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Assignment: TF095015

UGANDA: READINESS Preparation Proposal

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information			
TF Status	ACTV		
Recipient Country	Uganda		
Executed By	Recipient		
Managing Unit	8107 - AFTN1		
Grant Start Date / Closing Date	09/08/2009 to 06/30/2011		
Program Manager			
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00		
Grant Amount	200,000.00		
Outstanding Commitments	0.00		
Cumulative Disbursements	180,239.50 as of 03/31/2011		
Disbursed 09/08/2009 to 03/31/2011	180,239.50		
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS		

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the Grant is to support the Government, as a REDD Participant Country in the FCPF, to develop its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). Later stages of the grant may also assist with further development of R-PP components, thus helping the country to move toward 'REDD Readiness'.

Overall progress from 09/08/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The grant achieved its objectives to assist Uganda develop R-PP. Uganda R-PP was approved by the Participants Committee of the FCPF at PC9 in Oslo on June 22, 2011. The R-PP was well received.

Overall progress from 09/08/2009 to 03/31/2011 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities: Comment:

The Recipient implemented the grant satisfactorily, with moderate shortcoming in timeliness (grant agreement had to be extended by 6 monhts to enable the Recipient to achieve its objectives), moderate challenges to implement procurement in full consistency with the Bank Procurement Guidelines, and some ineligible expenditures that are being refunded (due to incurring expenditures after the Grant closing date). The shortcomings in Grant implementation served as a valuable learning opportunity for the Recipient fiduciary and management staff.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Grant completion and REDD issues were included in the agenda of a regular supervision mission of the lending project with National Forestry Authority (NFA), the Uganda EMCBP2 project.

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

Comment on follow up:

The immediate follow up is a USD3.4 million Readiness Grant to advance REDD process in Uganda.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Grant original closing date was extended to December 31, 2010.

COMPLETION

Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

Main lessons learned:

- 1. Achievement of objectives of the grant needs to rely on deep engagement of forest sector (and other landuse sectors) stakholders other than just NFA.
- 2. Very close supervision and technical support is needed at every stage to issue fiduciary soundness, implementation progress, and technical robustness of REDD process.

Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

Comment:

This activity is a first step in a complex and evolving process. Next step (additional support and refinment of Uganda REDD) is likely.

Bank Performance:

Comment:

Bank team provided exemplary implementation support, especially in the early stages of Grant implementation to get the

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activity off the ground. Significant role of the Bank was broadly recognized by stakeholders.

Additional Assessment

Development / strengthening of institutions:

Comment:

The activity served as a substantial learning opportunity for NFA and other stakeholders, not only on substantive technical issues, but also fiduciary and managerial ones.

Mobilization of other resources:

Comment:

USD 180,000 equivalent from Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kampala was raised with assistance of the Bank team. This essentially doubled the available resources, and provided funding for essential consultation component.

Knowledge exchange:

Comment:

The entire REDD is learning on the go, hence knowledge exchange with Bank teams and other REDD countries has been substantial.

Client's policy / program implementation:

Comment:

Activity is likely to have substnatial impact on development of clients policie on carbon rights and benefits distribution. It is also likely to positively affect the implementation of its forestry programs.

Efficiency:

Comment:

Activity was implemented with high efficiency and close adherence to fiduciary standards.

Replicability:

Comment:

REDD process is replicable elsewhere.

Main recommendations to stakeholders:

REDD is one of the last opportunities to conserve Uganda's forests. Support it.

Main recommendations to Bank Management:

Funding for the tedious and risky REDD process is adequate but barely so. Continue to provide adequate supervision resorces and technical guidance to TTs.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2009	12/31/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2010	06/30/2010	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
07/01/2010	12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	180,239.50	140,239.50
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	180,239.50	0.00

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PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None

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