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Assignment: TFOA8880

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 - SAWE1
Grant Start Date / End Date	03/27/2019 to 12/31/2021
Original Grant Amount	2,930,000.00
Grant Amount	2,930,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	678,795.17 as of 12/31/2020
Disbursed 06/30/2019 to 12/31/2020	678,795.17
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 06/30/2019 to 12/31/2020 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The National REDD+ Strategy and its action plan has been approved by the national REDD+ committee, along with the safeguards instruments and the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA). The approved REDD+ strategy will be submitted to the government for adoption by the Council of Ministers this year, and a roundtable with donors to mobilize funding to implement the REDD+ Strategy will also be organized. The REL has been submitted and validated by the UNFCCC (https://redd.unfccc.int/files/nrf_togo_06_1_20_.pdf).

Overall progress from 06/30/2019 to 12/31/2020 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

An in-person supervision mission took place between the 12 and 22 of November of 2019. Since then, the task team has frequently organized video-conferences with the project team to discuss project progress. The last virtual mission was organized in January 2021. In 2020, the unexpected event of the global covid-19 pandemic outbreak led to a slowdown in activities, especially those requiring field missions and the organization of workshops. Efforts in 2020 focused on launching the procurement processes necessary to implement activities, which are now at an advanced stage though not yet completed. The long timelines in these procurement processes also intervened with slowdown on the disbursement, in particular to implement the second national forest inventory, for which delays in acquisition of materials and equipment (in part due to covid-19) are impacting the start of field data collection work. The operationalization of the National Forest Monitoring System was also affected by covid-19 (installation of geoportal), but an alternative is currently being sought. Procurement challenges are being addressed and several major contracts are expected to be signed soon, which will help increase disbursements.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

N/A

Expected follow up (if any):

Comment on follow up:

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

N/A

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 06/30/2019 to 12/31/2020

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 national REDD+ Strategy and SESA are finalized, approved by the National REDD+ Committee and to be adopted by the Council of Ministers this year.

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: 12/31/2020

Target Value: Yes

Date: 12/31/2021

REDD+ strategy validated in broad consultation process

Baseline No

Value:

Date: 01/01/2015

Progress to Yes Date:

Date: 12/31/2020

Target Value: Yes

Date: 12/31/2021

Direct Project Beneficiaries

Baseline 0

Value:

Date: 01/01/2015

Progress to Date: 16,624

Date: 12/31/2020

Target Value: 5,000

Date: 12/31/2021

Target Value: 5,000

Date: 12/31/2020

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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 is 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: A REDD+ Strategy including SESA findings is finalized validated and is planned to be adopted by the Council of Ministers this year. The ESMF and other safeguards instruments are finalized.

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 grassroot 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

The national REDD+ Strategy including a detailed costed action plan for its implementation, the SESA and accompanying safeguards instruments are finalized. The national REDD+ strategy was approved by the National REDD+ Committee and is planned to be adopted by the Council of Ministers this year. 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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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. Following the World Bank's in-depth fiduciary review, the new project Coordinator and fiduciary team have been in place since June and November 2019, respectively. The communications specialist was also replaced and a new social development specialist added to the team to reinforce capacity on social issues.

- 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?**

Yes, the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and safeguards instruments are 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?**

Yes, the ESMF is 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
03/28/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	349,139	349,139.95
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	508,747	159,606.90
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	678,795	170,048.32