

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – Guyana

PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT (PMR) FOR THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)

Operation number of grant:	GY-T1097
Reporting period / Fiscal year:	12/2014-05/2016
Last update:	N/A

OPERATION BASIC DATA

Recipient country:	GUYANA
Executing Agency (EA):	Ministry of Natural Resources
Team Leader:	Gerard Alleng
Grant start date / end date:	Feb-7-2014 / Feb-7-2018
Overall project stage:	Implementation

FINANCIAL DATA IN USD

Approved project cost (IDB) total:	3,800,000.00
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) total until 25/04/2016 (report date):	55,000.00
Planned disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015:	0.00
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015:	0.00
Outstanding commitments:	0.00
Accumulated administrative costs (IDB) total until 25/04/2016 (report date):	
Accumulated administrative costs (IDB) for report period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014:	

OVERVIEW

Operation objectives:

The objective of this operation is to assist the Government of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana (GoG) in their efforts to establish an enabling framework and build their capacity for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) by providing financial and technical assistance. Specifically, this Technical Cooperation (TC) will support: (i) improvements in the organization of the country for REDD+ readiness, including stakeholder consultations; and (ii) the preparation of the Guyana REDD+ Strategy to facilitate Guyana's access to additional funding under performance-based incentives

Overall progress from 01-01 2015 to 31-12-2015 with regard to achieving operation objectives

Following an internal process of institutional reorganization, the Ministry of Governance informed the Bank through correspondence dated November 18 2015, of the suspension of the responsibility of the Guyana Forestry Commission for the implementation of the Project. A contractual amendment was requested by the GoG in order to delegate the responsibility for the Project implementation to the Ministry of Natural Resources, as the Executing Agency. It is expected that the contractual amendment will be signed by April 2016.

Respecting the autonomy and sovereignty of the country, the IDB has supported the GoG in its decision, maintaining constant dialogue with the government officials in charge of the process in different ministries, providing support and facilitating a smooth transference of functions to the new Executing Agency.

Overall progress from 01-01 2015 to 31-12-2015 with regard to implementation of grant financed activities

- Component 1: Terms of reference for a Grievance Redress Mechanism were prepared and given no-objection by the Bank.

Planned activities and achieved milestones:

Component 1. Institutional arrangements and consultations for REDD+ readiness:

No progress to be reported.

Component 2. REDD+ Strategy and implementation framework:

No progress to be reported.

Component 3. Monitoring and evaluation of readiness activities

No progress to be reported.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FCPF COMMON APPROACH

Planned environmental and social sustainability standards for the whole project duration:

IDB's social and environmental safeguards and policies will be applied, in accordance to the FCPF Common Approach.

Applied environmental and social sustainability standards 01-01 2015 to 31-12-2015:

The "Joint FCPF/UN-REDD Programme Guidance Note for REDD+ Countries: Establishing and Strengthening Grievance Redress Mechanisms" (June 2015) was used to inform the development of the Terms of Reference approved for the GRM in Guyana.

Description of planned stakeholder engagement activities during the whole project duration (incl. timing and target groups):

Stakeholders' engagement will follow a communication strategy for the project, which has not yet been developed.

Description of progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and the Feedback & Grievance Redress Mechanism for Readiness (FGRM) on the country level related to this grant:

No progress to be reported.

Description of progress of preparation of ESMF until 25/04/2015 (report date). Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?:

No progress to be reported.

Description of the application of FCPF Guidance on Disclosure of Information until to 31-12-2015 (report date):

All framework documents of the project are available at the project website hosted in the IDB's webpage. A Back to Office Report from a supervision mission (March 2015) and the Annual Report (May 2015) were submitted to the FMT and are hosted in the FCPF website.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursement summary in US\$:

Approved project cost (IDB) total:	3,800,000.00
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Outstanding commitments:	0

Committed (contract is signed) and/or already disbursed money for project-specific activities (not including pre-execution and pre-implementation activities):

No progress to be reported.

Brief Description with commitments and plans for 2015: The following table shows the activities planned per component as well as their objective, expected date and costs for 2015:

No progress to be reported.

