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Sudan REDD+ Readiness Preparation Support FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Sudan
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9270 - GEN01
Grant Start Date / End Date	03/04/2015 to 03/31/2019
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	554,120.61 as of 06/30/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016	554,120.61
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:

To strengthen Sudan's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation plus (REDD+) strategy.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Achieving grant objective is on track. All ToRs for conducting key REDD+ readiness studies have been cleared and process to hire consultants have begun. A Technical Assistance Agreement has been signed between the GoS and FAO for establishing an MRV system. The Task Team should continue providing timely support to the client to keep the project on track and achieve its objective.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Because of delays in transferring grant money to the client (because of problems related to sanctions), there is a delay in the implementation of project activities. The problem has been resolved and grant money has been received by the client. We expect that project implementation would pick up in the coming 6 months.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

The Government of the Republic of Sudan has received a USD 3.80 million grant from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), which will be administered by the World Bank/IBRD, to implement Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Readiness Project. The readiness preparation activities, which will be financed by the grant, will primarily include: (i) Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement, (ii) Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment, (iii) Support for stakeholder engagement, and (iv) Support for Monitoring, Reporting Verification. The Project is expected to be closed by March 2019.

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

Comment on follow up:

The Task Team should support and follow-up on:

- The preparation of work plan and procurement plan;
- Quality of studies on land tenure, drivers of deforestation and land degradation, REDD+ strategy and MRV;
- Inclusive and active engagement of stakeholders; and
- Implementation of forest inventory and MRV system

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

A significant achievement in the last one year have been:

The preparation of TORs by the client to undertake the key REDD+ readiness studies. The TORs have been reviewed and no objection has been provided by the Bank.

A \$1.3 million Technical Agreement signed between the GoS and FAO for establishing an MRV system.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement:

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: National and state levels institutions are strengthened and are effectively coordinating the implementation of REDD+ readiness activities
Actual Output: At national level, REDD+ Management Unit, Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups established. At the State level focal persons have been identified and operational.

Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: A National REDD+ Strategy, incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations, is prepared and validated by national stakeholders
Actual Output: ToRs for the studies have been cleared and advertisement for undertaking the studies have been initiated.#

Support for stakeholder engagement

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Establishing and a functional CSOs Platform
Actual Output: The process has begun

Support for Monitoring, Reporting and Verification

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: MRV system established
Actual Output: FAO contracted

Comment on planned and actual Output

The client requires close support from the World Bank to fast track project activities.

Comment on component implementation progress

The REDD+ Technical Assistance has four components. Progresses in each of the components are described below:

- (i) Support for REDD+ readiness management and institutional arrangement: The REDD+ Secretariat has been established at the National level and focal persons has been identified and provided with the necessary office equipment in all the 18 States.
- (ii) Support for national REDD+ strategy including Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment: There is a good progress towards preparing REDD+ Strategy and SESA . ToRs have been cleared and consultants will be hired in the coming 2 months.
- (iii) Support for stakeholder engagement: The project identified CSOs and local communities to engage stakeholders at various levels.
- iv)Support for Monitoring, Reporting Verification: A Technical Agreement signed between the Government of Sudan and FAO. Work towards establishing an MRV will start soon.

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EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P152322 - Sudan - FCPF REDD Readiness
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Climate change
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Forests National Corporation (FNC)
Contact: Dr Mohamed Ali Elhadi Ali, General Manager, FNC
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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 Sudan Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project is financed by the World Bank (GEF) and being implemented in 3 States. The SSNRMP works in enhancing capacity of natural resources management institutions and rehabilitated natural forests and rangelands. The REDD+ project has been linked with this project in creating awareness of the importance of sustainable natural forest management. to local communities.

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

No change in Grant activities.

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

The REDD+ project staff should be trained in technical aspects.

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 ToR for preparing SESA has been cleared by the Bank and the client is in the process of hiring an international firm to start with the work.

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

It is in the process of preparation. Same as above.

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

Similar to SESA and ESMF it is under preparation.

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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	529,686.49	529,686.49
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	554,120.61	24,434.12
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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