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## REDD+ READINESS PREPARATION SUPPORT from the FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY - Cote d'Ivoire

### FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Cote d'Ivoire
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	09/29/2014 to 03/31/2018
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	727,857.84 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	727,857.84
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 development objective is to reinforce the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

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

##### Comment:

Launched in November 2014, REDD+ readiness in Côte d'Ivoire is fully on track to achieve program objectives. Activities related to project management are nearly completed and national mechanisms are created and functional. Awareness raising among stakeholders is ongoing with support of the communication specialist, and the implementation of a communication plan as well as the creation of a website. Negotiations with the agricultural sector are on track for the development of the concept of Zero Deforestation Agriculture.

Strategic REDD+ options are known and studies started in October 2015. The REDD+ strategy will be available as agreed in the RPP by the end of 2016. In addition, activities related to the preparation of the national emission level and those concerning MRV are on track to be completed in 2016 and 2017 respectively, as stipulated in the RPP.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has submitted to the FCPF in May 2015 and Early Idea Note for an ER program around the Tai National Park. In May 2015, Côte d'Ivoire was selected as a pilot country in the second phase of Forest Investment Program which will provide access to investments for REDD+ activities and provide a concrete basis for the application of readiness activities.

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

##### Comment:

Despite the 3 month delay at the beginning of implementation due to national administrative process, the implementation progress is progressing. The Disbursement rate is 31.3 percent.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

#### Expected follow up (if any):

##### Comment on follow up:

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire presented an Early Idea for an Emissions Reduction Program in the Tai National Park Area to the FCPF Carbon Fund in April 2015 which was approved.

The Emissions Reduction Identification Note (ER-PIN) for this program was presented at the 13th Carbon Fund meeting on October 13, 2015 and approved for the carbon fund pipeline entry. Additional funds will be available from the FCPF to prepare the Emissions Reduction Program Document (ER-PD). Continued engagement and coordination will be needed to ensure timely and effective delivery of the ER-PD.

Forest Investment Program: Côte d'Ivoire was recently selected to be one of the pilot countries for the Forest Investment Program's (FIP) second wave of funding. As such they will receive funding aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation and promoting sustainable forest management and proactive engagement will be needed to ensure that the different initiatives (Readiness, FIP, ER-PD development) are developed to be synergistic and complementary.

#### End Date of Last Site Visit:

#### Restructuring of Grant:

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## OUTCOME

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

#### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Component 1: Organization and consultations

**Status:** Under Implementation  
**Planned Output:** 3 readiness management bodies are operational  
**Actual Output:** Permanent REDD+ executive secretariat and civil society organizations, 2 of the 3 readiness management bodies are now operational.

#### Component 2: preparation of the REDD+ strategy

**Status:** Under Implementation  
**Planned Output:** National REDD+ Strategy Adopted  
**Actual Output:** Key Analytical studies have been launched to inform the REDD+ Strategy

### Comment on planned and actual Output

### Comment on component implementation progress

Key aspects of REDD+ readiness (REL and MRV) are supported by other agencies and not by this grant. Updates on progress for those elements have been included below as they are key aspects of the national REDD+ readiness process, however are not included as components implemented under this grant. Progress to date includes:

Component 1: Organization and consultations.

Sub component 1a: REDD + national systems management measures.

Actual Output: Permanent REDD+ executive secretariat and civil society organizations, 2 of the 3 readiness management bodies are now operational. The Inter-ministerial task force will be set up in 2016.

Sub component 1b: Consultation, participation, and awareness raising.

Actual Output: 3,500 individuals directly informed and consulted through 28 events in 13 regions of Côte d'Ivoire. REDD+ stakeholder engagement plan is drafted, and negotiations are underway to establish zero-deforestation agriculture partnership agreements between SEP-REDD+, agro-industrial companies, and other professions in agricultural sectors.

Component 2: preparation of the REDD+ strategy.

Sub component 2a: Evaluation of land use, factors leading to changes in land use, and forest laws, policies, and governance.

Actual output: ToRs for the 3 studies are completed; recruitment of the consultants firms that will undertake the study will be finalized in September.

Sub component 2b: National REDD + strategy

Actual output: Identified strategic options are now organized into seven (7) categories (5 sectoral, 2 cross-sectoral)

Sub component 2c: Implementation Framework

Actual output: Analytic studies of REDD+ legal framework is available and the other on implementation of grievance and

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redress mechanism made available in December 2015. Analysis of private sector REDD+ investment potential and Feasibility study of national Payment for Environment Services mechanism, will be successively available in June 2016 and July 2015

Sub component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts

Actual output: ToRs for completion of SESA and ESMF were approved and study firm currently being recruited

Component 3: Elaboration of a national forest reference emissions level

Actual output: the Assessment of advantages and disadvantages of various definitions of #forest# in Côte d'Ivoire now available and Working group on reference level composed by national experts from ministries, State technical structures, universities, and research centers has been formed in June 2015.

Component 4: Establishment of Measurement, Reporting, and Verification system (MRV).

Sub component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System.

Actual output: Four workshops capacity building have been organized for national structures involved in MRV. These national structures are being organized to carry out MRV functions by 2017. Digital monitoring platform and harmonization of existing and future maps will be operational and available in June 2016.

Sub component 4b: Information system on multiple benefits, other impacts, governance, and conservation.

Actual output: the assessment of the Contribution of ecosystem services to national economy is in progress and it will be available in July 2016 and the Study of multiple benefits map for REDD+ spatial planning being conducted, to be available in July 2016.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P149801 - REDD+ Readiness Preparation in RCI
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 Ministry of the Environment, Urban Sanitation, and Sustainable Development (MINESUDD) is responsible for steering the national REDD+ process through a National REDD+ Commission (CN-REDD+). This commission is composed of a National REDD+ Committee, an Inter-ministerial Technical Committee, and a Permanent REDD+ Executive Secretariat (SEP-REDD+). This secretariat is responsible for coordinating the REDD+ process activities (including ER Program and FIP activities) financed by several donors.

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

N/A

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

World Bank through the Senior Environmental Specialist provided training on safeguards for all SEP-REDD+ team.

## 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 safeguard specialist at SEP-REDD+ was hired and is following the recruitment of the consultant Firm under the supervision of local Senior Environmental Specialist of World Bank. Consultations are already planned in the 3 regions. A Grievance Redress Mechanism will be prepared as part of the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF).

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

CESA work has not started yet, consulting firm is currently being recruited.

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

3,500 individuals directly informed and consulted at 28 events in 13 regions of Côte d'Ivoire, on REDD+, national REDD+ strategy, on concept zero deforestation agriculture and on good agricultural Practices. Nine categories of stakeholders identified and actively involved in national REDD+ process.

Three agreements signed between SEP-REDD+ and media professionals. Web site has been created for the REDD+ process ([www.reddplus.ci](http://www.reddplus.ci)) and a video clip of a song for the preservation of the forest was produced.

## 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	0.00	0.00
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	727,857.84	727,857.84
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
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00