



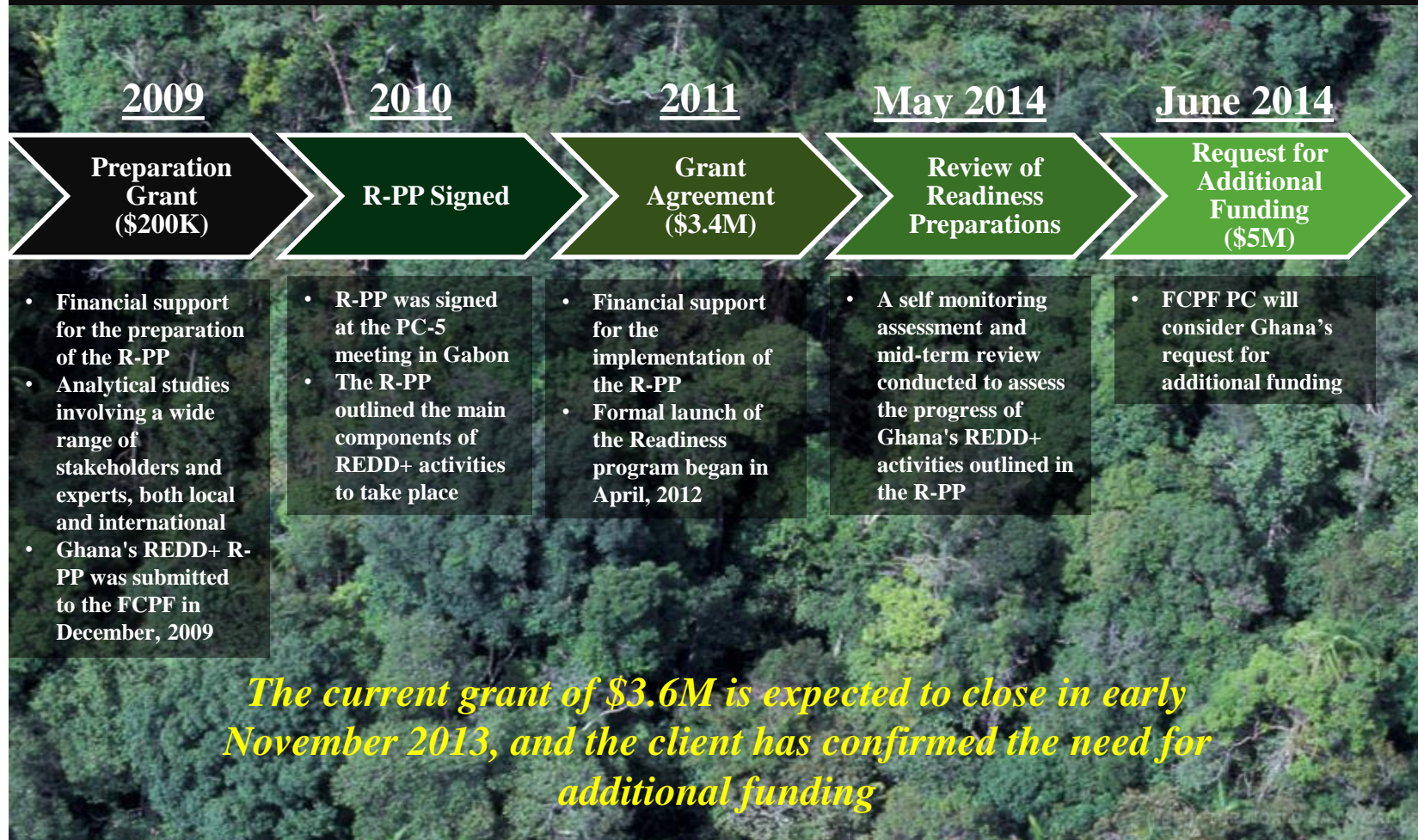
GHANA'S PROGRESS ON FCPF READINESS GRANT ACTIVITIES

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FCPF FUNDED READINESS ACTIVITIES

Ghana's Steps Towards REDD Readiness:



FCPF GRANT OBJECTIVE

- Support Ghana's REDD+ Readiness efforts:
 - in the design of a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation
 - to develop a reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances
 - to support the coordination of the REDD+ readiness process and readiness preparation activities management, monitoring and evaluation
 - to develop a blueprint for a monitoring, reporting and verification system

MID-TERM REVIEW OF READINESS PROGRESS

- The Mid-Term Review (MTR) assessed Ghana's ability to use grant funding to meet the grant objectives and need for additional support
- Overall, despite a slow start, Ghana has shown significant progress in implementation of its readiness preparation and the FCPF grant supported components
- Disbursements:
 - *Grant amount: \$3.4M*
 - *Cumulative disbursements: \$1,982,184.79 (as of 6/30/2014)*
 - *Disbursed 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014: \$1,270,000.42*
 - *Total commitment: \$2,540,000.71*

COMPONENT 1: READINESS ORGANIZATION AND CONSULTATION

Status:

- Capacity building and training activities for staff managing national REDD+ coordination completed
- REDD Secretariat effectively managing the national co-ordination of REDD+ and implementation of activities planned under the readiness grant including procurement and financial aspects, and building national ownership of REDD+.
- Communication strategy prepared. National REDD+ website is functional. A draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to monitor implementation progress of the REDD+ readiness process has been prepared
- In addition the architecture for national REDD Readiness management at various levels (technical and policy and terms of reference) has been agreed
- Financial audits have been conducted

COMPONENT 2: REDD+ STRATEGY PREPARATION

Status:

- Situational Analysis , and REDD strategy options paper completed. Prioritization of candidate REDD Strategies has been completed based on robust screening criteria
- Next Steps: Stakeholder consultation process and preparation of REDD Strategy implementation plan
- SESA report and ESMF will be ready by September 2014
- Final REDD strategy adoption expected by October 2014
- The national level REDD implementation framework, assessment of legal framework and clarity on carbon rights requires further work

COMPONENT 3: REFERENCE EMISSION LEVEL / REFERENCE LEVEL

Status:

- Development of methods and approaches following established international protocols
- The development of a REL/ RL is building on earlier works in this field, and hardware and initial data sets have been procured
- Ghana's approach to Reference levels envisages starting with sub national reference levels for eco-zones as there are differences in drivers of deforestation between eco-zones, and then building the national reference levels
- Some technical analysis such as land use, and land classification (conducted previously with JICA support) for the reference levels requires review and refining
- Degradation aspects need to be incorporated into the REF Levels

COMPONENT 4: MONITORING SYSTEMS FOR FORESTS & SAFEGUARDS

Status:

- Blueprint for a MRV system for Ghana capable of tracking all activities (deforestation, degradation, reforestation and enhancement of carbon stock) under preparation
- Design of fully functional MRV system and additional gaps identified in the reference scenario will be supported through the request for additional readiness funds

KEY CHALLENGES GOING FORWARD

- Ghana's progress in REDD Readiness heavily weighted to the end of the FCPF grant period
 - Significant overlap in transition from readiness phase to implementation phase, which is requiring close coordination
 - Administrative delays in early 2013 resulted in increased emphasis on critical consultation processes being left to the near end of the grant term, but process of stakeholder consultations including with private sector has since been advanced
 - FCPF grant activities have also fostered the conceptualization of implementation phase/performance based payments
 - Implementing activities under the readiness plan has unveiled funding and resource gaps (MRV, National Registry, Pilot programs, National Fund Management Arrangements)
- Need for stronger coordination effort moving forward
 - 7 REDD+ projects, FIP projects, developing an ER-program for the FCPF Carbon fund, and Readiness activities
- Increased capacity within REDD+ Secretariat, and task force to manage the national REDD Agenda



REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

- The World Bank is prepared to support Ghana in implementation of additional grant funding
 - Ghana request for additional funding fits within overall national vision for REDD+, and aligns to progress so far
 - Ghana continues to make efforts for coordinating different REDD Phases/initiatives for realizing meaningful impacts;
 - Piloting efforts are well aligned to the prioritized REDD strategy options such as Ghana's emission reduction program idea to halt expansion of cocoa submitted to the FCPF Carbon Fund
 - Additional resources need to be largely focused on strengthening the REDD+ implementation arrangements, establishing a functional MRV system for REDD+, and information system for tracking safeguards and co-benefits

Thank you!
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