OBJECTIVE
To look into corruption in REDD+ implementation from a political economy perspective in relation to three potentially high-risk areas: i) benefit sharing mechanisms; ii) land tenure rights for Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities and iii) private sector engagement.

OUTPUTS
An Issue Paper, no longer than 30,000 words, integrating the results of the desk review, KIIIs and FGDs

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The project REDD+ Integrity in the Philippines is funded by the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, a Norway-based organization. ASoG has been engaged to write an Issue Paper on the political economy of corruption and REDD+ in the Philippines. Preparing this issue paper will involve desk research, as well as the conduct of Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews with key government actors, support groups and REDD+ demonstration sites.

The particular activities are as follows:
1. Desk review of pertinent literature on corruption in the forestry sector and REDD+ implementation;
2. Key Informant Interviews (KIIIs) with key actors in REDD+ implementation and anti-corruption efforts, including personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the Ombudsman, Climate Change Commission, National Multi-stakeholder REDD+ Council and donor agencies;
3. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with local communities and Peoples Organizations in the REDD+ demonstration sites; and
4. Preparation of the Issue Paper which shall include the following:
   - An introduction and presentation of the political economy of corruption and forestry in the Philippines;
   - An overview of the political economy factors that appear to explain corruption risks for REDD+ in the Philippines, including corruption risks in the areas of i) benefit sharing mechanisms; ii) land tenure rights for Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities and iii) private sector engagement
   - A summary of the main lessons for policy and practice in the implementation of REDD+ schemes in the political economy analysis undertaken; and
   - A short list of relevant further readings from the academic and policy literature.