



Uganda

Progress on FCPF REDD+ Readiness Activities (MTR)

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Overall Progress

Uganda has made significant progress towards achieving the objectives of the FCPF REDD+ Readiness grant

The REDD+ Readiness activities are moving steadily towards achieving the stated objectives, with Uganda establishing robust national REDD+ management arrangements, progressing well on establishment of the reference emissions level and conducting a forest inventory, and initiating development of Uganda's REDD+ Strategy and SESA process.

Disbursements and Commitments:

- ▶ *-Grant amount: \$3.634M (closing date June 30, 2017)*
- ▶ *-Cumulative disbursements to date: \$1,895,079 (52.15%)*
- ▶ *- Disbursements in FY16 to date: \$560,748.32*
- ▶ *-Total commitments: \$2,958,000 (81%)*

For information: Uganda's EoI to participate in FIP approved in May 2015 (for preparation of the FIP Investment Plan)

FCPF Grant Objective and Components

To design a socially and environmentally viable national strategy for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation as compared to a reference level

Component 1. Coordination and monitoring of REDD+ readiness progress

Component 2. Stakeholder Engagement and Feedback in Readiness Process

Component 3. REDD+ Strategy and SESA

Component 4. REDD+ Implementation Framework

Component 5. National Reference Scenario and Inventory of Forest Resources

Progress - Component 1

Coordination and monitoring of REDD+ readiness progress

- ▶ The National REDD+ Secretariat composed of the National Focal Point, Alternate National Focal Point, two Senior Forestry Officers, Chief Technical Advisor, Technical Advisor (FAO), Project / Communications Officer, and Project Accountant is effectively managing the national coordination of REDD+ and implementation of activities planned under the Readiness grant including procurement and financial aspects.
- ▶ The multi-sectoral National Climate Change Advisory Committee steers the REDD+ Readiness process in Uganda and provides policy guidance to the REDD+ agenda.
- ▶ The National Technical Committee and its three Task Forces (Strategy, SESA and Consultation and Participation, and Reference Scenario) provide technical guidance to REDD+.
- ▶ A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to monitor implementation progress of the REDD+ readiness process has been prepared (and utilized in preparation of the Mid Term Review report).
- ▶ The Mid Term Review conducted as an activity under this component.

Progress - Component 2

Stakeholder Engagement and Feedback in Readiness Process

- ▶ Four NGOs undertaking work on strengthening participatory structures for REDD+ (these NGOs were selected for work in specific regions, based on their comparative advantages).
- IUCN is providing the necessary coordination and methodological support for the work and working on strengthening participatory structures for REDD+ in Mt. Elgon, Karamoja, and Northern Region
- The Wildlife Conservation Society is working on strengthening structures in the Albertine Region
- Environmental Alert working on strengthening participatory structures in the Central, Mid-Eastern and Southern Region
- Tree Talk Plus, which has a track record in producing communication materials in support of sustainable management of natural (including forest) resources is developing all necessary communication materials on REDD+, including printed brochures and fliers, radio clips, etc.
- ▶ Development of a feedback and grievance redress mechanism ongoing - as an important building bloc of REDD+ Readiness

Progress - Component 3

REDD+ Strategy and SESA

- ▶ Preparation of National REDD+ Strategy ongoing - first “consulted draft” expected in September 2016 and final Strategy expected in November 2016
- ▶ SESA preparation expected to start in June 2016- resulting in a SESA Roadmap / Implementation Plan and an Environmental and Social Management Framework by March 2017
- ▶ Consultations with stakeholders on SESA and REDD strategy+ follow the REDD+ Consultation and Participation plan
- ▶ Well designed Gender Roadmap - is important aspect of Uganda’s REDD+ work

Progress - Component 4

REDD+ Implementation Framework

- ▶ Interim guidelines for REDD+ projects prepared and approved by the National Steering Committee - further development ongoing
- ▶ Work on developing benefit sharing arrangements for Uganda's National REDD+ Strategy in progress

Progress - Component 5

National Reference Scenario and Inventory of Forest Resources

Overall, Uganda made impressive progress on developing its national reference scenario, which serves, among others, as a robust basis for preparing a FIP Investment Plan.

- ▶ Preparation of the national forest reference emissions level is well advanced and is already informing national forestry policy discussions
- ▶ National forest definition approved
- ▶ Time-series data set for 1990; 2005, 2010 and 2015 available and undergoing accuracy assessment
- ▶ Emission factors available for 3 out of 4 identified forest strata
- ▶ Forest inventory work ongoing and is expected to be completed by June 2016

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

Bank fully supports Uganda's funding request for additional funding of US\$3.75 million

Request for additional funding fits within overall national vision for REDD+ and aligns to progress so far. Additional support requested for:

- ▶ R-PP Component 1. Organize and Consult - REDD+ Readiness Organization and consultation
- ▶ R-PP Component 3. Develop a Reference Scenario - Reference Emission Level/reference levels
- ▶ R-PP Component 4. Design a Monitoring System - Monitoring Systems for forest and implementation of FGMR and safeguards, strengthen gender integration

RISKS AND RISK MITIGATION

- ▶ Procurement delays: Quick turnaround needed
- ▶ Timeline: Govt and the task team will continue active project engagement - daily - monthly
- ▶ Financing for implementation: FIP being pursued in parallel to possible results based payments

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