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## *Overview of FCPF REDD+ in Nepal*

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# Nepal is an early mover REDD Country, and has met major milestones under the both Readiness Fund & Carbon Fund.

Dates	Major activities
July 2009	R-PP Formulation Grant Agreement of \$200,000
March 2011	Readiness Grant Agreement of \$3.4million
April 2014	ER-PIN selected into the pipeline by the CF Participants
June 2015	Letter of Intent signed between the Bank & GON
August 2015	REDD+ Readiness Grant closed
November 2015	PC allocated additional Funding of \$5 million
September 2016	Nepal submitted R-Package seeking endorsement
Ongoing	Preparation of Emission Reduction Program Document (draft expected by the end of this year)

# Nepal satisfactorily completed 1st phase of readiness as documented in the R-Package (1).

- The R-Package is thorough. For each of 34 criteria in the Framework, it consistently **explains the achievements, recognizes shortcomings, and includes steps to address** them.
- Nepal adopted **a very comprehensive multi-stakeholder self-assessment** process that resulted into a consensus national assessment.
- Two major issues include:
  1. Capacity of the government remains limited (including high staff turn-over rate in REDD IC); and
  2. Governance of IPOs and CSO Alliance remains a challenge.

# Nepal satisfactorily completed 1st phase of readiness as documented in the R-Package (2).

- The issues would be addressed in the next phase under the additional funding. **The Bank remains committed to provide the necessary implementation support.**
- Overall, Nepal has achieved **significant progress** on REDD+ Readiness.
- The Bank fully supports the **Nepal's request to the PC to endorse the R-Package.**

# Signing of Additional \$5 million Grant Agreement has taken longer than expected, but will happen very soon.

- The Bank is **working closely with Nepal** to process the additional funding and to continue the implementation of the Readiness Activities.
- The processing of the additional funding took longer than expected, but is back on track as **the processing hurdles are being lifted.**
- We expect the Grant to be signed **within the next couple of months.**

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- Currently, the WBG land-use related portfolio in Nepal is dominated by projects in the energy sector (hydropower) and agriculture.
- There is an increasing recognition in the country that **forests should be managed as a valuable economic resource.**
- The Bank is **committed to support Nepal in sustainably managing its forest resources** to stimulate economic development, promote social stability and address climate change.

# World Bank is committed to build a portfolio on Forests and land-use in Nepal (2).

- The **programmatic approach** will offer a range of instruments (TA, Investments, and performance-based payments).
- Nepal is well positioned to become **a pilot for implementing the Forest Action Plan.**
- Preparation of the ERPD and FIP investment plan provide **an entry point to develop a comprehensive program to maximize the multiple values of country forest assets.**



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Thank you!

