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Sudan FCPF Additional Funding for Readiness Preparation (RE) FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Sudan
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9270 - SAFE2
Grant Start Date / End Date	03/18/2018 to 06/30/2020
Original Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	2,363,553.88 as of 06/30/2019
Disbursed 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	2,363,553.88
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 objective of this grant is to provide additional support to Sudan's to strengthen the country's capacity in developing readiness for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+).

Overall progress from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The first grant has strengthened Sudan's capacity to develop a robust REDD+ Strategy.

Sudan's R-PP was approved in 2014, accordingly Sudan become a participant to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and eligible for receiving readiness support to implement its REDD Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). The FCPF first grant agreement of USD 3.8 million was signed in March 2015 and advanced to completion by the end of 2018. During the implementation of this readiness support, Sudan achieved remarkable progress in meeting all the requirements of the readiness phase included in the first grant agreement.

Subsequently the additional financing grant agreement was signed in March 2018 following a three month delay. Delivery on the additional financing program has been on track until September 2018 when there was another halt due to political instability. With the reinstatement of the new government as of September 2019, the project implementation has resumed.

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

Comment:

Sudan's R-package was endorsed in March 2019 at the PC 27th meeting in Washington DC. Preparation was inclusive and it involved 74 representatives of nine stakeholder groups, of which 43 percent were women.

High level policy discussions around the REDD+ program involving the Steering Committee have been organized routinely to provide policy and operational level guidance to the Program Management Unit (PMU). Steering Committee meetings were chaired by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests. Alongside, the Sudan's PMU organize monthly meeting to oversee the implementation of readiness activities. Routine monitoring and oversight is very important for Sudan's program.

Towards strengthening the capacity of the PMU and the broader stakeholders of the REDD+ program and to also share the lessons from the Sudan program using a regional platform:

- 10 PMU staff received professional training in Monitoring and Evaluation, Procurement, communication and financial management.
- During September and October 2018, awareness and consultation workshops about REDD+ Knowledge and benefits were conducted in Red Sea, River Nile and Northern states, a total of 215 were participated (160males, 55 females) from relevant stakeholders.
- Organized a three-day training (31 July - 2 August 2018) on Transformational leadership and Emotional Intelligence to provide insights on how to build emotionally Intelligent Leaders for outstanding performance under the REDD+ Project. The workshop was attended by members of the Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in the forestry and environmental issues, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Animals, Oil and Gas, Forest National Corporation, Free Lance Consultant, wildlife authority and REDD+ Sudan Staff. A total of 36 members participated of whom 20 were males and 16 females.
- Over 5000 publications about REDD+ knowledge and visibility package for the REDD+ have been designed and distributed (caps, mugs, pens, notebooks, mouse pad, key tag, and calendar).
- The new website for REDD+ Sudan was launched, and the information updated periodically: www.reddplussd.org; www.secs.org.sd/redd
- REDD+ Sudan organized Regional workshop during the period 16 # 18 September 2018, in Khartoum, at The Grand Holiday Villa Hotel. A total of 100 participants attended the workshop. They represented different REDD+ countries (Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, and South Africa in addition to Sudan participants). The 18 REDD+ focal points at states, line ministries, Gum Arabic producer association, Civil Society Organization and Indigenous People organization, analytical studies consultants, and private sector also participated in this regional workshop. The workshop's main objectives were (i) to

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share the lessons learnt and exchange the experiences, with countries in the region, on designing and implementing REDD+ national strategies and emissions reduction programs and drive applicable lessons for Sudan and (ii) to share experiences from the Capacity Building Program for Indigenous People (IPs) in REDD+ readiness in Africa (MPDIO & PACJA) funded by the FCPF.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Component 1: Support for REDD+ Readiness Management & Institutional Arrangements

The additional grant will support the REDD+ Unit through goods, workshops, training, services, and operational costs for:

##Providing operational support and staff to REDD+ Unit to carry out activities under the additional financing.

##Providing transportation facilities to the REDD+ unit for connectivity to state offices and local communities, associated with readiness activities in the field.

##Providing IT equipment for the REDD+ Unit as well as assisting in remodeling of the office space.

##Providing support to hire graduate students from Sudanese universities to support the REDD+ Unit with readiness tasks and assignments and to facilitate the completion of readiness activities and also providing students exposure to the REDD+ readiness process and institutionalize long term understanding and awareness of the REDD+ program for Sudan.

Component 2: Support for National REDD+ Strategy

The additional grant will support the REDD+ Management Unit through goods, workshops, training, services, and operational costs for:

##Providing technical support to REDD+ Unit for conducting technical/ strategic studies and workshops for critical elements of the REDD+ strategy, covering: (1) forest landscapes restoration assessment & national restoration strategy; (2) mainstreaming REDD+ in national development policies & legislation; (3) gender mainstreaming and consultations; (4) private sector engagement in reforestation initiatives; (5) forced deforestation, and effects of mining on the forest sector; and (6) national REDD+ pilot program designs.

##Providing support for participation in cross country knowledge sharing and training through South-South exchange events for learning and sharing experiences and lessons from other countries to help refine National REDD+ Strategy.

##Providing support for organizing training sessions on drafting and preparing strong proposals for funding national REDD+ programs to develop funding proposals for National REDD+ Pilot programs.

Component 3: Support for Stakeholder Engagement

The additional grant will support the REDD+ Management Unit through goods, workshops, training, services, and operational costs for:

##Operationalizing of communications strategy & REDD+ awareness program and preparation of relevant safeguard instruments.

##Providing technical support to prepare the R-Package documentation.

Component 4: Support for Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV)

The additional grant will support the REDD+ Management Unit through goods, workshops, training, services, and operational costs for:

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##Providing technical support for strengthening institutionalization of monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems and the national forest monitoring system, including green-house gases initiatives (GHGi) and reporting process for agriculture, forestry, and other land use (AFOLU) sectors.

##Providing support to REDD + information tracking system for REDD+.

##Providing support for GHGi and reporting process for agriculture, forestry, and other land use sectors.

##Providing training and desertification monitoring equipment.

##Providing training and fire monitoring equipment.

##Providing support for institutionalization and deployment of MRV at region/zonal level.

Component 5: Support for National Reference Scenario and Inventory of Forest Resources

The additional grant will support the REDD+ Management Unit through goods, workshops, training, services, and operational costs for:

##Providing support for the development of forest reference emission level (FREL) to ensure methodological alignment with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

##Providing support for development of FREL based on national circumstances and line with UNFCCC guidance.

##Providing support for the validation of the FREL.

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

Comment on follow up:

With full implementation resumed, the Bank will expeditiously follow up on the following delayed activities:

##Continue strengthening the technical and institutional capacities of the REDD+ management arrangements particularly at the state level, in areas such as program management (managerial capacity) and communication skills. Technical skills in areas related to REDD+ implementation such as FREL/FRL, NFMS, ESMF, FGRM, benefit-sharing as well as financial management systems of development partners and skills for coordinating the implementation of the national REDD+ strategy, including emission reduction programs.

##Continue to translate documents to Arabic to support the stakeholders to understand the implementation of REDD+.

##Implementation of the second round of the REDD+ state forums and the campaigns as part of the gender mainstreaming strategy.

##Finalize the design and development of the FREL/FRL to be validated and submitted to the UNFCCC for technical assessment before January 2020.

##The initiation of the information system for multiple benefits, other impacts, governance and safeguards

##Complete the development of NFMS/MRV, including the dissemination of the NFI, institutional arrangements by October 2019.

##Continue to support civil society organization platforms at the national and state levels to improve stakeholder engagement in REDD+ process.

##Finalize and disseminate the Forest Landscapes Restoration Assessment & National Strategy Report

##Finalization of Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Comprehensive Workshop Series.

##Finalize and disseminate the Private Sector Engagement in Reforestation Initiatives Report.

##Completion of mining study.

##Completion of SESA /ESF phase two

##Conduct South-South Exchange - Learning and sharing experiences & lessons including on Fund mobilization with Rwanda.

##Complete the design National REDD+ Pilot Program and subsequent submission of a proposal to GCF.

##Continue enhancing GHG Inventory and remote sensing.

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##Finalization of National REDD+ strategy.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Not applicable. A closing date extension has been approved for December 2020 from December 2019 to make up for the implementation time lost from September 2018-September 2019.

OUTCOME

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

While the project has been in hiatus from September 2018 to September 2019, the FCPF REDD+ Readiness project is transforming the environment for managing the forest sector and to continually establishing the value addition of the forest sector to the economy of the country. It has helped build strong collaboration across sectors # forestry, agriculture, economic planning. It has strengthened collaboration across government, civil society and academia in identifying solutions to forest loss. The private sector are keen and have been contributing to meaningful dialogue on leveraging financing to support investment operations. The cross-sectoral governance mechanism involving the Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee, the Technical Working Groups has promoted innovative solutions to tackling forest loss.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

There are no components defined for this trust fund / grant.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Following the grant agreement signing in March 2018, all requisite consultancies have been launched with respective inception reports received as of September 2018, during the Bank's last Technical and Implementation support mission.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P152322 - Sudan - 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 Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those f

The Sudan REDD+ Readiness has partnered and collaborated with other development partners both public and private; national and international, in the delivery of the project. The implementation approach include a multisectoral governance arrangement comprising ministries of Forest and Agriculture, Range and Wildlife, Finance and Economic Planning; academia; with regional and international development partners including the FAO, UNDP/UNEP; WRI, UNIQUE; and non-government or civil society organizations including the Sudan Environment Conservation Society and other grassroots organizations. The project has also liased strongly with the regional FCPF Capacity building project which is chanelled through the SAWA-Sudan.

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

No major changes

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

The PMU is well established with dedicated staff and have been maintained since project inception infact with no changes. Rather where needed staff have been beefed up including technical, financial and procurement staff. Also, the government staff now have substantial knowledge and experience on procuring consultant and non- consultant services, and handling technical and financial matters. As a result, progress has been significant to date .In line with the project objectives and the project components, the PMU has organized targeted awareness and information sharing activities for stakeholders, the team has availed of sub-regional capacity development and training workshops, international meetings related to the REDD+ agenda and other targeted knowledge improvement activities. Fiduciary and procurement management staff have also attended training to improve the performance manifest in the on time project reporting and delivery.

The project has ensured to fil major technical capacity gaps in the PMU ensuring full time Procurement, FM, M&E, Project Management, Communications Officer and Safeguards Specialist, and Technical Advisor. The designated regional Focal Points have also been given substantive awareness and capacity building through south-south exchanges and internal and external training.

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?

robust set of SESA/ESMF/SIS TORs were prepared in accordance with the Common Approach involving a multisectoral technical working group. Study tours and Institutional visits to other best performing FCPF countries (Ethiopia and Ghana) have been carried out to further improve understanding and application of safeguards to the REDD+ program. Feedback from the above study were duly integrated into implementation and program design.

The REDD+ Social and Environmental information System (SIS) will articulate information that could be shared under UNFCCC requirements, and to national and international stakeholders on non-carbon benefit, benefit sharing and governance

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

Yes, see above.

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

Sudan's R-PP receives recognition for the extensive consultation and broad participation of various stakeholders carried out as part of the preparation process. This consultative approaches has been sustained continued during the grant implementation as well. The Safeguards technical working group includes representatives from NGOs and CSOs. REDD+ readiness studies were carried out following the FCPF/UN-REDD Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement in REDD+ Readiness and the UNREDD supported stakeholder guideline. The REDD Secretariat has continued to strengthen its partnership with the REDD+ CSOs. A robust feedback and grievance redress mechanism (FGRM) has been developed as part of this project phase. As of July 2019, total of

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3151 (1513 males, 839 Females) individuals attended consultations on REDD+ topics such safeguards, REDD+ knowledge, FGRM, Benefit Sharing and role of women in forestry sector.

The state focal points, under the guidance and support of the PMU, have implemented a consultation programs in the 18 states of the Sudan, covering state and local levels stakeholders. It has included workshops, meetings, in addition to awareness raising activities using TV and radio, covering the general issues of REDD+ program. This program was part of the consultation plan, developed in 2018 by the PMU, based on the FCPF guidelines. The FNC general directorate of extension and information is actively involved with the REDD+ PMU and supports the communication, awareness raising and capacity-building activities in the 18 states of Sudan.

The PMU has developed a video documentary: <https://we.tl/t-VkFE4VNOo6>

This documentary showcases the natural assets of Sudan, threats from climate change and potential of the forest sector to contribute to inclusive and resilient growth.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	567,899.00	567,899.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	2,363,553.88	1,795,654.88
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