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Assignment: TF012530

Liberia FCPF Readiness Grant

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	PEND
Recipient Country	Liberia
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	8107 - AFTN1
Grant Start Date / Closing Date	Pending signing of agreement
Program Manager	
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	0.00
Disbursed 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012	0.00
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to carry out a consultative and quantitative analysis of the different land use options for development of the national REDD+ Strategy for Liberia approved by the National Climate Change Steering Committee.

Overall progress from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The project was signed and became effective on June 29th, thus this reporting period only covers two days of effectiveness. Progress reflects an overall update on progress related to REDD+ in Liberia.

Development of Liberia's Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) is an important step towards achieving a national REDD+ Strategy and was presented and approved by the Participants Committee of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) in June 2011. This led to the signing and effectiveness of the Readiness Preparation Proposal at the end of June 2012.

Initial stakeholder consultations have been carried out as part of the R-PP development process and will feed directly into the national REDD+ process. Stakeholder outreach has included Gender and Climate Change information sharing at rural and national levels, forest governance workshops at national and regional levels, student engagement on REDD+ and forest use options, and community early information sessions and others. These consultations have provided critical insight into identifying key priorities in developing the R-PP and eventual national REDD+ strategy that integrates cross-sectoral planning specifically in sectors that impact forests such as energy, agriculture and forestry.

Overall progress from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The project was signed and became effective on June 29th, thus this reporting period only covers two days of effectiveness during which there was little to no basis for grant implementation.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Because the project has only been effective for two days, no field visit was carried out during this time period.

Expected follow up (if any): Policy Reform/legal change

Comment on follow up:

The development and approval of the R-PP lay the groundwork for a project for R-PP implementation. Activities for R-PP implementation will include: Supporting the coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and consultations; Contributing to the design of the national REDD+ strategy and; Developing Reference levels and/or Scenarios. These activities will be developed in more detail.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

Outcome indicators below reflect those overall defined for the program. However, the two days of effectiveness during Fy12 are not sufficient to adequately reflect progress made to date.

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

Consultations on land-use options with Government and stakeholders

Baseline 0

Value:

Date:

Progress to 0

Date:

Date:

Target Value: 4

Date:

Consultations on REDD+ Strategy (country level)

Baseline 0

Value:

Date:

Progress to 0

Date:

Date:

Target Value: 4

Date:

Quantitative analysis of land use in forested and mixed agricultural lands prepared and validated by the National Climate Change Steering Committee

Baseline no

Value:

Date:

Progress to no

Date:

Date:

Target Value: yes

Date:

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Quantified reference scenario prepared and validated by the REDD+ Technical Working Group

Baseline no
Value:
Date:
Progress to no
Date:
Date:
Target Value: yes
Date:

Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) drafted and validated by relevant stakeholders

Baseline no
Value:
Date:
Progress to no
Date:
Date:
Target Value: yes
Date:

National REDD+ strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders

Baseline no
Value:
Date:
Progress to no
Date:
Date:
Target Value: yes
Date:

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Support to the coordination of the REDD+ readiness process and consultations

Status: Planned
Planned Output: National readiness management arranged, Information sharing and consultations completed, Feedback and redress mechanism strengthened
Actual Output: Activities have yet to be launched

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Contribute to the design of the national REDD+ strategy

Status: Planned
Planned Output: Social and Environmental Impacts Assessments for readiness preparation completed, REDD+ strategy finalized
Actual Output: Activities have yet to be launched

Reference level or Scenario

Status: Planned
Planned Output: Reference level or scenario developed
Actual Output: Activities have yet to be launched

Project management

Status: Planned
Planned Output: Audit and projet reports completed
Actual Output: Activities have yet to be launched

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

As noted above, the implementation of component activities was not initiated during this fy due to the project's effectiveness only two days prior to end of fy.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124073 - Liberia-FCPF REDD READINESS
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

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PROGRAM

Program Specific Questions

1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by others.

Work carried out during the R-PP preparation phase builds directly on achievements made in forest sector management through other initiatives. The R-PP lays the groundwork for coordinating the mainstreaming of climate change issues among key sectors through a REDD+ approach.

2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.

The technical design found in the Readiness Preparation Proposal outlines the strategy for R-PP implementation as part of the REDD+ process. No changes were made during the short period of effectiveness.

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.

The process of developing the R-PP has identified important areas where capacity needs to be strengthened with regards to understanding REDD+ and climate change more broadly. Targeted capacity building activities are built into R-PP implementation that will be launched in FY13.

4. Describe progress in addressing social and environmental issues (including safeguards) related to the Grant. Is the SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach?

Appropriate safeguard measures were identified, including the use of ESMF, and will be carried out as part of R-PP implementation as necessary. No specific SESA issues were addressed during this reporting period.

5. Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?

The SESA will provide an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) that will outline the procedures to be followed for managing potential environmental and social impacts of specific policies. ESMF will be prepared in accordance with the Common Approach when deemed appropriate for specific interventions that are identified at the local level. An ESMF will be prepared to address environmental and social risks of the specific actions, projects, and policies selected to implement the refined REDD+ strategy options. These activities will be guided by the technical oversight of the EPA. Spatial analysis and case studies will be included, as needed, to inform the identification of priority environmental and social issues. This will be further detailed during the implementation of the R-PP. No ESMF activities were carried out during the two days of effectiveness covered by this reporting period.

6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and disclosure related to this Grant.

Stakeholder consultations have been ongoing throughout the process of R-PP development process. Negotiations and discussions have commenced with local development partners in identifying financial and technical support for the implementation of specific components and activities within the R-PP. A REDD+ and R-PP awareness and information sharing process were organized with key government ministries, the Land Commission and National Legislature as part of R-PP development. Discussions are ongoing to ensure synergies between the other funding sources and any potential FCPF grant. The REDD+ process is one that will be highly consultative. Targeted consultations will be part of R-PP implementation, but no consultations were carried out during the two days of effectiveness covered in this reporting period.

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DISBURSEMENTS

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