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Assignment: TFCM -- FCPF REDD READINESS

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FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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| Summary Information | |
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| TF Status | ACTV |
| Recipient Country | Cameroon |
| Executed By | Recipient |
| Managing Unit | 9061 - GENDR |
| Grant Start Date / End Date | 12/23/2013 to 9/30/2018 |
| Program Manager | Simon J. Whitehouse |
| Original Grant Amount | 3,600,000.00 |
| Grant Amount | 3,600,000.00 |
| Outstanding Commitments | 1932156.48 |
| Cumulative Disbursements | 1667843.52 as of 2/8/2017 |
| Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 2/8/2017 | 1400000 |
| Donor | TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS |

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome, Components/Outputs, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments and Ratings

Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to reinforce Cameroon's capacities to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and to develop a national reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances.

Overall progress from 7/1/2016 to 2/8/2017 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Rating: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Unsatisfactory on 06/30/2015)

Comment:

The activities scheduled during Grant Report and Monitoring period remain consistent with the Grant development objective and the Readiness Preparation Plan. Significant delays in the previous reporting period have begun to be addressed, however improvements are still needed in order to ensure successful implementation of grant activities.

Overall progress from 7/1/2016 to 2/8/2017 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Rating: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2015)

Comment:

The Grant activities were officially launched on June 11, 2014 during a national workshop with the participation of all main stakeholders. During the first two years the Grant activities were slow and were dominated by the Technical Secretariat staffing. With the hiring of the Program Coordinator the process has accelerated for key contracts and activities but achievements were initially limited. In recent months the Technical Secretariat has made significant progress in producing reports, conducting stakeholder engagement, and engaging consultants for analytical products that are key for the REDD+ program.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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Expected follow up (if any): Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

The Bank is working closely with the Government in the preparation of an Investment Plan and also an ERPD program for the South West region.

Comment on follow up:

The readiness process could be used to leverage additional investments in forest resources management, however it will be largely dependent on the successful implementation of the grant and the targeted activities.

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 02/16/2016

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Grant Outcome Indicators

1. A National draft REDD+ Strategy (including its implementation framework) incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations is prepared in consultative manner and validated by national stakeholders. A draft framework for managing potential social and environmental risks of agreed REDD+ strategy options is prepared and validated;
2. A preliminary national/sub national forest emissions reference level, based on updated and quantified information of forest resources and national circumstances is established.

COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. **SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL READINESS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2015)

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: Streamlining the utilization of REDD+ funds by setting up a Technical Secretariat team

Actual Output: The fiduciary staff (Financial Management and procurement specialists, Accountant) and Social development Specialist and Environmental Specialist are recruited under the grant resources and have assumed their duties in terms of funds planning and management.

Component 2. **SUPPORT TO THE DESIGN OF A NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY**

Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Unsatisfactory on 06/30/2015)

Status: Procurement On going

Planned Output: Analytical reports

Actual Output: The first draft of the National Strategy was completed, and a second draft is currently under review. The majority of TOR's have been completed and several consultancies are well

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underway. Internally-produced studies and analyses have all completed at minimum first drafts and some are complete.

Component 3. **INFORMING THE NATIONAL REFERENCE SCENARIO FOR REDD+**

Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Not Rated on 06/30/2015)

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: Model potential future pressures on the forests in Cameroon and provide justification for the HFLD designation, as well as emission factor choices

Actual Output: Report not yet finalized

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124293 - CM -- FCPF REDD READINESS

Project Status: **Lending**

Global Focal Area: Climate change

Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Ministry of the Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development

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PROGRAM

Program Specific Questions

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1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by others.

Coordination with the other partners is currently ensured through: i) participation to the REDD+ partner's technical working group meeting on the monthly basis, (ii) meeting with them during implementation support missions and (iii) coordination through Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Environment.

2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.

A consolidated timeline processes has been agreed upon to accelerate REDD+ readiness activities.

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.

The hiring of fiduciary team has assisted in addressing the FM constraints. All technical staff are now hired, and the team has produced preliminary studies necessary to inform consultancies, all of which are now also underway, including: drivers of deforestation; national reference level; national forest monitoring system; benefit-sharing mechanism, financial arrangements, institutional arrangements, legal analysis, etc.

4. Describe progress in addressing social and environmental issues (including safeguards) related to the Grant. Is the SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach?

The firm to conduct the SESA has been hired, but the SESA process has been placed on hold pending results from the drivers of deforestation analysis and the identification of strategic options.

5. Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?

The ESMF preparation is not started but will be prepared as part of the SESA process.

6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and disclosure related to this Grant.

The stakeholders consultation continues to be led by the Ministry of Environment, Civil Society organization Platforms. ST-REDD consults regularly with the platform, as well as with additional civil society networks and platforms who have chosen not to be part of the official platform. In addition, ST-REDD has initiated a strategy for engaging private sector through collaboration with the IFC, with promising early signals from private sector actors. ST-REDD distributes a quarterly newsletter, and has conducted outreach to journalists and other government ministries and departments, as well as conducting monthly donor collaboration meetings.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

| Date From | Date To | Planned Cumulative | Planned Period | Actual Cumulative | Actual Period |
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