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Assignment: TF017919

BF: FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Burkina-Faso
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - SAFE1
Grant Start Date / End Date	02/26/2015 to 12/31/2020
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	2,541,510.74 as of 06/30/2019
Disbursed 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	949,778.47
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 proposed Project Development Objective is to reinforce Burkina Faso's capacity to coordinate the REDD+ readiness process including a socially and environmentally sound national strategy and other key governance systems for REDD+ implementation.

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

Comment:

REDD+ Readiness in Burkina Faso is supported by five different operations (FIP (World Bank and AfDB), DGM (World Bank / IUCN), FCPF, and a project to support cashew nuts, financed by AfDB). All those projects are managed by the same team. The grant was effective end of February 2015. The REDD+ Readiness activities, as defined in the R-PP, are supervised and sponsored by the REDD+ Focal Point, within the General Directorate for Green Economy and Climate Change (DGEVCC), with the support of an international Lead REDD+ expert. A first expert was hired in September 2015 and provided a great boost to implementation. However, the expert showed technical limitation and progressively disengaged in early 2017. He resigned in April 2017 and a new Lead REDD+ expert was hired in September 2017. This caused additional delay in the project as many activities were postponed to FY18. Since then, the new Lead expert has performed beyond expectations.

Despite about a 18-month delay in the implementation, progress towards Readiness is seen as MS, with particular progress on institutional arrangements, MRV, strategy (and assessment of the drivers of deforestation). Burkina Faso drafted an ER-PIN and drafted a legal framework to create the register and propose a legal status to the future CERS. In addition, Burkina Faso is working on the sustainability of the REDD+ structure, with the creation within the Ministry of a REDD+ Secretariat (almost exclusively relying on civil servants). Program activities and disbursements have dramatically improved. The main result of FY18 is the acceleration of the work on the MTR, which should lead in 2019 to the submission of a FREL to UNFCCC.

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

Comment:

The project was already delayed significantly at launching because of the political situation (coup d'état, change in government, terrorist attacks). Additional issues have appeared as the fiduciary team has been slower than expected to procure, sign, and even disburse on contracts. However, operational and technical results have been delivered with a high technical quality.

In 2019, the project continued on the trend from FY18. The work with BUNASOL and IGB for the MRV is almost completed, after many issues were solved. A partnership with FAO has been established for the MRV, and 3 staff are getting trained in Rome. About 1 million USD was disbursed in FY18. The grant is nearly 100% committed.

The impact has been significant during FY18. Thus, the rating for FY18 has been kept to MSA.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

None

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

Comment on follow up:

The government has requested World Bank support for REDD+ investment and launched the design of a large, jurisdictional Emission Reduction Investment Program. A very strong ER-PIN has been drafted. As part of the Country Partnership Framework (CPF), an investment of 60 million USD is expected for the ENR sector in relation with REDD+ at Commune level. Follow-up investments, including FCPF Readiness Additional Finance, will be aligned with the upcoming REDD+ strategy.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

None

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OUTCOME

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

- The final report on the driver of deforestation was presented, along with a draft strategy. 3 Ministers presented the report, showing a strong country ownership;
- A REDD+ secretariat has been formally created within the MEEVCC, based almost exclusively on civil servants (paid by the country budget) to ensure sustainability.
- the legal framework for the carbon business in Burkina was clarified and a law as been drafted;
- A draft ER-PIN was produced to prepare a country request for a jurisdictional project, with the objective to reduce emission of 15 million tCO2 in 10 years in 3 pools: soil carbon, above ground biomass and below ground biomass;
- The work on MRV made a significant leap forward. BUNASOL, IGB and SNIF, 3 national structures, have completed the data collection and are producing the reference level. A data collection scheme is being designed, to be approved early 2020, to ensure the sustainability of the MRV system. The reference level (FREL) is expected in December 2019 to be submitted to SBSTA/UNFCCC.
- The analysis of the drivers of deforestation has been completed. Strategic options have been designed. The current work is to assess the social acceptance, the cost/benefit assessment and the impact in terms of GHG before finalizing the strategy.

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

The progress is good but the project cannot make up the 2 years delay that happened in 2016-2017.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P149827 - Burkina Faso-REDD Readiness Preparation
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 activity is well coordinated with the Forest Investment Program, which is testing investments according to the draft REDD+ strategy. In addition, the project has made connection with the Climate Smart Agriculture team to develop an integrated approach (ISFL). The partnership with Lux-Dev is going very well, with joint activity supporting the FIE (Intervention Fund for the Environment) with the objective to turn it into a basket fund able to receive the carbon finance.

In addition, Burkina Faso has launch an initiative to bridge REDD+ and the NDC - in particular for the MRV system.

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.

The MRV has been the area with the greatest progress. Burkina Faso is about to get historic data since 1992 for the FREL. Emission Factor have been defined for 3 pools: above ground biomass, soil carbon and below ground biomasse. The MRV is expected to be operational and aligned with the NDC MRV by mid 2020.

The project has prepared 3 training modules targeting institutional actors, NGOs and private sector. Multiple training have been organized during the year, including parliamentarians, Civil Society Organizations, and villagers to explain the importance of REDD+. More than 6,500 villagers have been consulted to connect REDD+ and the reality in the fields.

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 first contractor in charge of the SESA had to decline and the team relaunched the selection process in FY19 to identify another provider for the SESA.

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

ESMF still in preparation

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

The REDD+ team is conducting a dialog with the DGM leaders, representing the cSO. In addition, all significant REDD+ meeting are attended by representatives of the Mayors, including the 32 mayors related to the FIP (Forest Investment Program) - representing a sample of about 10% of the country.

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	243,309.00	243,309.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	244,509.83	1,200.83
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	321,110.60	76,600.77
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	507,559.68	186,449.08

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07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	807,923.96	300,364.28
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	1,591,732.27	783,808.31
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	2,171,179.06	579,446.79
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	2,541,510.74	370,331.68
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