



# Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

## World Bank Report on Cameroon's MTR and Request for additional funding

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# Objective and Components of the FCPF Grant

## Objective

The 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.

## Grant Components

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

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

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

# Cameroon Process : Challenging **but** exciting

- R-PP approval in February 2013.
- The Grant agreement was counter-signed in December 2013.
- The first disbursement arrived in 2014.
- Creation of REDD+ National Steering Committee by PM`s Arreté signed on June 13, 2012. Most of the relevant stakeholders are represented in this Committee including CSO and IPs.
- As the R-PP preparation process was delayed, the implementation follows unfortunately the same trend, but...
- **The Trade-Offs Associated with REDD+ continue to be huge in the Cameroon context**
  - **Population growth implies increase of food security needs and more pressure on forest**
  - **Therefore, sustainable agriculture will be key to grounding REDD+ in the context of sustainable development for Cameroon**
  - **Energy demands imply development of energy infrastructures ( dams, transmission lines, etc.) with risk of more deforestation and forest degradation**
  - **REDD+ payments offer an incentive for sustainable approaches to agriculture, energy, mining, and other development opportunities**

# Update on Grant Monitoring and Reporting (1)

## Component 1- SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL READINESS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- GoC today owns the intellectual leadership of REDD+ readiness process, thanks to the crucial operational and coordination role played by ST-REDD.
- ST-REDD provides forum for donors and technical partners to stay informed on the REDD+ process and coordinate activities and financing
- CSO Engagement: ST-REDD maintains communication with several platforms and networks of CSOs, including the CC/REDD+ Platform, the Forests and Communities Platform, and the IP network. CSO's are self-organized, and have participated in consultations in the ER-Program area, and in the development of regional platforms within the Program Area
- A strong multi-faceted communications strategy and consultation plan is being implemented, and includes the successful development of a training module approach being used by all main groups conducting stakeholder engagement on REDD+
- The national strategy is in its second draft, with a third draft expected by the end of the year

# Update on Grant Monitoring and Reporting (2)

## Component 2 Design of the National REDD+ Strategy

- Studies of D+D – internal national-level literature review complete – comprehensive external study nearly complete
- Strategic Options analysis – will be finalized with results from above studies, etc.
- Work on BSM, FGRM in final stages of concept development
- SESA in early stages

# Update on Grant Monitoring and Reporting (3)

## Component 3 - National Reference Scenario

- Forest definition validated
- Operational definitions of deforestation and forest degradation achieved
- Decision on which carbon pools to measure
- Decision on the approaches, methods and Tier to apply
- First draft of FRL at national level expected in May
- Program REL – planned improvements on PIN estimate
- Forest inventories – additional financing needed to assess and build on 2005 inventory
- Action Plan for development of MRV system completed
- SIS – early stages of development

# FCPF Grant: Financial Reporting

Year	Disbursed (USD)	Committed
FY16	approx 516,000	
FY17 (thru 3/14)	approx 334,000	1.1 million (disbursement expected June 2017)
<b>Total since 2014</b>	<b>1.7 million</b>	<b>2.8 million plus operating costs = 3.4 m</b>

Over the past year the REDD+ readiness program in Cameroon has improved materially; major studies are near completion, which will bring readiness grant to near complete disbursement, with the completion of the design of many of the main building blocks of ER-Program

# Key Messages (1/4)

- Great opportunity to leverage FCPF readiness funds, CAFI, and FIP investments towards an effective ER-Program ready to produce, report, and verify ER's for results- based payments.
  - Coordination is a challenge (including among donor processes), but the structures are in place to facilitate this
- Significant opportunities to engage private sector, cocoa, palm oil, etc. Early engagement with IFC and key private sector actors shows promising signs.
- The team remains conscious that the process was delayed and will probably continue to face challenges with implementation – but significant progress is clear since the ST-REDD has been operational (March 2016).

## Key Messages (2/4)

- The team considers that this additional financing will help partners to continue their constructive engagement and forward progress
- CSOs involvement is a key factor in progress, but more transparency in resources management will be required
  - In light of request by one of the platforms (CC/REDD+) to be allotted 30% of the “REDD+ and CC budget”: the WB confirms the need for additional financial support for CSOs in general, but is not in a position to confirm or recommend any set percentage to one platform, as this is directly linked to the needs of the Program development process and the tasks that remain during the drafting of the ER-PD

## Key Messages (3/4)

- For any AF funding to CSOs, the Bank will recommend a comprehensive audit of activities and funds management from the platform's original grant, as well as review of leadership structure, to assess capacity of the platform to take on a significantly larger role in implementation of readiness activities beyond review of program design and links to regional CSOs.
- Also suggest to continue to explore the role of the Forest and Communities' CSO Platform and their capacity to increase engagement, as well as the IP network, for balanced support and engagement with all main civil society networks
- To ensure equitable opportunities and participation among CSOs, a list of activities that could be implemented by CSOs should be prepared and an open bidding process launched

# Key Messages (4/4)

## WB fully supports additional funding request

- Fully aligns with FCPF standards and WB goals of reducing poverty and sharing prosperity as well as conservation and climate change mitigation

## Additional funding to address strategic gaps

- Emphasis on strengthening capacity of sub-national actors
- Emphasis on strengthening capacity to implement REDD+ activities, especially important for implementing ER-Program
- Enhancing private sector engagement and inter-sectoral government buy-in

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attention

