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Republic of Nigeria's Readiness Preparation Proposal - Readiness Fund of the FCPF

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Task Team Leader: 00000342505 - Amos Abu
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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Nigeria
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	02/25/2015 to 08/31/2018
Program Manager	Simon J. Whitehouse
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,592,351.62 as of 06/30/2017
Disbursed 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017	1,092,351.62
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:

Project Development Objective for the Readiness Preparedness Support is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Key Results

1. The following are the key results of the Readiness Preparation Activities:
 1. REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional (disaggregated by national and sub-national level);
 2. A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process;
 3. A National Environmental and Social Management Framework developed and validated through a national Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment process;
 4. A National Reference Emissions Level established;
 5. Direct project beneficiaries (number), of which female (percentage).

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

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

Comment:

After the initial delay in implementation, substantial progress has been made. Since the last GRM, progress on the implementation of Readiness activities has been substantial. Please refer to Sections #Components/Outputs#as well as #Outcomes# for a detailed presentation of the main progress achieved.

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

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

Comment:

During the period under review, the Federal Government of Nigeria has showed significant effort and commitments to the accelerated implementation of the project. The program has demonstrated substantial progress. Disbursement rose from 0% to 41.90 % while commitment now stands at over 50%. Specifically, a total of US\$ 1.5 million has been disbursed and indications are that this trend is likely to continue given the commencement of planned activities.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Context: The FCPF Participants# Committee approved the Readiness Preparation Grant Funding to Nigeria in the amount of up to US\$3.8 million .

The FCPF grant complements and builds on the activities initiated and carried out with the UN-REDD Programme financing (US\$4 million,2012-2016) to enhance REDD+ readiness (both at national and State levels). It will be recalled that the UN REDD Programme provided support to REDD+ Readiness at the National Level and in the Cross River State(CRS). Funding from the FCPF provides further support to National level REDD+ Readiness and state-level REDD+ Readiness in Nasarawa and Ondo states and completing REDD+ Readiness in the Cross River State.

Description: The grant support is organized along four components that correspond with the components and sub-components of Nigeria's R-PP:

Component 1. Strengthen National and State level Readiness Management Arrangements: The objective of this component is to support national and state-level coordination and monitoring of the REDD+ process, including the project management costs. The component has three sub-components: Sub-Component 1.1: National Readiness Management Arrangements; Sub-Component 1.2: State Level Management Arrangements; and Sub-Component 1.3: Monitoring and Reporting for REDD+ Readiness process.

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Component 2. Develop REDD+ strategies and Conduct Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA): The objective of this component is to carry out analytical work, feeding into formulation of a National REDD+ Strategy and State REDD+ Strategies (including on benefit sharing) in two new pilot states and CRS, develop the strategies themselves, to undertake the SESA that will assess the potential environmental and social risks and impacts, both positive and negative, of the proposed REDD+ strategy and produce national level safeguards instruments (Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF,) and Process Framework (PF)), and a state level ESMF for Cross River State (CRS). The Component has two Sub-Components: Sub-Component 2.1: Improve Analytical Work and Develop REDD+ Strategy at National and State Levels, and Sub-Component 2.2: Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and Safeguards Instruments.

Component 3. Develop Reference Emissions Level (REL): The objective of this component is to develop Nigeria's national REL taking into account the national circumstances and UNFCCC guidance.

Component 4. Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process: The objective of this component is to ensure broad stakeholder engagement in REDD+ process, establish and maintain participatory stakeholder structures at the state-level in two new states, support communication on REDD+, conduct consultations on specific issues related to REDD+ Readiness process, and design and establish a feedback and grievance redress mechanism. The component has four sub-components: Sub-Component 4.1: Participatory structures and stakeholder engagement; Sub-Component 4.2: Communication on REDD+; Sub-Component 4.3. Consultations on REDD+; and Sub-Component 4.4: Feedback and grievance redress mechanism.

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

Comment on follow up:

Following the last Mid-Term Review of May 2017 and the successful implementation of activities on the ground as envisaged under current financing, Nigeria will be applying for additional funding from the FCPF REDD+ Readiness fund of up to US\$4,940 014; and (ii) extension of the closing date from February 2018 to December 2019.

End Date of Last Site Visit: 05/23/2017

Restructuring of Grant:

None to date.

Activity Risk

Rating: Substantial Risk (Original Risk Rating is Substantial Risk)

Comment:

The risk remains substantial in view of external (political and macroeconomic) factors and high sensitivity of stakeholder engagement. There are no identified potential conflicts of interest for the Bank under the Recipient-Executed grant.

Critical Issues and Pending Actions for Management Attention

Summary of key issue and pending actions for management attention are listed below.

Critical Issues:

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Super Highway in Cross River State (CRS): The task team had successful engagement with the Cross River State Government on the Super Highway that would have transversed protected forest and other biodiversity rich areas. Also, CRS has accepted to redirect as much as possible the route of the Highway from the National Park and the Ekuri communities that host some of the REDD+ pilot sites through its initial design of having a corridor of 20km for control development, which would have led to the revocation of the reserve and community forest land, be rescinded through a publication in national dailies; the gazette publication has been processed. Also, CRS has accepted to as much as possible redirect the route of the Highway from the National Park and the Ekuri communities that host some of the REDD+ pilot sites. As a result, the MTR of the FCPF program

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observed that these steps were indicative enough of the CRS government's positive response to lift the earlier embargo placed on all FCPF activities meant to take place in Cross River State and advised that activities should commence in CRS.

Dangote and Forests in CRS: During the revision of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the Superhighway, there was a mention of a concession alleged to have been acquired by Dangote Group in the Park obtained from a one-time Governor of CRS for the establishment of sugar cane plantation. This concession is heavily disputed and declared illegal by the Nigerian Park Service, who alone has right over concession in land belonging to the Park. As such there is no clearing within the Park by Dangote Group. The Conservator of the Cross River National Park, corroborated the above information. However, stakeholders are in the process of delimiting and gazetting realistic boundaries for the park. The National park may request for the support of the FCPF grant to this end. The Bank team will continue to follow the situation.

Request for Additional Funding: Given the substantial progress achieved under the original grant, the accelerated rate of project implementation and the need to sufficiently deepen the results achieved so far, the Government of Nigeria has requested Additional Funding in the amount of US\$4,940,014 during its MTR.

Extension of Grant's Closing Date: The Government of Nigeria will be requesting for the extension of the closing date of the grant from February 2018 to December 2019.

Sign contracts for key consultancies

By Whom: Federal Government of Nigeria
By When: December 31, 2016
Status: Completed
Date Resolved: 03/24/2017

OUTCOME

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

1. #A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process

Baseline: No
Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to
Date: No

Date: 06/30/2017

Target Value: Yes

Date: 02/28/2018

2. #A National ESMF prepared and validated through a national SESA process

Baseline: No
Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to
Date: No

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Date: 06/30/2017

Target Value: Yes

Date: 02/28/2018

3.#A national Reference Emission Level established

Baseline: No
Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to
Date: No

Date: 06/30/2017

Target Value: Yes

Date: 02/28/2018

4.#Direct project beneficiaries, including female

Baseline: No

Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to
Date: 367

Date: 06/30/2017

Target Value: Yes

Date: 02/28/2018

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process

Baseline No
Value:

Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to No
Date:

Date: 08/30/2017

Target Value: Yes

Date: 02/28/2018

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A National ESMF prepared and validated through a national SESA process

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 08/30/2017
Target Value: Yes
Date: 02/28/2018

A national Reference Emission Level established

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 08/30/2017
Target Value: Yes
Date: 02/28/2018

Direct project beneficiaries, including female

Baseline 0
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to 367 persons including 118 (32%) females living in forest depended communities have been reached.
Date:
Date: 08/30/2017
Target Value: 250
Date: 02/28/2018

COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Implementation Satisfactory
Rating:
Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: REDD+ Readiness management arrangements functional; M&E Framework ready
Actual Output: Federal secretariat constituted and functional; state level structures being established.

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Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct SESA

Implementation Rating: Moderately Satisfactory
Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: REDD+ Strategies and SESA in process
Actual Output: REDD+ Strategies and SESA under procurement

Component 3. Develop Reference Emissions Level

Implementation Rating: Moderately Satisfactory
Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Reference Emissions Level work ongoing
Actual Output: Under Implementation

Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+

Implementation Rating: Moderately Satisfactory
Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Feedback and grievance redress mechanism established; communication on REDD+ ongoing
Actual Output: FGRM completed. Stakeholders' Engagement, Communication and Consultation ongoing

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1. Strengthen National and state level Readiness Management Arrangements:

National REDD+ Secretariat established at Department of Forestry/Ministry of Environment established with effectively coordination of REDD+ readiness activities at the national level while providing oversight in 3 participating States (Cross River, Nasarawa and Ondo).

M&E Framework for REDD+ developed and functional.

Component 2. Develop REDD+ strategies and Conduct SESA:

The procurement process for the Development of REDD+ strategy at National and state levels is at an advanced stage. The procurement process for the Development of Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments and Safeguards instruments is at an advanced stage. The consultancy on the Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism is concluded with FGRM report submitted to the Nigeria REDD+ Secretariat.

Component 3. Develop Reference Emissions Level:

Technical Assistance Agreement (TA Agreement) with FAO to support the Federal Government of Nigeria in establishing a national forest reference emission level/ forest reference level (FREL/FRL) for REDD+ in Nigeria is finalized and signed. Needs assessment & planning for the design of FREL for Nigeria has been undertaken.

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Component 4. Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process
Five strategic Engagement Meetings held:

Developed Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Materials for Nigeria REDD+ Programme.
Developed FGRM document for Nigeria REDD+ Engagement.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P153732 - NIGERIA FCPF REDD READINESS
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Federal Ministry of Environment
Contact: Dr. Moses Modey Ama , Assistant Director of Forest & National Coordinator REDD+
Address: Plot 393/394, Augustus Aikhomu Way, Utako # Abuja F.C.T, Nigeria
Phone: +234-8033486909 **Email:** Email:mema20ng@yahoo.com
Website: www.nigeriaredd.org.ng

Implementation performance ratings from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to:

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

Brief Comment:

Since the last GRM, Progress on the implementation of Readiness activities has been substantial. Federal and States Secretariats are in place, fully staffed and functional.

Financial Management: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Not Rated on 06/30/2016)

Brief Comment:

None

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

Brief Comment:

Government in-kind contribution including the provision of office space and staffing are adequate for project needs.

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

Brief Comment:

The Federal Secretariat has engaged the services of a procurement firm. Most of the pending contracts have been processed and signed are being implemented.

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

Brief Comment:

The M&E Framework for the National REDD+ process has been completed.

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.

FCPF grant complements and builds upon UN REDD Programme support. Meetings have been held between the Bank and the UN REDD teams. Further synergies will be developed as drafting of the National REDD+ strategy advances. The presence of one national REDD+ secretariat ensures synergy and consistency with national policies on forest while avoiding overlaps.

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

No change has been made

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

Significant progress has been made. Specifically, under the procurement, HSL (the procurement firm for NEWMAP) has been engaged to provide procurement services and capacity building. Also, NEWMAP is providing financial management services and MRV expert has been competitively recruited to provide the needed MRV technical support and guidance to the national secretariat and the REDD+ Readiness Process.

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 FCPF is using a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) to leverage the integration of key environmental and social considerations into REDD+ Readiness by combining analytical and participatory approaches. The procurement process has advanced. It is envisaged that the contract for SESA will be signed by mid-September. The preparation of the SESA as depicted in the ToR is designed to adapt consultative approach and following the latest UNFCCC and FCPF PC guidance in accordance with international best practices.

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

Yes, preparation of the ESMF is combined with the SESA consultancy. The ESMF is included in the SESA consultancy and the procurement process is ongoing, and adheres to the Common Approach.

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

The program will build on the work already done with UN REDD Programme support. Stakeholder consultations are ongoing through the REDD+ stakeholders engagement platform. Informed consultations are held with forest depended communities and community based organizations. Furthermore, the FGRM was underpinned by vigorous consultations and inclusiveness. This ensured that the concerns of the stakeholders were included in the design. This robust stakeholder consultation will continue during the preparation of the SESA and other project documents.

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PROCESSING

Manager's comments on this GRM report:

None

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DOCUMENTS

None

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	0.00	0.00
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	668,579.59	168,579.59
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,592,351.62	923,772.03
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

INTERNAL COMMENTS

Date:08/31/2017 User ID:WB342505 Name:Mr Amos Abu Operation performed:Mail Sent to PM
Dear Benoit,

We will appreciate your approval of the GRM report for the Nigeria FCPF program.

Kind regards, Amos

Date:08/31/2017 User ID:WB342505 Name:Mr Amos Abu Operation performed:
Dear Simon,

Here is the latest version of the GRM for your guidance.

Regards, Amos

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Date:08/30/2017 User ID:WB342505 Name:Mr Amos Abu Operation performed:

Dear Simon,

In advance of the formal submission for approval, we will appreciate your review and guidance on the draft GRM report on Nigeria's FCPF Program,.

Regards, Amos