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Republic of Nigeria's Readiness Preparation Proposal - Readiness Fund of the FCPF

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Nigeria
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - SAFE1
Grant Start Date / End Date	02/25/2015 to 06/30/2019
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	3,799,413.44 as of 06/30/2019
Disbursed 02/25/2015 to 06/30/2019	3,799,413.44
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

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

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

Project Development Objective for the Readiness Preparedness Support is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Key Results

1. The following are the key results of the Readiness Preparation Activities:
 1. REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional (disaggregated by national and sub-national level);
 2. A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process;
 3. A National Environmental and Social Management Framework developed and validated through a national Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment process;
 4. A National Reference Emissions Level established;
 5. Direct project beneficiaries (number), of which female (percentage).

Overall progress from 02/25/2015 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

All grant objectives have been achieved, with the exception of the validation of the National REDD+ Strategy which will be supported through the project's additional finance. The REDD+ process has triggered interest for inter-agency collaboration and coordination, as well as policy harmonization at national and sub-national levels. The grant objectives funded include:

a) National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements: national and sub-national management arrangements and multi-actor consultation and coordination platforms have been established and are functioning. At Country level, the National Council on REDD+, the Programme Steering Committee, the National Technical Committee and the National REDD+ Secretariat have been established and are operational. At subnational level, REDD+ Secretariats have been established in Cross-River, Nasarawa and Ondo States. Through the project's support, State-level Secretariats are mainstreaming REDD+ into their policies and programs and also engaging with local stakeholders. Moreover, along with local actors, they benefit from capacity strengthening for REDD+. Experience from Cross-River State, in particular, has generated various lessons for the future implementation of REDD+ that are relevant for other States and also for the entire country.

b) Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA): a first full draft of the National REDD+ Strategy has been developed, building on the geospatial analysis of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and the identification of strategic options to address these (REDD+ Strategic Options). The draft assesses the feasibility of the REDD+ Strategic Options and integrates the considerations from the SESA. The SESA, as well as the associated safeguards instruments (Environmental and Social Management Framework, Resettlement Policy Framework and Process Framework) have been finalized and validated by stakeholders at national level. Finally, a benefit-sharing mechanism that defines how the multiple benefits from REDD+ could be shared among the relevant stakeholders has been finalized.

c) Develop a Reference Emissions Level (REL): the development of the national-level REL has been finalized and has been submitted to the UNFCCC for technical review. The REL was informed by the implementation of a forest inventory (based on data collected from Ondo and Nasarawa States and a low intensity sampling for other ecological zones in the country) and assessments of historical forest cover change. The project also supported the strengthening of capacities of the national agencies involved.

d) Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process: the project has reinforced existing platforms for engagement with stakeholders, such as the National and State-level Stakeholder Forums which bring together civil society organizations, representatives from forest-dependent communities, academia, media and the private sector for each respective level. Through these forums, stakeholders have been consulted on the activities being carried out under the REDD+ process, and they have provided their input and validation of the different deliverables of the REDD+ process.

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Overall progress from 02/25/2015 to 06/30/2019 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities: Comment:

All activities envisioned under the grant have been implemented and the grant has achieved full disbursement.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Nigeria has been engaged in REDD+ since 2010 with the support of UN-REDD and has been implementing REDD+ Readiness activities as defined in its R-PP since February 2015 with the support of the FCPF. UN-REDD support focused on Cross-River State, which is now developing a proposal for a REDD+ investment program across the State's forest landscapes. FCPF support has enabled the launch of REDD+ activities at the national level, while enabling a more in-depth engagement in Nasarawa and Ondo States. The total cost of Nigeria's R-PP was initially identified as US\$ 8 million, of which US\$ 3.80 million was received from the FCPF.

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

Comment on follow up:

The US\$4.94 million in additional financing from the FCPF has been approved and is already operational, having recently achieved its first disbursement.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

The closing date of the grant was extended by 10 months (from February to December 2018).

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 02/25/2015 to 06/30/2019

The project made progress towards the achievement of the grant specific outcome indicators.

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional

Baseline No

Value:

Date: 02/01/2015

Progress to Yes

Date:

Date: 12/31/2018

Target Value: Yes

Date: 12/31/2018

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A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to Yes (prepared, validation to be supported by additional finance)
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: Yes
Date: 12/31/2018

A National ESMF prepared and validated through a national SESA process

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to Yes
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: Yes
Date: 12/31/2018

A national Reference Emission Level established

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to Yes
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: Yes
Date: 12/31/2018

Direct project beneficiaries, including female (%)

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to 650 (40% female)
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: 250 (40% female)
Date: 12/31/2018

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Status: Completed
Planned Output: REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional
Actual Output: Federal and State level secretariats constituted and functional

Develop REDD+ Strategies and Conduct SESA

Status: Completed
Planned Output: A National REDD+ Strategy prepared and validated through a consultative process; a National ESMF prepared and validated through a national SESA process
Actual Output: National REDD+ Strategy prepared; a National ESMF prepared and validated through a national SESA process

Develop Reference Emissions Level

Status: Completed
Planned Output: A national Reference Emission Level established
Actual Output: A national Reference Emission Level established and submitted to the UNFCCC

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1. Strengthen National and State level Readiness Management Arrangements:
National REDD+ Secretariat established at Department of Forestry/Ministry of Environment with effective coordination of REDD+ readiness activities at the national level while providing oversight in 3 participating States (Cross River, Nasarawa and Ondo), where REDD+ Secretariats have also been established. The State REDD+ Secretariats ensure the coordination of the various REDD+ pilot site activities in the state and interfacing with relevant ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) at the State levels. They also oversee the activities of the local governments, NGOs, civil society, academia, the private sector, local communities, and traditional authorities working in the field of environment, forestry and natural resource management. Capacity of the National REDD+ Secretariat has also been strengthened, including on operational and procurement aspects. Experts recruited/mobilized on: Procurement, MRV, Stakeholder Engagement and National and International consultants to support on operational matters.

Component 2. Develop REDD+ strategies and Conduct SESA:
The National REDD+ Strategy was developed but the consultation and validation process is planned through the project's additional finance. The SESA and safeguards instruments have been developed and validated.

Component 3. Develop Reference Emissions Level:
A national Reference Emission Level established and submitted to the UNFCCC.

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EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P153732 - NIGERIA 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

FCPF grant complements and builds upon UN-REDD Programme support (no longer active). The National REDD+ Secretariat ensures synergy and consistency with national policies on forest while avoiding overlaps.

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

N/A

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

The capacity of the National REDD+ Secretariat was strengthened with the mobilization of a procurement specialist and the recruitment of a MRV and a Stakeholder Engagement expert, as well as National and International consultants to support on operational matters.

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 FCPF is using a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) to leverage the integration of key environmental and social considerations into REDD+ Readiness by combining analytical and participatory approaches. The SESA follows the latest UNFCCC and FCPF PC guidance in accordance with international best practices.

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

Yes, preparation of the ESMF is combined with the SESA consultancy.

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

Stakeholder consultations are ongoing through the REDD+ stakeholders' engagement platform. Informed consultations are held with forest depended communities and community based organizations. Major deliverables of the grant go through stakeholder consultations, including the SESA, National REDD+ Strategy (including benefit-sharing), the Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) and the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM).

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COMPLETION

Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

Main lessons learned:

Reinforcing the capacity of the project implementation unit is a continuous exercise to implement such a specialized and multi-sectoral activity as REDD+. The project implementation unit's capacity was reinforced through the support of national and international consultants that provide technical support and quality assurance review for project deliverables. This support was critical to the achievement of grant objectives. Fiduciary capacity, especially in procurement, took time to be built which accounted for initial delays in project implementation. Further capacity strengthening should continue through the project's additional finance.

It is important to engage and embed the grant activities within the relevant government structures to build government ownership and sustainability. This is critical for the National REDD+ Strategy, and efforts in this area will continue through the additional finance.

Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

Comment:

REDD+ Readiness activities will continue through the additional finance, focusing on the consultations and validation of the National REDD+ Strategy, strengthening national policies to support REDD+ implementation and establishing a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for REDD+.

Bank Performance:

Comment:

The World Bank conducted regular supervision missions and provided technical support throughout, mobilizing technical resources where possible.

Additional Assessment

Development / strengthening of institutions:

Comment:

The grant has reinforced capacities on REDD+ of the national-level and state-level REDD+ management bodies to provide political and technical guidance to the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, but these efforts need to continue through the additional finance. The capacities and organization of the main stakeholders for a more effective participation in the future implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy need to be strengthened.

Mobilization of other resources:

Comment:

The project has not mobilized other resources at this stage, but the additional finance will support efforts to mobilize financial resources from various sources for the future implementation of the REDD+ Strategy.

Knowledge exchange:

Comment:

The grant has benefitted from lessons learned from other countries in the region. However, further South-South exchanges should be supported and these are planned under the additional finance.

Client's policy / program implementation:

Comment:

Further efforts are needed to build national ownership of the REDD+ Strategy and its integration into relevant policies and programs.

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Efficiency:

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REDD+ remains a highly specialized activity. Lessons have been learned along the way that could have improved the efficiency of implementation.

Replicability:

Comment:

The grant follows an established implementation framework for REDD+ readiness. As this grant is not accompanied by investment or results-based funding, the future implementation of the REDD+ Strategy is uncertain and beyond the scope of this grant.

Main recommendations to stakeholders:

Advocate for the mainstreaming of the REDD+ Strategy into government policies and programs.

Main recommendations to Bank Management:

It is challenging to implement a readiness grant without the prospect of investment and/or results-based financing to put into action the outcomes supported by the grant. It is also challenging for this grant to be limited only to technical assistance and not have the opportunity to implement some field activities to generate lessons and sustain the engagement of stakeholders in this long process. The approach for countries in this category should perhaps be revisited.

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	500,000.00	500,000.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	668,579.59	168,579.59
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,592,351.62	923,772.03
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	2,248,804.95	656,453.33
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	2,698,389.56	449,584.61
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	3,799,413.44	1,101,023.88
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	3,799,413.44	0.00

PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None