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DRC: Mid-term Progress Assessment

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Assessment Process

- World Bank acts as the Delivery Partner for the FCPF Readiness Fund in DRC;
- The mid-term progress assessment is currently ongoing;
- It should be informed by a FCPF & UN-REDD joint mission to take place in August;
- The WB will prepare a public “Grant Reporting and Monitoring”, presenting its assessment of progress towards the achievement of the FCPF Grant to date.
 - WB assessment focused on the FCPF-financed part of the REDD Readiness process.

REDD+ Readiness in DRC: General comments

- DRC has so far demonstrated a high level of commitment to and ownership of the REDD+ Readiness process;
- Remarkable level of coordination across stakeholders;
- DRC has demonstrated flexibility to adapt to a changing environment fraught with uncertainty;
- The outputs of the Readiness process have been prepared in a participatory manner and are of high technical quality;
- Some concrete outcomes include secured financing for REDD+ (Readiness and initial investments);
- Despite the momentum REDD+ has galvanized, much remains to be done to bring REDD+ to a higher level in the national agenda.
 - High-level inter-sectoral coordination (towards a 'green economy')
 - Land Use Planning
 - Governance reforms (rights of communities to manage forests , law enforcement, Illegal logging).
 - Capacity needs to be strengthened, most particularly at the decentralized levels.

Mid-Term progress: rating

- **FCPP Grant Objective:** Reinforce DRC's capacities to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and to develop a national reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances.
- **Expected results:**
 - 1. A National REDD+ Strategy (including the legal framework) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders
 - 2. National circumstances affecting the reference scenario are identified and quantified
 - 3. A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders
- **Overall progress from grant signature (March 2011) to June 2012 with regards to achieving Grant Objectives: Rating: Satisfactory.**
- **Overall progress from grant signature (March 2011) to June 2012 with regard to implementation of Grant Finance Activities. Rating: Satisfactory**

Component 1: Support to the coordination of the REDD+ Readiness

Process and Multi-stakeholder Consultations

Rating: Satisfactory

<i>1.1 - Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process</i>	National Coordination is fully staffed and working satisfactorily. The National REDD Committee and the Interministerial REDD+ Committee have not been working as expected
Recruitment of national coordinator, financial assistant and international technical assistant	All staff recruited
Recruitment of provincial focal points for REDD	All provincial focal points have been identified. Contract signature imminent.
Capacity building for National Coordination and Provincial Coordinator	Ongoing. Various TA, workshops organized.
Equipment for national coordination	Purchased.
<i>1.2 - Promotion of Multi-stakeholder Consultations</i>	Ongoing as expected, although concentrated in Kinshasa.
Recruitment of a national Information, Education and Communication Specialist	2 specialists recruited. One indicated by national CSOs.
Preparation of communication material	brochures, radio and TV spots and printed material prepared.
Support to national community radio network	Delayed activity.

Component 2: Contribute to the design of a national REDD+ Strategy.

Rating: Satisfactory

2a - Preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy	The national REDD+ Strategy is currently under preparation, in an inclusive fashion (16 thematic groups).
Recruitment of national and international consultant to support preparation of the REDD+ strategy	National and international consultants have been hired in permanence or punctually.
2b - Preparation of the REDD+ Implementation Framework	Activities ongoing: benefit sharing options, funds management. REDD+ project regulations and a registry operational.
Study on the establishment of a national REDD+ Fund	Contracting process delayed
Assessment of legal and institutional choices for the REDD framework	Study on benefit sharing completed. Additional legal studies to be launched.
Conceptualization of an Integrated Excellence Center on Climate	Activity not deemed priority.
2c - Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment	Ongoing. International firm (AGRECO) hired.
Consultancy to support the National SESA Commission for REDD in DRC	A national consultant hired. Strategy 0 prepared. ESMF under preparation.

Component 3: Preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+

Rating: Moderately satisfactory

3. Preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+	The preparation of the national reference scenario for DRC is ongoing
Support to the national household survey in DRC	The Household Survey has been delayed due to difficulties in securing financing. Survey is now launched and data should be available by mid 2013.
Study on spatial analysis	UCL conducted a spatial analysis of deforestation in DRC (<i>not FCPF funding</i>)
Analysis of quantitative data	Consultant team to be hired once data is available.

FCPF Grant Funds Use

	Utilisation des fonds FCPF (en milliers de \$ US)							
	R-PP composante	Total nécessaire (A)	Les fonds promis (B)	Fonds utilisé		les fonds disponibles (= B - C)	Financement (= A - B)	Demande de FCPF
				Les Fonds engagés (C) au 30 juin 2012	Fonds décaissés (D) au 30 juin 2012			NA
A	APPUI A LA COORDINATION DU PROCESSUS ET CONS NATIONAL		794.750,00	229.391,00	147.090,00	565.359,00	NA	NA
B	CONSTRUCTION DE LA STRATEGIE NATIONALE REDD +		1.383.767,00	1.050.062	145.128,00	333.705,00	NA	NA
C	PREPARATION DES SCENARIO DE REFERENCE		380.000,00	299.792,00	37.000,00	80.208,00	NA	NA
D	GESTION DU PROJET		841.483,00	545.908,00	151.608,00	295.575,00	NA	NA
	TOTAL		3.400,00	2.151.953	480.826	1.274.847		

Coordination of FCPF grant with other REDD+-related initiatives

- Commendable efforts by National Coordination to coordinate a complex process;
- The FCPF support is fully embedded in the larger REDD+ Readiness process.
- High-level of coordination with **UN-REDD program**,
 - The same team on the government side manages both programs.
 - Various staff members previously financed by UN-REDD are now financed by FCPF.
 - The two Programs have shown flexibility in responding to the needs of the process by reallocating some budget.
- Coordination with the **Forest Investment Program**.
 - Studies conducted during the Readiness phase have been used in the preparation of the FIP Investment Plan.
 - FIP is relying fully on the framework put in place by the government with the support from the FCPF and UN-REDD, such as the National REDD Coordination, National REDD Committee and the network of CSOs involved on REDD (GTCR).
- The National Coordination has been active in seeking additional collaboration for other donors, including **Norway and European Union** to finance other Readiness activities (such as further consultations at the decentralized level).

Changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.

- The FCPF has sought to remain flexible to respond to the emerging needs from this innovative process. In June 2012, the FCPF / WB agreed to a change in the allocated budget to allow the country to allocate additional resources to the Provincial Focal Points, including equipment and operational funds.
- All activities financed have been identified in the R-PP.

Progress in addressing key capacity issues related to this Grant

- National capacities on REDD+ in general have increased substantially. Capacity is spread across different sets of stakeholders (Government, CSOs) and strengthened through technical assistance, numerous training events, workshops and on-the-job capacity building.
- As to financial and procurement capacity, the FCPF / WB have worked closely with the *Unité de Coordination du Projet Forêt et Conservation de la Nature*, strengthening their fiduciary capacity.

Progress in addressing social and environmental risks related to the Grant (SESA and ESMF)

- The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment of the REDD+ process is ongoing. An
- International firm (AGRECO) hired, along with permanent national consultant
- The mainstreamed SESA methodology developed by the FCPF was used at the start of the process to allow for an early identification of strategic options, whose social and environmental risks could be analyzed.
- Low level of capacity at the ground and timing of this exercise have been challenges.
- The ongoing SESA process is generating the expected outcomes
 - A National REDD+ Strategy version Zero has been prepared in participatory fashion.
 - SESA has played a catalyzing role in bringing together the multi-stakeholder Work Groups to analyze the strategic options under consideration.
 - ESMF under preparation.

Progress in multi-stakeholder consultations

- National REDD Coordination has involved various stakeholders throughout the process.
- Consultations held every time a new study is launched, during the study and at validation. CSOs are often invited to implement parts of these studies.
- Strong partnership with the Working Group on Climate and REDD+ (GTCR) , despite internal fractures within the group.
- Most of the consultations so far are concentrated in Kinshasa. Decentralized consultations should be more frequent once the Focal Points are operational.
- A senior expert on communication is hired, along with an assistant designated by the CSOs themselves.
- Communication materials on REDD+ have been prepared
- International REDD+ University, which, for two consecutive years (2010 and 2011), gathered over 300 people around intense discussions and capacity building on REDD+ issues.



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