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Vietnam Readiness Preparation Proposal

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Vietnam
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	8098 - EASVS - HIS
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/22/2013 to 05/31/2016
Program Manager	
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	501,152.94 as of 06/30/2014
Disbursed 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014	501,152.94
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 objective of the grant is to support Vietnam to become ready for future REDD+ implementation by preparing the key elements, systems and policies needed in a socially and environmentally sound manner.

Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The FCPF provides grant funding for the preparation for REDD+ and preparation of a Readiness Proposal including the development of supporting policies and systems, support for adopting national REDD+ strategies; development of reference emission levels (RELs); the designing of a measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) systems; and setting up REDD+ national management arrangements, including improvements to existing environmental and social safeguards. FCPF is also supporting work on stakeholder consultations and engagement at different levels, including consultation work with forest dependent village communities, protected area Management Boards, State Forest Companies, District and Provincial officials and non government organisations. The Grant implementation is on track of achieving the grant objectives.

Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Progress to mid August 2014 has included the successful completion of the ER-PiN document, presentation and inclusion in the CF pipeline. CF10 recommendations have been reviewed and FLEGT activities are included in the work plan. Most of the consultants supporting the implementation of the FCPF grant are now in place; the overall work plan has been updated for the consultants. Initial work is underway on improving the sustainable forest management (SFM) of two example State forest Company (SFCs) Long Dai and Ben Hai SFCs. Long Dai is the largest SFC in Vietnam and overlaps onto one of the pilot Communes.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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

Comment on follow up:

Progress after mid August will focus on; (i) the recruitment of consultants to undertake the SESA, PRAP, MTR etc; (ii) follow up work to the CF10 meeting resolutions and updating and the development of a more detailed work plan for the ER-PD which will be implemented in six provinces including: Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue; (iii) Coordination with all the projects operating in the forest sector in the six provinces is expected to be highlight in the second half of the year; and (iv) work on improving the functioning of the Provincial REDD+ Steering Committees; (v) Continuation of the work with the three pilot provinces including an early visit to the third province.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

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OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

There are no components defined for this trust fund / grant.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124584 - Vietnam- FCPF REDD Readiness
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
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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

The grant activities are well coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives in Vietnam, including most importantly the UNREDD Phase 2. It was agreed at the grant preparation that the two funds would complement each other and avoiding overlapping. The UNREDD Phase 2, however, experienced serious delay in implementation (which has only disbursed around 3% of the funding of USD27mil). This delay has risked the national achievement of REDD+ readiness as planned.

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

No changes

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

Changes in key staffing has significantly improved implementation. Fiduciary trainings including FM and procurement were provided to PMU staff and implementation supports have been provided by the Bank's task team.

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?

SESA consultants were recruited and are on board to supervise the implementation of the SESA package which is in accordance with the Common Approach.

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

Yes.

6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and disclosure related to this Grant.

Communications plan in-place, meetings with Provinces, District, Provincial REDD SC meetings in 2 out of 3 pilots,

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	501,152.94	101,152.94
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00