

## **IDB remarks -FCPF Guatemala, Guyana and Peru**

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The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is the delivery partner of FCPF under the Readiness Fund and responsible for providing REDD+ readiness support services to activities in three countries, Guatemala, Guyana and Peru. The following are the remarks of the overall status, progress and highlights occurred for each country program.

#### **Guatemala**

- Guatemala is currently in the process of consolidating its National REDD+ Strategy with additional FCPF readiness funds, a second grant of US\$ 5 million dollars executed by IDB as requested by the Government of Guatemala
- To date, 98% of this second grant has been executed and committed, and important progress has been achieved:
  - Dialogue and participation with 1,072 stakeholders across the country, of which 34% are women, for the consultation of drivers, REDD+ activities, safeguards, benefit sharing, and the design of some components of the FIP projects;
  - The econometric and geospatial analysis of deforestation and degradation drivers has been prepared;
  - Safeguards analysis and frameworks have been designed for the three FIP projects and the Carbon Fund Emission Reduction Program;
  - REDD+ benefit distribution system has been designed and regulation will be prepared;
  - An operational manual has been designed for the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (MIAQ), which is being piloting in five municipalities;
  - Articulation of the REDD+ three phases with municipal policy instruments in 28 municipalities, REDD+ projects and 10 local community and indigenous forest organizations;
  - Capacity building of municipalities, local forest organizations and public institutions with training and materials on safeguards, benefit sharing, reference emissions levels and MRV topics;
  - Alignment of the FIP projects and the Carbon Fund Emission Reduction Program with the REDD+ National Strategy, working closely with World Bank;
  - REDD+ register has been designed; and
  - The National Climate Change Information System has been designed and is now operational, and which includes the REDD+ MRV system;
- Finally, around US\$ 380,000 of remnant funds under the first FCPF grant of US\$ 3.8 million will be executed by IDB as requested by the Government of Guatemala, to complete preparation of conditions for implementation activities to address key drivers of deforestation, mainly livestock and agriculture. The remnant funds will focus on consultations, safeguards process and alignment to the National REDD+ Strategy.

#### **Guyana**

- To date 100% of the grant has been disbursed, with full commitment of resources. Inputs for the preparation of the R-package are being completed and a draft of the document is expected to be ready by the first semester of 2020.
- The main progress are:

- REDD+ Stakeholder engagement: As for September 2019, over 37 stakeholder engagement sessions have taken place, involving 152 communities with a total of 763 participants (341 women: 422 men)
  - Baseline Survey of Stakeholder Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes on REDD+: final report was approved in July 2019. Stakeholder consultations involved over 230 stakeholders.
  - Consultancy on the allocation of REDD+ carbon rights and benefits sharing mechanism is ongoing and is expected to be completed by first semester of 2020.
  - Social and Environmental Management Framework for REDD+ in Guyana draft has been developed (October 2019)
  - Implementation of REDD+ Pilot programs is ongoing as of October 2019 and consists of the following thematic areas – (i) support to community-based forest inventory and forest management planning; (ii) Support to community -based Acai production, processing and marketing; (iii) integrated fire management; (iv) Training and Sensitization on REDD+ and Community-based MRVs with linkages to the National MRVs.
- Finally, communications material on REDD+ is being translated into indigenous languages as part of the communications outreach program. These include: Akawaio; Macushi; Patamona and Wapishana.

## Peru

- To date, \$850,000 of the \$5 million second grant have been disbursed, with a second disbursement of around \$1 million due in December of this year.
- Some key results include:
  - Consolidation of the Forest Cover Monitoring Module (FCMM) in terms of team and equipment. The FCMM team has delivered: a) statistics for the 2018 National Report on Deforestation; b) a methodological guideline for the analysis of land use change; and c) the generation of early warning reports for indigenous lands, which allow timely actions to counter deforestation.
  - The Forest Cover Monitoring Module is also developing a system to analyze and detect areas with the highest risk of deforestation, which will allow to concentrate efforts in critical areas.
  - Design of a proposal for territorial interventions in the two FIP ambits. The design of the proposal is the product of the collaboration between the National Service for Natural Protected Areas (SERNANP), the Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR), the Regional Governments and the Forest Conservation National program (PNCBMCC).
  - Design of the benefits distribution system and financial mechanism (in progress).
  - Design and implementation of the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (in progress).
  - Reinstallation of two Indigenous REDD+ roundtables in the Regions of San Martin and Ucayali (in progress).
  - Design of the Safeguards Information module (in progress).
- In general, the rate of execution of the grant has been much slower than expected. The long procedures and weak capacities of the implementing unit are the reasons behind the slow performance. Upon the government's request, the Bank will undertake a detailed institutional analysis of the project executing unit and identify the measures required for improvement.