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Second Grant Agreement for the Republic of Cameroon Readiness Preparation Proposal-Readiness Fund of the FCPF

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Cameroon
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	12/23/2013 to 03/31/2019
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,881,209.94 as of 06/30/2017
Disbursed 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017	510,008.71
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 Project Development Objective is to reinforce Cameroon's capacities to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and to develop a national reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The activities scheduled during Grant Report and Monitoring period remain consistent with the Grant development objective and the Readiness Preparation Plan, however the overall pace of implementation of the key activities is still low.

Overall progress from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

After the Grant effectiveness in December 23, 2013, the initial grant advanced was transferred to client account in March 2014. The Project activities were officially launched on June 11, 2014. The Mid term review mission was organized in December 2015 and confirmed delay in the implementation of the grant. A six months action plan was agreed with authorities. The action plan was assessed in June 2016 and it was concluded that grant implementation was improved. Despite the progresses noted, the grant disbursement rate was low. Therefore, it was agreed to extend the closing date of the grant to increase the opportunity to attain the Grant Development Objective. The information below are summarizing the grant implementation progress.

The fiduciary unit is operational and is composed of a competent Financial Management Specialist, an accountant and a Procurement Specialist. KFW resources allowed them to hire additional personnel within the Technical Secretariat.

- The national REDD+ readiness structures are in place and functional. The National Steering Committee for REDD+ is in place and having regular meetings.

- in-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategic options, which informed the draft of the National REDD+ Strategy are well advanced and will be available in July 2017;

- Stakeholder consultations related to setting up decentralized REDD+ structures were carried out in three AEZ (Sudano-sahelian, mono-modal and bi-modal)

- A third draft of the National REDD+ Strategy was delivered in April 2017 and an advanced version, which takes into account the findings of in-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategic options is expected in December 2017.

Work on the appropriate Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM) and, feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+ is underway and findings are expected in November 2017.

The SESA and development of ESMF was launched in November 2016 but initially suspended to await results of DD and strategic option. It will resume in July 2017 and SESA report and related frameworks are expected to be available in December 2017.

- a national concept for FREL/FRL based on the GLOBIOM model was developed;

- A MRV Guidelines is available.

It is worthy to mention that the Government of Cameroon submitted its ER-PIN to Carbon Fund Participants Committee in June. The ER-PIN was approved. The ER Program covering seven administrative divisions within three administrative regions: Dja et Lobo, Ocean, Vallée du Ntem, Mvila (South region); Nyong et So'o, Nyong et Mfoumou (Centre region) and Haut Nyong (East region) was launched on 15 June 2017 and formulation of the program will start in July 2017. The total surface area of the ER-Program is 93,328km² (9,332,800 ha). It lies within bi-modal and mono-modal agro-ecological zones. The ER Program area includes 9,267,606 ha of forest which accounts for 89% of the area. Total aboveground and belowground biomass in the program area is estimated at 1,725 Mt C/1.725 Gt of biomass, which is approximately 37% of the country's total carbon stocks. The Technical Secretariat is also preparing a National Investment Framework through FIP and a second joint mission of the investment plan for the forest investment program is planning in Cameroon from 15-26 May 2017. CAFI resources mobilization is underway and will be used to refine the investment plan.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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Due to the delay in the implementation of the grant activities, an extension of the closing date was granted and this grant will be closed in September 2018.

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up project or grant (non-Bank funded)

Comment on follow up:

The readiness process could be used to leverage additional investments in forest resources management, however it will be largely dependent on the successful implementation of the grant and the targeted activities. The Carbon Fund Emission Reduction Program under preparation and the National Investment Framework with CAFI remain the follow up activities that are relevant at this stage and are being pursued.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Due to the delay in the implementation of the grant activities, an extension of the closing date was granted and it will be closed in September 2018.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017

A series of studies were carried out with support from individual consultants to address certain pertinent issues related to the national REDD+ process and to inform the national strategy development. These include studies on: synergies of sectorial policies and laws for the effective implementation of REDD+; land tenure and carbon rights; and prioritization of non-carbon benefits. Based on these studies, a third draft of the National REDD+ strategy was made available in April 2017. Draft In-depth analysis of drivers of DD and analysis of strategic options was available in June 2017 and was expected to be finalized in July 2017.

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

A national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders

Baseline 0

Value:

Date: 07/23/2013

Progress to A third draft was issued in April 2017

Date:

Date: 04/28/2017

Target Value: A final version is expected in March 2018

Date: 03/30/2018

The legal and institutional framework for the implementation of the strategy is prepared and validated by national stakeholders

Baseline 0

Value:

Date: 07/24/2013

Progress to Review of legal and institutional framework was done

Date:

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Date: 06/23/2017

Target Value: Will be reviewed and adapted when SESA and ESMF are available

Date: 03/23/2018

A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) including an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) are prepared and validated through participatory stakeholders consultation

Baseline 0

Value:

Date: 07/24/2013

Progress to 0

Date:

Date: 06/30/2017

Target Value: SESA and ESMF available

Date: 12/29/2017

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Organization and consultation

Status: Not Applicable

Planned Output: Operationalization and functioning of the decentralized structures

Actual Output: The national REDD+ readiness structures are in place and functional. The National Steering Committee for REDD+ is in place and having regular meetings

Preparation of the REDD+ Strategy

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: work on the appropriate Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM) and, feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+; Formulation of the National REDD+ Strategy

Actual Output: in-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategic options, which informed the draft of the National REDD+ Strategy are available

Development of a National Forest Reference Level

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: Develop a national concept for FREL/FRL based on the GLOBIOM

Actual Output: A national concept for FREL/FRL based on the GLOBIOM model is underdevelopment

Design Systems for National Forest Monitoring and Information on Safeguards

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: Development and institutionalize a National MRV system

Actual Output: MRV guidelines is underdevelopment

Comment on planned and actual Output

No comment.

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Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: The national REDD+ readiness structures are in place and functional. The National Steering Committee for REDD+ is also in place and having regular meetings. A portion of the Grant (OG) was used to provide direct financial support to civil society and indigenous peoples and this has enhanced their participation in the readiness process.

Component 2: in-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategic options, which informed the draft of the National REDD+ Strategy are available; work on the appropriate Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM) and, feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+ are underway and well advanced;

Component 3: a national concept for FREL/FRL based on the GLOBIOM model was developed and MRV guidelines is underdevelopment.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P124293 - CM -- FCPF REDD READINESS
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

To allow an efficient use of human and financial resources and provides an increase link between the ongoing initiatives and other initiatives, it was agreed that all these activities in Cameroon(readiness activities, preparation of the investment plan and Emission Reduction Program) will be under the supervision of the National REDD+ Coordination. In addition, under the Circle of Partners of MINFOF/MINEPDED (CCPM), there is a REDD+ Sub Group, which involves Financial and Technical Partners with interest in REDD+. The World Bank hosted and chaired a Meeting of the CCPM REDD+ Sub-Group on Wednesday, 28 June, 2017. IUCN, JICA, KfW, GIZ-ProPFE, PNDP, CIFOR and MINFOF were present. During these meetings, updates on REDD+ related initiatives and studies implemented by partners are shared.

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

There is no changes in the technical design or approach.

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

We are working to enhance dialogue with our counterparts. For e.g. because of our communication with the Cameroon's Governor, he nominated a third Focal Point with technical background in planning to support the REDD+ process.

Implementation and technical issues were also shared with the Ministry of Environment in May 2017, and he held a number of internal meetings to foster collaboration and as a matter of fact, the Director of Forestry (Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) and

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the UNFCCC Focal Point regained interest in the process and participated in the launching of ER-Program on June 15, 2017. The Climate Change and REDD+ Platform and indigenous network underwent an audit of its financial management and leadership structures, some inconsistencies were underscored and corrective measures recommended.

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?

Social and environmental issues are being addressed and handled in a proper manner. Staffing: A social development expert and an environment expert were initially hired and were at the REDD+ TS from April 2015 till September 2016. As from September 2016, KfW resources allowed REDD+ TS to hire one Junior Environment specialist and Senior Environment specialist. A SESA task force is also set up.

SESA ToR was approved by the World Bank. The consultancy firm Rainbow was selected after a competitive bidding process. The study was launched in November 2016 but initially suspended to await results of DD and strategic options. The study will resume in July 2017 and complete in December 2017; and a consultation plan was developed as part of the SESA process.

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

An ESMF will be prepared when a draft SESA report is available. An ESMF is then expected in December 2017

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

The government has conducted around 87 public consultations related to the preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy at both national and regional levels, with more than 4638 people.

Direct financial support to civil society and indigenous peoples has enhanced their participation in the readiness process (held 21 workshops held benefiting 1330 participants).

The consultancy firm AGRER was selected after a competitive bidding process to prepare the FGRM. The study was launched in January 2017 but the consultant failed to deliver within time limit (June 2017).

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	379,226.80	379,226.80
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	553,420.46	174,193.66
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	855,335.27	301,914.81
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	1,032,307.30	176,972.03
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	1,371,201.23	338,893.93
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	1,642,810.18	271,608.95
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,881,209.94	238,399.76
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	3,022,293.44	1,141,083.50
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	3,063,676.86	41,383.42
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