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GHANA IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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| Summary Information | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TF Status | LCLS |
| Recipient Country | Ghana |
| Executed By | Recipient |
| Managing Unit | 8107 - AFTN1 |
| Grant Start Date / Closing Date | 04/01/2009 to 01/31/2011 |
| Program Manager | |
| Original Grant Amount | 200,000.00 |
| Grant Amount | 200,000.00 |
| Outstanding Commitments | 0.00 |
| Cumulative Disbursements | 200,000.00 as of 03/31/2011 |
| Disbursed 04/01/2009 to 03/31/2011 | 200,000.00 |
| Donor | TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS |

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

Support the Government of Ghana in the preparation of its Readiness Plan for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Overall progress from 04/01/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The Grant objectives were achieved, in that Ghana successfully prepared and presented a Readiness Preparation Proposal to the FCPF Participants Committee, and that it was endorsed by the Committee, allowing for preparation of a request for a subsequent USD 3.4 million FCPF grant for implementation of the Plan.

Overall progress from 04/01/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The grant, which was fully disbursed, was implemented through two international contracts, one focussed on developing methodological, and the other on policy aspects. Outputs of the methodologies contract included a reference scenario for greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana, a work plan to design and implement a system of monitoring and verification of achievement of REDD, and terms of reference for design of a REDD implementation framework. Outputs under the policy contract included an assessment of past and current forest land use and policies and their implications for forest governance, a REDD strategy for Ghana, and a stakeholder consultation process on the draft strategy.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up project or grant (non-Bank funded)

Comment on follow up:

The Readiness Preparation Proposal will be implemented with the support of a subsequent USD 3.4 million grant from the FCPF.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

COMPLETION

Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

Main lessons learned:

The main lessons learned from grant execution include the importance of ensuring: (a) an appropriate level of National Government awareness and leadership of the REDD agenda, given that its success will be reliant on coordinated approach to policy implementation (and possibly reform) across several ministries and sectors, (b) stakeholder awareness and contribution to design of the REDD strategy, and (c) adequate capacity for procurement in the grant executing agency.

Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

Comment:

REDD Preparation activities will be sustained with the support of the follow on FCPF Grant, as well as support from Government and other DPs.

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Bank Performance:

Comment:

The Bank team provided technical guidance on various aspects of REDD+ issues (tapping into the expertise of different units at the Bank), as well as fiduciary oversight of the grant.

Additional Assessment

Development / strengthening of institutions:

Comment:

The Forestry Commission's overall capacity to understand and play a leading role in advancing the REDD+ Agenda has been significantly developed, and linkages with other concerned national and sectoral agencies and DP supported initiatives have been established.

Mobilization of other resources:

Comment:

In addition to the follow on FCPF grant, and Government contributions, the Japanese government has approved a grant to support the a Forest Preservation Program that will support the use of geospatial technologies for Ghana's REDD+ strategy development.

Knowledge exchange:

Comment:

Ghana has been invited to various international conferences to share its experiences with REDD Readiness.

Client's policy / program implementation:

Comment:

Ghana's forest sector, as well as climate adaptation and mitigation strategies and policies are being reviewed and supported in the context of its Natural Resources and Environmental Governance program, which will also support implementation of the REDD agenda

Efficiency:

Comment:

The Grant was fully implemented by the time of its financial and legal closure in January 2011

Replicability:

Comment:

Ghana's national Readiness process is generating lessons relevant for other countries.

Main recommendations to stakeholders:

Ensure continued engagement of all key national and sectoral interests in the governance and oversight of implementation of the R-PP.

Main recommendations to Bank Management:

Effective advance of Ghana's REDD agenda will require effective coordination among concerned sectors, and could benefit greatly from careful coordination, and joint Government oversight, of the relevant Bank instruments, including NREG, FIP and FCPF.

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DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

| Date From | Date To | Planned Cumulative | Planned Period | Actual Cumulative | Actual Period |
|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 01/01/2009 | 06/30/2009 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 07/01/2009 | 12/31/2009 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 01/01/2010 | 06/30/2010 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 07/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 01/01/2011 | 06/30/2011 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 | 0.00 |

PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None