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## Pakistan: FCPF Readiness 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 12/15/2022
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	7,814,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	3,336,014.08 as of 06/30/2020
Disbursed 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	0.00
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 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 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The year 2019-20 has been challenging in terms of uncertainties created by COVID-19 Pandemic, its global impacts and restrictions as well as the discussion over the grant extension. Pakistan has been no exception to this where the pandemic has emerged since early 2020 and is expected to continue over many months in future. This has an impact on implementation of readiness activities under the project due to restrictions on movement globally. The discussion over the grant extension also created uncertainty whether specific assignments should be proceeded or canceled.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The process of awarding of consultancy services completed during the first half of the year 2019-20 remained disrupted. However, the extension of closing date of readiness fund to December 2022 by the Participant Committee of FCPF at its 28th meeting held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from 11-14 November has created an opportunity of much needed flexibility of time to address implementation delays amid the uncertainties associated with COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

A project restructuring to further extend the grant closing date for the project and associated trust fund from June 28, 2020 to June 15, 2022 was completed in June 2020 to allow the client to complete the remaining project activities and achieve the objective of the REDD+ readiness process in Pakistan. After completion of project restructuring, a number of assignments have been started or advanced toward the contract signing as follows while some adjustment in assignment timeline was required due to COVID-19 restrictions:

Expected follow up (if any): N/A

#### Comment on follow up:

N/A

#### End Date of Last Site Visit:

#### Restructuring of Grant:

Restructuring was approved on June 27, 2020

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## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020

See comments on achievements by component.

### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation

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, media outreach. One participant from a sub-national unit was partially supported to enable participation in Carbon Forestry Course at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany

#### 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: Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: The output of this component is the formulation of National Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL).

Actual Output: Under progress. The report on National Forest Monitoring System has been completed.

#### Component 4: Readiness Preparation Activities Management

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 assignments under AF needs to be completed.

### Comment on planned and actual Output

Please see above section

### Comment on component implementation progress

#### Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation:

The following organizational and consultation activities were in place during the reporting period:

- A meeting of the National Steering Committee on REDD+ was held on 06.02.2020.
- A coordination meeting with representatives of the sub-national units was organized on 23 October 2019.
- A partial support was provided to national media campaign launched by the Ministry of Climate Change under the "Plant for Pakistan Day" in August 2019.
- Participation of one participant from a sub-national unit was partially supported to enable participation in Carbon Forestry Course from January 27, 2020 to February 14, 2020 at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany.

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- The terms of reference of National Internship Programme were revised and finalised with the concurrence of World Bank to strengthen its outcomes.
- A consultancy service package targeting national awareness raising, outreach and capacity building has been finalised and is ready for initiation from early FY21.

### **Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation:**

The draft National REDD+ Strategy prepared under the original grant is undergoing further improvements without any additional costs based on stakeholders' feedback which is being done through formulation of a new contract with the concurrence of the World Bank in order to comply with local policy and legal requirements. Amid the procedural issues and uncertainty created by COVID-19, the signing of new contract has been delayed. The improved final output is expected to be ready for publishing during the first half of next year.

The advertisements for inviting EOIs for the following consultancy assignment packages were published in national newspapers on 14-07-2019 and on UNDP website after finalisation of ToR in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and obtaining necessary NoL from the World Bank:

#### Consultant's Qualification based Selection (CQS):

- i. Assessment of private sector engagement and potential of carbon trading mechanisms and market for Pakistan.
- ii. Awareness raising and outreach and Capacity Building.
- iii. Assessment of existing Forestry Systems.
- iv. Assessment of opportunity cost of REDD+ and impact assessment of leasing of forest land to other purposes.
- v. Prepare a REDD+ Gender Action Plan (GAP).

#### Consultants Quality and Cost-based Selection (QCBS):

- vi. Preparation of Participatory Forest Management Plans and REDD+ Action.

#### Least Cost Based Selection (LCS):

- vii. Comprehensive National Level Assessment of Demand and Supply of Forest Products and Services in Pakistan.
- viii. Establish sub-national forest monitoring and MRV systems.

In summary, the procurement process in respect of four out of five CQS assignments and one QCBS has been completed and the draft contracts prepared after several rounds of discussions with the firms and reviews by the World Bank are ready for award. Amid COVID-19, the signing of contracts with the qualified firms has been on hold which will now be finalized after project restructuring.

### **Component 3: Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring**

The report on National Forest Monitoring System - Measurement Reporting and Verification System has been completed. Whereas, the first ever National Forest Emission Level (FREL) report of Pakistan was prepared as per the standards under IPCC Guidelines 2006 and submitted to UNFCCC on 6 January 2020 for Technical Assessment by the panel of UNFCCC experts. The technical assessment was undertaken by two UNFCCC assigned international experts from early March 2020 and will remain continue till February 2021. Several technical assessment sessions/online technical exchanges have been taken place. Based on summary of feedback has been received from the Technical Assessment team, the modified FREL report is submitted to UNFCCC by 31 August 2020 for further assessment by the UNFCCC Technical Assessment team.

Considering the fact that REDD+ is step-wise process, to include additional activities and assess additional pools of gases, a consultancy assignment for establishment of sub-National Forest Monitoring and Measurement Reporting & Verification (MRV) Systems and collection of new data set from satellite image analysis to be implemented under the FCPF additional grant will contribute to further improvement of FREL and strengthening of MRV systems at the sub-national levels.

Furthermore, in order to strengthen forest monitoring systems, the capacity of sub-national forestry departments will be enhanced through provision of various forest inventory and monitoring equipment, and through establishment of FMS web-portals which will be integrated with national FMS web-portal for transparent reporting. The forest monitoring equipment includes forest inventory, GIS based equipment and remote sensing drones which are currently under procurement process.

### **Component 4: Readiness Preparation Activities Management:**

The project is under implementation through National REDD+ Office led by a National Coordinator and other professional and support staff. The Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change is performing responsibilities of the National Project Director and providing implementation oversight since 16 January 2020.

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## 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

### Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: National REDD+ Office  
Contact: Syed Ghulam Qadir Shah (National REDD+ Coordinator)  
Address: Ministry of Climate Change - Islamabad  
Phone: +92 51 9249185-6 Email: gqshah@redd-pakistan.org  
Website:

## PROGRAM

### Program Specific Questions

**1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by other delivery partners.**

Currently, the Bank funded Pakistan Hydromet Climate Services Project (PHCSP) is supporting the government flagship Ecosystem Restoration Initiatives (ESRI) including afforestation, reforestation and forest restoration activities. National REDD+ Office is expected to provide its support on the technical aspects of federal government proposal especially related to forest monitoring, participatory forest management and implementation of Gender Action Plan. This is also important as the transition of NRO to pilot and implement all the technical outputs produced under this project.

**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 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?**

Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) has been conducted in February 2018 in accordance with Common Approach and 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://reddpakistansis.com/>.

**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.**

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As explained in earlier section, the multiple REDD+ stakeholders engagement remained continue 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.

## 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	3,336,014.08	0.00
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	3,336,014.08	0.00