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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	9268 - GEN07
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	1,960,289.95 as of 06/30/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016	1,232,432.11
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 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 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. Agreements with the agricultural sector are underway 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 signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the FCPF Carbon Fund in November of 2015 for the development of 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 and in June 2016 the FIP Investment Plan was approved by the FIP-SC in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Côte d'Ivoire is making significant progress in the management of the Grant from the FCPF as well as in the preparation (readiness) for a national REDD+ program. The country is on track to submit an R-Package but will require additional resources to carry out all of the readiness activities.

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

Comment:

Implementation has improved significantly as evidenced by the uptick in disbursement from FY15 to FY16 and the progress on readiness activities (\$1.960m disbursed, 52%). The activities financed by the FCPF grant include: Readiness coordination, consultation and participation, design of a grievance redress mechanism (GRM), benefit sharing analysis and social and environmental assessment (SESA).

With regards to Coordination, the permanent secretariat is in place and fully operational, the GRM is under design, the national REDD+ coordinating body has been established and has met but is only moderately operational on a regular basis. A communication and consultation plan has been developed and activities launched, key studies are underway including on the drivers of deforestation, regional land use planning, national and regional woodfuel demand and availability, and the potential for reforestation and agroforestry. Further a draft national strategy has been developed, and thematic groups for the different strategic options are operational. Finally, an Environmental and Social specialist has been hired and consultations for the SESA development have been launched and a full plan should be forthcoming.

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 Government of Côte d'Ivoire (GOCI) is using preparation funds provided by the FCPF Carbon Fund, based on the LOI signed in November 2015, to prepare the ER Program Document. The ER Program will build directly on the readiness activities as well

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as the investments laid out in the FIP Investment Plan, approved by the FIP-SC on June 16, 2016. The investment plan focuses on key drivers of deforestation and carbon stock enhancements that are consistent with Côte d'Ivoire's national REDD+ strategy. These investments are designed to lead to GHG emissions reduction and avoidance that will lead the country to the performance based payments outlined in the ER Program. The follow up activities to REDD+ readiness are truly part of a programmatic approach to integrated forest landscape management in Côte d'Ivoire and are developed in a way that is synergistic and complementary.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Through the MTR progress report of March 20, 2016, an additional financing of USD5m was submitted to the FCPF for approval. While some significant progress has been achieved, it must be recognized that important elements of the national REDD+ architecture remain incomplete based on the assessment of the Readiness Package at MTR. The duration of the readiness phase covered by the additional funding request is two years, running from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. To that end, the RCI's proposed request for additional funding relates to all relevant activities of the R-PP components necessary to complete the readiness phase.

OUTCOME

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

- Institutions strengthened at national, regional, and departmental levels; these institutions will be coordinating and implementing REDD+ readiness effectively and put in place an operational grievance and redress mechanism.

- A National REDD+ Strategy (including analysis of options for the development of a benefit sharing plan) incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations is under preparation in a consultative manner and will be validated by national stakeholders by December 2016.

- An Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for managing potential social and environmental risks of agreed REDD+ strategy options is under preparation and will be validated by mid-2017.

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Organization and consultation

Status:	Under Implementation
Planned Output:	readiness management bodies are operational
Actual Output:	Permanent REDD+ executive secretariat is operational, the REDD+ coordination (CN REDD+) is established and operational

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Preparation of the REDD+ strategy

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: National REDD+ Strategy Adopted
Actual Output: Draft strategy available and under consultation

Elaboration of a national forest reference emissions level or a National Forest Reference Level

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Reference level completed
Actual Output: Data for preparing FREL/FRL are available and draft FREL/FRL is expected for December, 2016.

Establishment of Measurement, Reporting and Verification System (MRV)

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: MRV system in place
Actual Output: An MRV unit composed of experts in remote sensing, GIS, and national forest inventory. The development of the MRV system is underway.

Comment on planned and actual Output

The key outputs are the culminating elements of broader aspects of REDD+ readiness so it is not unusual that they are not yet completed. There are multiple inputs and activities that have to be carried out to inform the outputs.

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 zero-deforestation agriculture partnership agreements between SEP-REDD+, agro-industrial companies, and other professions in agricultural sectors are in place.

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: Following studies are underway: (i) drivers of deforestation and degradation; (ii) development of a regional land use plan; (iii) assessment of woodfuel demand and supply; and (iii) reforestation and agroforestry potential.

Sub component 2b: National REDD + strategy

Actual output: Identified strategic options are now organized into seven (7) categories (5 sectoral, 2 cross-sectoral); thematic working group established and operational and draft strategy developed

Sub component 2c: Implementation Framework

Actual output: Analytical studies of REDD+ legal framework is available and the other on implementation of grievance and redress mechanism made available in 2015. Feasibility study of national Payment for Environment Services mechanism completed in December 2015 and Analysis of private sector REDD+ investment potential is expected for December 2016.

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Sub component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts

Actual output: SESA and ESMF are underway (national workshop to launch the process held in March 2016 and public consultation underway since April 2016).

Component 3: Elaboration of a national forest reference emissions level

Actual output: Data for preparing FREL/FRL available

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

Sub component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System.

Actual output: MRV unit in place and staffed with MRV experts to carry out MRV functions by 2017.

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 and Sustainable Development (MINEDD) 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.

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.

N/A

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 SESA development under close supervision of a Senior Environmental Specialist based at the World Bank country office in Abidjan. Consultations are already planned in the three

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regions. A Grievance Redress Mechanism GRM activities have been launched and consultations for the SESA process have been launched. The project is being prepared in accordance with WB safeguards policies.

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

A consulting firm has been recruited and public consultations for the SESA have been launched. An Environmental and Social Specialist has been hired to lead the process within the SEP REDD+.

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 related for the REDD+ process (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	1,317,219.77	589,361.93
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	1,960,289.95	643,070.18
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