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Assignment: TF099125

Preparation of DRC's Readiness Plan, Readiness Fund of the FCPF FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Congo, Dem Rep
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	03/26/2011 to 06/30/2017
Original Grant Amount	3,400,000.00
Grant Amount	8,600,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	7,366,515.88 as of 06/30/2016
Disbursed 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016	1,824,735.83
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 Project Development Objective is to reinforce DRC's capacities to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and to develop a national reference scenario of emissions from deforestation and degradation that takes into account national circumstances.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

Achievement of the grant objective continues to be satisfactory. DRC continues to be leading on REDD+ and is transitioning from readiness to investments through the National REDD+ Fund (FONAREDD) and results-based payments through the Emission Reductions (ER) Program in the Mai-Ndombe Province. DRC is one of the first two countries that submitted its final Emission Reductions Program Document (ERPD) to the FCPF Carbon Fund. The ERPD was provisionally adopted with two technical issues to be completed regarding the establishment of the reference level.

Overall progress from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

Implementation of the grant is considered satisfactory in FY16. Key achievements according to the grant component are the following:

The National REDD+ Coordination (CN-REDD) has been fully equipped and functional and coordinating the REDD+ process adequately. It has contributed to the negotiation and signing of the Letter of Intent between the Government of DRC and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) and the operationalization of FONAREDD. At the beginning of the reporting period, the fiduciary responsibilities were transferred from the World Bank-funded Forestry and Nature Conservation Project (which closed in June 2015) to a new unit composed of a financial specialist and a procurement specialist financed by the TF and located at the CN-REDD.

DRC has significantly advanced the ERPD in the reporting period, including establishing the reference level and developing a draft benefit sharing plan. The final ERPD was submitted to and approved at the FCPF Carbon Fund meeting in June 2016, which is an important milestone. The ERPD was validated at a workshop in Inongo, the capital of Mai Ndombe, in April 2016. A field mission to the program area took place with some REDD+ partners, including Norway, France and the World Bank. It is also noteworthy that DRC presented the ER Program Mai Ndombe at a dedicated panel discussion at the International Oslo REDD+ Exchange in June 2016.

The decentralization of the REDD+ process has been supported by the project, in particular capacity building and the development of work programs for the five Provincial REDD+ Focal Points.

The feedback and grievance redress mechanism (FGRM) is not operational yet. A draft report is available.

Many activities were conducted to promote multi-stakeholder consultations, in particular REDD+ Summer Schools in the Provinces Orientale, Kasai and Kasai Orientale, an information session for universities in Kinshasa in the context of the International Forest Day in 2016, and the production of communication tools. In particular, capacities were built at local levels regarding radio communication in the Kasai Oriental Province. A specific workshop was conducted to integrate gender in community forestry and REDD+. In terms of international outreach and DRC's contribution to international processes, the project supported the participation of relevant DRC delegates at the Climate Week in September 2015, regular UNFCCC sessions and the COP-21. In addition, the TF financed the preparation and dissemination of information material about REDD+ in DRC at the COP-21.

In the reporting period, a focus has been on safeguards implementation. The national social and environmental standards for REDD+ were validated and capacities were built to implement them. DRC organized a side event on safeguards for REDD+ at the COP-21 in Paris. Furthermore, capacities regarding safeguards implementation were built in the Mai Ndombe province and the development of a safeguards information system in the province was supported in cooperation with SES REDD+.

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In addition, activities were conducted to define a methodology to clarify local tenure rights and to complement the analysis of drivers of deforestation in two provinces.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

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

Comment on follow up:

The signature of the Letter of Intent with CAFI has operationalized FONAREDD to support the implementation of the National REDD+ Investment Plan. It is important to coordinate and align the REDD+ preparation activities with the institutional architecture newly set up and supported by FONAREDD.

It will be important to submit the revised ERPD addressing the two technical issues listed in the Resolution of Carbon Fund and proceed to the negotiation phase of terms and conditions for the signature of an ERPA. This includes, among others, the benefit sharing plan for the program.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS

There are no components defined for this trust fund / grant.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name:	P124072 - DRC-FCPF REDD READINESS
Project Status:	Lending
Global Focal Area:	Climate change
Product Line:	CN - Carbon Offset

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

The grant activities are implemented in close cooperation with FONAREDD and REDD+ partners participating in CAFI.

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

The operationalization of FONAREDD goes along with some modifications of the national REDD+ institutional architecture. The activities supported by the grant, in particular REDD+ tools such as the REDD+ registry or feedback and grievance redress mechanism, are being coordinated with FONAREDD to ensure sustainable institutions.

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

The handing over of fiduciary management responsibilities has been completed, financial and procurement specialists are operational. The international advisor, whose contract ended in December 2015, has been replaced. The new advisor started work in January 2016.

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?

All safeguard instruments (SESA, ESMF) have been approved by the World Bank in April 2015. Progress was made regarding the operationalization of safeguards including in the Mai Ndombe province (see reporting in "overview" section).

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

Yes.

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

See detailed information provided in the "overview" section regarding consultations and FGRM.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	796,881.91	396,881.91

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07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	1,270,810.39	473,928.48
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	2,178,120.44	907,310.05
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	2,829,367.06	651,246.62
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	3,339,683.03	510,315.97
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	4,448,161.40	1,108,478.37
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	5,541,780.05	1,093,618.65
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	6,451,429.14	909,649.09
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	7,366,515.88	915,086.74
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