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Pakistan: FCPF Rediness Grant

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Pakistan
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9992 - SSAE2
Grant Start Date / End Date	06/12/2015 to 12/28/2020
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	3,336,014.08 as of 06/30/2019
Disbursed 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	92,260.53
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 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 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Following the signing of grant agreement for additional funding between WB-FCPF and Economic Affairs Division of Pakistan on Dec 18, 2018, implementation on additional readiness activities were initiated. Evaluation of EOIs for eight studies which are main activities under additional funding were completed and RFP were sent for three assignments. The other four assignments advanced to the single source selection because of the lack of qualified companies. For the remaining one study, the requests for submission of EOI were sent to the three specific companies which have similar experience but did not submit EOI in the initial EOI process.

Overall progress from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

While there were some delays in signing the grant agreement and launch the additional funding activities, The National REDD+ Office continues making progress on implementation of the grant. The engagement with multiple REDD+ stakeholders continued during the reporting period through consultative workshops, coordination meetings with the provincial focal points, and exposure visits of provincial stakeholders and mainstream journalists to Billion Tree Afforestation Project. Two World Bank missions led by Task Team Leader, visited Pakistan to review the country progress in implementing REDD+ Readiness activities. The first mission visited Pakistan on 24th September and discussed the causes of delay in signing the grant agreement. The second mission visited from 19-21 June 2019 and held meetings with project staff and interacted with various stakeholders at the multi-stakeholder outreach workshop during which progress update on original grant and the planned additional funding activities was provided to the mission. During briefing, the National Project Director assured Ministry's full support to complete the activities planned through additional funding within the project period; Task Team Leader highlighted that further extension in implementation period of FCPF trust activities beyond June 2020 may not be possible. A strategy was prepared with support of WB mission to enhance the pace of implementation of additional funding activities.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

There is no restructuring for this grant.

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. Task team will regularly monitor disbursement and provide timely support and guidance to help expedite project activities.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1: Readiness Organization and Management

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: Regular meetings of National Steering Committee, Working Group Meetings, Provincial REDD+ Management Committees. Several trainings and consultations.

Component 2: 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. New assignment under AF needs to be implemented and completed by the deadline of the funding.

Component 3: Reference Emission Level / Reference Levels

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

Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

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. New assignment under AF needs to be completed.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: Readiness Organization and Management:

The vacant positions of National REDD+ Coordinator and National Forest Inventory Expert were filled through a rigorous recruitment process as per procurement guidelines. Hiring process of a Communication Specialist and a Safeguards Specialist was completed. Two coordination meetings of Focal Points and one meeting of REDD+ stakeholders was organised during the reporting period.

Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation:

1. The revised final draft Report of National REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan was submitted by the consultants on 23-12-2018. The draft final report was shared with the provinces to seek their endorsement who in their responses have reiterated

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shortcomings in the report. The concerns were expressed by the provincial stakeholders during the meeting of focal points held on 18-19 March 2019 and at the multi-stakeholder outreach workshop held on 20 June 2019. The report still remains incomplete after the award of five extension over and above the original period of contract. Based on the discussion with WB, the new contract will be given to the same consulting firm to complete the remaining tasks.

2. Two design documents on Payment for Ecosystem Services developed for two Ecosystems (Mangroves and Kaghan Temperate Forests) were finalised and endorsed by the respective provincial governments.

3. Standard Operating Procedures endorsed for filing and addressing complaints for a feedback and grievance redressal mechanism was finalised and endorsed by all the provincial stakeholders.

4. EOIs evaluation was completed for hiring of consultant services for implementation of following additional funding activities:

- Comprehensive National Level Assessment of Demand and Supply of Forest Products and Services in Pakistan
- Assessment of private sector engagement and potential of carbon trading mechanisms and market for Pakistan
- Preparation of Participatory Forest Management Plans and REDD+ Action
- Assessment of existing Forestry Systems
- Assessment of opportunity cost of REDD+ and impact assessment of leasing of forest land to other purposes
- Prepare a REDD+ Gender Action Plan (GAP)

Component 3: Reference Emission Level / Reference Levels:

The draft FREL/FRL report prepared by the consultants, M/S Arbonaut was shared at workshop held on 19-09- 2018 that was attended by members of Thematic REDD+ Working Groups and other key REDD+ stakeholders. The workshop was attended by 35 male and 05 female participants. The participants provided valuable feedback on Landuse / Landcover maps prepared for each four year interval covering the period from 1996-2016 and suggested improvements in Activity Data and Emission Factors. The feedback received from the provincial stakeholders and that provided by the technical evaluation committee of NRO was shared and discussed with the consultants in skype meetings. The consultant was awarded extension for the third time with the approval of World Bank to complete the assignment to the desired level of acceptance. Follow up is being made with the consultants to submit the revised report based on technical feedback provided to them.

Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards:

1. The findings of study on developing National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Forest Reference Emission Levels (FRELs) for Pakistan were presented by the consultant M/S Arbonaut during the meeting of REDD+ Thematic Working Groups on 19-09-2018 during which the feedback of participants was obtained on the draft Land use maps of Pakistan prepared for each four year interval covering the period from 1996-2016. The meeting was attended by 40 participants including 05 females belonging to various provincial forestry departments, academia, CSO, SUPARCO, Survey of Pakistan, Global Climate Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) and private sector. The participants endorsed the framework of National Forest Monitoring System with designated institutional roles and responsibilities for SLMS, NFI and GHG-I.

2. The designed NFMS web-portal for Pakistan has been finalised and endorsed. Hosting of NFMS web portal is proposed to be done by GCISC. The soft launch of NFMS Web-portal was held on 20-06-2019: <http://reddpakistanis.com/?lang=ur>

3. A framework for Multiple Benefits, Impacts, Governance and Safeguards (MBIGS) with monitoring indicators was finalised.

4. Under the additional funding, ToR were finalized, NoL obtained and EOIs processed for hiring of consultant services for establishing Sub-National Forest Monitoring and Measurement Reporting & Verification Systems to strengthen the NFMS.

5. The process of procurement of forest monitoring drones has been at the advance stages of implementation with specifications approved by the World Bank. The required NoC from Ministry of Defense is being pursued to get the procurement process completed.

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

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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 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 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. 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. To expedite the internal decision making process in the project, Secretary MOCC was officially assigned as Project Director of the project.

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?

Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for Pakistan prepared and endorsed by all the provincial stakeholders. A soft launch of Safeguards Information System web portal was made on 20-06-2019. The website has been developed both in English and Urdu languages: <http://reddpakistan.org/>.

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

As per the requirements of the TOR, ESMF was prepared in accordance with the Common Approach.

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

Two exposure visits were organised to study the successful experiences of Billion Tree Afforestation Project (BTAP) implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. The first four days visit was organized for government officials from 22-25th April, 2019. The visit was beneficial to the provinces in pursuing and adopting the experiences in the newly launched Federal government initiative of Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme to be implemented over the next four year. The second

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visit included journalists from mainstream print and electronic media to various project sites of Billion Tree Afforestation Project implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The objective of the visit was to sensitise journalist towards environmental issues and provide them an exposure to various afforestation sites to highlight the importance of forestry sector in the country. The visit of journalists concluded with a press briefing organised in the Conference Room of Ministry of Climate Change during which the journalist interacted with the Advisor to Prime Minister on Climate Change. Details about field observations were shared and views were exchanged on the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme planned by the Federal government. The visits resulted in wide media coverage in English and local language newspapers (10 news stories). A multi-stakeholders outreach event was organized on 20th June 2019 with the objective: a) to provide an update to the stakeholders about ongoing and the planned REDD+ Readiness Preparation activities under additional grant funding and b) to create awareness and engage with the REDD+ stakeholders. The participants included officials from forest departments, civil society, academia, private sector, media and the representatives of various national and international consulting firms.

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	3,243,753.55	2,154,961.39
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	3,336,014.08	92,260.53
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	3,336,014.08	0.00
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00