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Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Preparation Additional Funding

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Nigeria
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - SAFE1
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/29/2019 to 06/30/2022
Original Grant Amount	4,940,000.00
Grant Amount	4,940,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	4,939,875.87
Disbursed 09/15/2015 to 01/15/2020	4,939,875.87
Donor	TFOA8327 - MULTIPLE DONORS

*This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program (FCPFR), Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.*

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments

#### Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

#### Overall progress from 01/29/2019 to 06/30/2022 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

Overall progress towards achieving the grant development objective has been satisfactory.

Nigeria is one of the countries in West Africa that has committed to pursue REDD+ as part of its agenda for sustainable forest sector development.

With the support of the REDD+ Readiness Grant from FCPF, Nigeria has completed the REDD+ Readiness process by fulfilling the Cancun and Warsaw four requirements for Readiness, has further scaled-up REDD+ Readiness activities both national and sub-national levels in order to meet her objective to have a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and also to contribute to its achievement of carbon reduction targets set out in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), under the UNFCCC and to enhance livelihoods of forest dependent communities Nigeria has developed and launched a bankable National REDD+ Strategy that is environmentally friendly and socially inclusive. The Strategy was also Launched to a wider international audience at COP26, in Glasgow.

Nigeria has developed Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) which was submitted to UNFCCC in 2019, went through the required technical assessment and approved. It's now on UNFCCC website along other countries FREL.

Though Nigeria is not in the FCPF Carbon Fund portfolio but, the Nigeria government has gone ahead to prepare and submitted R-Package to the bank to present to FCPF Participants Committee (PC) Nigeria progress in its readiness phase, indicative of the country preparedness for its next phase being investment that will attract payments for result benefiting from emerging carbon markets. The R-Package has been reviewed by FMT, Overall, the quality of the R-package was acceptable and has moved onto the Technical Advisory Panel review in 2022.

#### Overall progress from 01/29/2019 to 06/30/2022 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

As part of key project objectives achieved during the period, a National REDD+ Strategy was developed with options for addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in key sectors validated by stakeholders in 2020 and the Strategy was also Launched to a wider international audience at COP26, in Glasgow.

All of the planned activities and targeted deliverables of the grant were completed. The grant supported conduct of the first ever comprehensive National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) in Nigeria. this national system will provide reliable monitoring of the forest area and forest area changes and is critical for calculating changes in forest carbon in Nigeria.

Nigeria has developed Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) which was submitted to UNFCCC in 2019, went through the required technical assessment and approved. It's now on UNFCCC website along other countries FREL. Nigeria is also working towards submitting a modified FREL (including other activities like degradation enhancement) to UNFCCC on or before January 2023.

A Safeguards Information System (SIS) was developed and rolled out. It is available as an open-access online resource. The Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism for national REDD+ was developed and validated; its description was also shared with FCPF FMT for posting on the FCPF website. The Development of Forest Reference Emission Level is helping Nigeria for NDC reporting and local planning

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In terms of REDD+ Readiness Arrangements coordination support needed as the REDD+ process in National and sub-national management arrangements, multi-actor consultation and coordination platforms have been established and are functioning. Safeguards & Safeguards Information System (SIS) have been developed and finalized in Nigeria. This will be used for monitoring socio-economic impact of REDD+ activities/project in Nigeria. This is meant to ensure that REDD+ investments do not have negative impacts on the livelihoods of Forest dependent communities

There was extensive stakeholders' consultation and participation in the development of the REDD+ Strategy and throughout the grant implementation. Given the importance of stakeholder's engagement and consultation to drive the REDD+ process/ strategic plan, the project hired a consultant who conducted a communications campaign, / awareness among the Nigerian public. Moving this agenda forward, the active involvement of local CBOs / CSOs involvement in this process is key to ensure sustainability of the process and ownership of the REDD+ strategy at the community level in Nigeria

The National REDD+ secretariat has innovatively provided capacity building with livelihood content activity through prioritizations of readiness activities. Engagement with parliamentarian was deepened, this was reflective in the inclusion of the development of REDD+ registry in the just signed Climate Change Bill by the President in November 2021.

## Grant follow-up and structure

### Description and context of Grant:

The objective of the Additional Grant is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

The Additional Readiness Preparation Activities consist of the following components:

#### **Component 1: Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements**

Activities under this component under the Additional Financing, is to provide support to the national management arrangement and the sub-national management arrangements in the seven project States. Designated and functional State Level REDD+ Secretariats in Plateau, Edo, Ogun and Kaduna States were commissioned and are functioning. The Secretariat oversees the activities of the local governments, NGOs, civil society, academia, the private sector, local communities, and traditional authorities working in the field of environment, forestry and natural resource management. Formation of platform of Media and Civil society organization platforms for the Nigeria REDD+ programme was achieved. High Level Retreat with Parliamentarian held, with a communique highlighting areas of support and partnership in the development of REDD+ programme. Safety and security Management Plan for REDD+ Readiness and Investment Process developed and currently been reviewed by the Bank.

The preparation of Nigeria REDD+ R-PACKAGE completed, and to be presented at the forthcoming PA15/PC31 for review and approval. REDD+ IEC material for Publicity of REDD+ Programme Produced. Capacity-Enhancement and Training for National and State REDD+ Secretariat Officers undertaken. Consultancy for the design of Nigeria's REDD+ Finance Framework including Forest Carbon Offsets /Credit Programme completed. External Audit exercise for 2021 Conducted and report sent to the Bank. A total of 21 State Legislators 3 each from seven REDD+ state and Honorable Commissioners of Environment & Agriculture were part of the Parliamentarian retreat held in May, 2022, which shows the level of readiness in Nigeria for the next phase

#### **Component 2: Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA):**

Activities under this component contribute to the design is to define approaches to mobilize resources for the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy and to build on the SESA, through the funding of a Safeguards Information System (SIS). National REDD+ Strategy developed, validated and launched both Nationally and Internationally at COP26 in Glasgow

#### **Component 3: Develop the Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL):**

Activities under this component is to update and strengthen the FREL by improving the sampling of the forest inventory and reinforcing capacities at national level. Additional data of Forest Carbon Inventory in six (6) States (Edo, Ogun, Plateau Kaduna, Ondo and Nasarawa States) undertaken. The Inventory team was made-up of Forest dependent community members, Academia, Civil Society organizations, NGOs, REDD+ secretariat MRV team and Relevant MDAs. Data to be use for country's modified FREL,

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planned to be submitted to UNFCCC on or Before January, 2023. Reviewed and Finalization of the Resettlement Policy Frame (RPF) and Process Framework (PF) submitted to the Bank.

## **Component 4: Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness**

**Process:** Activities under this component is to ensure broad stakeholder engagement in the REDD+ process, support communication on REDD+ and conduct consultations on specific issues related to REDD+ Readiness. The REDD+ Strategy has been validated and launched by national stakeholders. The development and operationalization of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) Completed National Forest Monitoring System Database/File server designed, developed, and implemented. NFMS Technical Working Group formed and functional. Procurement of GIS equipment for the seven REDD+ states completed and capacity building currently ongoing to reinforce the existing capacity at the subnational level and also assist in jurisdictional forest carbon estimation and generating periodic forest cover change maps for evidence to GHG emission reduction efforts. Report of the Gender analysis for inclusive and participatory REDD+ mechanism in Nigeria forestry and natural resource sector developed. REDD+ Documentary archiving and documenting Nigeria REDD+ process developed

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

Comment on follow up: The National REDD+ secretariat has innovatively provided capacity building with livelihood content activity through prioritizations of readiness activities. Engagement with parliamentarian was deepened, this was reflective in the inclusion of the development of REDD+ registry in the just signed Climate Change Bill by the President in November 2021. States storylines of gains of keying into the REDD+ readiness programme has been a huge motivation too for new states including the Federal Capital territory wanting to join REDD+ programme, particularly with carbon credit benefits attributed to REDD+ activities.

The climate pledges by Nigeria with enabling policies and evolving market-based initiative (Forest Carbon Offset), Article 6, ITMO, CORSIA and Voluntary Carbon market provide Nigeria huge opportunity to leverage its Natural Capital (Forest Carbon, Blue Carbon) to ensure transition to green economy through fair pricing to carbon in its National Carbon Market. It also anticipated to provide a vista of opportunities for a domestic carbon market.

The Nigeria REDD+ has discussed the idea of Setting up a Nigerian National Carbon Market Facility (NNCMF). As part of the outcome of this discussion, the project is currently conducting a rapid and pre-feasibility study to provide an initial evaluation and analysis of the potential to set up a Nigerian National Carbon Market Facility (NNCMF) based on investigation and research. The project is also in discussion with IFC relating to the Domestic Carbon Market and industrial emissions in Nigeria and other collaborations and synergies for carbon markets in Nigeria.

### **End Date of Last Site Visit:**

April 28- May 6, 2022

### **Restructuring of Grant:**

The Additional Financing (AF) received a no-cost extension of 18 months, (June 2020 to December 2021) and got another extension of Six Months (January to June 2022) due to uncontrolled delays in 2020-2021. COVID 19 restrictions on travel, meetings, and community outreach and Long CBN payment cycles, putting the grant closing date in June 2022.

## **OUTCOME**

### **Comments on outcome achieved from 01/29/2019 to 06/30/2022** **Grant Outcome Indicators**

**1. National REDD+ strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders**

**Baseline Value:** No

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**Progress to Date:** Yes (Nigeria has developed and launched a bankable National REDD+ Strategy that is environmentally friendly and socially inclusive. The Strategy was also Launched to a wider international audience at COP26, in Glasgow

The document is very importance as it is one of the pillars of REDD+ Readiness components and anchors on, paragraph 71 of Decision 1/CP.16 of the UNFCCC guidelines, that REDD+ participating Countries must first deliver a national REDD+ Strategy in accessing investment

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 06/30/2022

### 2. Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) is finalized and validated by relevant stakeholders

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Progress to Date:** Yes (The ESMF was prepared as a result of the SESA process, consulted upon and validated; it formed part of Nigeria's R-Package and has been reviewed by FMT, Overall the quality of the R-package was acceptable and has moved onto the Technical Advisory Panel review in 2022. The ESMF is now fully in use and informed the setup of other safeguards systems for REDD+ in Nigeria such as FGRM, SIS, etc.)

**Date:** 06/30/2020

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 06/30/2022

### 3. Quantitative analysis of land use in forested and mixed agricultural lands prepared and validated by the national stakeholders

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Progress to Date:** Yes (as part of the National REDD+ Strategy, see above)

**Date:** 06/30/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 01/15/2020

### 4. Consultations on REDD+ Strategy conducted (at county level)

**Baseline Value:** 0

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Progress to Date:** several consultations on REDD+ Strategy were conducted as part of the SESA process at national level and on other elements of REDD+ Readiness) The Strategy was also Launched to a wider international audience at COP26, in Glasgow

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Target Value:** 8

**Date:** 06/30/2022

### 5. Consultations on land-use options with GoN and stakeholders (at county level)

**Baseline Value:** 0

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Progress to Date:** consultations were conducted as part of the SESA process and on other elements of REDD+ Readiness.

**Date:** 06/30/2020

**Target Value:** 4

**Date:** 01/15/2020

### 6. Quantified Reference Emissions Level (REL) prepared and validated by the REDD+ Technical Working Group

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 01/29/2019

**Progress to Date:** Yes (FREL prepared, validated and was submitted to UNFCCC in 2019, went through the required technical assessment and approved. It's now on UNFCCC website.

(<http://www.nigeriaredd.org.ng/Portals/0/Executive%20summary%20Strategy.pdf?ver=2021-05-27-121005-383>)

FREL. **Date:** 06/30/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 06/30/2022

### 7. Emission Reduction Program designed for a targeted forest landscape to pilot REDD+ Strategy and key aspects of readiness implementation framework

**Baseline Value:** Yes (Engagement meetings/ workshops with legislators National and States, the aim of the retreat was to develop options to enhance REDD+ contributions to National and Sub-National development; and strengthening legislative support for effective REDD+ governance and sustainable financing

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## 8. Measurement, Reporting and Verification system for REDD+ is designed

Baseline Value: No

Date: 01/29/2019

Progress to Date: Yes (The contents of the R-Package consist of Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) system;

Date: 06/30/2022

Target Value: Yes

Date: 06/30/2022

## 9. Information system for co-benefit / safeguards established

Baseline Value: No

Date: 01/29/2019

Progress to Date: Yes (Nigeria's Safeguards Information System completed and operational. The Framework will be used for monitoring socio-economic impact of REDD+ activities/project in Nigeria

Date: 06/30/2022

Target Value: Yes

Date: 06/30/2022

## 10. Readiness package prepared and finalized

Baseline Value: No

Date: 01/29/2019

Progress to Date: Yes (Nigeria's R-Package was the R-Package has been reviewed by FMT, Overall the quality of the R-package was acceptable and has moved onto the Technical Advisory Panel review in 2022)

Date: 06/30/2022

Target Value: Yes

Date: 06/30/2022

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### 1. Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Status: Completed

Planned Output: The objective is to provide support to the national management arrangement and the sub-national management arrangements in the seven project States. Designated and functional State Level REDD+ Secretariats in Plateau, Edo, Ogun and Kaduna States were commissioned and functioning

Actual Output: see below

#### 2. Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA):

Status: Completed

Planned Output: The objective of this component is to define approaches to mobilize resources for the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy and to build on the SESA, through the funding of a Safeguards Information System (SIS). The national REDD+ Strategy has been commended and validated and launched by national stakeholders.

Actual Output: see below

#### 3. Develop the Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL)

Status: Completed

Planned Output: The objective of this component under the Additional Financing is to improve Forest carbon data collection to update our FREL report and submit same to UNFCCC for review and acceptance. This will strengthen field

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sampling of the forest inventory and reinforcing capacities at national and sub-national level

**Actual Output:** see below

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**Status:** Completed

**Planned Output:** The objective of this component is to ensure broad stakeholder engagement in the REDD+ process, support communication on REDD+ and conduct consultations on specific issues related to REDD+ Readiness. The REDD+ Strategy has been validated and launched by national stakeholders.

**Actual Output:** see below

## Comment on planned and actual Output

Activities have been completed with good overall progress.

## Comment on component implementation progress

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## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: (P153732) - Nigeria FCPF REDD Readiness project  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Climate change  
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

### Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Forestry Development  
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Official Email: Info@nigeriaredd.org.ng

## 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**

Several CSOs such as PACJA, MPIDO, ACCARD , GLOBE are engaged in various initiatives at community levels as well as institutional levels collaborations which are complementary to the national REDD+ Readiness activities and are thereby continually offering useful lessons and insights to guide and strengthen the national REDD+ Readiness process. The FCPF grant complements and builds upon UN-REDD Programme support (no longer active). The National REDD+ Secretariat ensures synergy and consistency with national policies on forest while avoiding overlaps

At the technical level, there is also cooperation with FAO as part of the UN-REDD Programme , drawing from their experience as delivering partners in the UNREDD grant support..

**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.**

Initially, the overall capacity of the National REDD+ Secretariat in project implementation and oversight was quite weak. Under the grant it has since been strengthened with the mobilization of a procurement specialist and the recruitment of a MRV and a Stakeholder Engagement expert, as well as National and International consultants to support in operational and technical matters. The National REDD+ Secretariat has also undergone, and continues to undergo, trainings sponsored by the World Bank in issues



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such as financial management, procurement, safeguards, and technical matters etc., to build the knowledge base for long term success in REDD+.

#### **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 was conducted in accordance with the Common Approach. SESA was prepared, including through a series of consultations, and validated. The FCPF is using a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) to leverage the integration of key environmental and social considerations into REDD+ Readiness by combining analytical and participatory approaches. The SESA follows the latest UNFCCC and FCPF PC guidance in accordance with international best practices.

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

Yes, preparation of the ESMF is combined with the SESA consultancy

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

There are various working groups - the REDD+ Technical Working Group and the REDD+ Safeguards Working Groups; their meetings are held regularly. The preparation of the REDD+ Strategy and conduct of the SESA have been highly participatory in nature. The National REDD+ Communication Strategy aims to contribute to the successful implementation of the REDD+ Strategy in Nigerai by enhancing collaboration between key partners, increasing the visibility of the REDD+ program, supporting a consultation process and promoting a common understanding of REDD+ across all levels of interventions. The Communication Strategy was developed and approved in May 2015. Its implementation is ongoing. The FGRM for Nigeria REDD+ was developed and validated by the stakeholders.

Informed consultations are held with forest depended communities and community based organizations. Major deliverables of the grant go through stakeholder consultations, including the SESA, National REDD+ Strategy (including benefit-sharing), the Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) and the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM).

## COMPLETION

### Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

#### **Main lessons learned:**

Communities' expectations are high in terms of benefits from REDD+ implementation going forward, especially financial benefits, as the perception often is that preference for forest use for commercial logging is the most economically viable.

There is need for strengthening coordination and collaboration with the Ministry of Solid Minerals, Agriculture, National Planning so that Nigeria finds a way of dealing with competing preferences of using heavily forested land for either carbon sequestration or minerals extractions

While it is true that the current forest sector management framework has an existing benefit-sharing arrangement for various states, there is no clear benefit sharing mechanism yet determined for implementation of REDD+ in Nigeria. It would be a good idea to build on what currently exists.

It has become increasingly clear that implementing a REDD+ pilot investment projects for learning lessons as soon as possible is crucial to inform full REDD+ implementation in Nigeria

There is a need for continuous engagement with policy/decision makers for the success of REDD+ implementation nationally; this is because success of most programs nationally in Nigeria crucially depends on National Level driver though having in mind the land use policy that give ownership of Forest Estates to State Government.

#### **Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):**

##### **Comment:**

The REDD+ Readiness support allowed for the establishment of the main REDD+ institutions and tools needed to move to the next

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phases including investments and the preparations for the potential results-based payments: safeguard instruments, Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism, Measurement, Reporting and Verification System, FREL. However, some tools such as REDD+ Registry deemed very critical and important to success of the REDD+ Programme were not developed during the REDD+ Readiness support.. The plans to put up a Nigeria registry are amongst activities considered for the next Step of the REDD+ investment.

The grant financed activities largely achieved their objectives. The REDD+ dialog enhanced attention to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and increased cooperation between National REDD+ Secretariat, Forestry department, and other relevant MDAs that operates in the Forestry Landscape.

### Bank Performance:

#### Comment:

The overall Bank Performance is Satisfactory, based on quality at entry, project supervision and additional resource mobilization. Regular supervision missions were organized and documented (Aide-Memoire), Non-Objections were provided to the client under reasonable timeframes, and regular reporting was done to the Bank and donors. The Bank team provided close support and technical advice throughout implementation of the grant financed activities.

## Additional Assessment

### Development / strengthening of institutions:

#### Comment:

The Capacity of the National REDD+ Secretariat and State Secretariats to handle REDD+ activities in a vast and populated Nation like Nigeria have been increased immensely thanks to the grant support.

### Mobilization of other resources:

#### Comment:

### Knowledge exchange:

#### Comment:

The Nigeria REDD+ team has been a part of various learning events on REDD+ supported by the FCPF and other sources.

### Client's policy / program implementation:

#### Comment:

The Government of Nigeria in collaboration with State government is committed to pursuing key policy recommendations coming out of the National REDD+ Strategy and maintains dialogue with key sectors interfacing with forestry - land planning, agriculture, and mining.

### Efficiency:

#### Comment:

Outcomes planned at the onset have been largely achieved, in a timely manner, thus efficiency is rated satisfactory.

### Replicability:

#### Comment:

At the national level, initial REDD+ readiness support had the convening power for maintaining the dialog on deforestation and forest degradation and allowed Liberia mobilize support for its sustainable forestry sector development from Norway.

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## Main recommendations to stakeholders:

REDD+ has been communicated globally as a mechanism which seeks to incentivize activities targeted at reducing emissions from the land-use sector. This line of communication has somewhat created high and often unrealistic expectations amongst some sections of stakeholder groups of huge financial inflow for REDD+. In order to ensure the effective management of these exaggerated and unrealistic expectations, deliberate efforts need to be made to emphasize the various co-benefits which will arise from REDD+ implementation, and that any payments for implementation of REDD+ will be performance-based and will consequently require continual support and commitment from all stakeholders.

## Main recommendations to Bank Management:

Implementation phase of the REDD+ will require time and strong support from the World Bank's teams given skill and resources needed.

1. Policy brief on stakeholder interests and aspirations for secured land tenure in potential future World Bank Emission Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) in Nigeria.
2. Support in Operationalizing the National Forest Monitoring System being put in place with the FCPF readiness grant.
3. Partnering with Nigeria in changing REDD+ financing landscape with opportunities and complexities facing FCPF Countries by considering Nigeria in its New Climate Emissions Reduction Facility (CERF) leveraging on the priority options contained in Nigeria REDD+ Strategy for Short-, medium-, and long-term emission reductions interventions with targets up to 2050.
4. REDD+ Investment that will usher in phase 3 result-based payment (ERPA) is a highly technical and sensitive process which would require more time and funding on the country side during REDD+ preparation and also strong support to the World Bank's teams given the time involved and need for specific skill sets

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	1,118,452.46	618,452.46
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	1,448,486.58	330,034.12
01/01/2021	06/30/2021	0.00	0.00	2,539,542.95	1,091,056.37
07/01/2021	12/31/2021	0.00	0.00	3,410,689.73	871,146.78
01/01/2022	06/30/2022	0.00	0.00	4,939,875.87	1,529,186.14

## PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

## PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None