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Assignment: TF018779

REDD Readiness preparation in Togo FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Togo
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/21/2015 to 06/30/2019
Program Manager	Simon J. Whitehouse
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,591,245.05 as of 06/30/2017
Disbursed 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017	970,483.81
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

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

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments and Ratings

Grant Objectives:

The development objective is to reinforce the Republic of Togo's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Rating: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Comment:

All the implementing agencies have been set up and functioning including the National Committee for REDD+, the REDD+ regional focal points have been nominated in the country's five regions. All the twelve planned studies were launched and are due to be completed by December 2017.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Rating: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Comment:

Disbursement has improved in the last FY given that the recruitment of firms and individual consultants for the various analytical tasks has been finalized and are ongoing. As of June 30, 2017 Disbursement has reached 42% of the total grant, while around 97% of the grant amount is already committed to activities through the end of 2018.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Non Applied

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

Comment on follow up:

- Ensure the quality of reports for all studies to be carried out, including the country national REDD+ strategy which is the project main output;
- Follow up the stakeholders consultations;
- Establish the monitoring and evaluation mechanism and ensure it follows procedures.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Non Applied

Activity Risk

Rating: Modest Risk (Original Risk Rating is Modest Risk)

Comment:

The risk is modest at this stage. The work for the development of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) has been launched.

Critical Issues and Pending Actions for Management Attention

There are currently no issues and actions for Management attention.

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017

Significant progress has been recorded with regards to achieving the grant objectives. The administrative bodies created to guide and manage the REDD+ process (the National REDD+ Committee, the REDD+ National Working Group, and the REDD+ National Coordination) are fully in place and operational. REDD+ regional focal points are also operational in the country's five regions. Information sessions and consultations on REDD+ have been carried out throughout the country with a variety of stakeholders, resulting in their strong involvement in the REDD+ process. The main stakeholders are equipped with roadmaps to enable them to carry out sensitization activities at the grassroots level. In addition, thematic working groups have been established with the different sectoral ministries to ensure their input to the REDD+ process. All the studies necessary to inform the strategy have been launched and, while some have been completed and validated, the remaining studies should be completed by December 2017. A draft 0 of the REDD+ strategy was developed. Finally, the activities related to environmental and social safeguards have been launched.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

There are no components defined for this trust fund / grant.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: All the implementing agencies have been set up and functioning including the National Committee for REDD+, the REDD+ regional focal points have been nominated in the country's five regions. All the twelve planned studies were launched and are to be completed by December 2017;

Accountability and transparency: The legal framework and institutional arrangements for effective management of the REDD + process in Togo are fully in place and are operational. The legal framework consists of various legislative texts ensuring the independent and transparent operation (financially and in terms of decision-making) of the REDD + management bodies in Togo.

Consultation process: As part of the REDD + process in Togo, the National Commission for Sustainable Development (CNDD) and the Local Commissions for Sustainable Development (CLDD) serve as platforms for consultation and participation. To this end, the project national coordination Unit has accompanied the establishment and operationalization of the Prefectural Commissions for Sustainable Development (CPDD). A total of 36 CPDDs out of 39 are in place.

Dissemination of information and access to information: To ensure a good information access and dissemination to the various stakeholders, the National Coordination Unit has developed a communication strategy.

Component 2: Preparation of the national strategy REDD+. In preparing the national REDD+ strategy, the Togo readiness proposal proposes first to examine how current loopholes in land use and forest law, policy and governance contribute to deforestation and forest degradation and to identify possible solutions. Many studies were carried out.

Sub-component 2a. Assessment of land use, land-use change factors, laws, policies and forest governance. On the basis of an initial workshop to prepare ToR for analytical studies with stakeholders, in December 2015, the REDD+ project National Coordination Unit coordinated the launching of eight analytical studies to assess land use, drivers of changes in land use, forest law, policy and governance to identify the main drivers of forest deforestation and / or degradation sustainable forest management and carbon stock enhancement activities.

Subcomponent 2b: Strategic Options for REDD+. Togo hopes that the national REDD + strategy builds on national priorities for sustainable development, UNFCCC guidelines and, more recently, commitments under the Paris Agreements.

Sub-Component 2c: Implementation Framework. On the basis of the annual work plan for 2017, the project National Coordination REDD+ Unit is working on the institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements needed to implement REDD+ strategic options. Implementation of REDD+ strategic options is specific to land use patterns (forest, crops, cash crops,

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pastures, etc.) and the legal and social context.

Sub-Component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts of REDD Readiness. As part of the integration of environmental and social safeguard measures, two experts (an environmentalist and a social development specialist) were recruited to strengthen the EESS unit. The management of this component is carried out in close collaboration with The National Agency for Environmental Management (ANGE), which supervises and ensures that the entire SESA process is carried out in accordance with the relevant national provisions (and World Bank / FCPF criteria). The ANGE has appointed an agent who supported the National Coordination Unit, ensuring close monitoring of activities.

Component 4: Forest monitoring systems. It includes the national forest monitoring system and information system on multiple benefits, governance and Safeguards.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P149942 - REDD Readiness preparation in Togo
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: The Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources
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Implementation performance ratings from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to:

Project Management: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

The project is implementing in conformity with FCPF and World Bank procedures. But the capacity of the Project Coordination Unit need to be reinforced

Financial Management: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

The capacity of the project financial management cel need to be reinforced.

Counterpart Funding: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

There is enough resources for the procurement.

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Procurement: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

The country procurement procedures are very long

Monitoring and Evaluation: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

The monitoring and evaluation mechanism is under development

Additional Comments on Implementation Performance:

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 FCPF activities are coordinated with the World Bank's IDLM (Integrated Disaster and Land Management) project and GIZ funding mainly for the country forestry inventory and MRV (Monitoring, Reporting and Verification).

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

No change in the project design.

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

The administrative bodies guiding and managing the REDD+ process have benefited from various capacity building and training activities. Moreover, training workshops for all institutions involved in the procurement process have also been organized.

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 work to develop the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) has been launched in accordance with World Bank safeguard policies, which are in line with the Common Approach.

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

The preparation of the ESMF has recently been launched, in accordance with World Bank safeguard policies, which are in line with the Common Approach.

6 .Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, disclosure of information, and the FGRM related to this Grant.

Stakeholder consultations have been undertaken throughout the country from October 2015 to date, involving more than 30,000 civil society actors of various sectors, of which 53% are women. These stakeholders are represented within the different bodies involved in the consultation and participation process, namely the Village Development Committees (CVD), the Cantonal Development Committees (CCD), the Prefectural Sustainable Development Commission (CPDD), the Regional Sustainable Development Commission (CRDD), and the National Sustainable Development Commission (CNDD). Moreover, a communication strategy has been developed and validated at national level to ensure the effective distribution and access to information for the various stakeholders.

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DOCUMENTS

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DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	343,642.61	343,642.61
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	371,897.69	28,255.08
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	620,761.24	248,863.55
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	1,097,028.98	476,267.74
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,591,245.05	494,216.07
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

INTERNAL COMMENTS

Date:08/31/2017 User ID:WB364229 Name:Mr Koffi Hounkpe Operation performed:Mail Sent to PM

Dear Benoit,

Please find the updated GRM for you approval. This GRM was prepared for the package for the presentation of Togo FCPF /REDD+ readiness mid report in Laos.

Thanks

Koffi

Date:08/31/2017 User ID:WB364229 Name:Mr Koffi Hounkpe Operation performed:

Dear Simon,

For you action if needed to allow me to submit the GRM to approval

Best regards

Koffi