

PROJECT INFORMATION DOCUMENT (PID)
CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: 92740

Project Name	Ghana: Additional REDD+ ¹ Readiness Preparation Support
Region	AFRICA
Country	Ghana
Sector(s)	Forestry
Theme(s)	Climate change
Project ID	P124060
Borrower(s)	Republic of Ghana / Ministry of Finance
Implementing Agency	Forestry Commission
Environmental Category	B-Partial Assessment
Date PID Prepared/Updated	06-Nov-2014
Estimated Date of Board Approval	N/A

I. Proposed Development Objective(s)

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The Project Development Objective is to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and to develop a reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances.

Key Results

The key results of this Additional Funding are:

- (i) Ghana will be REDD+ Ready (based on the assessment criteria of the Readiness package);
- (ii) Emission Reductions (ER) Program will be designed for the Cocoa Forest Landscape to pilot the REDD+ Strategy and other elements of REDD+ Readiness (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV), Reference Emissions Levels (REL), safeguards, benefit-sharing, etc.).

II. Preliminary Description

The Additional Funding activities will enhance Ghana's capacities to achieve the Project Development Objective. The Additional Funding (AF) grant will finance activities identified in Ghana Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) and Mid-Term Report (MTR) currently not financed by the original grant.

Completion of the additional activities will enable Ghana to generate a Readiness Package by November 2015. The Additional Funding will also support Ghana's efforts towards preparation of an

¹ REDD+ stands for Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forest, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (in developing countries)

ER Program under consideration by the Carbon Fund of the World Bank, for piloting its REDD+ Strategy and leading to potential signing of Emissions Reductions Program Agreement (ERPA).

The structure and implementation arrangements of the AF activities will remain as under the original grant. The AF activities are organized into three components as follows:

Component	Budget (US\$ million)
1. Support to National REDD+ Readiness Management Arrangements	1.23
2. Establishment of a Measurement, Reporting and Verification System	1.72
3. Project preparation support for Emission Reduction Program and testing of REDD+ readiness arrangements through ongoing pilots	1.73
Contingency (10%)	0.52
TOTAL	5.20

Component 1: Support to National REDD+ Readiness Management Arrangements

Activities under this component will support the National REDD+ Readiness Management Arrangements with the aim of creating a robust system for managing and coordinating Ghana's REDD+ readiness process. The Component will finance (i) operational costs of the REDD+ Secretariat and Working Groups for coordinating readiness activities, (ii) establishment of arrangements for the flow of REDD+ funds in Ghana, and (iii) setting up of the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism.

Component 2: Establishment of a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System

Activities under this component will provide support for addressing gaps in establishment and operationalization of Ghana's MRV system. This will entail improvements to the reference level, including assessing the cost effectiveness of using remote sensing for estimating emissions from degradation, and support the strengthening of the FC's Resource Management Support Centre (RMSC) and Climate Change Unit (CCU) to perform their designated roles. A REDD+ Registry, including an Information System for Multiple Benefits and Safeguards, will be established.

Component 3: Project preparation support for Emission Reduction Program and testing of REDD+ readiness arrangements through ongoing pilots

This component has an objective of leveraging finance from the Additional Funding Phase to enable Ghana to develop and complete its Emissions Reduction Program Document and also test arrangements for key thematic areas of REDD+ implementation.

III. Safeguard Policies that Might Apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Yes	No	TBD
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	X		
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	X		
Forests OP/BP 4.36	X		

Pest Management OP 4.09	X		
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11			X
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		X	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	X		
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		X	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		X	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		X	

IV. Financing (in USD Million)

Total Project Cost:	5.20	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Forestry Carbon Partnership Facility			5.20
Total			5.20

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