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Assignment: TTF019148-Sudan REDD+ Readiness Preparation Support

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### FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Sudan
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	3/4/2015 to 3/31/2019
Program Manager	Simon J. Whitehouse
Original Grant Amount	US\$3,800,000
Grant Amount	US\$3,800,000
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	US\$1,358,414.21 as of 2/13/2017
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 2/13/2017	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
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:

To strengthen Sudan's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation plus (REDD+) strategy.

#### Overall progress from 7/1/2016 to 2/13/2017 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The Sudan REDD+ Readiness Team has made significant progress towards achieving the grant objective and they remain on track for delivery. All ToRs for conducting key REDD+ readiness studies have been cleared and process of hiring consultants is well underway. The Technical Assistance Agreement been the GoS and FAO for establishing an MRV system is also under implementation. The Task Team should continue providing timely support to the client to keep the project on track and achieve its objective.

#### Overall progress from 7/1/2016to 2/13/2017 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The challenge of the earlier delays due to the inability to transfer funds to the project have been resolved and the pace of implementation has picked up considerably. The next mission is planned for late April or early May 2017 at which time the task team hopes to raise the progress rating to Satisfactory.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

The Government of the Republic of Sudan has received a USD 3.80 million grant from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), which will be administered by the World Bank/IBRD, to implement Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Readiness Project. The readiness preparation activities, which will be financed by the grant, will primarily include: (i) Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement, (ii) Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment, (iii) Support for stakeholder engagement, and (iv)Support for Monitoring, Reporting Verification. The Project is expected to be closed by March 2019.

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

The Task Team should support and follow-up on:

- The preparation of work plan and procurement plan;
- Quality of studies on land tenure, drivers of deforestation and land degradation, REDD+ strategy and MRV;
- Inclusive and active engagement of stakeholders; and
- Implementation of forest inventory and MRV system.

**Comment on follow up:**

The team is holding regular video conferences with the project between missions.

**End Date of Last Site Visit:** 11OCT16

**Restructuring of Grant:**N/A

### OUTCOME

#### Comments on outcome achieved from 7/1/2016 to 2/13/2017

The preparation of TORs by the client to undertake the key REDD+ readiness studies. The ToRs have been reviewed and no objection has been provided by the Bank and procurement processes have started.

A \$1.3 million Technical Agreement between the GoS and FAO for establishing an MRV system has begun and work has commenced.

The REDD+ Secretariat has maintained an inclusive readiness process ensuring routine awareness events at the state and sub-state levels to enhance stakeholder understanding of the program.

The project has ensured to help the Secretariat staff undertake training both within country and in the sub-region to improve implementation and monitoring performance.

The Secretariat has also represented the country at key global meetings on forests and climate change.

#### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome Indicators are used.

### COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

#### Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement:

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**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** National and state levels institutions are strengthened and are effectively coordinating the implementation of REDD+ readiness activities.

**Actual Output:** At national level, REDD+ Management Unit, Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups established. At the State level focal persons have been identified and operational. Consultations have been held on REDD+ issues around the country.

### **Component 2. Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment**

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** A National REDD+ Strategy, incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations, is prepared and validated by national stakeholders

**Actual Output:** ToRs for the studies have been cleared and procurement process is on-going. The team expects to increase the rating to satisfactory during the next mission assuming initial reports from the studies are ready to be discussed.

### **Component 3. Support for stakeholder engagement**

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** Establish a functional CSOs Platform

**Actual Output:** During the October 2016 mission, the project demonstrated significant progress in consultation throughout Sudan. Reports since then indicate the progress is continuing.

### **Component 4. Support for Monitoring, Reporting and Verification**

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** MRV system established

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**Actual Output:** An MOU has been signed with FAO Sudan and work on the MRV has begun. The team expects to raise the rating to Satisfactory upon reviewing progress during the planned April/May 2017 mission.

**Component 5.** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Status:** Choose an item.

**Planned Output:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Actual Output:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

### Comment on planned and actual Output

### Comment on component implementation progress

The REDD+ Technical Assistance has four components. Progresses in each of the components are described below:

- (i) Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement: The REDD+ Secretariat has been established at the National level and focal persons has been identified and provided with the necessary office equipment in all the 18 States.
- (ii) Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment: There is a good progress towards preparing REDD+ Strategy and SESA - procurement processes for both are well underway.
- (iii) Support for stakeholder engagement: The project identified CSOs and local communities to engage stakeholders at various levels. Stakeholder engagement is underway and reportedly going well.
- iv) Support for Monitoring, Reporting Verification: A Technical Agreement has signed between the Government of Sudan and FAO. Work towards establishing an MRV are well underway.

The client requires close support from the World Bank to fast track project activities.

### EXECUTION

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## Bank project related to the grant

**Project ID / Name:** P152322 - Sudan - FCPF REDD Readiness

**Project Status:** Lending

**Global Focal Area:** Climate change

**Product Line:** CN - Carbon Offset

## Implementing agency and contact details

**Agency:** Forests National Corporation (FNC)

**Contact:** Dr Mohamed Ali Elhadi Ali, General Manager, FNC

**Address:** Republic of Sudan, Khartoum

## PROGRAM

### Program Specific Questions

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

The Sudan Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project is financed by the World Bank (GEF) and being implemented in 3 States. The SSNRMP works in enhancing capacity of natural resources management institutions in rehabilitating natural forests and rangelands. The REDD+ project has been linked with this project in creating awareness of the importance of sustainable natural forest management to local communities

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

No change in Grant activities.

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

The REDD+ project staff is receiving training on technical aspects. This training will be expanded as the project progresses.

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#### 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 ToR for preparing SESA has been cleared by the Bank and the client is in the process of hiring an international firm to start with the work.

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

Yes it is designed in accordance with the common approach.

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

Similar to SESA and ESMF it is under preparation, with some consultations already beginning to take place in the 18 states across the country. Sudan REDD+ Secretariat has carried out consultations as part of the preparation process. This consultative approach will be sustained continued during the grant implementation as well.

### DISBURSEMENTS

#### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	100,000	100,000	0	0
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	700,000	600,000	529,686.49	529,686.49
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	1,300,000	600,000	554,120.61	24,434.12
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	1,800,000	500,000	1,245,657.53	691,536.92
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	2,300,000	500,000	1,358,414.21	112,756.68
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	2,800,000	500,000	1,358,414.21	0.00
1/1/2018	6/30/2018	3,300,000	500,000	1,358,414.21	0.00
7/1/2018	12/31/2018	3,600,000	300,000	1,358,414.21	0.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	3,800,000	200,000	1,358,414.21	0.00

Approved by:

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