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Liberia REDD+ Readiness Preparation Additional Funding FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Liberia
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	09/15/2015 to 07/15/2019
Original Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	300,000.00 as of 06/30/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016	300,000.00
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 Project Development Objective for the additional funding remains unchanged: to carry out a consultative and quantitative analysis of the different land use options for development of the national REDD+ Strategy for Liberia, to be approved by the National Climate Change Steering Committee.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Implementation of the grant financed activities just started in the reporting period; the outlook remains positive for satisfactory achievement of the grant objectives.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Initial implementation of the grant has been satisfactory. Procurement and work plan have been prepared and approved and procurement of key consultancies was initiated.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

The Additional Funding for REDD+ Readiness builds on the REDD+ readiness activities already launched, consolidates and strengthens achievements and completes aspects of REDD+ readiness that have not yet been completed. The additional funding will strengthen national REDD+ management arrangements, strengthen platforms for civil society engagement at the national and county level, strengthen country level structures, finalize the national REDD+ strategy, design an emissions reductions program, develop a reference emissions level and support the development of measurement, reporting and verification system.

Expected follow up (if any):

Comment on follow up:

The Liberia Forest Sector Project (US\$37.5 million) builds heavily on REDD+ Readiness processes. This project with a single country Trust Fund from NIFCI (Norway) was approved in April 2016.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

No outcomes achieved yet (which is consistent with the implementation planning for this grant).

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and consultations

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: National Climate Change Steering Committee operationalized; capacity for M&E strengthened
Actual Output: None to date, plans made to achieve planned outputs

Component 2. Contribute to the Design of the National REDD+ Strategy (including design of Emission Reduction Program)

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: REDD+ Strategy finalized and validated through a workshop
Actual Output: As planned

Component 3. Development of Reference Level or Reference Emissions Level

Status: Planned
Planned Output: Further refinement of the REL initiated
Actual Output: None to date

Component 4. Project Management

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: REDD+ Implementation Unit operational
Actual Output: As planned

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Implementation of grant financed activities was just starting by the end of the reporting period, with no discernible progress yet.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124073 - Liberia-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 additional on-ground studies and activities for REDD+ Readiness are covered with this grant. The REDD+ readiness work lay ground for Liberia to receive support to its forest sector from Norway, under the Letter of Intent signed in September 2014 (total commitment of US\$150 million equivalent at the time of the signing).

In addition, several of the CSOs are engaged in various initiatives which are complementary to REDD+ and thereby are continually offering useful lessons and insights to guide and strengthen the REDD+ readiness process.

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

None

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

The grant financing provides support to key capacity support of the REDD+ Implementation Unit. The Bank team provides support as needed to the Government team.

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 conducted in accordance with the Common Approach. SESA was prepared, including through a series of consultations, and validated. Six short case study reports on drivers of deforestation were also produced as part of the SESA consultancy.

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

ESMF prepared in accordance with Common Approach.

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

There are various working groups REDD+ technical working group, SESA working group, and the meeting is held regularly. The preparation of the REDD+ Strategy and conduct of the SESA have been highly participatory in nature. A consultant has been recruited and is working on the implementation of the REDD+ communication strategy and activities are underway to increase the accessibility of information electronically as well as dissemination of information more broadly. Identification of the appropriate FGRM for REDD+ in Liberia ongoing.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00