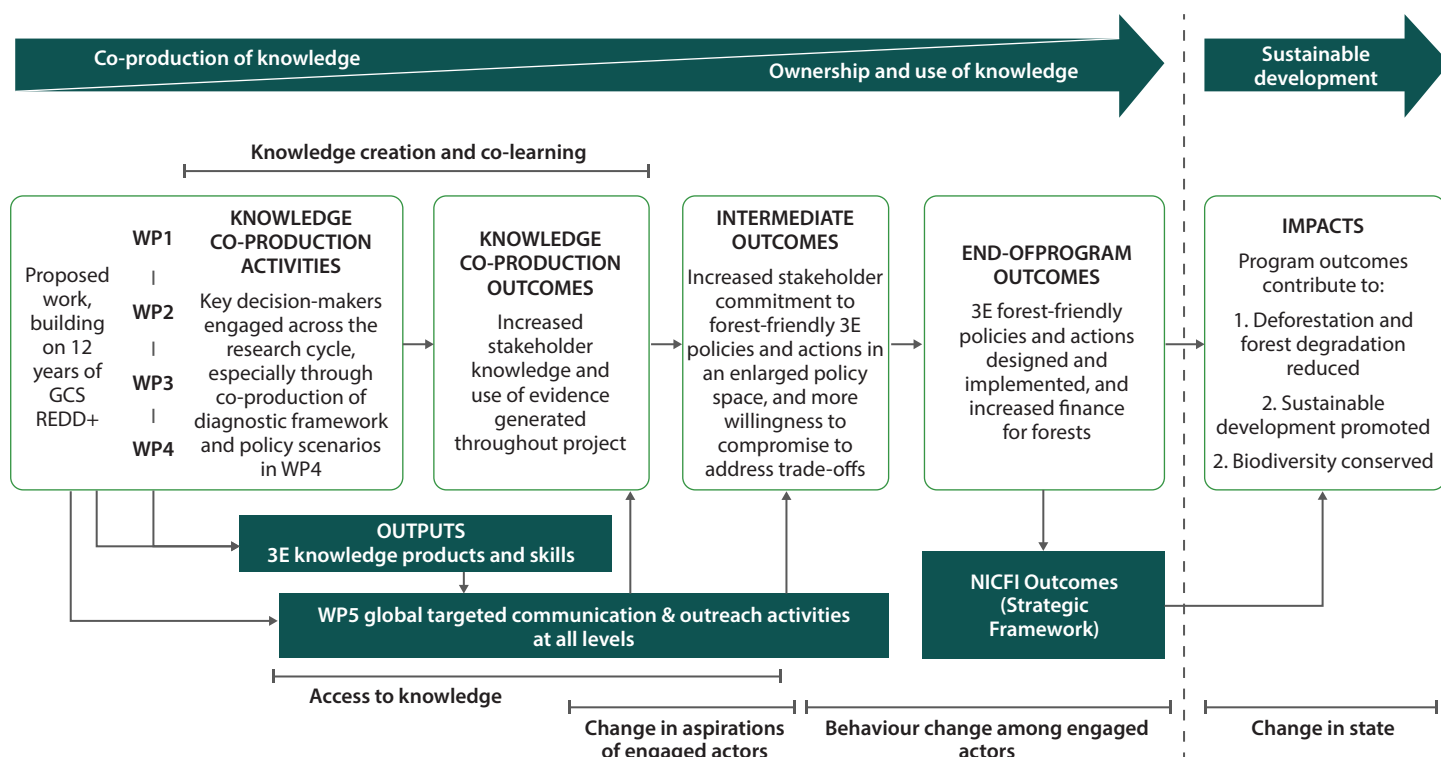


Figure 4. Five-stage impact pathway

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