

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TFOA0709
Printed On: 03/15/2018

Reporting Period: 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

Assignment: TFOA0709

Pakistan: FCPF Rediness Grant

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Task Team Leader: 00000199291 - Jiang Ru
Approving Manager: 00000082671 - Kseniya Lvovsky

Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Pakistan
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9274 - GEN06
Grant Start Date / End Date	06/12/2015 to 12/31/2018
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	932,147.16 as of 06/30/2017
Disbursed 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017	481,316.00
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

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

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TFOA0709
Printed On: 03/15/2018

Reporting Period: 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The development objective of the Grant is to provide support to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Pakistan to monitor deforestation and reduce forest and land use change related greenhouse gas emissions through a socially, environmentally and technically sound national REDD+ strategy.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

After initial delay caused by personnel changes and limited experience with Bank managed operations, Pakistan has made significant progress in implementing the FCPF financed REDD+ Readiness Grant (see the following section for details) since June 2016. With a fully staffed and functional National REDD+ Office and the high commitment of the Pakistani Government to the REDD+ agenda, it is expected that all grant financed activities will be completed satisfactorily by June 2018.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Since FY17, significant progress has been made in implementing this grant. Institutionally, the National REDD+ office is now fully staffed with qualified technical staff members to implement this grant. Through various grant activities, staff members attended several FCPF-sponsored events on REDD Readiness and all have been trained on project fiduciary and safeguard aspects. They have, hence, gained the necessary knowledge on proper Bank policies and procedures to manage this grant. At the province level, REDD+ Cells are functional with re-designated provincial focal points to maintain effective liaison with the National REDD+ Office and to support international and local consulting firms in carrying out the various studies funded by the grant. In early 2017, all provinces established their provincial REDD+ Management Committees to coordinate provincial REDD+ activities with the federal government. More importantly, a proposal to confirm the National REDD+ Office as a permanent unit under IGF/MOCC has been prepared per the decision of the 4th meeting of the National Steering Committee of REDD+. This proposal, if approved, will be key for the long term sustainability of REDD+ agenda in Pakistan.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Pakistan became a member of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) for receiving assistance to prepare itself to participate in a future system of positive incentives for REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, plus conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks). Pakistan expressed its interest in getting support from the FCPF by presenting a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). The FCPF Participants Committee selected the R-PP in December, 2013, and allocated US\$3.8 million. Support from the FCPF required Pakistan's acceding to membership in the Partnership, and on the completion of World Bank due diligence on implementation arrangements of the proposed work. Pakistan signed the FCPF Participation Agreement on August 4, 2014, and the Bank completed due diligence on implementation arrangements, safeguard provisions and other aspects of the proposed work. The Bank and Government of Pakistan signed a Grant Agreement in June 2015. Since then Pakistan has been implementing REDD+ Readiness Preparation Activities.

Expected follow up (if any): Expanded capacity

Comment on follow up:

The capacity to deal with the requirements for REDD readiness is rather weak. So consistent and continued support in capacity building needs of the Inspector General of Forests Office staff and some selected officials from the provinces is needed. Deliberate efforts on strengthening capacity of government staff in managing and supervising experts undertaking technical work will be undertaken.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

There is no restructuring for this grant.

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TF0A0709
Printed On: 03/15/2018

Reporting Period: 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017

During the reporting period, the capacity of the government of Pakistan in participating in global REDD+ mechanism has been significantly enhanced. Most basic prerequisites for REDD+ readiness have been successfully initiated, enabling the country to be well positioned to avail of future REDD+ financing. Level of understanding of REDD+ and related concepts has increased significantly among relevant stakeholders through frequently organized advocacy, awareness and consultation events. Consultative and participatory processes adopted and technical analyses conducted under the grant could lead into improved forest governance overall. Civil Society Organizations are represented in REDD+ Technical Working Group. Knowledge and skills of technical staff increased through REDD+ trainings.

Based on the performance of grant implementation in FY17, it is evident that the National REDD+ Office has also developed sufficient technical and project management capacity and sound working relationships with all provincial REDD+ Cells to manage the implementation of additional funding from FCPF at the provincial and community levels.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. REDD+ Organization and Consultation

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: The key output of this component is the establishment of national readiness management arrangements and consultation, participation and outreach activities.
Actual Output: All the national and provincial institutional arrangements have been set up. Relevant stakeholders have been identified and regularly consulted.

Component 2. National REDD+ Strategy Preparation

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: The output of this component is the national REDD+ strategy, the Environmental and Social Management Framework, and Feedback and Grievance Redressal Mechanism for REDD+.
Actual Output: Under progress

Component 3. Reference Emission Levels

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: The output of this component is the Forest Reference Level (FRL).
Actual Output: Under progress

Component 4. Monitoring System for Forests

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: The outputs of this component is the national forest monitoring system (NFMS) including a Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system.
Actual Output: Under progress

Comment on planned and actual Output

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref.	TF0A0709	Reporting Period:	07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Printed On:	03/15/2018	Report Type:	Progress Report
		Report Status:	Approved

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1. REDD+ Organization and Consultation: Implementation of this component so far has made significant progress as all the national and provincial institutional arrangements that were outlined in Pakistan's R-PP have been set up. Relevant stakeholders have been identified and given due consideration at all levels through regular consultations. Further improvements regarding multi-sectoral consultations at the community level have been suggested by provincial REDD+ management committees. National REDD+ Office, through the operationalization of the Provincial REDD+ Committees, is moving towards implementation of the suggestions. In addition, the recently signed REDD+ Awareness and Outreach Contract will help further improve awareness of the public and key stakeholders, such as parliamentarians, journalists, religious scholars and other politicians.

Component 2. National REDD+ Strategy Preparation: Pakistan's National REDD+ Strategy formulation process has been initiated in January 2017 in a transparent manner and solid foundations have already been laid. The formulation is based on the results of specific analytical studies and inputs received from a multi-stakeholder consultative process both at the national and sub-national levels. A joint venture of Indufor Oy (Finland) and CHIP Training and Consulting (Pakistan) has been mobilized to provide needed technical support. In addition, three important documents are being prepared: Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), Social and Environmental Management Framework (ESMF) & Safeguards Information System (SIS) and Feedback and Grievance Redressal Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+ after an Explicit Assessment of Existing Feedback and Grievance Redressal Mechanisms.

Component 3. Reference Emission Levels: The FRL is being developed with the technical support of a joint venture of OY Arbonaut (Finland) and WWF-Pakistan. An inception workshop has been conducted in March 2017 with detailed description of methodology and work plan.

Component 4. Monitoring System for Forests: Based on existing draft NFMS Action Plan, a joint venture of OY Arbonaut (Finland) and WWF-Pakistan has been mobilized to design and develop the NFMS with a web-portal. The Work Plan and Methodological Framework proposed by the consultant has been endorsed by all stakeholders.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P152465 - Pakistan: REDD Preparation Project
Project Status:	Lending
Global Focal Area:	Climate change
Product Line:	CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency:	The Inspector General of Forests Office (National REDD+ Office) -		
Contact:	Syed Mahmood Nasir		
Address:	Ministry of Climate Change - Islamabad		
Phone:	+91-51-9245589	Email:	mnasirn@yahoo.com
Website:			

PROGRAM

Program Specific Questions

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

Currently, FCPF/World Bank is the only major partner supporting Pakistan on REDD+. Since 2010, Pakistan received support of national and international NGOs to improve its knowledge and capacity on REDD+. In 2014, the government accessed the UNREDD Programme Targeted Support of UNREDD and the One UN Joint Program on Environment (totaling about \$0.235

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref.	TF0A0709	Reporting Period:	07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Printed On:	03/15/2018	Report Type:	Progress Report
		Report Status:	Approved

million) to develop a Pakistan REDD+ Roadmap. Based on consultation of local forest communities, forest contractors, NGOs, academia, the media and officials from various government agencies, the UN grants helped MOCC to develop national consensus on the needs of REDD+ activities as well national capacities and strategies on the NFMS. All these activities helped Pakistan become a member of FCPF in 2013 and prepare a REDD+ Readiness Preparation proposal for FCPF support. Led by the IGF of MOCC, outputs of these pre-FCPF activities have been well fed into all activities under this FCPF grant.

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

Not applicable.

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

The National REDD+ Office is now fully functional with dedicated and technical staff capable of implementing grant activities in compliance of Bank policies and procedures. Specifically, its staff now have substantial knowledge and experience on procuring consultant and non- consultant services, and handling technical and financial matters. The Bank's specialists are providing regular support to related staff members of the National REDD+ Office on fiduciary aspects. As a result, progress has been significant to date. The proposal of making the National REDD+ Office a permanent entity will ensure that all capacity developed in the office will be sustained in the long run.

In line with the grant objectives and components, the National REDD+ Office has organized targeted awareness and information sharing activities for stakeholders. Financial and procurement management staff have also attended training to improve performance. This has been manifested in the on time project reporting and delivery.

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?

SESA and ESMF are currently being prepared. Government has hired a consulting firm to provide this service.

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

Per the requirements of the SESA TOR, ESMF will be prepared in accordance with the Common Approach.

6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, disclosure of information, and the FGRM related to this Grant.

Stakeholder consultation and public disclosure have been essential components of the REDD+ Readiness process for Pakistan since the country initiated its REDD+ initiatives in 2010. Under this grant, the National REDD+ Office has organized a large number of meetings of the National Working Groups, National Steering Committee on REDD+, provincial REDD+ Management Committees. The National REDD+ Office also participated in provincial workshops on REDD+ and Climate Change Policy. The consultation and public outreach process has recently been accelerated after commencement of various studies and tasks viz. i) National REDD+ Strategy and its Implementation Framework; ii) Development of NFMS and FREL/ FRL along with MRV Mechanism; and iii) REDD+ Awareness and Outreach. The National REDD+ office is also conducting awareness-raising seminars on new emerging concepts related to REDD+ in collaboration with academic institution and universities. The National REDD+ Office has continued to strengthen its partnership with CSOs.

REDD+ readiness studies are being carried out following the FCPF/UN-REDD Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement in REDD+ Readiness and the UNREDD supported stakeholder guidelines. The launching and implementation of these studies have been participatory involving comprehensive consultation plans.

As noted, under the SESA contract, a robust feedback and grievance redress mechanism (FGRM) will be developed to institutionalize stakeholder participation, grievance redress mechanism and disclosure procedures under the country's REDD+ initiatives.

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TFOA0709
Printed On: 03/15/2018

Reporting Period: 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	8,536.16	8,536.16
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	450,831.16	442,295.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	450,831.16	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	932,147.16	481,316.00
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	1,088,792.16	156,645.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	1,555,013.59	466,221.43
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00