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LIBERIA: FCPF READINESS GRANT

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Liberia
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	8107 - AFTN1
Grant Start Date / Closing Date	05/18/2009 to 07/31/2011
Program Manager	
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	200,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	135,852.25 as of 03/31/2011
Disbursed 05/18/2009 to 03/31/2011	135,852.25
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to assist the Recipient to develop a Readiness Plan ("R-Plan"), on the basis of the Readiness Program Idea Note following the Readiness Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) template for the Readiness Plan.

Overall progress from 05/18/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Liberia has made very good progress in developing the RPP. Approval was given in Oslo in June 2011.

Overall progress from 05/18/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Liberia RPP is highly participatory, and the implementation of the grant gained momentum towards the end after a slow start. Almost all the grant had been disbursed (\$ 30 k undisbursed). The major achievement is that the Liberia RPP has been approved by the FCPF executive committee in Oslo in June 2011., and this allows Liberia to receive additional \$ 3.4 M for the implementation of the RPP.

All the 6 components have been prepared satisfactory:

Component 1: Organize and Consult#

Component 2: Prepare the REDD-plus Strategy#

Component 3: Develop a Reference Level or Scenario#

Component 4: Design a Monitoring System#

Component 5: Schedule and Budget#

Component 6: Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework#

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up project or grant (non-Bank funded)

Comment on follow up:

RPP prepared the "ToR" for the preparation of the REDD+ strategy. Liberia will receive \$ 3.4 M for the preparation of the REDD+ strategy. A draft document will be prepared before the end of August; a review meeting will be done in the fall and the grant agreement will be signed by Dec 2011.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

COMPLETION

Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

Main lessons learned:

A participatory process is needed. Given the low capacity in Liberia the REDD working groups has many national and international NGO that support the REDD strategy.

Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

Comment:

Liberia has one of the most pristine forest in West Africa, and it is likely that with a good REDD strategy Liberia will attract

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carbon investors.

Bank Performance:

Comment:

The World Bank accompanied Liberia throughout the preparation of the RPP with missions, audioconferences, teleconferences, trainings. The World Bank assisted Liberia also commenting on many early drafts of the RPP and in preparing the PPT for the informal presentation in Vietnam and the formal in Oslo. The World Bank also helped Liberia in addressing comments received by civic society. Finally the World Bank assisted Liberia with exchange of experiences with many other FCPF countries. As a result Liberia RPP was approved in Oslo in June 2011 and received a lot of good comments.

Additional Assessment

Development / strengthening of institutions:

Comment:

The RPP preparation process has increased significantly the capacity of the REDD working group. REDD+ activities are managed at the advisory level by the REDD Technical Working Group (RTWG); the RTWG is a platform for all stakeholders, including other sector government agencies (FDA, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Finance, etc), civil society, development partners and the private sector. Most importantly, it reaches down through the National and County level forest forums to stakeholder and communities closer to the forest and directly affected by REDD+ issues. Based on this, the REDD TWG provides technical advice to inform and guide decisions about the program development in Liberia. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are represented on the RTWG and fully participated in the development of the R-PP. While Skills and Agriculture Development Services (SADS) represents CSO officially on the RTWG, the participation of Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY), Action Against Climate Change (AACC), Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) and Green Advocates (GA) gives CSO an added representation in the entire process. This was to ensure that the R-PP process captures concerns and views from diverse stakeholders. Also, in order to make the R-PP process inclusive and participatory, comments from CSOs in the initial informal submission made at the Vietnam meeting in March 2011 were integrated during the final drafting stages of the proposal.

Mobilization of other resources:

Comment:

International Cooperation in Liberia's forest sector

In 2004, the Liberia Forestry Initiative (LFI) was formed to assist Liberia to reach sufficient standards of forest governance and management to enable the lifting of UN Timber Sanctions. The LFI, which was led by the US Government, included UN agencies (FAO, UNEP), bilateral partners (EU), funding institutions (World Bank), international NGOs (Environmental Law Institute, Conservation International, IUCN, Fauna & Flora International) and local NGOs (Green Advocates, Sustainable Development Initiative).

The LFI is an informal arrangement but provides a forum for consensus on development priorities and for programme coordination in the forest sector. The advent of REDD has seen a number of new initiatives by development partners which are summarized in the attached RPP.

Knowledge exchange:

Comment:

Excellent both inside Liberia and outside with other FCPF countries.

Client's policy / program implementation:

Comment:

The RPP is a Liberia document to implement policy related to reduction of emission from deforestation and degradation. There is high GoL commitment to it.

Efficiency:

Comment:

The size of the Grant is small but delivered a lot and leveraged considerable amount of co-financing. Cost has been moderated and efficiency has been high.

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Replicability:

Comment:

Already many other countries are asking about the Liberia experience with the RPP and FCPF process. Particularly interesting for the replicability outside Liberia is the high participatory nature of the RTWG (REDD Technical Working Group) and the piloting in Liberia of benefit sharing mechanisms.

Main recommendations to stakeholders:

Be inclusive in all the REDD Process and make sure to design important benefit sharing mechanisms.

Main recommendations to Bank Management:

The RPP of Liberia is highly participatory and solid. It allow Liberia to growth in its capacity to understand REDD and carbon markets.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2009	06/30/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2009	12/31/2009	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
01/01/2010	06/30/2010	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00
07/01/2010	12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	87,191.25	12,191.25
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	182,135.10	94,943.85
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	182,135.10	0.00

PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None