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## Liberia FCPF Readiness Grant

## FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Liberia
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9270 - GEN01
Grant Start Date / End Date	06/29/2012 to 05/31/2017
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	2,665,662.12 as of 06/30/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016	1,388,908.03
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 carry out a consultative and quantitative analysis of the different land use options for development of the national REDD+ Strategy for Liberia approved by the National Climate Change Steering Committee.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

Good progress has been made in implementing the grant supported activities. The activities under the grant are nearing completion and are expected to be completed well within the closing date. REDD+ Readiness outputs are almost finalized including for the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment, Land cover and Forest mapping and the production of base maps, the development of communications strategy, the development of the National Strategy, the development of the processes for a reference scenario.

Consultations with stakeholders were conducted as part of Liberia's commitment to a highly participatory process. Through the support of both grants (US\$3.6 million and additional funding of US\$5 million) Liberia intends to submit its R-Package to the FCPF by December 2016 for consideration by the March 2017 FCPF PC meeting.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The overall progress of the Grant Implementation over the reporting period is significant. Implementation progress has been slightly delayed due to the Ebola outbreak in Liberia in 2015 that halted all government and consultant activities. However, post-Ebola the pace of activities has picked up significantly. Still, a grant extension of 6 months (to November 30, 2016) was requested by the Government of Liberia and approved by the Bank in May 2016.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

The FCPF grant provides funding to support Liberia in carrying out selected key activities outlined in the R-PP for the REDD+. The FCPF support funds a portion of the identified R-PP activities, and will help the Country towards achieving REDD+ Readiness. FCPF is financing major components of the R-PP that have been prioritized by the REDD Technical Working Group. This support is limited to technical assistance, analytical studies, capacity building, goods, operating costs, and consultation processes and does not include the implementation of site-specific REDD+ programs (carbon deals) on the ground.

The grant-financed activities are organized into four components:

Component 1: Support to Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Consultations

Component 2: Contribute to the design of the national REDD+ Strategy

Component 3: Develop a Reference Level or Scenario (including Forest Cover Mapping and Forest Inventory in Priority Areas)

Component 4: Project Management.

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

#### Comment on follow up:

The additional financing of 5M USD from FCPF was approved in September 2015. The Liberia Forest Sector Project (US\$37.5 million) with a single country Trust Fund from NIFCI (Norway) was also approved in April 2016.

**End Date of Last Site Visit:**

#### Restructuring of Grant:

Grant extension by 6 months was requested and approved in May 2016. Current closing date is November 30, 2016.

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## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

As a result of the Ebola crisis several contracts were delayed in their implementation, notably for the forest cover mapping, SESA and REDD+ Strategy and certain aspects of developing the reference emissions level and MRV procedures due to consulting firms not willing to return to Liberia or complete consultation processes that required going to the field. With these contracts now underway and close to completion, the grant will deliver on its objectives.

Additionally certain elements of REDD+ Readiness will be supported by the additional funding for the REDD+ process, such as the implementation of the MRV system and development of the REL that build on the activities undertaken in this grant.

### Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

#### Consultations on land-use options with GoL and stakeholders (4 county level)

Baseline 0  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to 6  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 11/30/2016

#### Consultations on REDD+ Strategy (4 county level)(participation as defined by SESA

Baseline 0  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to 4  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: 4  
Date: 11/30/2016

#### Quantitative analysis of land use in forested and mixed agricultural lands prepared

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to Yes  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 11/30/2016

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## Quantified reference scenario prepared and validated by the REDD+ TWG

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to No  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 11/30/2016

## Environmental and Social Management Framework drafted and validated

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to Yes  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 11/30/2016

## National REDD+ strategy prepared and validated

Baseline No  
Value:  
Date: 06/29/2012  
Progress to No  
Date:  
Date: 06/30/2016  
Target Value: Yes  
Date: 11/30/2016

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Component 1. Support to the coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Consultation

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: REDD+ Technical Working Group (RTWG) operational, consultations carried out at local, county and national level  
Actual Output: RTWG established and operational, consultations have been carried out at different levels and will continue as part of the participatory REDD+ process

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### Component 2. Contribute to the design of the national REDD+ Strategy

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** Finalized REDD+ strategy and Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA)

**Actual Output:** SESA completed, including all consultations and validation; REDD+ Strategy nearly completed.

### Component 3. Develop a reference level or scenario

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** National forest cover map and a reference scenario completed

**Actual Output:** National Forest cover map finalized; initial reference scenario nearly ready.

### Component 4. Project Management

**Status:** Under Implementation

**Planned Output:** REDD+ Implementation Unit (RIU) formally established, key positions filled, and supporting implementation of REDD+ readiness activities.

**Actual Output:** RIU fully functional and in charge of REDD+ readiness activities

## Comment on planned and actual Output

## Comment on component implementation progress

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

**Project ID / Name:** P124073 - Liberia-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**

The initial studies are implemented with this original 3.6M from FCPF, and additional on-ground studies and activities are covered with the additional financing of 5M from FCPF. The REDD+ readiness work lay ground for Liberia to receive support to its forest sector from Norway, under the Letter of Intent signed in September 2014 (total commitment of US\$150 million equivalent at the time of the signing).

In addition, several of the CSOs are engaged in various initiatives which are complementary to REDD+ and thereby are continually offering useful lessons and insights to guide and strengthen the REDD+ readiness process.

**2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.**  
None.

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

The deliverables by consultants delayed during the Ebola outbreak period, and have caught up with the plan, but are not completed yet.

**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?**

SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach. SESA was prepared, including through a series of consultations, and validated. Six short case study reports on drivers of deforestation were also produced as part of the SESA consultancy.

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

ESMF prepared in accordance with Common Approach.

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

There are various working groups REDD+ technical working group, SESA working group, and the meeting is held regularly. The preparation of the REDD+ Strategy and conduct of the SESA have been highly participatory in nature.

A consultant has been recruited and is working on the implementation of the REDD+ communication strategy and activities are underway to increase the accessibility of information electronically as well as dissemination of information more broadly.

Identification of the appropriate FGRM for REDD+ in Liberia ongoing.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	305,293.00	5,293.00

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07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	371,177.70	65,884.70
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	594,642.89	223,465.19
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	998,889.42	404,246.53
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	1,276,754.09	277,864.67
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	1,579,091.45	302,337.36
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	2,665,662.12	1,086,570.67
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