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MDG FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Madagascar
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	05/15/2015 to 06/30/2019
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	0.00
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	0.00
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 improved institutional capacity and governance to design a national REDD+ strategy.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

While Madagascar only signed the Grant Agreement on May 15, 2015 they have moved rapidly to launch many of the activities to develop a REDD+ strategy. Madagascar has also continued to work to improved institutional capacity as well as advance technical skills to develop a national REDD+ program while the signature of the grant agreement was pending.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The short time since the signing of the grant agreement, May 15, 2015, and the end of the fiscal year meant that disbursements only occurred after the end of the fiscal year. In the meantime the National REDD+ Coordination Office (the equivalent of a PIU) worked to advance on the preparation of activities so that they could be launched as quickly as possible. Terms of Reference for a majority of the studies and procurement items were prepared and necessary steps for making the grant effective were taken proactively. The BNCR has also continued to advance the REDD+ agenda to the extent possible as the resources from this grant were made available.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Madagascar is endowed with many assets: a great potential for agriculture, mineral resources, abundant labor, and unparalleled biodiversity. Natural capital, including forests, agricultural land, fisheries and minerals, account for over 50 percent of total wealth. With adequate management of natural resources, complemented by investments in physical and human capital and effective governance, it would be a prosperous country.

Since independence, economic potential has been hindered by cycles of political and institutional instability, in the form of recurrent political crisis and revised constitutions that have accompanied every presidential change. In the past 15 years, the country has experienced two political crises. The most recent crisis began with the unconstitutional regime change in March 2009 and lasted five years, with devastating effects on the economy, poverty and social outcomes.

Local, often isolated, rural populations depend heavily upon the country's natural resources to ensure basic livelihoods. Poverty in rural areas, where approximately 80 percent of the population lives, is higher than in urban areas and generally the further away from urban centers the more precarious living conditions are. Livelihoods heavily depend on agriculture and other income generating activities that are rarely in connection to markets and often in direct or indirect relationship with forests (non-timber forest products, small-scale mining, charcoal, fisheries). Population growth, estimated at 2.8 percent p.a. by the World Bank has increased demand for agricultural land both for subsistence production and for cash crops and has consequently increased the pressure on forests. Poor soil management in areas outside of forests reinforces expansive land clearing and incursions into forest areas where the soil is more fertile.

Focusing on strengthening Madagascar's institutions for forest landscapes management will promote more effective natural resource management as part of a means for ensuring livelihoods for the future. REDD+ in Madagascar promotes a broad and dynamic approach to forest landscape management by focusing on strengthening institutions at the national level as well as regional levels. Conservation of natural resources has focused largely on defining a well-managed and financially sustainable Protected Area system; the REDD+ approach extends the approach to producing an integrated vision of natural resource management that is inclusive of local populations and their livelihoods.

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

Comment on follow up:

The team in Madagascar will seek additional funding for REDD+ readiness activities, through the forest carbon partnership

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facility if available, or through other sources. Madagascar is also seeking to leverage WB investments in Agriculture and watershed management as well as opportunities for performance based carbon finance to consolidate the intersectoral approach to improving forest resources management in integrated landscapes.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

REDD+ Strategy validated in broad consultation process

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 05/15/2015
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date: 01/31/2018

REDD M+E system functional according to defined criteria

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 05/15/2015
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date: 01/31/2018

Mechanism for tracking financial contributions to REDD+ strategy implementation in place

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 05/15/2015
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date: 01/31/2018

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1: Institutional Arrangements for REDD+ Readiness Management

Status:	Procurement On going
Planned Output:	Inter-sectoral steering committee established; Government provided with institutional capacity building to improve forest management
Actual Output:	High-level discussions on REDD+ held

Component 2: Development of National REDD+ Strategy including Consultations and SESA

Status:	Planned
Planned Output:	National REDD+ Strategy developed, SESA and ESMF developed through a consultative process
Actual Output:	Activities are being prepared

Component 3: Development of a National Reference Scenario and Monitoring System for REDD+

Status:	Planned
Planned Output:	Reference Emission Level for one additional Eco-region designed
Actual Output:	Activities are being prepared

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

As the grant agreement was only signed at the end of the Fiscal Year progress has been relatively limited. However for Component 1 activities were already launched and for Components 2 and 3 were being designed.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P124655 - MG-FCPF READINESS GRANT
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

The national REDD+ coordination unit has been actively seeking collaboration between ministries, with partners such as UN-REDD and GIZ, as well as other World Bank projects to consolidate REDD+ readiness needs and to avoid duplication of tasks. One example is through the development of a national ER Program, and an ER-PIN, which really sought to build on the synergies of different resources for REDD+.

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

No changes at this point.

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

The client has identified key needs for REDD+, including the findings from a REDD+ needs assessment funded by UN-REDD, to build a capacity building program. The client has also sought developed terms of reference for key areas of need that will be launched in the upcoming FY.

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 terms of reference for the preparation of the SESA have been drafted and are being shared for consultation to ensure that the utmost attention is paid to this vital part of the REDD+ program. The SESA will be developed in close coordination with the REDD+ strategy, and build on the commitment to a consultative and participatory process. The tender for SESA development will be launched next fiscal year.

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

The ESMF will be prepared as part of the SESA process, mentioned above, and the tender will be launched next fiscal year.

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

The development of the RPP was done through a consultative process, as was the development of the ER-PIN. REDD+ activities in Madagascar have strong history of being participatory and consultative. Terms of reference for a consultant to develop a process to ensure strong consultative process has been developed and will be launched next fiscal year.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
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
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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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