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Assignment: TF015355

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	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	12/23/2013 to 03/31/2017
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	855,335.27 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	476,108.47
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 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 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 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 are significantly delayed.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 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 National REDD+ Coordination Unit developed the Terms of Reference for the main staff to be recruited under the Technical Secretariat, however the recruitment of key personnel, including the program coordinator was not processed for several months, thus slowing the implementation of the grant and REDD+ activities significantly. With the hiring of the Program Coordinator the process has accelerated for key contracts and activities but achievements are limited during the reporting period. It is worthy to notice that, the recruitment delay of the key personnel mentioned above is mainly due to the fact that these key personnel were expected to be recruited under the Basket funds resources financed by KfW.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

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Institutions strengthened at national, regional, and departmental levels effectively coordinating and implementing REDD+ readiness with a grievance and redress mechanism operational

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 12/23/2013
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date: 06/30/2016

A preliminary national/sub national forest emissions reference level, based on updated and quantified information of forest resources and national circumstances is established

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 12/23/2013
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date: 06/30/2015

A National draft REDD+ Strategy (including its implementation framework) incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations is prepared in consultative manner and validated by national stakeholders

Baseline No
Value:
Date: 12/23/2013
Progress to No
Date:
Date: 06/30/2015
Target Value: Yes
Date:

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL READINESS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Streamlining the utilization of REDD+ funds by setting up a Technical Secretariat team
Actual Output: The fiduciary staff (Financial Management and procurement specialists, Accountant) and Social development Specialist and Environmental Specialist are recruited under the grant resources and planned.

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SUPPORT TO THE DESIGN OF A NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY

Status:	Procurement On going
Planned Output:	Analytical reports
Actual Output:	Workplan for developing a draft REDD+ Strategy is underway. Most of the ToRs are available and the bidding process has be launched

INFORMING THE NATIONAL REFERENCE SCENARIO FOR REDD+

Status:	Planned
Planned Output:	Model potential future pressures on the forests in Cameroon
Actual Output:	Actviities not yet initiated

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: The program coordinator and fiduciary team have been hired and other terms of reference developed and the hiring process launched.

Component 2: A condensed workplan has been agreed upon by key partners to develop a draft REDD+ strategy

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

Agency:	Ministry of the Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development		
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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

Coordination with the other partners is currently ensured through: i) participation to the REDD+ partners technical working group meeting on the monthly basis, (ii) meeting with them during implementation support missions and (iii) coordination through Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Environment.

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

A consolidated timeline processes has been agreed upon to accelerate REDD+ readiness activities.

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

The hiring of fiduciary team has assisted in addressing the FM constraints. Technical staff, including M+E still need to be hired.

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 SESA process remains at it earlier stage. The shortlist of the firms was issued. It was agreed that the Common approach will be used.

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

The ESMF preparation is not started but will be prepared as part of the SESA process.

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

The stakeholders consultation continues to be led by the Ministry of Environment, Civil Society organization Platforms.

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	0.00	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00