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FCPF Thailand RPP Preparation Grant

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Thailand
Executed By	Bank
Managing Unit	8297 - EASTS - HIS
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/16/2012 to 07/31/2013
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	200,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	199,879.03 as of 06/30/2013
Disbursed 01/16/2012 to 06/30/2013	199,879.03
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the Grant is to assist a Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) Country Participant in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to develop its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP).

Overall progress from 01/16/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The grant objective has been met. The grant supported Government of Thailand efforts to draft their Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). The Thai R-PP was positively received by both the Technical Advisory Panel and the Participant's Committee.

Overall progress from 01/16/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The grant was implemented fully and in a timely manner. Thailand used the resources as expected to support the a thorough consultation process with stakeholders and to contract experts to support Government's efforts to prepare the four components of the Readiness Preparation Proposal. Many civil society organizations have taken part actively in the consultations and view the ongoing process of readiness as an opportunity to have high level dialogue on key issues related to forests including secure access and benefit sharing. Some civil society organizations were not fully satisfied with the consultation process to date but most have expressed their intention to remain engaged in the dialogue.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up project or grant (non-Bank funded)

Comment on follow up:

The R-PP was approved and Thailand became eligible for a FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant of USD 3.8 M subject to a Bank implemented review (Assessment Note) and due diligence process (including review of the Assessment note and related risk matrix) chaired by the Country Director. Ongoing discussions among stakeholder groups will determine the timeline for the completion of the assessment note and grant signing.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

COMPLETION

Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

Main lessons learned:

Thailand was unique in that this grant was implemented by the Bank at the request of the Government. Government of Thailand played a lead role in all key decisions and consultations and took full ownership of the final R-PP document. Nevertheless it is not recommended that other countries adopt a bank executed model.

The Department of National Parks and Plant Conservation (DNP) played an active role in convening multi-stakeholder meetings but was unable to directly address or satisfy the concerns of some stakeholder groups, particularly in relation to key issues such as forest access and forest tenure security. These issues will need to be further discussed and could potentially derail the process.

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Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

Comment:

On the whole the outcome is satisfactory although because of continuing differences among stakeholders the sustainability is uncertain. The grant facilitated a broad discussion at both national and subnational levels on the importance of forests including for climate change mitigation. More inter-agency dialogue is needed but a platform for discussion has been established. Stakeholder views, gathered through a series of consultation meetings, were well summarized in the R-PP.

Bank Performance:

Comment:

Bank performance was moderately satisfactory.

Additional Assessment

Development / strengthening of institutions:

Comment:

The grant amount and period of implementation were too short to accomplish significant institutional strengthening. If the process continues and Thailand implements their readiness proposal and engages in preparation of an Emissions Reduction Program there will be significant additional learning and strengthening that will take place. Initiation of a national dialogue on REDD among government agencies and commitment from GoT to establish a platform for dialogue on key issues with stakeholders are two significant outcomes that should be recognized.

Mobilization of other resources:

Comment:

This small grant has resulted in approval from the Participants Committee of the Thai R-PP so Thailand becomes eligible for an additional USD 3.8M grant and potentially also for a supplemental USD 5M grant for readiness and eventually perhaps for access to the Carbon Fund upon signing of a Emissions Reduction Program Agreement (ERPA).

Knowledge exchange:

Comment:

This small grant, given its short duration, has resulted in only modest contributions to knowledge exchange.

Client's policy / program implementation:

Comment:

If Thailand moves forward with the Readiness process there will be significant impacts on national policy and program implementation but it is not possible to judge at this point how readiness will proceed. At present the impacts of the national REDD dialogue on client policy and program implementation are more potential rather than fully realized.

Efficiency:

Comment:

The grant was fully utilized and the dialogue in Thailand proceeded at a good pace compared to many other countries participating in the REDD process.

Replicability:

Comment:

Bank execution of the grant is not recommended for replication.

Main recommendations to stakeholders:

See R-PP for stakeholder recommendations.

Main recommendations to Bank Management:

This response is really a recommendation to the Participant's committee rather than to Bank Management. Bringing some additional resources into the R-PP preparation phase would make sense. Instead of financing R-PP with 200k and implementation with 8.8 M it might make more sense to bring the preparation and supervision budgets up to 500K and

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200K/year respectively.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	36,905.02	36,905.02
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	169,757.96	132,852.94
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	199,879.03	30,121.07
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	199,879.03	0.00

PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None