Assignment: TF017919

BF: FCPF Readiness Preparation Grant

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.
OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:
The proposed Project Development Objective is to reinforce Burkina Faso’s capacity to coordinate the REDD+ readiness process including a socially and environmentally sound national strategy and other key governance systems for REDD+ implementation.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:
Comment:
The grant was effective end of February 2015. It will complement the Forest Investment Project and the teams for both projects are working together. The REDD+ Readiness activities as defined in the R-PP will be designed and lead by a specific lead REDD+ expert. During the period for the GRM (February to end of June 2015), the procurement procedure was held and an expert was identified. However, the expert withdrew at negotiation stage as he found a better position elsewhere. A new recruitment procedure was launched and was successful, but the contract was not signed before the end of the reporting period. Most of REDD+ Readiness activities are planned in the next FY.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:
Comment:
Despite the political situation, Burkina Faso is moving forward on the REDD+ Readiness agenda, especially with the production of a complete mapping of land use change through Luxembourg project and the pooling of the expertise on REDD+ and Land management inherited from other projects.

However, because the activities have been mostly financed by Lux-Dev and by the Forest Investment Program (both AfDB and World Bank), the FCPF TF itself has not been disbursing yet. The work program for this specific TF should be finalized soon with the support of the Lead REDD+ expert that has been hired at the end of the FY and is now settled in Burkina Faso.

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:
The first step will be the design of a REDD+ Strategy. This strategy may lead to additional grants and projects, leading ultimately to an Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015
Following the political events and the approval of the Grant in February, the activities before end of June 2015 were mostly enabling activities (procurement, definition of the activity sharing between the FIP and FCPF grants…). The disbursement on the FIP Preparation Grant (PPG) has been delayed, and the team preferred to complete the disbursement on the Preparation grant before starting using the FCPF grant. As the PPG is closing and the key staff have been hired, the FCPF grant should start disbursing very soon and at a quick pace to follow the fast-moving development of REDD+ in the country.

Grant Outcome Indicators
No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.
REPORT TO DONOR

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1: Strengthening REDD+ and forest governance

Status: Not Applicable
Planned Output: See Comment
Actual Output: Component just started - the lead REDD+ expert was hired in September

Component 2: Development of National REDD+ Strategy

Status: Not Applicable
Planned Output: See Comment
Actual Output: Component just started - the lead REDD+ expert was hired in September

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

Component 1: Strengthening REDD+ and forest governance
Activity 1.a: Building REDD+ technical capacities:
Actual Output: the Lead Technical Assistant (#REDD+ expert), hired on the FIP Preparation Grant to support the REDD+ process.
Activity 1.b: Development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism:
Actual Output: The Lead REDD+ expert started the drafting of ToRs. The GRm will also be used for the DGM project and teams are working together.
Activity 1.c: Setting up partnerships with the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior for Forest Law promotion and enforcement (about US$350,000).
Actual Output: not started yet
Activity 1.d: Development of a Monitoring System for Co-Benefits
Actual Output: ToRs for an initial study have been drafted

Component 2: Development of National REDD+ Strategy
Activity 2.a: Design and elaboration of the REDD+ strategy
Actual Output: not started yet
Activity 2.b: Enhancing the Informational Base related to REDD+
Actual Output: not started yet
Activity 2.c: Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA)
Actual Output: not started yet

Component 3: Readiness Monitoring, Coordination and Communication
Activity 3.a: Operational Support for grant implementation
Actual Output: the enabling activities has started but are mostly financed by the Preparation Grant of the FIP
Activity 3.b: REDD+ Readiness compliance, control and monitoring
Actual Output: not relevant at this stage
EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P149827 - Burkina Faso-REDD Readiness Preparation
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 funded by
The Ministry of Environment has integrated all the teams working on REDD+ (World Bank, AfDB, Un-REDD and Luxembourg projects). That is why they have move forward on the REDD+ Readiness agenda but without actually using the FCPF grant yet.

2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.
No change yet

3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.
The FM team is fully operational. The procurement specialist resigned and is being replaced. The Lead technical expert has been hired in September (after the period reviewed by this GRM)

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?
Consultations in 32 communes are planned and the experts are currently working on the TORs. However, the work actually hasn't started yet on the ground.

5. Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?
Not yet due since the SESA work hasn't started yet

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

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