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FCPF Nepal Readiness Grant Overview

Grant Amount	\$3.4 million
Grant Duration	4.5 years [March 2011 – June 2015]
Executing Agency	REDD Implementation Center, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal
Grant Components	Component 1. REDD Analysis and Policy Development Component 2. Reference Scenario Formulation Component 3. Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Systems Development Component 4. Program M&E and National Readiness Management
Readiness Fund status	Readiness Grant closed; Significant Achievements made; additional funding requested
Carbon Fund Status	ER-PIN selected into the pipeline; LOI Signed

Progress by Component

Component 1. REDD Analysis and Policy Development

Key studies/reports that have been completed :

- Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- National REDD+ strategy (to be revisited)
- Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
- REDD+ Implementation framework
- Grievance Redress Mechanism

Component 2 & 3. Reference Scenario Formulation, & MRV Systems Development

- National reference level has been established, but may require further fine-tuning (*proposed under the Additional Funding*) .
- A system of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification has been designed .
- Full cost proposal for doing MRV going forward has been prepared.
- Database system of basic forest attributes is in progress and will require more work (proposed under the additional funding).

Component 4. Program M&E and National Readiness Management

- A REDD+ monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed (piloted in Nepal).
- National readiness management set up has been strengthened.
 - REDD Cell upgraded to REDD Implementation Center (11 Staff, 7 technical /4 others)
 - REDD Working Group (CSO, IPO, Donors, Ministries) – Decision making
 - Multi-stakeholder Forum (Consultative platform)
 - IPOs and CSOs Platform

Nepal's request for additional funding

- According to **Resolution PC/10/2011/1.rev* 5 (iii)** “Additional funding shall be used to support activities consistent with the endorsed R-PP, to be agreed with the relevant Delivery Partner, taking into account countries’ needs”
- Designing Emission Reduction Program in Terai Arc Landscape for the FCPF Carbon Fund.
- World Bank’s focus in Nepal is to work on the Programmatic approach aligning FCPF, FIP, CBP, DGM and all other relevant activities.
- Nepal’s additional funding proposal includes further readiness activities (National Reference level, MRV, Capacity Building, etc..)

Conclusion/Key Messages

- Nepal has made **significant progress** in implementing REDD+ Readiness Grant (Grant 95% disbursed and closed as October 31, 2015)
- There is a **strong ownership** of the program and **high commitment** to implement REDD+ activities.
- There is a clear need for additional resources to build on the achievements.
- The World Bank fully supports Nepal's request for additional funding from the FCPF Readiness Fund.
- The Bank remains committed to provide the necessary implementation support, if the PC allocates the additional funding to Nepal.