



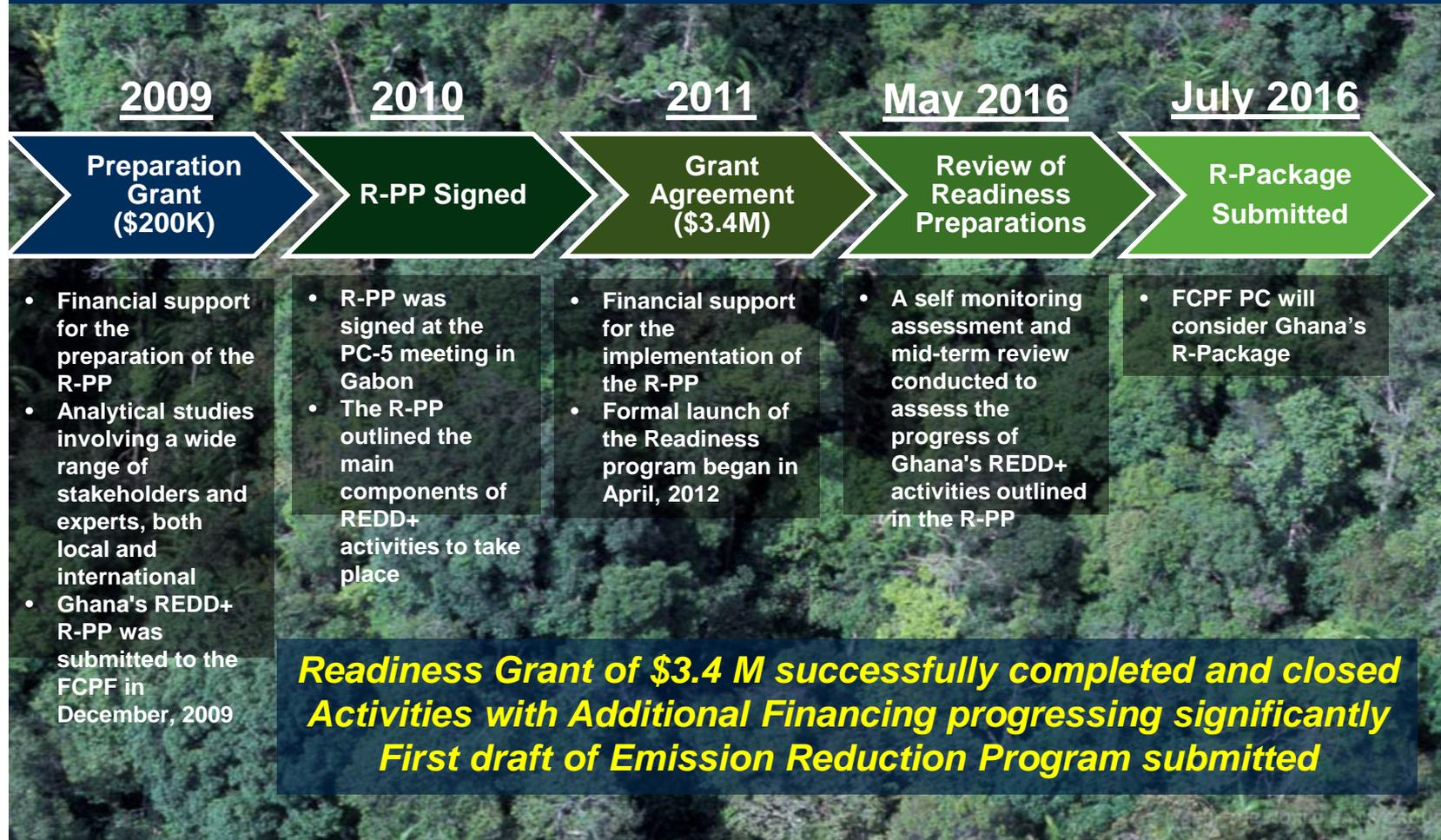
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Ghana's Progress on FCPF Readiness Grant Activities

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FCPF Funded Readiness Activities

Ghana's Steps Towards REDD Readiness:



FCPF Grant Objective

Support Ghana's REDD+ Readiness efforts:

- In the design of a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation;
- To develop a reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances;
- To support the coordination of the REDD+ readiness process and readiness preparation activities management, monitoring and evaluation;
- To develop a monitoring, reporting and verification system;
- Technical support relevant to design of Emission Reduction Program.

Readiness Progress supported by World Bank

Component 1: Readiness Organization and Consultation

- REDD Secretariat effectively managing the national co-ordination of REDD+ and implementation of activities planned under the readiness grant including procurement and financial aspects, and building national ownership of REDD+;
- Effective coordination with other REDD+ initiatives, Private Sector, Policy makers, NGOs, Traditional Authorities, and CSOs;
- Communication strategy prepared and implemented;
- Timely Financial audits conducted.

Component 2: REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- REDD strategy prepared, updated and validated;
- SESA completed; ESMF and RPF prepared;
- Implementation Framework: ToRs for Fund Management Arrangements finalized and work to be initiated in October 2016.

Readiness Progress

Component 3: Reference Emission Level / Reference Level

- Phase 1 completed: Development of methods and approaches following established international protocols;
- Significant progress on National and sub national Reference Level (expecting completion by December 2016);
- In country expertise used to develop approach to Degradation monitoring.

Component 4: Monitoring Systems for Forests & Safeguards

- MRV design, including roles and responsibilities completed;
- Test run of MRV system will be undertaken in 2017;
- SIS being designed (building on previous work with SNV); beta version to be available by early next year;
- Design of REDD Registry work will start in October 2016.

FCPF Readiness Supported Activities and Allocated Funding

R-PP Component	Total funding	Original grant	AF grant
Component 1. Organize and Consult	1,808,000	808,000	1,000,000
Component 2. Prepare the REDD+ Strategy	2,893,500	1,193,500	1,700,000
Component 3. Develop a Reference Scenario	1,245,000	1,245,000	-
Component 4. Design a monitoring system	2,653,500	153,500	2,500,000
TOTAL	8,600,000	3,400,000	5,200,000

Readiness Progress-Disbursements

Readiness Preparation Grant US\$3.4 million completed and closed;
Additional financing grant started implementation in March 2014;
Overall, despite a slow start, Ghana has shown significant progress in implementation of its readiness preparation and the FCPF grant supported components

Disbursements:

- *Grant amount: \$3.4M (completed in November 2014)*
- *Disbursed 7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016: \$2.24M*
- *Withdrawal application in progress: \$1.5M*
- *Total commitment: \$2.4M*

Ghana's R-Package

Independent consultant was engaged to facilitate the self assessment process;

R-Package is comprehensive. Has been validated by stakeholders;

Key challenges:

- For some stakeholders REDD implementation equally important as technical advancement; hence different perceptions of progress;
- Different viewpoints reflected in the self assessment report.

Key Achievements and Challenges Going Forward

Key Achievements:

- Submission of R-Package is evidence of Ghana's commitment to REDD+;
- Design of ER program very closely coordinated with REDD Readiness;
- Private Sector interest remains high (especially in Cocoa supply chains).

Key Challenges Going Forward:

- Managing stakeholder expectations;
- Demonstration of results is important. This is a signal of success of strides made in REDD readiness;
- Further coordination of multiple actors at inter-ministerial level required to address some challenges (such as Galamsey).



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Thank you
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