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## FCPF El Salvador Readiness Preparation Proposal - Formulation Grant FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	El Salvador
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	7632 - LCSAR - HIS
Grant Start Date / End Date	07/28/2011 to 07/31/2017
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	190,764.57 as of 06/30/2014
Disbursed 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014	40,144.61
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's Formulation Activities is to assist the recipient, as a REDD Country Participant in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, to develop its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) on the basis of its Readiness Plan Idea Note of February 2009 and following the FCPF template for the R-PP, as described in the REDD Country Participation Agreement signed between El Salvador and the World Bank in May 2009.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

The grant has assisted the GoES in preparing their RPP to access the specifically reserved funds for \$3.6 M from the Readiness Fund of the FCPF to implement the RPP; however, very limited progress has been made.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

Very limited progress has been achieved in the implementation of the Preparation Grant, which was signed and became effective in January of 2014. The implementation of the formulation grant had a slow start, and was amended in four occasions to extend the closing date. The final audit report has been submitted by the GoES for the Banks review. An initial review of this report showed that no outstanding issues were identified by the auditing firm.

### 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 expected output of this grant is the preparation of El Salvador's Readiness Preparation Proposal to be submitted to the FCPF for accessing an additional grant of for the implementation of the RPP. This submission took place in October, 2012 and was approved by the Participants Committee of the FCPF. Subsequently, the Bank conducted a successful due diligence process that lead to the signing of a FCPF Preparation Grant of US\$3.6M in January, 2014.

Very limited progress has been achieved in the implementation of the Preparation Grant during this FY.

#### End Date of Last Site Visit:

#### Restructuring of Grant:

## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014

Limited progress has been achieved by this project this year. In early FY15, El Salvador had recently had national elections and the new government had just taken office. The team worked with new staff at the Ministry of Environment (MARN), but counterpart sr staff was appointed to coordinate this project until mid October. The other bureaucratic limitation is that the project was processed as a formal investment intervention, under the Ministry of Finance's investment framework. This has caused delays in budget processing following the elections. The project was not assigned an annual budget until later in CY 2014. Budget assignment for CY 2015 also came in late.

A first supervision mission could not be conducted until early December 2014. At that time, a detailed action plan was agreed with the project team and the Minister. MARN committed to have the full PIU hired and in functions by the end of January. It was not until recently that the no-objection for hiring the project coordinator was finally submitted to the Bank.

In summary, very limited progress has been achieved by this project so far. In agreement with the CMU, and now that a

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Project Coordinator has been finally hired, an notification has been sent directly to the Minister of MARN, requesting to conduct a mission to identify and agree on action plan to improve project performance, under a strict timeline. If agreed outcomes are not met, the option of cancelling the project would be explored.

## Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### REDD+ Readiness Organization and Consultation

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: (i) consultative platform for climate change and REDD+; (ii) national communications and dissemination strategy for REDD+; (iii) consultation strategy and GRM.  
Actual Output: No progress achieved in FY15.

#### National REDD+ Strategy

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: (i) direct and indirect causes of deforestation/degradation; (ii) REDD+ Strategic Options; (iii) Implementation framework for REDD+; SESA and ESMF.  
Actual Output: No progress achieved in FY15.

#### National Forest Reference/Emission Level

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: (i) national forest monitoring system; (ii) national information system for multiple benefits, other impacts, safeguards and governance.  
Actual Output: No progress achieved in FY15.

#### Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Grant Administration

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: (i) Establishment of a PIU. (ii) Monitoring and Evaluation framework for REDD+  
Actual Output: No progress achieved in FY15.

## Comment on planned and actual Output

## Comment on component implementation progress

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124935 - El Salvador FCPF REDD Readiness  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Climate change  
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

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

Close coordination is being conducted with the GIZ, who has a regional REDD+ program in Central America, which includes El Salvador. The GIZ is co-financing several activities of this grant.

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

No major changes have been introduced.

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

The project has not made any significant progress during this FY. Please see text in the Outcome Section for details.

**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?**

The project has not made any significant progress during this FY. Please see text in the Outcome Section for details.

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

The project has not made any significant progress during this FY. Please see text in the Outcome Section for details.

**6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation and disclosure related to this Grant.**

The project has not made major progress during this FY. Please see text in the Outcome Section for details.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	52,148.36	22,148.36
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	97,873.19	45,724.83
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	150,619.96	52,746.77
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	192,694.81	42,074.85
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	190,764.57	1,930.24-
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