

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TFOA6108
Printed On: 10/01/2019

Reporting Period: 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

Assignment: TFOA6108

Bhutan REDD+ Readiness Preparation Support Program AF FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Task Team Leader: 00000239109 - Andrea Kutter
Approving Manager: 00000091195 - Hocine Chalal

| Summary Information | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TF Status | ACTV |
| Recipient Country | Bhutan |
| Executed By | Recipient |
| Managing Unit | 9274 - SSAE1 |
| Grant Start Date / End Date | 02/09/2018 to 12/31/2020 |
| Original Grant Amount | 4,800,000.00 |
| Grant Amount | 4,800,000.00 |
| Outstanding Commitments | 0.00 |
| Cumulative Disbursements | 2,428,761.85 as of 06/30/2019 |
| Disbursed 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 | 0.00 |
| Donor | TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS |

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

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

Ref. TFOA6108
Printed On: 10/01/2019

Reporting Period: 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019
Report Type: Progress Report
Report Status: Approved

OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the AF for Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness is to build national capacity of Bhutan to engage in REDD+ efforts at the national as well as international levels, through strengthened policies, increased knowledge on REDD+, and enhanced data on forests and forest management

Overall progress from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

During the reporting period, the RGoB made good progress with achieving the objective of the grant. All project components are progressing well. The remaining concern is the short time frame for disbursing the remaining resources.

Overall progress from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

During an implementation support mission in May 2019, the task team rated the implementation progress for the grant as satisfactory. The REDD+ Secretariat housed in the Watershed Management Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests as good capacity to implement the grant.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

n/a.

Expected follow up (if any):

Comment on follow up:

n/a.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

n/a.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019

See comments on achievements by component.

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

n/a.

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1 - Readiness Organization and Consultation:

- institutional arrangement for REDD+ in Bhutan in place with well-defined roles and responsibilities.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) provides technical advice and guidance, while the REDD+ Task Force provides the overall direction to WMD, FRMD, and the NLC.

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ref. | TF0A6108 | Reporting Period: | 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 |
| Printed On: | 10/01/2019 | Report Type: | Progress Report |
| | | Report Status: | Approved |

- Capacity built and awareness raised through several training events

Component 2 - REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- National REDD+ Strategy finalized
- Other strategically important documents are being prepared, including the valuation of forest ecosystem services, a wetland inventory framework, strategies and action plans (community forest, non-timber forest product and plantation), business plans for SFM and utilization; and a fundraising strategy for the implementation of the REDD+ Strategy, including the identified policies and measures.
- Environmental and Social Management Framework and Safeguard information system being finalized
- drafting the feedback and grievance redress mechanism is advancing

Component 3 - National Forest Reference Emission Level and/or a Forest Reference Level:

- design of the Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL)/Forest Reference Level (FRL) completed.
- submission of the FREL/FRL to the United Nations Framework Convention to Climate Change (UNFCCC) is imminent .

Component 4 - Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring and Information on Safeguards:

- Forest Information Reporting and Monitoring System (FIRMS) developed,
- Geo-portal being developed.
- TOR for development of a spatial decision support system (SDSS) for forest clearance approved.
- advances on other activities such as preparing a forest type map for Bhutan; developing biomass equations; and establishing permanent sample plots.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Project ID / Name: | P150177 - Bhutan REDD Readiness |
| Project Status: | Lending |
| Global Focal Area: | Climate change |
| Product Line: | CN - Carbon Offset |

Implementing agency and contact details

| | | | |
|----------|--|--------|------------------------------------|
| Agency: | Watershed Managment Division/Ministry of Agriculture and Forests | | |
| Contact: | Jigme TENZIN, PhD | | |
| Address: | Watershed Management Division/REDD+ Secretariat, MoAF | | |
| Phone: | +975-2-338897/323568 | Email: | Jigme Tenzin <jtenzin@moaf.gov.bt> |
| Website: | | | |

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

N/a.

World Bank - Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) Report

Report to Donor

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ref. | TF0A6108 | Reporting Period: | 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 |
| Printed On: | 10/01/2019 | Report Type: | Progress Report |
| | | Report Status: | Approved |

2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.
none.

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.
no capacity issues.

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?

To assess the potential social and environmental impacts of the REDD+ Strategy and document the results, the RGOB hired the UK-based firm Climate Law & Policy (CLP) in 2017. CLP has undertaken a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and prepared an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), in accordance with the FCPF's Common Approach. It has also developed a Safeguard Information System (SIS), in accordance with the UNFCCC Decisions related to REDD+ safeguards. CLP recently submitted the reports on SESA, ESMF and SIS to WMD, and these are currently being reviewed. The RGOB is also committed to developing a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+, as a means to address any feedback and grievances that various stakeholders may have in the course of REDD+ Readiness, and ultimately as a result of REDD+ Strategy implementation. The WMD is behind schedule on the hiring of consultants to undertake this assignment, and they have been advised by the mission to accelerate this process to the extent possible. Options for the Benefit Sharing Mechanism have been outlined by Indufor, a Helsinki-based consultancy firm, in relation to the implementation of the national REDD+ Strategy. This work is also behind schedule. WMD staff are currently reviewing the draft report and providing comments to Indufor. It has been agreed that the draft Mechanism will be shared with the Bank team once has been revised by Indufor in response to the government's comments.

Compliance with World Bank Safeguards policies is #Moderately Satisfactory#.

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.

The RGOB is also committed to developing a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+, as a means to address any feedback and grievances that various stakeholders may have in the course of REDD+ Readiness, and ultimately as a result of REDD+ Strategy implementation. The WMD is behind schedule on the hiring of consultants to undertake this assignment, and they have been advised by the mission to accelerate this process to the extent possible.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

| Date From | Date To | Planned Cumulative | Planned Period | Actual Cumulative | Actual Period |
|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 01/01/2018 | 06/30/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,428,761.85 | 2,428,761.85 |
| 07/01/2018 | 12/31/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,428,761.85 | 0.00 |
| 01/01/2019 | 06/30/2019 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,428,761.85 | 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 |
| 07/01/2020 | 12/31/2020 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |