# Round #1 - Austerity Scenario

70% Resources - Survival Mode

# YOUR RESOURCE ENVELOPE:

- Budget: \$210M over 4 years (\$52.5M/year)
- Staff: 245 person-months/year
- CUT: -30% from baseline

YOUR CHALLENGE: You must cut ~30% of typical work

#### WHAT TO PROTECT:

- Statutory requirements (Forest Act compliance)
- Contractual commitments
- Core operations
- Projects near completion

### WHAT MIGHT BE CUT:

- · New initiatives without legal mandate
- Capacity building
- Ambitious expansion plans
- Long payoff projects

### **Round #1 - BASELINE SCENARIO**

100% Resources - Business As Usual

# YOUR RESOURCE ENVELOPE:

- Budget: \$300M over 4 years (\$75M/year)
- Staff: 348 person-months/year
- Status quo continues

YOUR CHALLENGE: Normal resources but growing expectations

#### **COMPETING DEMANDS:**

- Minister wants visibility and quick wins
- International partners want data systems
- · Communities want engagement and benefits
- Staff need capacity building

BALANCE ALL with limited resources

### **Round #1 - GROWTH SCENARIO**

130% Resources - Scale-Up Mode

# YOUR RESOURCE ENVELOPE:

- Budget: \$390M over 4 years (\$97.5M/year)
- Staff: 450 person-months/year
- INCREASE: +30% over baseline

### YOUR CHALLENGE: 30% more resources BUT:

- New staff need ramp-up time (3-6 months)
- · Donor funding has strings attached
- Expectations are higher
- Must show measurable results

# STRATEGIC QUESTIONS:

- Where does extra money create most value?
- More projects or better/faster execution?
- What transformational investments make sense?

### **Round #2 - MINISTER'S PERSPECTIVE**

Political Success & Visibility

### MINISTER'S PRIORITIES:

- 1. "30% Protected Areas by 2030" (international commitment)
- "Green Our Cities" Urban Forestry (visible in population centers)
- 3. "National Tree Planting Initiative 2.0" (public engagement)
- 4. Revenue Generation ("Forestry must pay its own way")

WHAT MINISTER VALUES: ✓ Announceability - Can I stand at podium and announce this? ✓ Visibility - Will media cover it? Will public notice? ✓ Speed - Results within 18 months? ✓ Photo Opportunities - Tree planting, facility openings ✓ Quantifiable - "We planted X trees, protected Y hectares"

WHAT MINISTER VALUES LESS: X Technical systems (FREL, MRV) X Capacity building X Long-term investments X Complex data infrastructure

#### **Round #2 - INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

**Technical Standards & Reporting** 

#### **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS' MANDATES:**

- 1. Paris Agreement Compliance (NDC reporting by 2028)
- 2. High Ambition Coalition (30% protected by 2030)
- 3. REDD+ Results-Based Payments (potential \$30-50M)
- 4. Sustainable Forest Management (FAO reporting)
- 5. Environmental & Social Safeguards

WHAT PARTNERS VALUE: <a href="Verifiable">Verifiable</a> Data - Can it be measured per international standards? <a href="Sustainability">Sustainability</a> - Will results last beyond project cycles? <a href="International Reporting">International Reporting</a> - Feeds UNFCCC, FAO, CBD, SDG? <a href="Sustainability">Best Practices</a> - Aligned with global protocols? <a href="Sustainability">Systemic Change</a> - Building permanent systems?

WHAT PARTNERS VALUE LESS: X Domestic political cycles X Visibility events/photo ops X Short-term wins without lasting capacity X Non-aligned projects

#### **Round #2 - NGO ADVOCATES**

Community Rights & Real Conservation

# NGO COMMUNITY'S PRIORITIES:

- 1. Genuine Protection (not paper parks)
- 2. Community Rights and Benefits (FPIC, benefit-sharing)
- 3. Biodiversity Over Revenue (skeptical of timber harvesting)
- 4. Transparency and Accountability (public data, open consultations)
- 5. Enforcement (adequately resourced, prosecutions)
- 6. Private Sector Accountability

WHAT NGOs VALUE: 
 Real Conservation Outcomes - Are forests
actually improving? 
 Community Empowerment - Do locals have
voice & benefit? 
 Transparency - Public access to information 
 Enforcement - Laws actually enforced 
 Long-term Protection - Permanent, legally binding 
 Equity - Fair distribution of
costs/benefits

WHAT NGOs ARE SKEPTICAL OF: \( \triangle \) Government proclamations without resources \( \triangle \) "Sustainable" timber harvesting (prefer preservation) \( \triangle \) Top-down planning without community input \( \triangle \) Technical systems that bypass participation