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## NEPAL: FCPF READINESS GRANT

## FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Nepal
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	1540 - SASDA - HIS
Grant Start Date / End Date	08/26/2009 to 12/31/2015
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,491,298.54 as of 06/30/2014
Disbursed 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014	791,298.54
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 objective of the Grant is to support the Government of Nepal, as a REDD Participant Country in the FCPF, to develop its Readiness Plan (R-Plan), which will lay out a detailed framework for specific implementation activities. Later stages of the grant may also assist with further development of R-Plan components, thus helping the country to move toward 'REDD Readiness'.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

Implementation accelerated rapidly over the last 12 months with activities nearing completion as per the revised work plan presented in the Mid Term Review. In particular, the REDD Cell has organized completion of preparation of a satisfactory proposal for a national Monitoring Verification and Reporting System, has a draft final Reference Emissions Level report, a Strategic Environmental Assessment report and a review of REDD+ strategy has been prepared. The full suite of studies completed to date is publicly available on the Internet. Parallel to grant implementation per se, important developments, including the FCPF selection of Nepal's initial concept paper (ER-PIN) for a Terai Arc Landscape project are indicators of Nepal's approach to Readiness. The Ministry has upgraded the REDD Cell to the status of REDD Implementation Center. Negotiations on a Letter of Intent for entry into the FCPF Carbon Fund program are well advanced.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

Key studies (SESA, MRV, REL) have been completed and selection of consultants for work on remaining studies (roughly equivalent to the remaining grant amount) are well advanced.

Work under the grant was expected to be complete by June 30, 2015, the revised closing date. However, in view of the consequences of the April 25 earthquake the RIC has proposed a further extension of the Closing Date to December, 31, 2015, a proposal endorsed by the Task Team.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

**Expected follow up (if any):** Follow up project or grant (non-Bank funded)

#### Comment on follow up:

Participants in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility have accepted Nepal's Emission Reduction Project Idea Note (ER-PIN) for the Terai Arc Landscape Emissions Reduction Project. This would be a performance-based financed scheme covering at least 12 Terai districts, involving activities in forestry, land use, energy and livestock. FCPF offers support for Bank-execution of studies and preparatory work, subject to Government endorsement of a Letter of Intent to offer emission reduction rights to the Facility. Plans are being prepared to link the proposed ERPA with preparation of a proposed IDA agriculture and livestock project.

#### End Date of Last Site Visit:

#### Restructuring of Grant:

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## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014

Satisfactory studies have been completed and are now publicly available on MRV, REL, SESA, REDD Strategy. A Readiness Self-Assessment and other studies are in the final stages.

### 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

### Comment on component implementation progress

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P125198 - NP: FCPF Nepal Grant - Supervision  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Multi-focal area  
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

### Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: REDD Cell Ministry of Forestry and Soil Conservation  
Contact: Resham Dangi, Additional Secretary  
Address: Babar Mahal  
Phone: 977-1-239126  
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Website:

## 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 Implementation Center, newly created from the original REDD Cell promotes REDD+ activities and liases across national agencies and local authorities

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

n/a

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

Significant accomplishment has been made in building procurement capacity within the REDD Implementation Center. FMS capacity lags. Strengthening of general technical forest management capacity in Nepal is occurring, largely independently of this grant. In the remaining implementation period increased emphasis is being given to forest management data aspects.

### 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?

Initial work on the SESA has concluded, but detailed work will be needed at the level of the proposed Terai Arc Landscape Project

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

Pending

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

Stakeholder consultations have been conducted throughout the REDD+ process, with primary support being provided under parallel financing (Multistakeholder Forestry Programme).

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2009	12/31/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2010	06/30/2010	0.00	0.00	91,028.22	91,028.22
07/01/2010	12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	152,194.80	61,166.58
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	47,805.20
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	700,000.00	500,000.00
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	700,000.00	0.00
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	700,000.00	0.00
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	1,079,783.90	379,783.90
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	1,491,298.54	411,514.64
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	2,287,205.29	795,906.75
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	2,905,659.66	618,454.37
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00