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Assignment: TF094724

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
Grant Start Date / End Date	08/26/2009 to 06/30/2014
Program Manager	
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	700,000.00 as of 06/30/2013
Disbursed 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013	0.00
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 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Subject to an extension of the closing date (now under discussion) the project is expected to meet its development objectives. After a slow start (see Implementation) the grant is supporting progress on the anticipated analytic work and investment planning.

Overall progress from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Initial implementation was slowed by changes in the REDD Cell Director position and by delays in mobilizing key staff and consultants. While changes in the lower level of the REDD Cell continue to occur, stability in top management and the position of Procurement Adviser have contributed to accelerated progress. Work is proceeding on recruitment of firms for the main technical assistance assignments (Monitoring, Reporting and Verification and Reference Emissions Level development) and should lead to contracting and mobilization in the coming months.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Closing Date extension to June 30, 2015 under consideration.

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

Comment on follow up:

The grant supports pre-investment work that is expected to include project and policy reform proposals addressing forest inventory and other REDD-related issues. These will require substantial capital and operating costs for which support has yet to be identified.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Closing Date extension to June 30, 2015 under consideration.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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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 Email: Resham Dangi <reshamdangi@hotmail.com>
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 others.

The REDD Cell in charge of FCPF grant implementation is also the focal point for all REDD+ activities and initiatives by GoN

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

None

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

Units within Ministry of Forestry and Soil Conservation (e.g. Department of Forest Research and Survey) with ongoing functional responsibility for technical areas of REDD+ operate as technical counterparts for relevant studies

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?

After delays in selection, SESA studies and consultations are underway. SESA work is being closely monitored by FMT specialists

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

Pending

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

Extensive stakeholder consultations are being pursued subject to arrangements described in R PP. Engagements with diverse stakeholder groups representing CSO, IP and donor community

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	1,427,177.69	347,393.79