

FCPF brief

Peru

- Project execution of technical cooperation of the first grant (US\$3.8 million) was finalized in May 31st. Some of the key results of the implementation of the first phase of the FCPF were: (i) the National Stakeholder Participation and Involvement Plan; (ii) the National Strategy for Forests and Climate Change, including the REDD+ Strategy; (iii) the Social and Environmental Strategic Assessment (SESA) and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (EMSF) for the REDD+ Strategy; (iv) the definition of the Forest Emission Reference Levels for the Peruvian Amazon; and (v) the creation and implementation of the National Forest Monitoring System.
- During this first stage, 82% of the US\$ 3.8 million grant was disbursed, which has left an undisbursed balance that will be executed during the second phase of the FCPF. A new technical cooperation is being prepared by IDB and the government to execute these funds.
- The grant agreement for the additional FCPF readiness funds (US\$ 5 million) was signed by the government and IDB in August of this year. The government is currently in the process of completing the conditions required for the first disbursement. Project execution is expected to begin at the end of October. The additional readiness funds will help Peru (i) operate the Grievance and Redress Mechanism and Stakeholder Participation and Involvement Plan during the implementation of the REDD+ strategy; (ii) support the implementation of the REDD+ Strategy with local governments and facilitate participation of the private sector; (iii) support implementation of the early warning system for deforestation and the implementation of the response protocol; and (iv) implement the National Safeguards Information System.
- Peru is aiming to present next year the R-Package for endorsement by FCPF Participants Committee.
- The grant and loan operations under the Forest Investment Program were successfully negotiated with the government of Peru and approved by the IADB Board of Directors in September. Both FCPF grants are strongly linked to the FIP operations. FIP execution is expected to begin on the first trimester of 2019, if not before.
- Peru was host to the South-south exchange in May of this year, with the participation of delegates of the governments and civil society organizations of Guatemala and Guyana.

Guyana

- Agreement between IDB and Government of Guyana was signed in 2014, delegating the implementation to the Guyana Forestry Commission. Until 2016, there was slow progress in project implementation and after the elections of 2015, upon assuming Office in 2016, the Ministry of Natural Resources became the Executing Agency for the project and created a Project Execution Unit. Financial progress to date: disbursement rate 41%. The current project end date is Feb 2020 (originally Feb 2018).
- Since 2016, following outputs have been realized:

- Establishment of a Project Steering Committee to provide oversight and monitoring of the progress.
- GRM (Grievance redress mechanism) assessment, operational manual and grievance registry was developed. Next steps for PEU are to discuss with government how to implement/improve coordination among existing GRM's
- Communication and stakeholder engagement strategy has been delivered by October 2018. Implementation of the strategy has commenced and will be finalized by Oct 2019
- Guyana organized it's first gender mainstreaming engagement workshop in September 2018 with mainly women's representatives from the Indigenous communities. Follow-up: completing a gender roadmap for REDD+ by next year. The gender mainstreaming activities were not projected in the original workplan, but the PEU has identified these needs after the South-south exchange with Guatemala in September 2017 (where Guatemala presented on their gender roadmap)
- We have realized 3 South-south exchanges on REDD+: Guatemala (2017) and Peru and Suriname in 2018
- Ongoing consultations with Indigenous groups (represented in Project Steering Committee)

Ongoing activities:

- The consultancy for the REDD+ Strategy is ongoing, and has delivered it's first output: Assessment of direct and indirect drivers of deforestation. The REDD+ Strategy and SESA framework are expected to be delivered by end of 2019
- Institutional strengthening for Indigenous groups: consultant contracted to do capacity needs assessment, develop training modules, and implement training (all related to REDD+)
- Mid-term review: the PEU has opted for an external mid-term review. Procurement process ongoing, expect to contract by October 2018 and have the report finalized by end of this year

Guatemala

- On March 2018 the FCPF's Participants Committee endorsed Guatemala's Readiness Package and welcomed its National REDD+ Strategy, which were both carried out through a wide participatory process since 2013 with more than 4,000 stakeholders under the socialization and dialogue process.
- The national multi-stakeholder self-assessment process with stakeholders outside the government sector mainly reflected the need to reinforce local participation which will be addressed with additional FCPF readiness funds.
- Regarding the financial report, to date 87% of the first grant (US\$ 3.8 millions) has been disbursed and close date is expected to be on December 2018. Additional FCPF readiness funds (US\$ 5 million) are being executed by IDB as requested by the Government of Guatemala, and at the end of 2018, of total funds, 80% is expected to be committed.
- With additional readiness funds, the consolidation of Guatemala's National REDD+ Strategy will be carried out by strengthening: i) participation and dialogue of local stakeholders, ii) MRV system in the REDD+ regions and community monitoring, iii) alignment with sectoral policy framework outside the forestry sector, iv) consolidation of benefit sharing mechanism, among others.

- Furthermore, progress in the aligning of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) and National Emission Reduction Program with the REDD+ Strategy is being held, including the support with FCPF's additional funding. For this, the Government of Guatemala continues working closely with IDB and World Bank as Delivery Partners for these.

- Regarding the complaint made by indigenous communities about a relocation event, IDB has clarified with this community that these was held outside the REDD+ national process, and they agreed our proposal to include them in the REDD+ dialogue (which will be developed through the second readiness phase with FPCF additional funds). In addition, in the short term, IDB will have another communication confirming that the relocation process is not linked with the REDD+ Strategy as it does not finance field activities, even less relocation; as well, informing the development of SESA, ESMF and FGRM which will be strengthened within the second readiness phase (additional funds).