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Assignment: TFOA8327

Republic of Nigeria's Additional Finance for REDD+ Readiness Preparation 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	01/29/2019 to 12/31/2020
Original Grant Amount	4,940,000.00
Grant Amount	4,940,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	0.00
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.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

To support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

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

Comment:

Activities during this period have mostly focused on doing the needful to have the trust fund be operational and start disbursing, with the first disbursement of \$500,000 being registered in October 2019 to fund the first set of activities. The validation of the National REDD+ Strategy will be supported through the additional finance. Preparations to do this through an iterative and participatory process have started. The SESA and safeguards instruments were finalized through the initial grant.

The grant closing date is currently June 30, 2020. Although several measures have been put in place to accelerate project activities, the grant objectives would not be achieved by the grant closing date. An extension of this date may need to be explored.

Measures to accelerate project activities include:

- Strengthening the team's capacity through the mobilization of a procurement officer dedicated to the project, as well as by an international and a national consultant to support on planning, delivery and quality of project activities.
- On planning, a detailed workplan has been developed for the entirety of the grant's period. This provides a useful basis for the elaboration of annual budgets and workplans. In addition, the TORs for the first activities to be launched have been developed and are under review.
- Capacity strengthening of the team will continue throughout the period of the grant. For the development of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), for example, the team is building on the results from a needs assessment and planning workshop where they benefitted from expert input and the sharing of lessons from other countries more advanced in REDD+. The outcome was a clear plan to implement the NFMS which is the most challenging component technically, and which accounts for over 20% of the grant amount.
- Finally, the task team will also monitor implementation of activities closely by organizing regular meetings with the team to review progress, identify problems and propose solutions.

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

Comment:

A gender study has been launched to inform the proposed measures of the National REDD+ Strategy. Preparations have also started to launch the development of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), including the organization of a NFMS stakeholder workshop to validate its objective, and discuss roles and responsibilities of the agencies to be involved. The process to select additional States to benefit from targeted REDD+ Readiness support was also launched and is well advanced. Finally, the contracts of the national and international consultants supporting the National REDD+ Secretariat have been renewed.

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. Following Nigeria's self-assessment of progress at mid-term in June 2017, the updated cost needed to complete the REDD+ Readiness process was estimated at US\$ 4.94 million. This amount was approved by the FCPF and later by the World Bank as Additional Finance to the Nigeria REDD+ Readiness project.

This grant will enable Nigeria to complete the REDD+ Readiness process at national-level as defined in its R-PP, while

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deepening its engagement at sub-national and community levels in three additional States (to be selected), in addition to Cross-River, Nasarawa and Ondo which have benefitted from UN-REDD funding as well as the original FCPF grant of US\$ 3.8 million. Specifically, the grant will: (i) reinforce the capacities and ensure the operation of the national-level and state-level REDD+ management bodies to provide political and technical guidance to the development of the National REDD+ Strategy; (ii) reinforce the capacities and organization of the main stakeholders for a more effective participation in the development and implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy; (iii) finalize the National REDD+ Strategy with a detailed action plan and implementation budget; (iv) strengthen national policies to support REDD+ implementation; (v) establish a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for REDD+; and (vi) prepare Nigeria to access available national and international funding for REDD+ investments.

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

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Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional (including at the sub-national level in six pilot states)

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 01/01/2019
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 09/26/2019
Target Value: Yes
Date: 06/30/2020

A National REDD+ Strategy validated through a consultative process

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 01/01/2019
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 09/26/2019
Target Value: Yes
Date: 06/30/2020

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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

Measurement, Reporting, and Verification system for REDD+ designed

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 01/01/2019
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: Yes
Date: 06/30/2020

Direct project beneficiaries, including female (%)

Baseline 0
Value:
Date: 02/01/2015
Progress to 250 (40% female)
Date:
Date: 12/31/2018
Target Value: 1,967 (40% female)
Date: 06/30/2020

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Strengthen National and State Level Readiness Management Arrangements

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: REDD+ Readiness arrangements fully functional
Actual Output: Federal and State level secretariats constituted and functional; the selection of 3 additional States to benefit from targeted REDD+ Readiness support is close to being finalized

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Develop REDD+ Strategy and Conduct SESA

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: The National REDD+ Strategy is validated through a consultative process; approaches to mobilize resources for their implementation are defined
Actual Output: Planning for the validation of the REDD+ Strategy has started. The SESA was finalized through the initial financing.

National Reference Emissions Level established

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: A Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system for REDD+ is designed
Actual Output: Preparations ongoing to launch the development of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

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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

Agency: Federal Ministry of Environment
Contact: Moses Ama, National REDD+ Coordinator
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Phone: +234-8033-4869-09
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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.

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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).

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	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