

# **Making REDD Work for the Poor: The Socio-economic Implications of Mechanisms for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation**

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Forests support the livelihoods of several hundred million people, including some of the poorest communities in the developing world. REDD could offer significant new resources for sustainable forest management and conservation. To be effective, however, REDD initiatives must be driven not only by their potential climate and other environmental benefits but also by consideration of how they will affect rural communities.

The linkages between deforestation, development and poverty are complex and context-specific. Weak