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Assignment: TF014956

Second Grant Agreement for Uganda Readiness Preparation Proposal FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Uganda
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	07/10/2013 to 12/31/2016
Original Grant Amount	3,634,000.00
Grant Amount	3,634,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,334,331.00 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	1,334,331.00
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 is to design a socially and environmentally viable national strategy for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation as compared to a reference level.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

There has been significant improvement in this financial year compared to previous - the Secretariat has been established, disbursement is up from 7% to over 30% and a key component for establishing the strategy is at advanced stage - the establishment of a reference level. Nevertheless as other key activities are lagging the grant objective can only be achieved with grant extension of 6 - 9 months.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The Grant Agreement for the REDD+ Readiness Grant was signed in June 2013 and became effective in December 2013, following fulfillment of the effectiveness condition on procurement. Govt of Uganda has strengthened implementation support and procurement progress is being made with the largest contract (reference levels) making satisfactory progress. Smaller contracts are at various stages of contracting. Grant extension of approximately 9 months will be required to fully implement the grant and build required capacity.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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

Comment on follow up:

Uganda may be able to apply for additional funding from the FCPF REDD+ Readiness fund, of up to \$5 million, following Mid-Term Review and successful implementation of activities as envisaged under current financing within a reasonable time frame. Linkages to Forest Investment Program and Pilot Program For Climate Change Resilience will be discussed in the October FIP Scoping mission. Regional landscape related initiatives also present opportunities including linkage to the Green Climate Fund.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Mid Term Review in Jan 2016 will review a possible Grant extension of 6 - 9 months

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

The most important outcomes include: (i) the establishment of a national REDD+ secretariat whose capacity is being built and which is beginning to build capacity; (ii) the status of forest cover at milestone years is at an advanced stage of completion - (FAQ); (iii) overall awareness on the drivers of deforestation and the importance of addressing deforestation is gaining momentum at a community and government/ decision maker level. Various community based REDD + projects are being implemented outside of this program demonstrating that national awareness has been built and communities are interested. These are the most important outcomes.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Coordination and monitoring of REDD + rediness process

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Functional REDD+ Secretariat, National Technical Committee and 3 Task Forces with capacity for coordination of REDD + agenda in Uganda and M and E framwork in place
Actual Output: REDD+ Secretariat operating with GoU staff and two recruited consultants; NTC and Task Forces constituted and holding meetings; draft M&E Framework available

Stakeholder Engagement and Feedback in Readiness Process

Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: Consultations on specific components (e.g. REDD+ Strategy, SESA, FGRM, Benefit Sharing, etc.);
Actual Output: Consultative structures have been established and initial consultations held on some aspects of the program but formal consultations on specific deliverables are still to take place..

REDD+ strategy and SESSA

Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: SESA report, including ESMF, and a properly consulted REDD+ Strategy
Actual Output: No outputs yet other than procurement documents

REDD + Implementation framework

Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: Analytical work on benefit sharing options, interim guidelines for pilots; and review and documentation of existing REDD+ pilots
Actual Output: No outputs yet other than procurement documents

National Reference Scenario and Inventory of Forest Resources

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Quantification of historic emissions/removals from deforestation, degradation, and enhancement of carbon stocks at a national scale; forest cover inventory in sample plots.
Actual Output: A data base for historical emissions data has been developed and digitalization of all historical-data on-going; inventory work started. Work is on track

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

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EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124296 - UG-FCPF REDD READINESS
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Ministry of Water and Environment (Forestry Services Support Department)
Contact: Margaret Athieno
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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

Joint supervision missions take place with UN REDD and Austrian Development Cooperation though the UN REDD Grant must still be signed.

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

No technical changes

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

FAO Technical Advisor providing key support. Bank Task Team providing on time quality support.

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 contract still to be issued

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

Still to be prepared as above

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

Upsream key stakeholder consultations are taking place - there is an eagerness to see grant implementation speeded up.

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DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	263,250.00	263,250.00
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	1,334,331.00	1,071,081.00
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	1,579,331.00	245,000.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	1,579,331.00	0.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00