



Republic of Congo's Mid-Term Progress Report and Request for Additional Funding



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Key Features of REDD+ Process in Congo

- **Commitment on REDD+ process since 2008**
- **National forest policy (2014) confirms commitment on forest protection and sustainable forest management**
- **Highly participatory process : multi stakeholder panel**
- **REDD+ as a means of sustainable development and green growth**



Progress Made in Subcomponent 1a: Readiness Organization

- **Decree approved on December 29, 2014 on institutional arrangements**
- **Three pillars of national institutional framework:**
 - REDD National Committee (CONA-REDD)**
 - 12 REDD Departmental Committees (CODEPA-REDD)**
 - Ad hoc Commissions have ensured inter-sectoral dialogue but permanent institutions to be established
 - National REDD+ Coordination (CN-REDD)** fully functional and acting as task force for REDD+ implementation

Proposed activities for additional grant funding for subcomponent 1a

Major Activities	2016	2017	Total
Operationalization and activities of the National Committee (CONA-REDD)	55,000	50,000	105,000
Operationalization and activities of the 12 departmental committees (CODEPA-REDD)	141,000	171,000	312,000
Operationalization and activities of the 12 decentralized units of the CN-REDD	345,600	751,200	1,096,800
Coordination of the REDD+ process (by the CN-REDD)	158,400	158,400	316,800
Functioning of the CN-REDD (office, equipment, vehicles, etc.)	356,200	166,200	522,400
Fiduciary agency	84,000	84,000	168,000
Development of a feedback and grievance redress mechanism	200,000	--	200,000
Total subcomponent 1a	1,340,200	1,380,800	2,721,000



Progress Made in Subcomponent 1b: Consultation and Participation

- **Inclusive stakeholders process for all key readiness steps**
- **Mechanisms for participation and consultation established**
 - ❖ National Civil Society Platform: CACO-REDD:
 - ❖ The National Indigenous Peoples' Network: RENAPAC
 - ❖ The Private Sector Platform: UNICONGO
- **Implementation of communication plan**
- **Law on Indigenous People already in place since 2011**
- **Means of communication appropriate to stakeholder groups, e.g.**
 - (i) the **mobile theater forum experiment** (REDD+ awareness-raising and communication tool in the Republic of Congo)
 - (ii) local and indigenous populations consultation generally takes place in **local languages**
 - (iii) 82 persons from Congo Basin participated in the first university summer session
 - (iv) Guide on CLIP is in process to be established

Proposed activities for additional grant funding subcomponent 1b

Major activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$D)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of activities at the CN-REDD (1 IEC Unit Head, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Implementation of the communication plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training (2 sessions) for outreach workers in the 12 departments and activities - Awareness-raising workshops for stakeholders in all departments - Communication mediums and tools, production of radio/TV programs - Organization of side events and open houses 	260,000	260,000	520,000
Strengthening of the organization and functioning of the CACO-REDD (including RENAPAC): technical support, general meeting, regular sessions, organization and strategy workshop, legal support for the professionalization of the platforms	30,000	30,000	60,000
Creation and management of the web site (in connection with the ministry's communication project)	50,000	20,000	70,000
Organization of REDD+ university programs	40,000	40,000	80,000
Total subcomponent 1b	380,000	350,000	730,000



Progress Made Subcomponent 2a: Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy, and Governance

- **Analysis of drivers of deforestation completed:**
 - Study on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
 - Study on wood energy consumption based on household surveys
- **Law No. 43-2014** of October 10, 2014 setting forth guidelines on land use planning
- **National Land Use Plan** work in progress based on national forest inventory
- **Synergies with VPA-FLEGT process to promote good forest governance**

Proposed activities for additional grant funding for subcomponent 2a

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of the activities at the CN-REDD (1 Unit Head, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Completion of the National Land-Use Plan (completion of reference mapping, departmental workshops and national workshops)	50,000	10,000	60,000
Total subcomponent 2a	98,000	58,000	156,000



Progress Made Subcomponent 2b and 2C

Subcomponent 2b: REDD+ Strategy Options

- **Preliminary draft of the national REDD+ strategy validated in December 2014 which will be a basis for the political dialogue**
- **Based on 4 strategic pillars:**
 - Strengthening of land tenure security
 - Improvement of agricultural production systems
 - Sustainable management of forestry resources
 - Streamlining the production and use of fuelwood

Subcomponent 2c: REDD+ Implementation Framework

- Legal framework well developed
- Revision of the law on environment and the Forest Code ongoing to include REDD+
- National forest policy in place since 2014
- Benefit sharing in progress
- Registry in progress

Proposed activities for additional grant funding

- **For subcomponent 2b**

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Updating of the National REDD+ Strategy	20,000	20,000	40,000
High-level commitment and multisectoral coordination	130,000	130,000	260,000
Total subcomponent 2b	150,000	150,000	300,000

- **For subcomponent 2c**

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of the activities at the CN-REDD (1 Unit Chief, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Updating of the benefit-sharing mechanism	50,000	20,000	70,000
Operationalization of all REDD+ tools (hiring of a firm specializing in organization with a view to preparing a procedures manual on each tool)	80,000	80,000	160,000
Legal support for the REDD+ financial mechanism	50,000	50,000	100,000
Technical support and advisory services for the development of REDD+ pilot projects and initiatives by project promoters	10,000	10,000	20,000
Updating of the registry	10,000	10,000	20,000
Total subcomponent 2c	248,000	218,000	466,000



Progress Made Subcomponent

Environmental and Social Impact

- **Two fundamental tools :**
 - Strategic system of social and environmental standards and safeguards relating to the REDD+ process which is established
 - Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) still in process

Component 3: Forest Reference Level (RL) / Forest Reference Emission Level (REL)

- **The Republic of Congo's next step is to finalize its preliminary REL in September 2015 (COP-21)**
- **The historical reference period is from 2000-1012**
- **The adjustment is based on national conditions.**

Proposed activities for additional grant funding

- **For Component 2d**

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$D)
Test for the application of national standards: pilot sites in the ER program in the north (x2), south (x2) and center (x1) of the country	50,000	50,000	100,000
Introduction of verifiers	10,000	10,000	20,000
Capacity building in strategic environmental and social assessment	20,000	20,000	40,000
Total subcomponent 2d	80,000	80,000	160,000

- **For Component 3**

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of the activities at the CN-REDD (1 MOD Unit Head, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Use of methodological approaches (data collection component, etc.) to update the reference level	30,000	10,000	40,000
Missions to exchange experiences with the other tropical countries (e.g., Brazil, French Guiana, the DRC)	40,000	40,000	80,000
Expanded training on reference scenarios	30,000	30,000	60,000
Total subcomponent 3	148,000	128,000	276,000



Progress Made Subcomponent 4a: National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)

- **Congo can inform on its reduction of emissions efforts with the MRV Action Plan validated on August 19, 2014**
- **This plan is based on four pillars:**
 - the National Forest Inventory (NFI),
 - the Satellite Land Monitoring System (SLMS),
 - the greenhouse gas inventory (GHG-I),
 - Measures and Politics Monitoring

Proposed activities for additional grant funding for subcomponent 4a

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of the activities at the CN-REDD (1 MRV Unit Head, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Modeling of emissions leakage for the ER program	20,000	0	20,000
Acquisition of satellite images	20,000	20,000	40,000
Improvement of the classification of forest stands (MRV base)	20,000	0	20,000
Total subcomponent 4a	108,000	68,000	176,000



Progress Made Subcomponent 4b: Information system for multiple benefits, other impacts, governance, and safeguards

- **The overall REDD+ monitoring system will be established for the following:**
 - Monitoring of the impacts of implementation of the national REDD+ strategy on society and the environment, including governance, in connection with carrying out work on safeguards
 - Monitoring of trends in the main underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation.
- **SIS panel is established**

Proposed activities for additional grant funding for subcomponent 4b

Major Activities	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Coordination of activities at the CN-REDD (1 SESA Unit Head, 1 Assistant)	48,000	48,000	96,000
Implementation of a multiple benefit monitoring system	50,000	10,000	60,000
Implementation of the SIS	50,000	10,000	60,000
Total subcomponent 4a	148,000	68,000	216,000

Request for additional FCPF grant funding

Subcomponent	2016 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Subcomponent 1a	1,340,200	1,380,800	2,721,000
Subcomponent 1b	380,000	350,000	730,000
Subcomponent 2a	98,000	58,000	156,000
Subcomponent 2b	150,000	150,000	300,000
Subcomponent 2c	248,000	218,000	466,000
Subcomponent 2d	80,000	80,000	160,000
Subcomponent 3	148,000	128,000	276,000
Subcomponent 4a	108,000	68,000	176,000
Subcomponent 4b	148,000	68,000	216,000
TOTAL	2,450,200	2,280,800	5,201,000

Criteria 2	Operating mandate and budget	
Criteria 3	Multisector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration	
Criteria 4	Technical supervision capacity	
Criteria 9	Information sharing and accessibility of information	
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Criteria 34	Institutional arrangements and capacities	
	with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines	
Criteria 30	Demonstration of early system implementation	
Criteria 31	Institutional arrangements and capacities	
Criteria 32	Identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues	

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