

## Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) –Guyana

### PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT (PMR) FOR THE FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)

<b>Operation number of grant:</b>	GY-T1097
<b>Reporting period / Fiscal year:</b>	05/2016 – 05/2017
<b>Last update:</b>	N/A

#### OPERATION BASIC DATA

<b>Recipient country:</b>	GUYANA
<b>Executing Agency (EA):</b>	Ministry of Natural Resources
<b>Team Leader:</b>	Gerard Alleng
<b>Grant start date / end date:</b>	Feb-7-2014 / Feb-7-2018
<b>Overall project stage:</b>	Implementation

#### FINANCIAL DATA IN USD

Approved project cost (IDB) total:	3,800,000.00
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) total until 31/05/2017 (report date):	489,798.00
Planned disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016:	20,400.00
Accumulated disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016:	20,400.00
Outstanding commitments:	0.00

#### OVERVIEW

##### Operation objectives:

The objective of this operation is to assist the Government of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana (GoG) in their efforts to establish an enabling framework and build their capacity for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) by providing financial and technical assistance. Specifically, this Technical Cooperation (TC) will support: (i) improvements in the organization of the country for REDD+ readiness, including stakeholder consultations; and (ii) the preparation of the Guyana REDD+ Strategy to facilitate Guyana's access to additional funding under performance-based incentives

##### Overall progress from 01-01 2015 to 31-12-2015 with regard to achieving operation objectives

Following an internal process of institutional reorganization, the Ministry of Governance informed the Bank through correspondence dated November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, of the suspension of the responsibility of the

Guyana Forestry Commission for the implementation of the Project. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, a contractual amendment was requested by the Ministry of Finance in order to delegate the responsibility for the Project implementation to the Ministry of Natural Resources, as the Executing Agency. The Amendatory Agreement was signed between IDB and Government of Guyana on April 25<sup>th</sup>, establishing that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is from that date the Executing Agency (EA) for the FCPF project in Guyana.

Following the change in Executing Agency the IDB has supported the establishment of a Project Executing Unit within the MNR. A project coordinator and project assistant were hired for by MNR to support project execution. During the reporting period, the procurement processes to hire an administrative/accounting officer and a communications officer were initiated. Similarly, the procurement process for the acquisition of a motor vehicle was initiated in 2016.

An Annual Operations Plan and Procurement Plan were prepared and submitted by the EA and are currently in force.

A multi-stakeholder Project Steering Committee has been established. A multi-stakeholder National REDD+ Working Group is currently in place, which includes sub-groups like the Indigenous caucus.

### **Overall progress from 01-01 2015 to 31-12-2015 with regard to implementation of grant financed activities**

#### **Component 1:**

- New terms of reference for a Grievance Redress Mechanism were prepared and given no-objection by the Bank. The procurement process was initiated during the reporting period.
- Terms of reference for a Communications Strategy and Action Plan were prepared and given no-objection by the Bank. The procurement process was initiated during the reporting period.
- An inception workshop was carried out in October (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>), 2016, involving representatives from Indigenous Peoples and other stakeholders and with the participation of the Honorable Minister of Natural Resources, as well as other high-level officials of that Ministry.

#### **Planned activities and achieved milestones:**

##### **Component 1. Institutional arrangements and consultations for REDD+ readiness:**

The processes of procurement of consulting services for the elaboration of Guyana's Grievance Redress Mechanism and for the elaboration of a Consultation and Stakeholders involvement strategy were initiated during the reporting period.

The Inception workshop was completed. The participants learned the current implementation arrangements in the country, where MNR is the new Executing Agency; they also learned about the main elements of REDD+ and the FCPF Readiness process.

A south-south exchange of experiences took place during the inception workshop, where a representative of the Ministry of Environment of Peru presented the current state of FCPF readiness implementation in that country, sharing the lessons learned.

As a result of the inception workshop there is clarity on community engagement and misconceptions regarding the objectives and scope of the FCPF project have been clarified, as well as rules and procedures for the use of the FCPF resources under the Grant Agreement with the government of Guyana.

**Component 2. REDD+ Strategy and implementation framework:**

No progress to be reported.

**Component 3. Monitoring and evaluation of readiness activities**

No progress to be reported.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FCPF COMMON APPROACH**

**Planned environmental and social sustainability standards for the whole project duration:**

IDB's social and environmental safeguards and policies will be applied, in accordance to the FCPF Common Approach.

**Applied environmental and social sustainability standards 01-01 2016 to 31-12-2016:**

- The “Joint FCPF/UN-REDD Programme Guidance Note for REDD+ Countries: Establishing and Strengthening Grievance Redress Mechanisms” (June 2015) was used to inform the development of the Terms of Reference approved for the GRM in Guyana.
- The requirements for stakeholders’ involvement and consultation, including the specific requirements for Indigenous Peoples which are included in the FCPF Common Approach were used to inform the development of Terms of Reference for the consulting services to prepare the Consultation and stakeholders involvement strategy. The same requirements were followed during the preparation and implementation of the Inception Workshop in October.

**Description of planned stakeholder engagement activities during the whole project duration (incl. timing and target groups):**

Stakeholders’ engagement will follow a communication strategy for the project, which was not yet developed during the reporting period. Details regarding timing and target groups will be determined once the strategy is completed.

In the meantime, a Project Steering Committee, with a broad stakeholders’ participation, will oversee overseeing the implementation of the project along its whole duration.

**Description of progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and the Feedback & Grievance Redress Mechanism for Readiness (FGRM) on the country level related to this grant:**

Stakeholders participation has started with the inception workshop and the establishment of a Project Steering Committee and a Multi-Stakeholder National REDD+ Working Group.

**Description of progress of preparation of ESMF until 25/04/2015 (report date). Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?**

No progress to be reported.

**Description of the application of FCPF Guidance on Disclosure of Information until to 31-12-2016 (report date):**

All the project's framework documents are available at the project website hosted in the IDB's webpage. All Back to Office Reports from a supervision missions, including the last one during the reporting period (October 2015) and the Annual Reports form 2015 and 2016 were submitted to the FMT and are hosted in the FCPF website. In addition, all procurement documents are published according to IDB's standard procedures.

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

**Disbursement summary in US\$:**

<b>Approved project cost (IDB) total:</b>	3,800,000.00
<b>Accumulated disbursements (IDB) total until 31/12/2016 (report date):</b>	20,400.00
<b>Planned disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016:</b>	20,400.00
<b>Accumulated disbursements (IDB) for report period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016:</b>	20,400.00
<b>Outstanding commitments:</b>	0

**Committed (contract is signed) and/or already disbursed money for project-specific activities (not including pre-execution and pre-implementation activities):**

Activity #	Description	Amount for 2016
1.1.1	Consultants to Support the REDD Secretariat	20,400.00
	Project Coordinator (1)	
	Project Assistant (1)	

**Brief Description with commitments and plans for 2017: The following table shows the activities planned per component as well as their objective, expected date and costs for 2017:**

The operation's Procurement Plan is currently under review in order to update it. Additionally, several procurement processes are ongoing at the time of reporting. Signing of contracts and commitment of funds will occur only after the procurement processes are completed, hence the amounts committed to each activity could only be reported then.

Following the ongoing procurement processes, several important consultancy services and related public consultation processes will initiate during 2017: Communications and stakeholder involvement strategy; FGRM; REDD+ Strategy and SESA; perception baseline survey.