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## REDD Readiness preparation in Togo FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Togo
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - SAFE1
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/21/2015 to 04/30/2020
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	3,466,014.37 as of 06/30/2019
Disbursed 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	515,210.71
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 is to reinforce the Republic of Togo's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

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

##### Comment:

The preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy has continued progressing well. The Strategy is being developed in an iterative and participatory process with active participation of relevant sectoral ministries and stakeholders. After a first round of consultations at regional and national levels, including its consideration by the National REDD+ Committee, the REDD+ Strategy is in its second draft and a detailed costed action plan for its implementation has been developed. This second draft also takes into account the findings of the first draft of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), which is now at an advanced stage close to being finalized along with the safeguards instruments that would guide the future implementation of the Strategy. Please refer to Sections "Components/Outputs" as well as "Outcomes" for further details and next steps.

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

##### Comment:

Though the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, SESA and other ongoing project activities have progressed, the pace of disbursements slowed down this past year. No major new activities were launched as the government addressed the remedial actions and recommendations of the World Bank's in-depth fiduciary review, following the identification of ineligible expenses. The remedial actions and recommendations are now implemented and included: (i) reimbursement by the government of the ineligible expenses; and (ii) replacement of the project coordinator and fiduciary team. It is worth noting that gross disbursement of the grant was \$648,000 in the past year (the reimbursement of \$133,000 in ineligible expenses were credited back to the project account, so net disbursement appears to be lower. Implementation of the grant is resuming back to normal with the recruitment of a new project coordinator, new fiduciary team and other project personnel. The closing date of the grant was extended from December 31, 2018 to October 31, 2019 to allow for the completion of activities which are on track. Disbursement currently stands at 92.5%.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

N/A

**Expected follow up (if any):** Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

#### Comment on follow up:

The US\$2.93 million in additional financing was approved once the recommendations of the World Bank's in-depth fiduciary review were implemented. The additional financing is now operational, having recently achieved its first disbursement.

#### End Date of Last Site Visit:

#### Restructuring of Grant:

N/A

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## OUTCOME

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

Progress has been recorded with regards to achieving the grant objectives, as described previously. An institutional framework conducive to REDD+ process in place, which continues to be reinforced. The REDD+ Strategy and SESA are at advanced stages of development.

### Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

#### Institutional framework conducive to REDD+ process in place

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 01/01/2015  
Progress to Yes  
Date:  
Date: 09/30/2019  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 10/31/2019

#### REDD+ strategy validated in broad consultation process

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 01/01/2015  
Progress to Yes (draft REDD+ Strategy; final validation will follow)  
Date:  
Date: 09/30/2019  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 10/31/2019

#### Direct Project Beneficiaries

Baseline 0  
Value:  
Date: 01/01/2015  
Progress to 4,600  
Date:  
Date: 12/31/2018  
Target Value: 5,000  
Date: 10/31/2019

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## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Support to the national readiness management arrangements

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** Institutions strengthened effectively coordinating and implementing REDD+ readiness with a grievance redress mechanism in place

**Actual Output:** Institutions strengthened and effectively coordinating REDD+ Readiness activities; grievance redress mechanism close to being finalized

#### Support to REDD+ Strategy Preparation

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** A National REDD+ Strategy incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations is validated by national stakeholders. An ESMF for managing potential social and environmental risks is validated.

**Actual Output:** Draft REDD+ Strategy incorporates SESA findings and will further be refined prior to final validation. The ESMF and other safeguards instruments are in draft.

### Comment on planned and actual Output

### Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: Support to the national readiness management arrangements

The REDD+ management bodies have been established and are operating, including the REDD+ National Committee, the REDD+ National Working Group and the REDD+ regional focal points in the country's five regions. The Prefectural Commissions for Sustainable Development (Commissions Préfectorales de Développement Durable, CPDDs) have been set up and made operational in 35 prefectures. Civil society platforms have been established and/or strengthened to contribute to the REDD+ process and carry out activities at the grassroots level. The additional finance will continue supporting and strengthening the capacity of these structures to enhance the participation and consultations around the development of the REDD+ Strategy and to prepare them for the future implementation of REDD+. The Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) is close to being finalized.

Component 2: Support to REDD+ Strategy Preparation

Following the validation of the first draft of the REDD+ strategy at national and regional levels, the REDD+ Strategy is in its second draft and a detailed costed action plan for its implementation has been developed. The sectoral thematic groups established to engaged the ministries relevant to REDD+ participate actively in the development of the REDD+ Strategy, ensuring multi-sectoral collaboration. This second draft also takes into account the findings of the first draft of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), which is now at an advanced stage close to being finalized along with the safeguards instruments that would guide the future implementation of the Strategy. REDD+ has in the meantime been enshrined in Togo's new National Development Plan (NDP) which covers the 2018-2022 period.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

**Project ID / Name:** P149942 - REDD Readiness preparation in Togo

**Project Status:** Lending

**Global Focal Area:** Climate change

**Product Line:** CN - Carbon Offset

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## 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**

FCPF activities are coordinated with those of the GIZ, who also finance REDD+ Readiness with a focus on the national forest inventory and inputs that would be useful for the future development of the Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL). The GIZ support has since ended and the additional finance will build on this work.

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

N/A

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

A consortium of consultants (international and national) provide strategic and technical support to the REDD+ Coordination and strengthen the capacity of the team. As mentioned earlier, the project Coordinator and the fiduciary team has been replaced following the World Bank's in-depth fiduciary review.

**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?**

The work to develop the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and safeguards instruments is advanced in accordance with World Bank safeguard policies, which are in line with the Common Approach.

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

The ESMF is at an advanced stage, in accordance with World Bank safeguard policies, which are in line with the Common Approach.

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

The major deliverables of this Grant are consulted and validated in a participatory manner at national, regional and prefectural levels (the major administrative levels of the country), including with an active participation of the civil society platforms engaged in the REDD+ process. A communications strategy ensures the effective distribution and access to information for the various REDD+ stakeholders. A FGRM has been developed for the readiness phase, and a FGRM is close to being finalized for the future implementation of the REDD+ Strategy.

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## 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	343,642.61	343,642.61
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	371,897.69	28,255.08
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	620,761.24	248,863.55
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	1,097,028.98	476,267.74
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,591,245.05	494,216.07
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	2,228,563.08	637,318.03
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	2,950,803.66	722,240.58
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	3,514,157.57	563,353.91
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	3,466,014.37	48,143.20-
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