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Argentine Republic's Readiness Preparation - Readiness Fund for Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Argentina
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9272 - SLCEN
Grant Start Date / End Date	12/20/2016 to 12/31/2021
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	3,203,855.29
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	2,154,205.03 as of 6/30/2021
Disbursed 01/31/2021 to 06/30/2021	741,105.58
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 assist the Recipient's REDD+ Readiness efforts, in particular those activities focusing on management arrangements, the development of a REDD+ strategy, and the carrying out of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment.

Overall progress from 02/28/2021 to 06/30/2021 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The Recipient has been assisted in its REDD+ Readiness efforts. With the Grant it has set up management arrangements for REDD+ implementation (e.g., has strengthened the capacity of the Ministry of Environment, established a decision-making body and an advisory committee; a feedback, grievance and redress mechanism; and a monitoring framework has been implemented for the Readiness Preparation Activities). A training for formulators, evaluators and managers of Forest Management and Conservation Plans (within the framework of the National Forest Law #26,331), is also under implementation and strengthening the capacities of key REDD+ stakeholders. Regarding the REDD+ strategy development (which was mostly supported by the UN-REDD program) analytical work has been conducted to further develop the selected strategic options, for example, exploring the linkages and synergies between forestry and agricultural sectors in the context of REDD+. Regarding the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment of the REDD+ strategy, draft SESA and an ESMF were prepared with feedback from key stakeholders. It is expected that the PIU will complete the final versions of such documents by December 2021.

Overall progress from 02/28/2021 to 06/30/2021 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

With the restructuring approved in June 2020, the Grant closing date was extended until February 17, 2021. Even though Project's investments increased by 140% between the years 2019 and 2020, it was possible to implement all the planned activities, largely due to the sanitary measures applied to address the Covid-19 pandemic. For this reason, On February 9, 2021, the Government requested (a) an extension of the Grant's Closing Date; and (b) the partial cancellation of an amount of the Grant. On February 17, 2021 the Bank acknowledged the cancellation by the Recipient of an amount of the Grant equal to US\$596,144.71 and concurred with the request to extend the Closing Date until December 31st, 2021.

During the period covered by this report some critical pieces of analytical work that will nurture the implementation of the national REDD+ strategy have been completed, and others are being developed and about to be concluded. For example, the systematization of information on native forests at the national and local levels; determination of a balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG) from the PANByCC and determination of organic carbon in forest native soils are concluded. Contracts to conduct other studies and technical designs are under execution and about to be concluded, for example: An Environmental and Socioeconomic Diagnosis of Forest Basins; and for optimization and expansion of the Deforestation Early Warning System (SAT).

During such period, implementation and disbursement levels increased. A total of \$2,645,694.99 (or 83% of the grant) was disbursed since Project effectiveness, out of which \$ 2,293,571.93 (27%) have already been spent and \$ 401,625.66 are already committed under signed contracts.

All planned procurement processes have already been launched and an amount of \$ 401,625.66 is expected to be disbursed before the end of the year. Despite implementation delays were greater than those foreseen in the restructuring of June 2020, it is worth noting that all contracts have been already signed. None of these contracts have a planned execution period longer than the actual closing date (December 31st, 2021).

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

The Government of Argentina (GoA) is executing the grant provided by the FCPF Readiness Fund, through the National Forest Directorate of the National Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. Argentina is a partner country to the UN-REDD program in October 2009. Following the submission of the revised R-PP in 2014, the FCPF Participants Committee allocated grant funding to enable Argentina to move ahead with Readiness Preparation. The Grant Agreement for FCPF Readiness Fund was countersigned by the GoA on December 20, 2016 and became effective the same day.

The UN-REDD (FAO/UNDP/UNEP) Program supported the Argentine R-P proposal implementation until 2019. Since the activities financed by the FCPF and UN-REDD were complementary, the PIU regularly updated its Annual Operational Plans trying to ensure that the FCPF Project builds on any progress made by the UN-REDD Program.

To facilitate and monitor the FCPF grant implementation, the WB conducts periodic formal implementation support missions and technical meetings involving managerial and technical staff; and provides continuous assistance to the GoA.

Expected follow up (if any): Recognizing that no further extensions of the Grant closing date will be approved, the GoA and the TT have agreed upon closely monitoring the on-going consultancies to ensure products of the signed contracts are fully concluded before December 31, 2021.

Comment on follow up:

Argentina is currently in the early stages of the implementation of its first REDD+ Results-Based Payment, approved by the Green Climate Fund on November 13, 2020, for an amount of \$ 82,000,000, which will be used to strengthen national forest protection policies developed within the framework of the Minimum Budgets Law for the Environmental Protection of Native Forests and implement the PANByCC for 6 years.

End Date of Last Site Visit: The latest implementation support mission was conducted remotely on January 19, 2021. Several follow up meetings have been carried out since the last mission to ensure proper monitoring of the Grant.

Restructuring of Grant:

As mentioned above, a new extension of the project closing date was requested by Argentina to provide continuity to the Project activities, and to ensure that the objectives of the Project are met. Such extension has been granted by the Regional VP through a restructuring, and the new closing date is now December 31, 2021. Recognizing that some of the planned activities were no longer relevant or would have lower costs than originally planned, the restructuring also included the cancellation requested by the Recipient of US\$596,144.71 of the Grant proceeds.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 02/28/2021 to 06/30/2021

1. REDD+ Management arrangements have been strengthened through the establishment and functioning of Executive and Advisory Committees: Both committees are still operational, facilitating to a limited degree, the participation of some key stakeholders. No meetings have been held during 2021, but the members of both committees interact bilaterally frequently but not systematically.
2. In the last year it was possible to conclude the consultancy "Economic valuation of the mitigation measures of the PANByCC ". As a result, the following products were obtained: Document containing the characterization of the producers in native forests; economic analysis of the sustainable management measures of the PANBCC for the 5 forest regions; analysis of the use of biomass for the forest basins of Machagai, Caimancito and Monte Quemado; valuation and analysis of unusual products from native forests (wild honey, carob flour and yerba mate under shade); proposal for an analysis of the marginal cost of GHG reduction for the management measures and estimation of the economic resources necessary for the implementation of the management measures.

During this period, the consultancy of "balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions Greenhouse (GHG) of PANByCC measures" was concluded. The following products were obtained: methodological proposal for the measurement and calculation of the balance of GHG emissions in the study sites; life cycle study of the 4 practices associated with mitigation measures; Progress report on the measurement and calculation of the balance of GHG emissions in the study sites for restoration _____ and recovery measures, and sustainable management; document with the balance of GHG emissions of the 5 mitigation _____

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measures of the PANByCC and proposal of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Mechanisms of the mitigation measures of the PANByCC.

The design and development of a communication strategy for the National Action Plan for Forests and Climate Change (PANByCC) (which plans to strengthen the implementation of a Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+) is under implementation and its purpose is to design and develop a comprehensive communication strategy to promote the implementation of the PANByCC and in general all operational social and environmental safeguards for REDD +.

3. A participatory SESA (Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment) and an ESMF (Environmental and Social Management Framework) are prepared with feedback from key stakeholders: The Consultancy in SESA / ESMF is concluded and during the latest mission of July 2021, the PIU presented the progress achieved by the consultancy. The products delivered are i) SESA Stakeholder Participation Plan (PPPI), draft risk matrix and draft FGRM; ii) SESA and FGRM Final Report; iii) ESMF Final Document. The World Bank presented general observations, highlighting the absence of the introduction and conclusions, the difficulty of identifying some risks and impacts that guide the need to prepare other complementary documents such as those related to biodiversity, cultural heritage and voluntary resettlement. It is expected that the PIU will send the final version of the documents to the WB by December 2021.

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

REDD+ Management arrangements have been strengthened through the establishment and functioning of Executive and Advisory Committees

Baseline Value: Not created, not functioning
Date: 12/29/2016
Progress to Date: Both committees created. No evidence of recent functioning available.
Date: 06/30/2021
Target Value: Created and functioning regularly
Date: 12/31/2021

REDD+ strategic options are consulted and designed

Baseline Value: REDD+ strategic options are not designed
Date: 12/29/2016
Progress to Date: The National Action Plan of Forest and Climate Change (PANByCC) has been developed mostly with the support of the UN-REDD Program, and represents the National REDD+ strategy for Argentina. Strategies are already developed, and ongoing studies will serve to refine details for their implementation.
Date: 06/30/2021
Target Value: REDD+ strategic options are consulted and designed
Date: 12/31/2021

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A participatory SESA (Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment) and an ESMF (Environmental and Social Management Framework) are prepared with feedback from key stakeholders

Baseline Value:	REDD+ strategic options are consulted and designed
Date:	12/29/2016
Progress to Date:	The Consultancy in SESA / ESMF is concluded and products delivered are i) SESA Stakeholder Participation Plan (PPPI), draft risk matrix and draft FGRM; ii) SESA and FGRM Final Report; iii) ESMF Final Document. The World Bank presented general observations, highlighting the absence of the introduction and conclusions, the difficulty of identifying some risks and impacts that guide the need to prepare other complementary documents such as those related to biodiversity, cultural heritage and voluntary resettlement. Final versions of SESA and ESMF are being developed by the PIU, according to the observations shared by the Bank.
Date:	06/30/2021
Target Value:	SESA and ESMF developed
Date:	12/31/2021

COMPONENTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1: REDD+ Management Arrangements and Grievance Redress

Status:	Concluded
Planned Output:	Steering and Advisory Committees established and operational; FGRM for REDD+ is developed; the PIU for the FCPF operation reinforced; M&E tools for the project enhanced.
Actual Output:	Steering and Advisory Committees established, and members of both committees interact bilaterally frequently but not systematically; FGRM for REDD+ is developed; the PIU for the FCPF operation sufficiently staffed; M&E tools for the project under implementation.

Component 2: Development of REDD+ Strategy

Status:	Under Implementation
Planned Output:	Strategies for resources management for REDD+ identified; forest management plans monitoring strengthened; analytical work linking forestry-agriculture-CC developed; REDD+ Strategy
Actual Output:	REDD+ strategy (PANByCC) developed by the UN-REDD program; Economic valuation of the mitigation measures of the PANByCC concluded; permanent forest inventory plots have been installed, and Systematization of information on native forests at the national and local level concluded; balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions Greenhouse (GHG) of PANByCC measures concluded. The optimization and expansion of the Deforestation Early Warning System (SAT) is under development and about to be concluded.

Component 3: National Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

Status:	Under Implementation
Planned Output:	A participatory SESA of the REDD+ strategy and an ESMF are developed by MAYDS (including an IPPF, a RPF and a PF, in accordance with the WB policies)
Actual Output:	Draft SESA and the ESMF (including IPPF, RPF and PF) are available. Final versions are expected to be delivered by December 2021.

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Comment on planned and actual Output

Planned products such as the Economic valuation of the mitigation measures of the PANByCC, Systematization of information on native forests at the national and local levels and the Determination of a balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG) from the PANByCC and the Determination of organic carbon in forest native soils have been concluded and all products / reports were delivered to the PIU. The Environmental and Socioeconomic Diagnosis of Forest Basins is delayed and the firm is resubmitting the reports for some basins after the observations made by the IPU. Final delivery is scheduled for October 2021. The Consultancy for conducting training for formulators, evaluators and managers of Management and Conservation Plans within the framework of Law 26,331 of Minimum Budgets for Environmental Protection of Native Forests and the Optimization and expansion of the Deforestation Early Warning System (SAT) are both under implementation as planned and will end by December 2021.

Comment on component implementation progress

The FCPF financed activities include:

Component 1: REDD+ Management Arrangements and Grievance Redress

This component assists the GoA in:

- (i) Strengthening of the PIU by hiring additional human resources dedicated to the FCPF supported operation;
- (ii) Strengthening the institutional arrangements for REDD+ readiness by supporting the establishment and operationalization of a Steering Committee (SC), functioning as a high-level decision-making body for REDD+, and an Advisory Committee for REDD+, composed of civil society organizations and functioning as a supporting body to the SC;
- (iii) Development and testing a Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+;
- (iv) Support the Monitoring and Evaluation of the project's implementation.

- i. Capacity of the Readiness Preparation Activities implementation unit has been strengthened by hiring: Financial Accounting Administrative Specialist, Procurement and Contracting Specialist, Human Resources Specialist, Social Impact and Gender Specialist, Livestock Specialist, Sustainability Indicators Specialist and Participatory Process Facilitator Specialist as well as technical experts as Coordinators of the 3 Components.
- ii. During the mission held in January 2021 the PIU reported that since the previous mission in September 2020, no new meetings of the Project's steering and advisory committees had been held.
- iii. Consulting for the design and development of a communication strategy for the National Action Plan for Forests and Climate Change (PANByCC) (which plans to strengthen the implementation of a Feedback, Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM) for REDD+) has been awarded and the last product is under evaluation by the PIU.
- iv. The Readiness preparation Activities have been guided by an annual operational plan developed in line with the monitoring and evaluation framework; and monitoring has been supported by progress report sheets, a mid-term progress report, external financial audits, and several supervision missions.

Component 2: Development of REDD+ Strategy

This component assists the GoA in:

- (i) Strengthening of the capacity to implement the Native Forest Law 26331 in the context of REDD+;
- (ii) Conducting analytical work to explore the linkages and synergies between the forestry and agriculture sectors in the context of climate change and REDD+; and
- (iii) Conducting technical evaluations and design of the REDD+ strategic options.

The following progress has been observed during the reporting period:

- i. The consultancy for the systematization of information on native forests at the national and local level is concluded and all expected products have been delivered.

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- ii. Linkages and synergies have been conducted with the forestry and agricultural sectors in the context of climate change and REDD+. The installation of permanent forest inventory plots partially financed by the FCPF Grant has already concluded; the information has been processed and integrated into the Second National Forest Inventory.
- iii. Regarding the refinement of the REDD+ strategy, all consultancies are in execution or concluded. It is estimated that all consultancies will end no later than December of this year.
 - i. The consultancy of the economic valuation of the mitigation measures of the PANByCC has delivered the final report in December 2020. Consulting characterized different types of producers reached by the national forest law (# 26.331) and conducted an economic analysis (including implementation costs, Net Present Value and Internal Rate of Return) with application and without application of two of the measures of the PANByCC (Forest Management with Integrated Livestock "MBGI"; and forest use), for each type of producer and for each forest region from the country.
 - ii. The consultancy to determine the balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions Greenhouse (GHG) of the PANByCC measures and to develop a proposal of a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification system (MRV), concluded.
 - iii. The consultancy for the systematization of information on native forests at the national and local level is concluded.
 - iv. Consulting for assistance in the determination of organic carbon in forest native soils is concluded.
 - v. The consultancy for the Environmental and Socioeconomic Diagnosis of Forest Basins is under implementation and the execution time is estimated in October 2021. INNOVAT is resubmitting the reports for some basins after the observations made by the PIU.
 - vi. Consulting for the optimization and expansion of the Deforestation Early Warning System (SAT) of the Argentine Republic is under implementation and will end in December 2021.
 - vii. The Consultancy for conducting training for formulators, evaluators and managers of Management and Conservation Plans within the framework of Law 26,331 of Minimum Budgets for Environmental Protection of Native Forests, is under implementation and will end by December 2021.

Component 3: National Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

This component assists the GoA in:

- (i) Carrying out a participatory SESA (including any necessary training for implementing agencies), in line with the stakeholder consultation and participation plan developed by SAyDS;
- (ii) Development of an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) that includes an Indigenous Planning Peoples Framework, a Resettlement Policy Framework and a Process Framework (if applicable), in accordance with the WB Safeguards Policies.

The consultancy to develop SESA / ESMF has been concluded and all products delivered. The PIU is actually revising these products and will send final versions to the Bank by December 2021. The products finally delivered are i) SESA Stakeholder Participation Plan (PPPI), draft risk matrix and draft FGRM; ii) SESA and FGRM Final Report; iii) ESMF Final Document. Both SESA and the risk analysis developed considers the Cancun Safeguards and the Standards of the Environmental and Social Framework of the World Bank.

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P120414 - Argentina FCPF REDD Readiness
Project Status:	Lending
Global Focal Area:	Climate change
Product Line:	CN - Carbon Offset

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PROGRAM

1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by

The grant supports activities that are part of an integrated readiness preparation work plan laid out in Argentina's R-PP proposal and represents a combined financial envelope of approximately \$12 million. The whole preparation work has been supported by the GoA, the FCPF grant and the UN-REDD (FAO/UNDP/UNEP) Program. This latter program concluded in July 2019, and all current REDD+ readiness activities are implemented by the GoA and FCPF with a complementary approach to the initial work performed by UN-REDD. Also, some activities of the implementation phase are being supported by FAO and the Green Climate Fund.

The UN-REDD program has elaborated the National Action Plan of Forests and Climate Change, which represents Argentina's REDD+ strategy, and financed the development of a toolbox on safeguards, and the National Forest (Emissions) Reference Level. Other deliverables of the UN-REDD Program include a study of the causes of deforestation and forest degradation by forest region in Argentina, and a study of future scenarios of deforestation per forest region and mapping of "non-carbon" benefits of forests.

The FCPF operation focuses on strengthening the national institutional arrangements for REDD+, the preparation of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), the development of Monitoring & Evaluation tools and a Feedback, Grievance and Redress mechanism (FGRM); and supports analytical work that underpins the implementation of the REDD+ strategic options. In order to do so, the FCPF integrates the initial environmental and social risks analysis developed by UNREDD, identify gaps and information needs to complete SESA process requirements, and consolidate a matrix of social and environmental risks, impacts and benefits that could result from PANByCC implementation. The aforementioned toolbox on safeguards developed by the UN-REDD program will be integrated into the ESMF, as specific procedural instrument to address, avoid and mitigate potential PANByCC impacts. As result, the UN-REDD activities would be complemented by the FCPF Project, which aim to facilitate and generate bases and inputs for PANByCC local implementation.

Additionally, the WB TT is also fostering coordination efforts between the REDD+ initiatives and the IBRD-financed Forests and Community Project (P132846), that supports complementary investments.

In December 2020, the country submitted a new Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This new commitment implies a substantial increase in climate ambition, establishing an absolute goal applicable to all sectors of the economy for the year 2030, of not exceeding the net emission of 359 MtonCO_{2e}. This new goal is 26% lower than that established in the first NDC presented in 2016. Due to the relevance of the emissions related to the sector, the PANByCC is a fundamental element to achieve the proposed goal. The products obtained in the framework of the FCPF Grant will generate tools for a better evaluation of the actions undertaken and the monitoring of progress in the fulfillment of this new commitment. As an example, the contracting of consulting services for the Determination of Organic Carbon in the Soils of Native Forests in Argentina concluded, and helps the country to determine with a higher level of precision the Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL) and the greenhouse gas emission balances of the mitigation measures present in the PANByCC and their potential as carbon sinks, which will contribute to the preparation and improvement of the next Biennial Update Report

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to be presented by Argentina in 2021.

It is also important to highlight the relevance and need to conclude the products under development, since Argentina is currently in the early stages of the implementation of a REDD + Results-Based Payment, approved by the Green Climate Fund on November 13, 2020, for an amount of USD 82,000,000, which will be used to strengthen national policies for the protection of forests developed within the framework of the Minimum Budgets Law for the Environmental Protection of Native Forests and implement the PANByCC for 6 years. The Payment for Results granted to Argentina represents only 11.3% of the reduced emissions (ER) that the country accredited in its favor and reported to the UNFCCC for the period 2014-2016, through of the REDD + Technical Annex of the 3rd Biennial Greenhouse Gas Update Report (IBA). That said, Argentina has greater opportunities for climate financing and the fight against degradation and deforestation, while it becomes a tool for the continuity of sustainable local development policies and roots of indigenous and peasant communities of the native forests.

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

The project is being implemented mostly as originally designed. However, certain activities (particularly those relating to the design of the REDD+ strategic options under Component 2) were adjusted to reflect the progress that the UN-REDD Program has already made in this respect, so FCPF deliverables were redefined to ensure they build on the complementary work of other initiatives, particularly those under the UN-REDD program and the National Forests Directorate.

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

The fiduciary capacity within the PIU has been strengthened as a result of the project implementation and the amassed experience. The PIU has hired a Procurement Specialist, Financial Accounting Administrative Specialist, Human Resources Specialist which has enabled it to advance the fiduciary and hiring work, and from the technical perspective, the PIU has hired a Social Impact and Gender Specialist, Livestock Specialist, Sustainability Indicator Specialist and Participatory Process Facilitator Specialist as well as technical experts as Coordinators of the 3 Components.

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?

. Coordinator of Component 3 supervises the development of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and the Feedback and Redress Grievance Mechanism (FGRM) Both SESA and the risk analysis developed considers the Cancun Safeguards and the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework Standards.

An advanced Draft of SESA and ESMF was presented by the consultant during a workshop held with 140 people from the private sector on January 28, 2021, representatives of indigenous peoples and the World Bank. During the month of February, a workshop was held in which the progress of the SESA and ESMF was presented to development partners. To date, the Consultancy have concluded, and all products were delivered. These products are under evaluation of the PIU and the final versions will be sent to the Bank by December 2021.

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

The terms of reference for SESA and ESMF development considered the Guidelines and Generic Terms of Reference for Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESAs) and Environmental and Social Management Frameworks (ESMFs) of the World Bank, so the ESMF is being prepared in accordance with the Common Approach applicable to FCPF.

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

As it was mentioned above, extensive consultation and other participation activities were conducted. Among the participation actions and spaces for dialogue with key actors that were carried out were a series of virtual dialogue workshops on risks and impacts, and social and environmental benefits; and on the complaint mechanisms and existing communication channels with key actors in the framework of the implementation of the Action Plan on Forests and Climate Change. In these meetings, the objectives of the FCPF Project and the participation plan were presented within the framework of the analysis of the SESA, ESMF and FGRM. In addition, they were consulted on the most appropriate ways to convene, and the most pertinent methodologies and tools in the framework of the current situation with respect to Covid-19 to guarantee the adequate participation and consultation

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of indigenous peoples in these processes. Additionally, new and deeper consultation processes were carried out by the SESA consultancy. The consultations were carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic, which represented a challenge, especially with regard to involving vulnerable groups at the local level (eg indigenous peoples, women, youth). To ensure the representation of such groups, the SESA consultancy worked with territorial referents in different forest regions of the country. Despite the difficult conditions of the COVID-19 consultations, it was possible to involve more than 130 people of different origins in the SESA consultations. The information collected in the consultations were integrated into the analysis of contextual factors, risks, impacts and potential benefits of the PANByCC. In addition, the information informed the development of the FGRM and the identification of support and mitigation measures for inclusion in the ESMF.

A Participatory Process Facilitator Specialist and Social Impact and Gender Specialist are working in the PIU. SESA Workshop and consultations with indigenous peoples for the proposal of the Green Climate Fund were financed by the Grant.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	350,000.00
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	0.00
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	0.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	799,815.83	449,815.83
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	885,181.73	85,365.90
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	1,228,446.47	343,264.74
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	1,413,099.45	184,652.98
01/01/2021	06/30/2021	0.00	0.00	2,154,205.03	741,105.58