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## Additional REDD Plus Readiness Preparation Support FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Cote d'Ivoire
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	09/05/2017 to 03/31/2020
Original Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Grant Amount	5,000,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	570,819.70 as of 06/30/2018
Disbursed 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018	570,819.70
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments

#### Grant Objectives:

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

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The Grant is on track to achieve its development objective, which is to reinforce the capacity of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (RCI) to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, as reported in the Readiness Package (R-Package) published in August 2018. Notable achievements to date include:

- (i) The institutional framework for implementation and coordination of REDD+ in RCI is established and operational at the national level, and rollout is currently underway at the local level. The REDD+ Readiness process has been effectively implemented and coordinated by the National REDD+ Commission bodies, under the leadership of the Prime Minister's Office, and a Grievance Redress Mechanism was produced by the Government and cleared by the World Bank Regional Safeguards Advisor in November 2016;
- (ii) A National REDD+ Strategy has been developed based on relevant studies and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders; this was validated in November 2017. The Benefit sharing plan is under discussion within the framework of the ERPD development;
- (iii) Safeguards instruments (including ESMF) have been drafted as part of the SESA and are currently being finalized.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The initial Grant was delayed in finalizing all planned outputs in a timely manner. This was due to the suspension of grant activities between December 2016 and June 2017, owing to financial irregularities that were identified by an in-depth FM review carried out by the Bank's Financial Management team. Following this suspension, the Government nominated a new National REDD+ Coordinator and reimbursed misused funds to the Bank. Furthermore the contracts of employees at the REDD+ Secretariat directly involved with the ineligible expenses were not renewed by the Bank.

With the new team in place, overall implementation progress is on track. The main achievement to date is the participatory assessment of the 34 criteria of the R-package, validation of the R-package at the national level. The R-package was subsequently published in August 2018 and will be presented by the Government at the upcoming PC/PA meetings in October 2018 in Washington DC. The following activities are also underway in a satisfactory manner: (i) further strengthening of national institutions to effectively implement the REDD+ strategy; (ii) increasing awareness among all stakeholders of the national REDD+ strategy and implementing the communication plan; (iii) strengthening integration of the REDD+ strategy into sectoral planning and reforms; (iv) supporting the design of the National REDD+ Fund; (v) supporting the development of REDD+ implementation tools, such as the national REDD+ projects certification manual and the Benefit Sharing Plan (BSP); (vi) validation of Safeguards instruments; (vii) strengthening the national capacity for SESA implementation; (viii) improving the REL; (ix) implementing the capacity building plan to strengthen the NFMS.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire launched the REDD+ process to step up efforts to combat deforestation in the context of the country's sustainable development approach in 2013. The Government elaborated a REDD+ readiness preparation proposal (R-PP) and obtained a REDD+ Readiness Grant in the amount of US\$3.8 million. The Grant agreement was signed on September 29, 2014, became effective on November 1, 2014 and closed on September 30, 2017. The scope of the grant is to assist the country to prepare a national REDD+ strategy and policy framework, establish a reference scenario for emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and establish a national monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) system for emission reduction.

By letter of February 9, 2017, the Government requested an additional grant of US\$5 million and an extension of the closing

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date for two years (From October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019) to finalize the REDD+ readiness preparation phase. The proposed additional funding relates to all relevant activities of the R-PP components necessary to fully complete the readiness phase.

## Expected follow up (if any):

### Comment on follow up:

Follow-up activities include: (i) ensure sustainable financing of the institutional REDD + mechanism by complementing a direct, tailored contribution from the Ivorian State with external financing; (ii) maintain the strong involvement of the authorities in mobilizing external financing for REDD + financing in the country; (iii) continue to monitor and influence ongoing sectoral and cross-sectoral reforms to ensure REDD+ integration, particularly in the agricultural, forestry, mining and land-use sectors.

The results of future stakeholder consultations should be integrated in the same way, notably in: (i) the benefit-sharing mechanism, (ii) the development of the ER-PD, (iii) REDD+ projects certification manual, (iv) validation of the SESA (and framework reports), (v) national registry and (vi) National REDD + Fund; (v) Operationalize the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM); (vi) Finalize the REDD + mechanism communication strategy and plan; (vii) Finalize the study on the benefit-sharing mechanism; (viii) Finalize environmental and social safeguards instruments; (ix) Conduct study on the establishment of a national REDD + registry; and (x) Conduct study to set up a National REDD+ Fund

### End Date of Last Site Visit:

### Restructuring of Grant:

Restructuring the AF is not expected at this time.

## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018

### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Component 1: Support to national readiness management arrangements

Status: Completed  
Planned Output: REDD+ Institutional Framework established  
Actual Output: REDD+ Institutional Framework established

#### Component 2: Preparation of a national REDD+ strategy

Status: Completed  
Planned Output: National REDD+ Strategy validated  
Actual Output: National REDD+ Strategy validated

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### Forest reference emissions level (FREL)

Status:	Completed
Planned Output:	FREL developped
Actual Output:	FREL developped

### Component 4: National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)

Status:	Under Implementation
Planned Output:	NFMS developped
Actual Output:	NFMS developped

## Comment on planned and actual Output

### Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: The National REDD+ Executive Secretariat (SEP-REDD) supervised by the National REDD+ Commission (CN-REDD), have both been established by Presidential Decree. The CN-REDD located at the Prime Minister's office is the steering committee of all REDD+ projects in Cote d'Ivoire including the Forest Investment Project currently under implementation.

Component 2: The following activities are underway or completed: (i) Completion and validation of the National REDD+ Strategy aligned to the National Development Plan; (ii) Completion of the National Investment Framework and submission of REDD+ project proposal to Green Climate Fund; (iii) Completion of the participatory self-assessment of the Readiness-Package; and (iv) Initiation of ERPD

Component 3: (i) The National FREL was developed and submitted to UNFCCC; (ii) a sub-national FREL under the ERP that is fully consistent with the national FREL is under development.

Component 4: The following activities have been completed: (i) Participatory development of Cote d'Ivoire's NFMS under the coordination of the Permanent Executive Secretariat (SEP-REDD+); (ii) Creation of a geoportal permitting all consultation of data generated by NFMS; and (iii) Participatory design of a Safeguards Information System

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P149801 - REDD+ Readiness Preparation in RCI
Project Status:	Lending
Global Focal Area:	Climate change
Product Line:	CN - Carbon Offset

### Implementing agency and contact details

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## PROGRAM

### Program Specific Questions

**1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those f**

FCPF support builds on a strong partnership with the Government in forests, agro-forestry, sustainable cocoa production, and sustainable agriculture. Ongoing partnership investments include: (i) Forest Investment Program (US\$ 15M); (ii) Cashew Value Chain Competitiveness Project (US\$ 285M); (iii) E-Agriculture Project (US\$ 70M); GIZ financed CAZ (Cocoa zero-deforestation project); (iv) Analytical and Policy work on cocoa sector: #Forest and Climate-Smart Cocoa in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana.

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

No significant changes have been made.

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

Given the low capacity of the RCI Environmental Protection Agency (ANDE - Agence Nationale de l'Environnement), a key stakeholder in the monitoring of REDD+ activities and implementation of the SESA, grant funds will be used to enhance their technical, human and material capacities including decentralizing the ANDE to agro-ecological REDD+ intervention areas. This capacity building activity is being led by the Bank Senior Environmental Specialist based in the Abidjan Country Office.

**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 SESA is being conducted in accordance with Bank environmental and social safeguards policies and procedures. And this is closely monitored by the Bank Sr. Environmental Specialist based in the Abidjan Country Office.

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

Yes.

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

Stakeholder consultation and participation is underway. The final SESA will be disclosed in-country and on Bank website after review and clearance by the World Bank Regional Safeguards Adviser.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	570,819.70	570,819.70
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
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00