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Cote d'Ivoire's Readiness Preparation Proposal

FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Cote d'Ivoire
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	9/29/2014 to 3/31/2018
Program Manager	Simon J. Whitehouse
Original Grant Amount	US\$ 3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	US\$ 3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	US \$ 900,000
Cumulative Disbursements	US \$1,878,064.24 as of 5/31/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 5/31/2016	US\$ 1,878,064.24
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome, Components/Outputs, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The development objective is to reinforce the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 5/31/2016 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Launched in November 2014, REDD+ readiness in Côte d'Ivoire is fully on track to achieve program objectives. Activities related to project management are nearly completed and national mechanisms are created and functional. Awareness raising among stakeholders is ongoing with support of the communication specialist, and the implementation of a communication plan as well as the creation of a website. Agreements with the agricultural sector are underway for the development of the concept of Zero Deforestation Agriculture.

Strategic REDD+ options are known and studies started in October 2015. The REDD+ strategy will be available as agreed in the R-PP by the end of 2016. In addition, activities related to the preparation of the national emission level and those concerning MRV are on track to be completed in 2016 and 2017 respectively, as stipulated in the R-PP.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the FCPF Carbon Fund in November of 2015 for the development of an ER Program around the Tai National Park. In May 2015, Côte d'Ivoire was selected as a pilot country in the second phase of Forest Investment Program which will provide access to investments for REDD+ activities and provide a concrete basis for the application of readiness activities and in May of 2016 submitted a FIP Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for review on June 16, 2016, in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Côte d'Ivoire has achieved significant progress in the implementation of FCPF-financed activities as well as in the preparation (readiness) for a national REDD+ program. The country is on track to submit an R-Package, and will request additional funding from FCPF to finance additional REDD+ readiness activities.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 5/31/2016 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Implementation has improved significantly as evidenced by the uptick in disbursement from FY15 to FY16 and the progress on the implementation of readiness activities (\$1.8M disbursed, 49%, with another \$900,000 committed).

FCPF Finance activities include:

Component 1: Support to the national readiness management arrangements

a) Support the national readiness management arrangements that will lead the coordination and implementation of the REDD+ Readiness process, including the National REDD+ Committee, the REDD+ Interministerial Technical

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Committee, and the Permanent Executive Secretariat, by providing them with the adequate human, technical and operational resources.

b) Support consultation and participation process of the relevant stakeholders in the national REDD+ Readiness process.

Comment on implementation progress for Component 1: With regards to Coordination, the permanent secretariat is in place and fully operational, the national REDD+ coordinating body has been established and has met but is only moderately operational on a regular basis. A communication and consultation plan has been developed and activities launched, a civil society platform is in place and functional for REDD+ and FLEGT.

Component 2: Support to the preparation of a national REDD+ strategy

a) Support analytical work to prepare a national REDD+ strategy.

b) Support interministerial workshops and arrangements to help ensure that the relevant ministers are involved in the national REDD+ strategy development process.

c) Assess the relevant existing feedback and grievance redress mechanisms and arrangements (FGRMs), and either strengthen the existing FGRMs or, as necessary and appropriate, establish a new FGRM, to address any relevant feedbacks and grievances during the REDD+ readiness process.

d) Analyze the legal and institutional issues around REDD+ to propose options for the creation of a future benefit sharing plan.

e) Undertake Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), and prepare an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF).

Comment on implementation progress for Component 2: The FGRM is under design, key studies are underway including on the drivers of deforestation, regional land use planning, national and regional woodfuel demand and availability, and the potential for reforestation and agroforestry. Further, a draft national strategy has been developed, and thematic groups for the different strategic options are operational. Finally, an Environmental and Social specialist has been hired and consultations for the SESA development have been launched, and a full plan should be forthcoming.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire (GOCI) is using preparation funds provided by the FCPF Carbon Fund, based on the LOI signed in November 2015, to prepare the ER Program Document. The ER Program will build directly on the readiness activities as well as the investments laid out in the FIP Investment Plan.

GOCI has developed and submitted an investment plan which focuses on key drivers of deforestation and carbon stock enhancements that are consistent with Côte d'Ivoire's national REDD+ strategy. These investments are designed to lead to GHG emissions reduction and avoidance that will lead the country to the performance based payments outlined in the ER Program. The follow up activities to REDD+ readiness are truly part of a programmatic approach to integrated forest landscape management in Côte d'Ivoire and are developed in a way that is synergistic and complementary.

Expected follow up (if any): Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

N/A

Comment on follow up:

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End Date of Last Site Visit: 4/22/2016

Restructuring of Grant:N/A

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 5/31/2016

The activities are on track to achieve the two outcome indicators relating to strengthening institutions and developing a national REDD+ strategy. Significant effort will still be needed to strengthen institutions at the sub-national level and the work on the SESA, although started, will have to be increased rapidly in the coming months.

Grant Outcome Indicators

- Institutions strengthened at national, regional, and departmental levels; these institutions will be coordinating and implementing REDD+ readiness effectively and put in place an operational grievance and redress mechanism; and
- A National REDD+ Strategy (including analysis of options for the development of a benefit sharing plan) incorporating SESA outcomes and recommendations is prepared in a consultative manner and validated by national stakeholders. An Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for managing potential social and environmental risks of agreed REDD+ strategy options is prepared and validated.

COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1. Support to the national readiness management arrangements

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: 3 readiness management bodies are operational

Actual Output: Permanent REDD+ executive secretariat and civil society organizations are operational, the REDD+ coordination (CN REDD+) is established and will be meeting on a regular basis, 2 of the 3 readiness management bodies are now operational.

Component 2. Support to the preparation of a national REDD+ strategy

Status: Under Implementation

Planned Output: National REDD+ Strategy Adopted

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Actual Output: Key Analytical studies have been launched to inform the REDD+ Strategy, a draft strategy has been developed and key technical working groups created to work on the different strategic options, a FIP investment plan has been developed that builds on the key strategic options of the REDD+ strategy, public consultations for the SESA have been launched.

Comment on planned and actual Output

The key outputs are the culminating elements of broader aspects of REDD+ readiness so it is not unusual that they are not yet completed. There are multiple inputs and activities that have to be carried out to inform the outputs.

Comment on component implementation progress

Key aspects of REDD+ readiness (REL and MRV) are supported by other agencies and not by this grant. Updates on progress for those elements have been included below as they are key aspects of the national REDD+ readiness process, however are not included as components implemented under this grant. Progress to date includes:

Component 1: Organization and consultations.

Sub component 1a: REDD + national systems management measures.

Actual Output: Permanent REDD+ executive secretariat and civil society organizations, 2 of the 3 readiness management bodies are now operational. The Inter-ministerial task force will be set up in 2016.

Sub component 1b: Consultation, participation, and awareness raising.

Actual Output: 3,500 individuals directly informed and consulted through 28 events in 13 regions of Côte d'Ivoire. REDD+ stakeholder engagement plan is drafted, and zero-deforestation agriculture partnership agreements between SEP-REDD+, agro-industrial companies, and other professions in agricultural sectors are in place.

Component 2: preparation of the REDD+ strategy.

Sub component 2a: Evaluation of land use, factors leading to changes in land use, and forest laws, policies, and governance.

Actual output: The following studies are underway: (i) drivers of deforestation and degradation; (ii) development of a regional land use plan; (iii) assessment of woodfuel demand and supply; and (iii) reforestation and agroforestry potential.

Sub component 2b: National REDD + strategy

Actual output: Identified strategic options are now organized into seven (7) categories (5 sectoral, 2 cross-sectoral); thematic working group established and operational and draft strategy developed

Sub component 2c: Implementation Framework

Actual output: Analytical study on REDD+ legal framework is available. A draft report on the grievance and redress mechanism is available, the final report is expected in mid-2016. Feasibility study of national Payment for Environment Services mechanism completed in December 2015 and Analysis of private sector REDD+ investment potential is expected for December 2016.

Sub component 2d: Social and Environmental Impacts

Actual output: SESA and ESMF are underway (national workshop to launch the process held in March 2016 and public consultation underway since April 2016).

Component 3: Elaboration of a national forest reference emissions level

Actual output: Data for preparing FREL/FRL available

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Component 4: Establishment of Measurement, Reporting, and Verification system (MRV).

Sub component 4a: National Forest Monitoring System.

Actual output: MRV unit in place and staffed with MRV experts to carry out MRV functions by 2017.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P149801 - REDD + Readiness Preparation in RCI

Project Status: Lending

Global Focal Area: Climate change

Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

Implementing agency and contact details

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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.

The Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MINEDD) is responsible for steering the national REDD+ process through a National REDD+ Commission (CN-REDD+). This commission is composed of a National REDD+ Committee, an Inter-ministerial Technical Committee, and a Permanent REDD+ Executive Secretariat (SEP-REDD+). This secretariat is responsible for coordinating the REDD+ process activities (including ER Program and FIP activities) financed by several donors.

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

Project is being implemented as originally designed.

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

The fiduciary capacity within SEP-REDD+ has been strengthened as a result of the project, and the team is actively supporting project implementation. As REDD+ readiness activities including the preparation of the ESMF advance, the capacity on safeguards management needs to be strengthened. The Bank Task team is providing on time quality technical, project management, and procurement support.

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?

The safeguard specialist at SEP-REDD+ was hired and is following the SESA development under the close supervision of a Senior Environmental Specialist based at the World Bank country office in Abidjan. Consultations are already planned in the three regions. Grievance Redress Mechanism activities and consultations for the SESA process have been launched.

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

A consulting firm has been recruited and public consultations for the SESA have been launched. An Environmental and Social Specialist has been hired to lead the process within the SEP REDD+.

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

3,500 individuals directly informed and consulted at 28 events in 13 regions of Côte d'Ivoire, on REDD+, national REDD+ strategy, on concept zero deforestation agriculture and on good agricultural Practices. Nine categories of stakeholders identified and actively involved in national REDD+ process.

Three agreements signed between SEP-REDD+ and media professionals. Web site has been created for the REDD+ process (www.reddplus.ci) and a video clip of a song for the preservation of the forest was produced.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
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07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	US\$ 727,857.84	US\$ 727,857.84
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	US\$ 1,317,219.77	US\$ 589,361.93
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	US\$ 1,878,064.24	US\$ 336,864.74
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