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Vanuatu - FCPF Readiness Plan Preparation Project

FCPF - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	Closed
Recipient Country	Vanuatu
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	SEAE
Grant Start Date / End Date	04/20/2015 to 05/31/2022
Original Grant Amount	3,600,000.00
Additional Funding	2,500,000.00
Total Grant Amount	6,100,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	5,865,416.48
Disbursed 04/01/2015 to 05/31/2022	5,865,416.48
Donor	Multiple Donors

*This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome Components, Execution, Program (FCPFR), Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, and Procurement Actuals.*

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments

#### Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective of the Grant is to assist Vanuatu to carry out the Readiness Preparation Activities by supporting the preparation of its REDD+ strategy through a participatory and inclusive process and by producing technical and policy advice to help strengthen sustainable land and forest management practices.

#### Overall progress from 04/20/2015 to 05/31/2022 with regard to achieving the Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The overall **progress** in achieving the Grant Development Objective has been fully satisfactory.

Vanuatu has committed to pursue REDD+ as part of its sustainable forest sector development priorities. With the support of the REDD+ Readiness Grant, Vanuatu has made strong progress in readiness to implement REDD+ and to manage its forests sustainably.

The project successfully implemented all planned activities and achieved the Project Development Objective (PDO) overcoming multiple challenges such as the Tropical Cyclones PAM in 2015 and Harold in 2020 as well as the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020.

The project supported the establishment of national and provincial institutions, National REDD+ Unit, Technical Committee (TC), and the Ad-hoc Working Groups to provide guidance and institutional capacity for successful implementation of REDD+ activities.

Vanuatu completed several milestones that included: preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy (NRS) to address deforestation and forest degradation; completion of national forest inventory (NFI); preparation of the National Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL) for submission to UNFCCC; development of the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS); design of Safeguard Information System (SIS) and development of REDD+ nesting guidelines to promote private investments in support of REDD+ initiatives.

In addition, multi-stakeholder assessment of the REDD+ readiness progress was carried out and the results of the assessment were shared in the Readiness Package and presented to the FCPF Participants Committee in October 2020. The report was endorsed through the resolution PC/29/2020/1.

#### Overall progress from 04/20/2015 to 05/31/2022 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The project successfully completed all planned activities under the four project components of the REDD+ Readiness grant that covered (i) institutional strengthening for REDD+ management arrangements at the national and decentralized level; (ii) strengthening of stakeholders engagement process at decentralized level; (iii) development of National REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu; and (iv) establishment of national forest monitoring system.

The project supported the establishment of several key institutions and strengthened their capacity at national and provincial levels. The institutions supported at the national level included REDD+ Technical Working Group (RTWG), the National Technical Committee (TC) and the National Advisory Board (NAB) on climate change.

The project assisted in the development of National REDD+ Strategy to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation by building on the multiple analytical studies funded through the project on: (a) drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (b) strategy options for sustainable forest management (iii) benefits sharing mechanisms (iv) legal harmonization of policies relevant to REDD+, and (v) value chain improvements of non-timber forest products (NTFPs).

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The project supported preparation of Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and Process Framework (PF) based on several rounds of stakeholder consultations organized at national and provincial levels. The documents on social and environmental safeguards have been publicly disclosed. The project also supported the design of Safeguards Information System (SIS) to report progress on social and environmental safeguards as well as the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for reporting feedback and grievances on REDD+ implementation.

The Grant supported the implementation of a comprehensive national forest inventory (NFI) in Vanuatu after a gap of 30 years, preparation of the National Forest Emissions Reference Level/Forest Reference Level (FREL/FRL) for submission to the UNFCCC and the National Forest Monitoring System for reporting progress on REDD+ and forest resources management.

The REDD+ Unit organized multi-stakeholder self-assessment on the progress of Vanuatu REDD+ readiness and presented at the 29th meeting of the Participatory Committee (PC) of FCPF in October 2020. The PC endorsed the Vanuatu R-Package through the Resolution PC/29/2020/1 and made recommendations to further promote: (i) consultations with diverse stakeholders such as women and youth groups (ii) develop and operationalize the National Forest Monitoring System and the Safeguard Information System (iii) explore potential sources of finance needed to implement the National REDD+ Strategy (iv) update the national Forest Reference Level considering sub-national forest inventory data (v) strengthen collaboration among national and sub-national agencies building on improved provincial autonomy; and (vi) test the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism to improve its functionality. The project supported the implementation of the PC recommendations until the grant closure.

## Grant follow-up and structure

### Description and context of the Grant

The original Grant received from the FCPF was US\$3.6 million. The Government of Vanuatu requested for restructuring the project in 2017 to enable the addition of the component 4 on the Establishment of National Forest Monitoring System. The request for restructuring the project was approved by the World Bank and the closing date of the project was extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

In 2018, the project received additional financing of USD 2.5 million to enable completion of all the activities planned under component 4 as well as the activities remaining under other components. In June 2020, the grant was extended by 18 months until December 31, 2021, and further five months until May 31, 2022 to complete the work program impacted by the delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All the project activities were successfully implemented until the project closure on May 31, 2022, all disbursements were completed by the end disbursement date of September 30, 2022 and annual financial statement of the project for 2022 was submitted to audit during October 2022. The details of grant follow up by the project components are presented below.

### Component 1: Institutional Strengthening for REDD+ Management Arrangements at the national and decentralized level:

The activities under this component supported the establishment of (i) National Advisory Board (NAB) (ii) The REDD+ Unit (iii) The Technical Committee (iv) Ad-hoc Thematic Working Groups (v) CSO Platform, and (vi) the Project Management Unit to promote project implementation, cross-sector coordination and to strengthen the technical capacity of staff at national and provincial levels.

### Component 2: Strengthening of stakeholders engagement process at decentralized level

The activities under this component supported the establishment of provincial technical advisory committees (PTAC) and CSO Networks on the islands covered under the project. All the consultations supporting different studies and

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the design of Feedback and Grievance Redressal Mechanism (FGRM) were carried out. The project also organized the dissemination of information to all stakeholders through electronic and audio visual media.

### Component 3: Development of National REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu

The activities under this component contributed to the preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy and supporting analytical studies on strategic options to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, legal and regulatory frameworks and benefit sharing mechanisms.

The Grant supported the preparation of SESA and ESMF, the RPF and the PF reports as well as the design of Safeguard Information System (SIS). The final reports as well as the executive summaries of the SESA and ESMF were translated into Bislama (national language) and uploaded to the Vanuatu National REDD+ Unit website for disclosure.

The Project also supported preparation of the National REDD+ Nesting Guidelines to facilitate implementation of REDD+ projects and programs funded through public and private sector, enable implementation of benefit sharing mechanisms, align project-level GHG monitoring and reporting with national GHG monitoring and reporting framework of the NFMS.

### Component 4: Establishment of National Forest Monitoring System

The project supported the implementation of national forest inventory (NFI) to generate data on forest resources relevant for development of national forest emission reference level (FREL) and for forest resource management. The NFI data and the activity data are archived in the database management system embedded with the NFMS.

A report on the national forest reference emission level (FREL) was prepared using the NFI and Activity data and is expected to be submitted to the UNFCCC by December 2022. The NFMS has been developed to monitor, measure, analyze and report data on forest resources to the UNFCCC.

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

The original grant and additional financing enabled completion of all activities under the four project components.

### Restructuring of Grant:

The project was restructured to include the component 4 on the Establishment of National Forest Monitoring System. The project restructuring also facilitated extension of the project closing date from 30 June 2019 to 30 June 2020 and subsequently for 18 months to December 31, 2021 and then for five months until May 31, 2022.

## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 04/20/2015 to 05/31/2022

#### Grant Outcome Indicators

#### 1. National REDD+ strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) is prepared and validated by national stakeholders

Baseline Value: No

Date: 04/20/2015

Progress to Date: Yes. The National REDD+ Strategy has been prepared and discussed in the national validation workshop in October 2021. The development of national REDD+ Strategy was participatory, inclusive and consultative.

Date: 05/31/2022

Target Value: Yes

Date: 10/31/2021

#### 2. Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) is finalized and validated by relevant stakeholders

Baseline Value: No

Date: 04/20/2015

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**Progress to Date:** Yes. The SESA and ESMF was prepared in consultation with various stakeholders, validated and publicly disclosed.  
**Date:** 05/31/2022  
**Target Value:** Yes  
**Date:** 09/30/2020

### 3. Quantitative analysis of land use in forested and mixed agricultural lands prepared and validated by the National stakeholders

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 04/20/2015

**Progress to Date:** Yes. Quantitative analysis of land use was carried out as part of the National REDD+ Strategy and national forest monitoring system.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 06/30/2020

### 4. Consultations on REDD+ Strategy conducted (at national and provincial level)

**Baseline Value:** 0

**Date:** 04/20/2015

**Progress to Date:** Five consultations were held at national and provincial levels with relevant stakeholders.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** 5

**Date:** 06/30/2021

### 5. Consultations on land-use options with Government of Vanuatu (GoV) and stakeholders (at national and provincial level)

**Baseline Value:** 0

**Date:** 04/20/2015

**Progress to Date:** Six consultations were held on land use options with relevant agencies at national and provincial levels. Consultations were held on this topic as part of the SESA and national REDD+ strategy study.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** 4

**Date:** 06/30/2020

### 6. Quantified Reference Emissions Level (REL) prepared and validated by the REDD+ Technical Working Group.

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 04/20/2015

**Progress to Date:** Yes. The National FREL was prepared and validated. The preparation of the FREL was informed by the NFI and the Activity Data. The FREL report is ready for submission to the UNFCCC by December 2022.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 03/31/2022

### 7. Emission Reduction Program designed for a targeted forest landscape to pilot REDD+ Strategy and key aspects of readiness implementation framework

**Progress to Date:** Not Applicable

### 8. Measurement, Reporting and Verification system for REDD+ is designed

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 04/20/2015

**Progress to Date:** Yes, The MRV system has been designed and the staffs of the Department of Forestry was trained to operate and maintain the system.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 03/31/2022

### 9. Information system for co-benefit / safeguards established

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 04/20/2015

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**Progress to Date:** Yes. Vanuatu Safeguards Information System (SIS) has been developed, presented to the stakeholders and validated.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 03/31/2022

### 10. Readiness package prepared and finalized

**Baseline Value:** No

**Date:** 07/15/2015

**Progress to Date:** Yes, Vanuatu's R-Package has been prepared and presented to the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PC. The PC endorsed the R-Package in October 2020.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** Yes

**Date:** 06/30/2020

### 11. Government institutions provided with capacity building support to improve management of forest resources

**Baseline Value:** 0

**Date:** 07/15/2015

**Progress to Date:** 25 trainings on key aspects of forestry management have been organized for the Department of Forestry staff at national and provincial level. The examples *include* NFI fieldwork training, including the QA/QC process, data collection and data analysis, remote sensing and management and operation of NFMS.

**Date:** 05/31/2022

**Target Value:** 10

**Date:** 06/30/2021

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### 1. Institutional Strengthening for REDD+ management arrangement at national and decentralized level

**Status:** Completed

**Planned Output:** Support to the National REDD+ Unit, Technical Committee (TC), Ad-hoc Working Groups, National Advisory Board (NAB), Project Management Unit (PMU) and CSO Platform.

**Actual Output:** see below (section on comments on component implementation progress section)

#### 2. Strengthening of stakeholder engagement process at decentralized level

**Status:** Completed

**Planned Output:** Establishment of Provincial Technical Committees (PTAC), CSO Networks on all REDD+ islands. Design of FGRM and consultations. The project supported organized awareness raising activities and dissemination of information through various media.

**Actual Output:** see below (Comments on component implementation progress section)

#### 3. Development of REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu

**Status:** Completed

**Planned Output:** The following outputs were completed.

- National REDD+ Strategy prepared, validated and approved by the government.
- SESA, ESMF, RPF and PF reports prepared, validated and disclosed on Vanuatu REDD+ Unit website.
- Safeguards Information System (SIS) developed and integrated with the NFMS.
- REDD+ Nesting guidelines developed to promote public and private sectors funded REDD+ projects.

**Actual Output:** see below (Comments on component implementation progress section)

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## 4. National Forest Inventory and National Forest Monitoring

Status: Completed

Planned Output: The following outputs were completed under this component.

- National Forestry Inventory (NFI) enabled data generation on forest resources needed for development of national forest reference emissions level (FREL) and management of forest resources.
- Activity Data for the reference period is 2008 to 2017 helped to estimate the areas of deforestation, forest degradation and forest gain.
- National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) facilitates monitoring and reporting of the forest resources. Training of the staff of Department of Forestry was organized to strengthen the capacity of forestry department to monitor and report on REDD+ activities and to strengthen forest resources management.
- National Forest Reference Emissions Level/Forest Reference Level (FREL/FRL) report prepared for submission to UNFCCC by the end of 2022.
- Database Management System embeds the NFI data and activity data with the NFMS. The online database system facilitates access through OpenForis/Collect using login.
- The capacity development plan covers the proposed training and capacity development activities for the staff of Department of Forestry staff for operation and maintenance of the NFMS.

Actual Output: see below (Comments on component implementation progress section)

## Comment on Planned and Actual Output

All activities have been completed satisfactorily.

## Comment on Component Implementation Progress

### Component 1: Institutional strengthening for REDD+ management arrangements at the national and decentralized level

Activities under this component supported the establishment of institutions needed for implementation of the REDD+ readiness activities at national and provincial levels. All the institutions have been functioning smoothly. The project received advice/support from the National Advisory Board (NAB), the REDD+ National Technical Committee, and Ad-hoc Thematic and Working Groups for implementation of REDD+ readiness activities.

The National REDD+ Unit coordinated the project implementation in collaboration with the DOF, PMU, the CSO Platform, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) and Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management (MCCA). The project also supported the consultations and capacity building for relevant agencies.

### Component 2: Strengthening of stakeholder engagement process at decentralized levels

Activities under this component supported the establishment of the following provincial institutions and activities.

The Regional Forestry Offices and support the CSO Network offices on the islands were strengthened.

The project supported the design of FGRM and stakeholder consultations on the implementation of FGRM.

The CSO Platform comprising representatives from CSOs, women groups, youth groups, and churches facilitated consultations for development of National REDD+ Strategy as well as supported the organization of trainings and workshops at the provincial level.

The project promoted awareness for REDD+ through organization of International Day of Forests, national tree planting activities, knowledge sharing on non-timber forest products and awareness raising amongst school children.

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Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation (VBTC) was contracted for information dissemination on the REDD+ project to rural communities.

### Component 3: Development of REDD+ Strategy for Vanuatu

The following activities were implemented under the component 3.

The activities under this component contributed to the preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy supported with analytical studies on the strategy options for addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, legal and regulatory frameworks and benefits sharing mechanisms for REDD+.

The Grant supported the development of SESA and ESMF including the RPF and PF reports and set-up for safeguard information system (SIS). The reports have been publicly disclosed at Vanuatu National REDD+ Unit website. The grant also supported the development Safeguard Information System (SIS) to report on the seven Cancun safeguards. The data will be used to prepare the summary of information (SOI) on how the Cancun Safeguards are being addressed and respected. The report will be shared on the National REDD+ Unit website.

The project supported the development of national REDD+ Nesting Guidelines to facilitate the implementation of REDD+ projects and programs funded through public and private sector, enable implementation of benefit sharing mechanisms, align project-level GHG monitoring and reporting with national GHG monitoring and reporting framework of the NFMS, and facilitate stakeholder engagement.

### Component 4: National Forest Inventory and National Forest Monitoring System

The following activities were implemented under the component 4.

The REDD+ project supported the conduct of NFI to generate data on forest resources needed for preparation of national Forest Emissions Reference Level (FREL) and for forest resource management and planning.

The analysis of remote sensing data was carried out for the reference period of 2008 to 2017 to assess the areas of deforestation, forest degradation and forest gain. A sample based approach was followed to estimate land cover and land cover change for the reference period.

Using the NFI and Activity data, the project prepared the national FREL. The Department of Climate Change is expected to submit the national FREL to the UNFCCC by the end of 2022.

The NFMS has been developed to measure, monitor and report the GHG emissions from forest resources. The NFMS has been designed to collect required data, analyze, report and archive the data. Training has been provided to the DOF staff to manage and operate the NFMS system.

The data from NFI and activity data are managed through a database management system embedded with the NFMS and can be accessed online. The database system facilitates access through the OpenForis/Collect using a login. To complement the database, an online wiki supplements the archived information of the project such as Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), training videos and reports.

**Project Management:** Various capacity building activities were undertaken to support the national staff in the management of the project. These included supervision, monitoring and evaluation, preparation of readiness package, financial management, audit, procurement of equipment and hiring of staff.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the Grant

Project ID / Name: P124806 - Vanuatu-FCPF REDD READINESS



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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+ initiatives, including those funded by others.

In Vanuatu, all REDD+ readiness activities were funded by the FCPF/World Bank. For coordination of activities at the field level, the Technical Committee comprising members from various government agencies was established. In addition, the CSO Platform assisted the implementation of activities at national and also at provincial levels.

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

No major changes were made to the Grant funded activities. The project development objective was not changed during the project implementation. However restructuring of the project Grant was carried to fund the component 4 of the project and to extend the project closing date.

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

The Grant from the FCPF facilitated capacity development of the Department of Forestry and other agencies at the national and provincial levels. Capacity building activities such as trainings and workshops were conducted for the staff supporting the REDD+ project, the PMU and the DoF. The World Bank Team extended necessary technical support to the Project and to DoF throughout the project implementation period.

#### 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?

To address the social and environmental issues, the REDD+ project prepared the documentation on SESA, ESMF, RPF and PF. The SESA was prepared in accordance with the Common Approach and included several rounds of consultations at national and provincial levels and the reports were validated in a workshop held in November 2020. The project also developed the Safeguards Information System (SIS) to prepare the summary of information (SOI) on how the Cancun safeguards are "addressed" and "respected" throughout REDD+ implementation.

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

Yes. The ESMF is prepared in accordance with the Common Approach.

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## 6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, disclosure of information, and the FGRM related to this Grant.

The stakeholder consultations were carried out per the consultation plan developed by the REDD+ project. The consultations were supported by the REDD+ Technical Working Groups, CSO Platform and CSO Networks in the provinces to disseminate the REDD+ information to local communities.

In addition to the regular consultations, focused consultations were organized for preparation of national REDD+ Strategy, SESA and ESMF. The Consultation and Participation plan helped to enhance collaboration among key partners and increased the visibility of the project in the provinces. The consultations also facilitated in the design of the FGRM and its validation by various stakeholders. Additionally, the project disseminated information through the REDD+ website and other electronic means such as Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation.

## COMPLETION

### Overall Assessment and Lessons Learned

#### Main lessons learned:

The project raised expectations of communities in terms of financial benefits. The Department of Forestry should transparently clarify the potential medium and long-term benefits of the project and the needed investments.

There is a need for strengthening coordination and collaboration amongst various ministries and departments to address competing preferences of different government agencies for forests for other land use.

The benefits sharing mechanism developed with the support from the project needs further testing and adjustments.

#### Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

##### Comment:

The project facilitated the establishment of REDD+ institutions and capacity needed for achieving REDD+ readiness. The project supported the development of safeguard instruments, Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM), implementation of NFI, establishment of national FREL/FRL, and the design of NFMS.

The project activities have been successful in achieving the project development objective, promoted awareness to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and enhanced cooperation among different agencies.

#### Bank Performance:

##### Comment:

The overall Bank Performance is Satisfactory, including the support provided by the Bank through supervision and additional finance mobilization. Regular Bank supervision missions were organized and findings were documented through Aide-Memoires. No objections were provided to the client in a timely manner, and regular project progress was shared with the Bank management and the donors. The Bank team also provided regular technical advice throughout the project implementation period. The client is fully satisfied with the Bank's performance.

#### Additional Assessment Development/strengthening of institutions:

##### Comment:

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The capacity of the Forestry Department of Vanuatu to handle REDD+ activities has increased immensely due to the capacity development activities supported through the project. The national institutions such as the REDD+ Unit, Technical Committee, Provincial Technical Committees, Technical Working Groups, The National Advisory Board, the CSO Platform are well versed with the project and developed strong capacity to manage the national REDD+ process.

### Mobilization of other resources:

#### Comment:

Vanuatu is one of the few countries in the South Pacific region with access to REDD+ readiness funding from the FCPF. Vanuatu was able to secure USD 6.1 million (original grant and additional finance) to implement the readiness activities. Apart from the FCPF funding, the Government of Vanuatu did not receive funding to REDD+ activities from other sources. However during the R-PP development phase (prior to the REDD+ project), funding support was available from GIZ and World Bank.

### Knowledge exchange:

#### Comment:

The Vanuatu REDD+ team has been part of several learning events on REDD+ supported through the FCPF. The project organized study tours for senior forestry official in the Pacific region as part of south-south cooperation. In addition, the Foresters from Solomon Island also visited Vanuatu to observe the NFI fieldwork carried out under the project. The staff of National REDD+ Unit and the PMU participated in the FCPF Participant Committee meetings and shared information on the project implementation.

### Client's policy/program implementation:

#### Comment:

The Department of Forestry and other national agencies gained full understanding of the REDD+ process and are empowered to promote policies for REDD+ implementation in the future.

### Efficiency:

#### Comment:

Outcomes planned at the project initiation were achieved satisfactorily, thus the efficiency is rated satisfactory.

### Replicability:

#### Comment:

The project has been instrumental in adapting and replicating the global REDD+ experience to Vanuatu context to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, develop national REDD+ strategy, establish forest reference emission level/forest reference level, and establish the national forest monitoring system.

### Main recommendations to stakeholders:

REDD+ has been implemented globally as a mechanism to incentivize activities targeted at reducing emissions from forests and land-use and has been able to generate awareness to the need for addressing deforestation and forest degradation. The REDD+ initiatives in some circumstances raised expectations of stakeholder groups on large financial flows from REDD+. In order to manage the expectations, emphasis needs to be placed on multiple co-benefits of REDD+ implementation and continual stakeholder support to realize the benefits.

Based on the achievements and lessons learned from the implementation of this project, the following recommendations are made:

1. To manage expectation of stakeholders and policy makers, the Department of Forestry should highlight the

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need to mobilize donor and private sector investment to advance REDD+ priorities and co-benefits.

- That DOF and other partners should strengthen coordination among Ministries, public and private sector agencies to advance the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy.

### Main recommendations to Bank Management:

The Bank should consider supporting the REDD+ implementation building on the readiness achieved through the project.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	185,632.08	185,632.08
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	185,632.08	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	362,540.11	176,908.03
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	634,327.68	271,787.57
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	829,264.86	194,937.18
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	1,404,639.54	575,374.68
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	1,789,888.48	385,248.94
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	1,929,169.24	139,280.76
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	2,498,791.75	569,622.51
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	3,272,646.69	773,854.94
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	3,773,779.82	501,133.13
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	4,440,250.30	666,470.48
01/01/2021	06/30/2021	0.00	0.00	4,747,581.11	307,330.81
07/01/2021	12/31/2021	0.00	0.00	5,228,146.98	480,561.85
01/01/2022	06/30/2022	0.00	0.00	5,766,231.28	538,088.32
07/01/2022	09/30/2022	0.00	0.00	5,865,416.48	99,185.20

**Note:** Actual cumulative and actual period disbursement are adjusted to reflect the refund of the disbursed balance from Government of Vanuatu to FCPF Readiness Trust Fund.

## PROCUREMENT PLAN

Detailed Procurement Plan was prepared in consultation with the PMU and other stakeholders such as the Department of Forestry. Timely no objections were received from the Bank for implementing the procurement process. The equipment/items procured by the project were recorded in the project inventory register and handed over to the Department of Forestry at the project closure.

## PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

Actual procurement of equipment and staff were done as per the procurement plan and following the World Bank procurement guidelines.