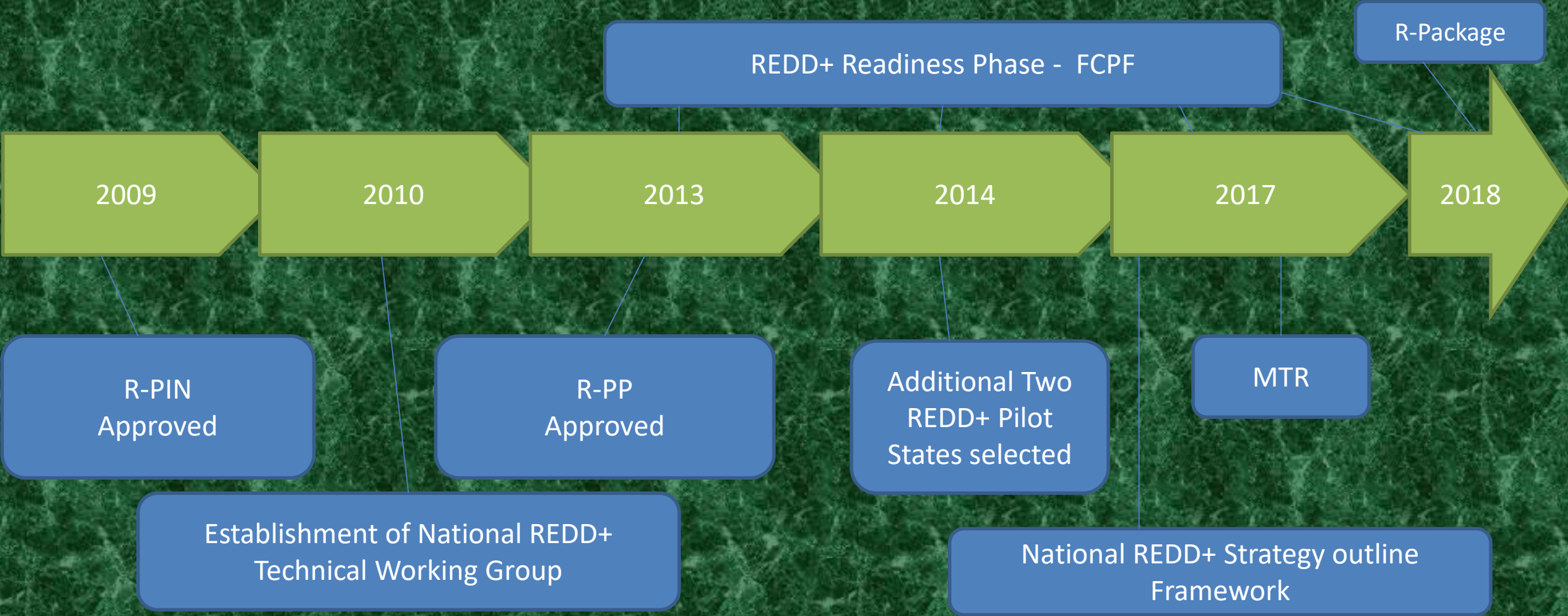




Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Process

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REDD+ Readiness Process: Timelines



The additional funding corresponds to activities projected to be implemented through December 2019

Overall Progress

- Nigeria has made significant progress towards achieving the objectives of the FCPF REDD+ Readiness grant. After the initial delay in implementation, substantial progress has been made.
- During the period under review, the Federal Government of Nigeria has showed significant effort and commitments to the accelerated implementation of the project.
- Disbursement rose from 0% in 2015 to 38% at MTR in May 2017 and 40% currently (close to \$400k already disbursed in FY18).
- Commitment is now \$2,762,403 (72.7%) and indications are that the trend of increasing disbursements is likely to continue given the commencement of planned activities.

Funds pledged, committed and disbursed (USD)

R-PP Component	FCPF Pledged	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed
Component 1. Organize and Consult (incl. FGRM)	915,000	611,040.00	589,127.86
Component 2. Prepare REDD Strategy (incl. SESA)	1,250,000	745,881.67	74,588.60
Component 3. Reference Emission Level / Reference Level	1,312,000	1,122,898.00	714,880.00
Component 4. Monitoring Systems for Forests, and Safeguards	323,000	282,584.00	141,292.00
Total	3,800,000	2,762,403.67	1,519,888.46
Percentage vs total pledge		72.7%	40.0%

MID-TERM REVIEW OF READINESS PROGRESS

- The Mid-Term Review (MTR) assessed Nigeria's ability to use grant funding to meet the grant objectives and need for additional funding.
- Overall, despite a slow start, Nigeria has shown significant progress in implementation of its readiness preparation and the FCPF grant supported components.

FCPF Grant Objective and Components

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.

Component 1: Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Component 2: Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct SESA

Component 3: Develop Reference Emissions Level

Component 4: Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process.

Component 1: Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Status:

- National REDD+ Secretariat established at DoF/MoE and effectively coordinating REDD+ readiness activities at the national level and providing oversight in 3 participating States (Cross River, Nasarawa and Ondo).
- National Council on REDD+ and National Steering Committee including Technical Committees and associated Working Groups established.
- M&E Framework for REDD+ developed and functional.

Component 2: Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct SESA

Status:

- The Nigeria Strategy is being developed.
- Structural planning for REDD+ implementation in other parts of Nigeria ongoing.
- The procurement process on SESA is at an advanced stage.
- Benefit sharing mechanism that focuses on sub-national Cross River State that piloted the Nigeria REDD+ Programme is being developed.
- Significant progress made on the consultancy on Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism. The consultancy to be concluded in September 2017 with a validation of report of findings by Nigeria REDD+ Programme Stakeholders.

Component 3: Develop Reference Emissions Levels

Status:

- Technical Assistance Agreement (TA Agreement) with FAO to support the FGN in establishing a national forest reference emission level/ forest reference level (FREL/FRL) for REDD+ in Nigeria completed.
- Needs assessment & planning for the design of FREL for Nigeria has been undertaken.
- Up-scaling the FREL, necessary history forest cover maps are being collated.

Component 4: Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process.

Status:

- Benefit sharing mechanism that focus on sub-national Cross River State that piloted the Nigeria REDD+ Programme is being developed.
- Consultations with Stakeholders in Cross River, Ondo, Nasarawa and other representative States are on-going.
- A draft document on FGMR for Nigeria REDD+ has been produced and awaits validation by REDD+ Stakeholders and eventual adoption for use.

KEY CHALLENGES GOING FORWARD

- **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.
 - ❖ The Government of Cross River showed commitment by accepting as much as possible the redirection of 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 observed that these steps were indicative enough of the CRS government's positive response to lift the earlier embargo placed.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

The Nigeria FCPF Program seems to have overcome the initial slow start. The Federal and State Governments continue to show interest and commitment to the program.

- 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.
- The Additional Funding will focus on strengthening institutional arrangements; deepen engagement with local communities, expansion to 3 more states, Development of sub-national FREL/FRL for 3 additional states; Development of National Forest Monitoring System in 3 additional states.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

- Nigeria's request for additional funding fits within the overall national vision for REDD+, and aligns with Nigeria's NDC.
- The Nigeria's FCPF program and the Additional Funding are consistent and in sync with WBG Partnership Strategy in Nigeria.
- The World Bank is prepared to support Nigeria in implementation of the additional grant funding.

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Thank you
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