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## Lao PDR - FCPF REDD+ Readiness

## FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Laos
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	08/11/2014 to 09/15/2017
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	305,004.86 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	305,004.86
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 contribute to Lao PDR's efforts to design and implement a sound national REDD+ strategy.

Key Results indicators include:

- a) Strengthened technical and institutional capacities, and human resources for effective management, implementation and coordination of REDD+ Programs, projects and policies with DOF and DFRM;
- b) Improved understanding and awareness of drivers of deforestation and degradation and of strategies to address them;
- c) An efficient, effective and equitable REDD+ management framework designed and validated nationally, including an Environmental and Social Management Framework;
- d) Appropriate social inclusion in REDD+ through consultations at the national, provincial, and especially the district and community levels; and
- e) Sub-national dialogue on REDD+ implementation.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The Project Development Objective is to contribute to Lao PDR's effort to contribute to design and implement a sound national REDD+ strategy. This will help enable Lao PDR to become ready to participate in and benefit from the emerging performance-based payment system from REDD+ within the context of the UNFCCC. The activities aim to develop or enhance socially and environmentally sound policies and programs to reduce deforestation and forest degradation, and internationally recognized reference emission level, generate forest carbon emission scenarios, and design technically robust systems of forest monitoring and emissions reporting. This Readiness Preparation grant support will assist the GOL in preparing for a comprehensive National REDD+ strategy and setting up necessary instruments including the establishment of the national REDD+ Office in associated Technical Working Groups. The project face some delay in hiring an international consulting firm to support the main REDD+ strategy and strategic environmental and social assessment.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The overall progress has been slower than planned on the FCPF grant, particularly the procurement packages, which delays the achievement of REDD+ activities. Project issued REOI for the US\$1.2 million firm contract to develop the REDD+ strategy, provide technical support and develop the SESA, among other activities. During the May 2015 mission, the No Objection was issued for the purchase of US\$100,000 of satellite imagery to support the development of the reference emissions level baseline. Staffing in the project unit was recently affected by the departure of the financial management consultant and the project is advised to contract another one. Collaboration between DOF and MONRE on REDD+ for the FCPF and FIP is beginning and the prospects look good for cooperation between the two agencies. One of the areas requiring clarifications is the composition of the REDD+ Task Force and its TOR, which the DOF and DFRM will revisit. The Government of Lao PDR submitted the Emission Reduction Project Identification Note (ER-PIN) in September.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

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

#### Comment on follow up:

(1) Clarifications on the composition of the REDD+ Task Force, TOR, and member composition to ensure relevant stakeholders

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are included and that the Task Force contributes to all REDD+ operations. MONRE and DOF agreed to send a list of participants and the TOR of the REDD+ Task Force for the Bank's review by: mid June 2015.  
(2) Submit draft TOR for the Strategic Environment and Social Assessment to the Bank by December 2015.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

## OUTCOME

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

The grant is in early stages during the period under review and still organizing for the work. There is insufficient progress toward the outcome to report at this time.

### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

There are no components defined for this trust fund / grant.

### Comment on planned and actual Output

The grant was at an early stage of development during the period under review and progress was minimal.

### Comment on component implementation progress

There are no separate components in the grant.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P125082 - LA-FCPF Implementation Support  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Climate change  
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

### Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Dept. of Forestry, REDD+ Office  
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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 REDD+ grant activities are coordinated with efforts underway with JICA, GIZ and to a lesser extent FAO. JICA is working with the client on development of a REL/RL baseline primarily. GIZ is piloting work in Huapan province for REDD+ which is the site selected for one of the pilot activities and provides valuable technical advice especially in the development of the ERPIN document. FAO maintains a forester in its local staff in Vientiane who provides ad hoc technical support to the program.

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

No changes at this time.

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

A procurement and financial management consultant have been hired by the project and participated in Bank training. Technical and implementation capacity will be strengthened through a relatively large contract with an international firm to provide assistance in REDD+ strategy development, SESA, and coordination with other REDD partners to ensure a concerted national effort.

**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 Bank's social and environmental specialists participated in the missions and provide ad hoc advice as needed. The SESA work is included in a pending technical assistance contract. Once the contract is awarded then actual work will be conducted.

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

The ESMF is a document that would be generated once the SESA is developed. The contract award for the SESA is pending and there is no progress to report at this time.

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

The consultation, participation, and related work has not yet undertaken during the period under review for the grant. However, this is understandable as the main technical assistance contract has not yet been awarded and work is still in the early stages.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	305,004.86	5,004.86
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	500,677.67	195,672.81
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	963,207.83	462,530.16
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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