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Mozambique: Readiness Preparation Proposal Readiness Fund of the FCPF FCPFR - FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Mozambique
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	01/25/2012 to 10/31/2017
Original Grant Amount	200,000.00
Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	1,849,645.59 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	851,377.93
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the R-PP Formulation Installment is to assist the Recipient to formulate a Readiness Preparation Proposal (#R-PP#), on the basis of the Readiness Preparation Idea Note, following the FCPF template for the R-PP.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Comment:

The main objectives of this grant are:

- 1.#Strengthening the National Readiness Management Arrangements
- 2.#Promotion of Multi-stakeholder Consultations
- 3.#Design of the National Strategy

During the last reporting period (07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014), overall progress was slow owing to delays in establishing the technical team in charge of the project (UT-REDD+) and not so strong political leadership in moving the agenda forward. With a new Government fully committed to the promotion of sustainable natural resources management and rural development (Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development - MITADER), and the UT-REDD+ fully functional, significant and commendable progress has been achieved in the grant implementation. Disbursement has significantly increased (49% disbursed and around 70% committed).

The main results, as per the stated grant objectives, are:

1. The UT-REDD+ team is now composed by 8 experts: Financial, Procurement, safeguards, communication specialists; technical assistant; pilot project coordinator at national level, pilot project coordinator at Zambezia, and pilot project coordinator at Cabo Delgado Province. It is also planned to hire by October a MRV specialist and a technical assistant for the preparation of the REDD+ Strategy.
2. Communication and Public Consultation of REDD+: There have been several awareness raising activities, and 22 public consultations. Following the Consultations plan drafted as part of the SESA design, district level and community level consultations have been held: in the northern region five communities in three districts; and in the central region two communities in two districts and 5 communities in the North and Central regions. At the National level a Steering Committee (CTR) was created by a national decree and they have been having regular meetings; and two Provincial-level Landscape / REDD Forums were established. The CTR is composed by members of the government and civil society organizations. Information and communication material about REDD+ was prepared and distributed (pamphlets, policy briefings, radio and TV material, cartoon, etc), and a website was created. <http://www.redd.org.mz/>
- 3- Regarding the preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy, all the firms that are conducting the technical studies for the preparation of the REDD+ Strategy are hired. Studies are currently advancing seamlessly, and the National REDD+ Strategy will be completed by December 2015, and presented at the UNFCCC Paris COP.

One highlight of this last year is the preparation of 2 landscape pilot projects: The Zambezia Integrated Landscape Management Program and the Cabo Delgado/ Quirimbas Landscape Program. The early idea for the Zambezia program was presented at the FCPF Carbon Fund meeting in April and was well received. An ER-PIN is under preparation and will be presented at the October FCPF Carbon Fund meeting.

Overall progress towards grant objectives is satisfactory.

Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Comment:

The implementation progress is rated satisfactory. Disbursement has achieved 49% of the total Grant (3,800,000) and the funds committed are around 70%. Procurement and Financial Management are also satisfactory.

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Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

REDD+ Strategy

#Successfully hired and commissioned the following studies to support preparation of the REDD+ Strategy: i) Strategic Environmental Social Assessment including ESMF/RPF/GRM; ii) Drivers of deforestation and degradation and strategic options to address those drivers; iii) Analysis of the Institutional and Legal Framework, including the Benefit Sharing Mechanism; iv) Definition of forest; v) MRV system and REL preparation; vi) Consultant to compile the National REDD+ Strategy

Communication and Consultation activities

Broad dissemination and public consultation of REDD+ at both national and provincial level, with a focus on the provinces where the pilot projects are being prepared;

Pilot Projects

#Two pilot projects being prepared by the GoM: the Zambezia Integrated Landscape Management Program, and the Cabo Delgado/ Quirimbas landscape Program. Analytical and technical studies have been commissioned as a basis for preparing the projects for the FCPF Carbon Fund, and potential one for the GCF;

#Presentation of the early idea for the Zambezia Landscape Management Program at the FCPF Carbon Fund meeting in Paris in April 2015

Design of the pilot projects: Studies were commissioned to guide the design of the pilot project. For the Cabo Delgado/ Quirimbas pilot, the following studies are ongoing: a) reference level of deforestation and forest degradation (co-financed by WWF); ; b) causes of deforestation and forest degradation and strategic options, including social economic analysis; c) legal and institutional arrangements for the pilot project; and d) value chain studies of forest resources.

For the Zambezia Program a consultant firm has hired to conduct the forest inventory and baseline; the drivers of deforestation and institutional and legal arrangement for the program.

In order to ensure a more transparent and participative process, some NGOs (iied, ETC Terra, WWF and IGF) and provincial governments have been involved in the program, as well as private sector. These organizations will also help to engage other stakeholders.

MRV and REL

Forest monitoring activities (MRV) and establishment of the level of references (REL). UT-REDD+ is liaising with the National Forest Inventory Department at MITADER, and JICA in developing the Forest Information Platform. Meetings with various government actors, donors, academia, and civil society have been conducted to better understand the capacity already installed in the country for the creation of an MRV system. The MRV roadmap to further guide the MRV process was created. UT-REDD+ has advertised for the position of an MRV-Specialist to enhance the team's capacity and is expected to be filled by October 2015. JICA providing technical training for GoM staff. And they are also performing a national forest inventory and REL for 2 provinces. JICA, the GoM and the WB discussed on aligning efforts to finalize the forest inventory for the whole country, and the REL. This could be financed with the FCPF additional funding grant.

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

Comment on follow up:

Related to the FCPF Readiness Fund: The Government of Mozambique is preparing the FCPF Mid-Term Progress Report and at the same time is requesting FCPF additional funding. This MTR will be presented at the 20th PC meeting in November, 2015. If approved by the participants, the GoM will receive additional USD5.2 M and GENDR will receive USD300,000 as supervision budget. This additional funding, is planned to be used to finalize the preparation of the R-Package, specifically for the preparation of the national REL and MRV system, as well as maintenance of the UT-REDD+, communication activities, consultations and safeguards instruments.

Related to the FCPF Carbon Fund: The Government of Mozambique has presented an Early Idea of the Zambezia Integrated Landscape Management Program to the FCPF Carbon Fund in April 2015. Currently, the ER-PIN for this program is under preparation and will be presented at the 13th Carbon Fund meeting in October, 2015. If the Zambezia program is selected into the FCPF pipeline, additional funds would be available from the FCPF to prepare the Program. When the ER-PD is prepared and approved, the Zambezia program would be eligible to receive up to USD50M on payments against Verified Emissions Reduction.

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End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

Restructuring is not expected. As mentioned above, USD5M additional funding is being requested to the FCPF Readiness Fund, along with the presentation of the FCPF MTR.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

The Project Development Objective is to contribute to the adoption of national REDD+ strategy and of the national legal and institutional framework for REDD+. Strengthening the national readiness management arrangements within the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment as well as promoting multi-stakeholder consultations are required activities to allow the country to prepare an effective national REDD+ strategy and the associated legal and institutional framework.

The project is fully on track to achieve its PDO.

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

Already described in the overview

Comment on component implementation progress

Already described in the overview

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 GoM has created a new ministry in Jan 2015 which is responsible for land, environment, rural development, protected areas and forest - MITADER. This brought together MICOA and part of MINAG, previous ministries in charge of the REDD Readiness Process. The establishment of this new ministry has been facilitating the coordination in land use sector, including REDD+ activities. The Ministry has also established a new 'Unit to Manage International Projects and Fund Raising' to coordinate/supervise projects financed by several donors. This new Unit would also contribute to coordinating REDD-related interventions financed by different partners.

The GoM and the WB have also been coordinating different sources of REDD-related investment. There are at least 3 ongoing operations that will contribute to REDD+: the Forest Investment Program, the Mozbio (Conservation and Protected Areas) Project and the Mozambique Agriculture NRM Landscape Project. Under FIP, the country is currently preparing its Forest Investment Plan, which will be used to implement the REDD+ Strategy and to support landscapes initiatives on the ground. The ongoing Mozbio project, funded by IDA and the GEF, has been contributing to promote activities in two landscapes aimed at reducing deforestation and promote rural development. Lastly, there is a Mozambique Agriculture NRM Landscape Project under preparation which will contribute as well to promote value chains in rural areas in a sustainable way, and could contribute to reducing emissions from deforestation as well.

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This grant is also being coordinated with JICA financing for MRV.

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

N/A

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

The task team continue to provide training on safeguards, procurement, and financial issues to the UT-REDD team on a weekly basis. Following the in-depth training on safeguards organized in August 2014 for the UT-REDD team (MICOA and MINAG), the task team has been providing hands-on support to prepare TORs, and review deliverables from consultants. The WB team has day-to-day interaction with the Government team through their staff based in Maputo, and virtually with the staff based in DC.

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 consultant firm for SESA was hired and the work is progressing as expected. The safeguards instruments (SESA, ESMF, and RPF) are expected by December 2015. Those instruments will be used at the national level, but they will look in depth into those concrete geographical areas selected by the Government as pilot 'landscapes' for REDD+ activities, to ensure the safeguards instruments are informed by concrete case studies. A Grievance Redress Mechanism will be prepared as part of the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF). The safeguard specialist at UT-REDD+ was hired and is supervising the implementation of the SESA package in accordance with the World Bank safeguard policies.

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

ESMF is being prepared according to the WB policies.

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

##The REDD+ Unit has conducted 22 consultations on the REDD+, the national Decree on REDD+, consultations on technical matters (causes of deforestation, institutional arrangements), and on National REDD+ Strategy and the pilot programs. Two Provincial-level Forums (Cabo Delgado and Zambezia) have been established and are actively promoting further consultations at the local level. A comprehensive communications and stakeholder consultation plan was prepared, and has been adopted. Communication material has been prepared and used on those consultations and awareness raising activities.

##The GoM has created a website for the REDD+ Process (www.redd.org.mz). , and has been making public all information related to consultations, workshops and communication material. All this information is available on the Mozambique FCPF website.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	87,000.00	87,000.00
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	87,000.00	0.00
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	199,167.79	112,167.79
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	998,267.66	799,099.87
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	1,103,354.03	105,086.37
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	1,849,645.59	746,291.56
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