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Honduras: FCPF MTR and Request for Additional Funding

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FCPF Honduras Readiness Grant Overview

- Grant amount: \$3.8m
- Grant duration: 3 years (July 2014 – July 2017)- extension will be requested
- Grant components:
 - National REDD+ Strategy agreed upon with key stakeholders
 - Enabling framework for the National REDD+ Strategy developed (including FREL, NFMS, and SIS)
- UNDP is delivery partner

Key Milestones

- Establish and implement coordination and participation structures and mechanisms
- Position the forestry sector at a high-political level and communicate the national REDD+ process
- Develop the National REDD+ Strategy
- Support development of Honduras forest reference level
- Establish the National Forest Monitoring System
- Strengthen capacities of the forest monitoring group and key stakeholders (indigenous peoples, Afro-Hondurans, *campesinos*)
- Support the development of the National Safeguards System (NSS)

Key Challenges going forward

Internal

- Consolidate effective coordination among government institutions necessary for successful REDD+ implementation in Honduras: Miambiente, CLIMA+ office, ICF, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Government Coordination, Agriculture
- Reach widespread ownership and agreements for implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy
- Access investment finance for REDD+ implementation and transition to results-based payments

External

- Managing risks related to the national political climate (upcoming elections), human rights situation in Honduras

Coordination with other REDD+ initiatives

- Miambiente leads coordination efforts among initiatives supporting REDD+ in Honduras
- Since July 2016, both the FCPF and UN-REDD projects have a joint Project Board to ensure full complementarity
- Other partners coordinate through the Inter-institutional Committee for Climate Change led by Miambiente and with the participation of all relevant Government Institutions
- A climate change donors platform (Mesa de Cooperantes) serves as coordination platform for other donors supporting Honduras
- Spaces and procedures that allow for the effective participation of relevant stakeholders at the national, subnational and regional levels have been created (REDD+ Subcommittee and sectoral platforms for IP, private sector, NGOs, Government) considering equitable participation of women during the readiness process

Changes in Technical Design

- No important changes, as reviewed and endorsed by MTR Consultant

Progress in addressing key capacity issues

- Extensive capacity building on REDD+, climate change and safeguards supported since 2014 in several training events for more than 1000 people
- Technical assistance from several organizations: UNDP, FAO (UN-REDD and FLEG-T), UNEP, IUCN, GIZ, USAID, CARE
- Significant investment in capacity building and awareness raising on REDD+ readiness and implementation
- Key policy makers and REDD+ focal points provided support to participate in regional and international training, technical workshops and UNFCCC COPs
- UNDP provides supervision and support to financial management and procurement

Progress and next steps in addressing social and environmental issues

- In-depth stakeholder analysis, preliminary identification of social and environmental issues, and early dialogues and capacity building completed (SESA's first stage)
- Analysis of PLR framework undertaken and identification of the policy instrument for the National REDD+ Strategy (National Agroforestry Program) completed
- SESA's second stage and PAM design started in February 2017
- Legal and institutional framework for REDD+ safeguards completed
- Policies and measures will be screened for social and environmental risks once the draft PAMs are complete (June 2017)
- An ESMF will be prepared during 2017

Progress in stakeholder consultation and participation

- Supported the establishment and strengthening of several participation platforms including: MIACC, CONPAH, the Lenca Sectorial Platform, the Safeguards Committee and the REDD+ Subcommittee which serves as structures for stakeholder engagement of REDD+ readiness process
- Gender mainstreaming is a significant challenge. Initial progress includes involving Indigenous and Afro-Honduran Women Network and Municipal Offices of Women from target municipalities in the REDD+ national process and a regional workshop on gender and REDD+
- Dialogues for the draft FPIC Law (for broader purposes than REDD+) supported in collaboration with a human rights project

Progress in completing REDD+ readiness

REDD+ pillar	Progress to date	Expected completion
National REDD+ Strategy	Policy instrument and vision identified. Initial dialogues completed	December 2017
Forest Reference Level	Submitted to the UNFCCC in January 2017 including deforestation	In process of technical evaluation
National Forest Monitoring System	Forest monitoring unit and working group established, system operating	August 2017 regulations to be concluded
Safeguards Information System	Legal and institutional analysis for safeguards completed	July 2018 (NSS fully operational and summary of information submitted to the UNFCCC)
Technical Annex of the BUR		2018

Information sharing and accessibility

- Official REDD+ Honduras website: <http://ocphn.org/reddhonduras.html>
- REDD+ Newsletters: http://ocphn.org/boletines_redd.html
- REDD+ video in Honduras, at <http://ocphn.org/reddhonduras.html> or in Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68VngaixPNE>
- Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/REDD-Honduras-895371723835998/>
- REDD+ Academy Sessions (13 workshops):
http://www.ocphn.org/estrategia_redd.html
- Reaching sectors without internet is a challenge, other culturally appropriated communication channels (i.e radio) will be used in 2017

Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism

- Assessment undertaken (in line with FCPF/UN-REDD guidance on GRMs) in 2013 to determine sources of grievances related to REDD+ and institutional capacity to address them, including recommendations for next steps to establish a functional GRM
- The REDD+ Sub-committee will clarify i) roles and responsibilities with regard to the GRM and ii) procedure for receipt, register, referral and response to complaints.
- While the GRM is being established, the response to complaints from multiple stakeholders has taken place through i) training workshops with CONASAH, REDD+ activities, and ii) letters sent to the Minister of the Environment, which have been speedily addressed.

Delivery partner role regarding human rights and indigenous peoples situation

UNDP Honduras has a broad portfolio to support improvement of human rights and indigenous peoples situation in Honduras, including and since 2013:

- Facilitating dialogues on human rights
- Supporting development of specific policies against racism and discrimination
- Providing capacity building to Government, civil society, and justice operators
- Strengthening capacities of indigenous peoples on IP rights and conflict resolution (300 leaders from nine PIAH) with ILO
- Strengthening the Indigenous and Afro-Hondurans Network of Women
- Facilitated a dialogue process between the State and the PIAH for the creation of mechanism for a Free, Prior and informed consent (18 dialogues over 1400 people)

Conclusion / Key Messages

- Honduras has made significant progress in implementing REDD+ Readiness Grant (57% Funds Utilization by October 2016 as per Annex 1 in GMR)
- There is a strong ownership of the programme and commitment to implementation
- There is a clear need for additional resources to complete the readiness process
- The REDD+ process has served to establish new dialogues and cooperative processes – hence the additional funding will serve to further consolidate a good model of SE and a process of rights-based development policy
- UNDP fully supports Honduras’s request for additional funding from the FCPF Readiness Fund
- UNDP remains committed to provide necessary technical, policy and implementation support

Thank you
