



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Dominican Republic:

READINESS GRANT MID-TERM REPORT and ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

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Dominican Republic commitment to global goals

Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

- Commitment to reduce 25% emissions by 2030 from baseline 2010
 - Land use change
 - Silviculture and Forestry
- Adaptation
 - “Storms Olga and Noel in 2007 forced to re-plan the economy and priorities. Damages added to 1.2% and 5.3% of GDP. Sequel of floods, landslides and droughts not yet quantified.”

Commitment for the implementation of REDD+

- Trajectory of forest and conservation policy spans more than 4 decades
- Work on REDD+ since 2009

National Development Strategy - 2030

- 4.1. Sustainable management of the environment
- 4.2. Effective risk management to minimize human, economic and environmental losses
- 4.3. Appropriate adaptation to climate change

WB SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ENGAGEMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Country Partnership Strategy (2014-2018)

Results area “Equipping the government with tools to build resilience to external shocks”

- Diagnostic:
 - Resources and stronger legal framework to promote sust. natural resource management are needed
 - Deforestation in upper watersheds generates severe erosion
- Strategy: enhancing DR’s capacity to manage natural disasters by mainstreaming proactive management and up-front risk mitigation and prevention
- The CPS is clearly aligned with the Pillar 4 “Sustainable Development” of the END

Resilient agriculture and integrated water management project

- “Promote sustainable management of productive agri-ecosystems, to enhance resilience of hydraulic assets, and to increase quality and access to water supply and sanitation in the targeted river basins.”

FCPF IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- **August 2014**
R-PP Approval accepted into the Readiness Fund US\$ 3,8M
- **October 2015**
Grant Agreement signed
- **October 2015**
ER-PIN Approval
- **June 2016**
LOI Signed
- **February 2018**
MTR Submitted and Additional Funding Request for US\$ 2.2M
- **January 2019**
R-Package Submission estimated
- **October 2018**
Draft ERPD Submission
- **May 2019**
Final ERPD Submission
- **November 2019**
ERPA Signature

Disbursement and Commitments

- Cumulative disbursements to date: USD 0.95 M (25%)
- Funds committed and disbursed to date: USD 2.5M (65%)
- Funds to be committed for technical elements: USD 0.76M (20 %)
- Operational Expenses to be executed: USD 0.67M (18%)

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Component 1: REDD+ Readiness Organization and Consultation

- Three Ministries guiding at a policy level, and Technical Advisory Committee established and operating.
 - Next step: achieve a more active participation of advisory committee members in sectoral sub-committees (e.g. safeguards, legal).
- National communication and dissemination strategy designed
- Firm working to develop ESMF based on participatory processes and SESA.
 - Develop a gender mainstreaming plan
 - Design the safeguards Information system
 - Identify REDD+ co-benefits

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Component 2: National REDD+ Strategy

- Study on drivers of deforestation and degradation and REDD+ strategy options undergoing
 - Reversal risks analysis will also be covered by this study
- Study on costs and benefits of ER –Program and financial plan underway
- Study on legal aspects of ER transfer of titles and carbon property rights undergoing
- Grievance and redress mechanism in place strengthened with IT equipments to provinces
 - Next step: articulate REDD+ activities to this mechanism.

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Component 3: Forest and Emission Reference Level

Bidding process underway to hire a firm to prepare the National Forest and Emission Reference Level

- This study will also perform the uncertainty analysis of land use change maps
- Analyse and evaluate pre-sampling plots for the National Forest Inventory and Emissions Factor estimation
- Estimate and prepare the uncertainty reversal buffer
- The same firm will be in charge of MRV design

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Component 4: MRV

- 2005 and 2010 land cover and land use maps with Landsat images finalized. 2015 maps under validation process.
- Second phase of the National Forest Inventory undergoing
- Non-Forest Inventory in process (cocoa, coffee, avocado, other agroforestry)
- MRV study under bidding process
 - Institutional arrangements for MRV are being discussed, 3 entities within the Ministry Environment have been identified as very adequate to set MRV arrangements.
- Study that will prepare the SIS undergoing
 - In 2017 the National Safeguards Committee was established to work on a road map for setting up the national system.

Challenges and how to tackle them

- Mainstreaming private sector into ER-Program.
Establishing public-private partnerships
- Intersectoral coordination
- Weak land tenure environment
- Registry system

ADDITIONAL FUNDING JUSTIFICATION

USD 2.2 M

The World Bank is prepared to support the Dominican Republic in its implementation of additional grant funding as part of the wider climate change adaptation agenda.

1. The Dominican Republic request for additional funding will give a boost to the design and implementation of the EN-REDD+.
2. The ER-Program design and implementation needs a coalition of a diverse range of institutions to come up with a common set goal.
3. Improve citizen consultation and capacity building processes with civil society for the implementation of the REDD+ National Strategy at the national level.

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6. Develop enabling measures in the ER –Program intervention areas (train local REDD+ leaders, create citizen empowerment mechanisms and run priority activities to confront the drivers of DD)
7. Broader work with relevant sectors to internalize the scope, implications and responsibilities to effectively apply the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
8. Local capacity-building around forest protection
9. Equipment to strengthen the MRV response capacity of key agencies responsible for implementing REDD+ readiness commitments, including: Social Participation Department, Forest Monitoring Unit, Reforestation Directorate, Communications Directorate, MRV unit, Protected Areas directorate



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