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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 / Closing 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 06/30/2012 |
| Disbursed 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 | 500,000.00 |
| 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 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

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 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 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:

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: 06/14/2012

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

REDD Analysis and Policy Development

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: (a)Stakeholder Consultation; (b) Land Use and Policy Analysis; (c) Strategic Analysis ; (d) Implementation Framework (e) Environmental Ass.
Actual Output: pending

Reference Scenario Formulation

Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: Marketable forest carbon emissions scenario
Actual Output: pending

Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Systems Development

Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: Forest inventory project preparation proposal
Actual Output: pending

Program M&E and National Readiness Management

Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Consolidated REDD proposal and effective project management
Actual Output: pending

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
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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 others.

REDD Cell is positioned centrally in the Ministry of Forestry and Soil Conservation and is able to provide advice, perspective and leadership across the sector.

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

No significant changes

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

REDD Cell has contracted for main fiduciary skills, and has contracted international assistance for forest policy and REDD capacity. Technology transfer and skill development is gaining traction, but is adversely affected by staff changes and rotations.

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?

Work has proceeded on SESA ToR and recruitment of expertise, but significant work remains ahead. ToR for other assignments has mainstreamed expectations for contributions on environmental and social issues.

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

Yes.

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

Implementation is following precedent of extensive consultation and openness that was established during preparation of the R-PP. A technical advisory committee is being established with wide range of stakeholder perspectives represented.

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 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 01/01/2014 | 06/30/2014 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |