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## Dominican Republic: FCPF REDD Readiness Preparation FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Dominican Rep.
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9272 - SLCEN
Grant Start Date / End Date	10/06/2015 to 08/15/2022
Original Grant Amount	3,800,000.00
Grant Amount	6,000,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	5,979,455.60
Disbursed 10/06/2015 to 03/24/2023	5,979,455.60
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

*This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Completion, Disbursements, Procurement Plan, Procurement Actuals.*

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments

#### Grant Objectives:

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to assist the Dominican Republic to design and carry out the Readiness Preparation Activities by supporting the preparation of the Recipient's REDD+ Strategy through a participatory and inclusive process.

#### Overall progress from 10/06/2015 to 08/15/2022 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

Overall progress towards achieving the grant development objective has been satisfactory.

The Dominican Republic received support from the FCPF to carry out activities to develop a National REDD+ Strategy. The FCPF, together with the World Bank, provided the country with the financial, technical and fiduciary support necessary to achieve this objective. Initially, in September 2015, a grant for USD3.8M was approved, with an additional grant was provided on May 2019 for USD 2.2M, reaching a total of USD 6M.

The work done under the Project, led to the development of the National REDD+ Strategy, which was prepared in a participatory and inclusive way, with the participation of multiple stakeholders from different areas. The activities included producer associations, the private sector, government institutions at the local, regional and national levels, and NGOs, among others. At Project closing, the National REDD+ Strategy had been approved internally by the Ministry of Environment team and was printed and prepared for dissemination.

#### Overall progress from 10/06/2015 to 08/15/2022 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

During Project implementation, all the main planned activities and targeted deliverables of the grant were completed. The total Project disbursement represented a 99% of the grant, with 5,979,455.60 USD disbursed during the 7 year period. Thanks to this grant, the Dominican Republic developed -through a participatory process- a comprehensive National REDD+ Strategy (ENREDD+).

The grant supported the preparation of the safeguards tools needed for the implementation of the REDD+ program, including the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), the Safeguards Information System (SIS), Environmental and Social Management Plans, as well as a Benefit Sharing Plan (BSP). The latter was developed to implement the Emissions Reduction Payments Agreement (ERPA) between the GoDR and the WB, which was leveraged as one of the main results of the Project.

In addition, the country established a Forest Reference Emissions Level (FREL), presented to the UNFCCC. Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems were strengthened.

Capacity building activities, training material, and dissemination tools were developed to, first, foster participation for ENREDD+ design, and later, to prepare stakeholders for the ENREDD+ implementation phase.

Governance bodies were trained and established for the implementing phase of the Strategy.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

The project entails activities to design and implement policies and programs to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, anticipating full and meaningful engagement with potentially impacted stakeholders. The main results expected at project closure are listed below.

#### Component 1. Organization and Consultation for REDD+ Readiness

##### a. National REDD+ management arrangements

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b. Consultation, participation and dissemination

## Component 2. REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

- a. Assessment of land use, drivers of land-use change, forest law, policy and governance
- b. REDD+ strategy options
- c. Implementation framework
- d. Social and environmental impacts

## Component 3. Reference Emission Levels/Forest Reference Levels

- a. National reference emissions level or reference level for the forest sector

## Component 4. Forests and Safeguards Monitoring System

- a. Design and implement a national forest surveillance system
- b. Information system for multiple benefits, other impacts, governance and safeguards

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

### Comment on follow up:

Expected follow up (if any):

An Emissions Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) - (P161182 - TF-B4963 and TF-B4964)

Comment on follow up:

The project follow-up will be through an Emissions Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA), signed on March 2021. The Agreement considers a Contract Volume up to 5 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e at 5USD per ton agreed price. On June 13, the Ministry of Finance officially submitted the First emissions reductions monitoring report to the FCPF FMT.

### End Date of Last Site Visit:

August 04 and 05, 2021 (virtual due to COVID 19 related restrictions)

### Restructuring of Grant:

Two extensions were granted in FY22. These were Level 2 restructurings, with no changes to the PDO or results framework indicators. These were respectively approved in December 2021 for six additional months (following implementation delays due to COVID 19 related impacts and restrictions), and June 2022 for two additional months (following the death of the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources).

## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 10/06/2015 to 08/15/2022

Regarding the implementation and outcomes of achieved grant financed activities, the project made considerable progress in achieving the PDO, and completing the planned outputs. Key results achieved include: National REDD+ strategy developed under a participatory process with coordination bodies established; strong framework and its instruments and systems for Environmental and Social aspects implementation, monitoring, and reporting; new data for updating the Forest Reference Emissions Level improvement (about to be finalized); monitoring and reporting systems for REDD+ activities, emissions, and E&S aspects developed; development of a solid Benefit Sharing Plan with high participation of partner implementing institutions (Executing Entities); development of a Gender Action Plan; the conformation of the National Benefit Sharing Committee; and a First emissions reduction monitoring report prepared and presented to the FMT.

### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

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## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Component 1: REDD+ Readiness Organization and Consultation

Status: Completed

Planned Output: C1.1. A cross-sectoral coordination body for REDD+ (Steering Committee), and a multistakeholder participation platform, involving a broad range of key stakeholders (Technical Advisory Committee), has been established and is under operation  
C1.2 A national communications and dissemination strategy for REDD+ has been designed and initiates full implementation  
C1.3 A gender mainstreaming strategy has been designed and incorporated into the national participation and consultation plan.  
C1.4 A national participation and consultation plan for REDD+ (with adequate representation of local-level stakeholders) has been designed and is under full implementation.

Actual Output: see details below.

#### Component 2: National REDD+ Strategy and Safeguards

Status: Completed

Planned Output: C2.1 National REDD+ Strategy (ENREDD+), including the design of specific legal, economic and technological instruments (i.e. a REDD+ incentives system, regulation of LULUCF related sectors, technological packages for REDD+) has been designed and is under operation.  
C2.2 A citizen feedback mechanism and institutional protocol will be in place and operational. Its effectiveness will be measured by % of grievances satisfactorily redressed.  
C2.3 A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) has been carried out and an appropriate safeguard instrument such as an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has been prepared.

Actual Output: see details below.

#### Component 3: Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels

Status: Completed

Planned Output: C3.1 The capacity and progress to establish a National Forest Reference Emission Level and/or a Forest Reference Level has been significantly improved by: (i) a national forest REL/RL has been submitted to the UNFCCC; and (ii) potential business-as-usual scenarios have been developed based on econometric and/or spatial modeling.

Actual Output: see details below.

#### Component 4: National Forest Monitoring System

Status: Completed

Planned Output: C.4.1 The capacity and progress to develop a National Forest Monitoring System for the MRV of GHG emissions reductions from REDD+ activities have been significantly improved, including: GHG forest inventory and MRV systems.

Actual Output: see details below.

### Comment on planned and actual Output

Activities have been completed with good overall progress.

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## Comment on component implementation progress

### Component 1: Organization and Consultation for REDD+ Readiness

During the last year of implementation, the REDD+ Readiness process made important progress by completing all main activities and task associated to this component. The institutional arrangements design was completed by formally establishing and developing operational regulations and guidelines for the operation of the governance bodies, including the Steering Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. A full Operations Manual draft for the Benefit Sharing Plan was finalized, and will be reviewed and approved by the National Committee for Benefit sharing once the ERPA operations start. The roles and arrangements of the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, and Implementing Entities were defined and agreed by all the institutions involved.

A communications strategy for the National REDD+ Strategy (ENREDD+) was prepared to disseminate the national program objectives and benefits. In addition, this communication strategy served educational objectives under the series "REDD+ EDUCA", comprised of educational flyers, communications videos, educational animated videos. Moreover, several infographic materials, success stories articles, radio spots and brochures for potential beneficiaries were prepared to disseminate the process, requirements and benefits of participating in the program. A Communications Committee under the ERPA PIU will be created to take over these responsibilities.

Through the Gender action Plan for REDD+, the Project established the guidelines for integrating a gender approach in the implementation of the REDD+ program and Strategy. This action plan contains specific actions and activities to overcome gaps and barriers that specially- women's groups phase on the ground.

In terms of consultation processes, participation and dissemination, the Project contributed with communications and educational material for preparing and continuing (after Project closing) with the implementation of the ENREDD+. Six consultation/participation activities were held to present the final versions of the ENREDD+ and the BSP to key government institutions and relevant public and private stakeholders represented in the project governance bodies (three meetings with the Technical advisory committee; review of the ENREDD+ workshop; presentation of BSP; BSP criteria and operation guidelines workshop). Also, during the Project, several activities for engaging governmental sector, civil society, and others were held.

By project closing, given the sudden pass of the latest Minister, the inter-institutional agreements between the Ministry of the Environment and Implementing Entities had been agreed upon, but not signed yet, and the PIU had not been established yet. While these were the only pending tasks for the Component, both tasks were very advanced, and agreed by the technical teams and authorities. In July 2022, the Bank addressed a Management Letter to the corresponding Ministries to emphasize the importance of completing these processes. The ERPA PIU (called *REDD+ Coordination Office*) was set up on September 27th, 2022.

### Component 2: REDD+ National Strategy Preparation

The ENREDD+, with an expected time horizon to 2050, has been developed through a broad, legitimate, and inclusive participatory and consultation process, containing clear options for REDD+ activities, including: i) reduction of emissions from forest deforestation and degradation, ii) conservation and increasing of carbon stocks (including soil carbon), and iii) sustainable forest management. The ENREDD+ was finalized through a participatory workshop held in March 2022, and the document was printed for dissemination activities, including a launching event to be organized with the recently assigned Minister of Environment.

A Participation and Consultation Plan was developed in order to lay the foundations for the design and preparation of the Strategic Social Assessment (SESA). This plan also supported the subsequent development of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), as well as the proposal for the Grievance, Redress, Claims and Dispute Management Mechanism (GRCDM) in the Dominican Republic

As part of the support for ERPA future's implementation, the Project was involved in the preparation of a Benefit Sharing Plan (BSP), according to the ENREDD+ guidelines. The BSP establishes the criteria mechanisms, actions, guidelines, and activities, among others, that will be guide how the payments received from the ERPA transfers will be distributed among potential beneficiaries, while ensuring an environmentally and socially responsible distribution of the benefits generated.

The Project supported the country to strengthen its Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM), with the use of the national GRM called "Linea Verde" through all implementation, and the preparation of a REDD+ specific system (the abovementioned GRCDM). The REDD+ specific GRM system is fully developed and ready to be operated prior the first ERPA payment is processed.

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Other environmental and social instruments were developed to further GoDR capacity to manage these aspects and implement safeguards policies. A SESA was prepared to ensure the design of the ENREDD+, program and subsequent ERPA included social, environmental, and governance (legal and policy) aspects for the implementation of the Strategy. Through a participation platform, the Project collected inputs and information from relevant stakeholders for ENREDD+ design. Additionally, a Safeguards Information System (SIS) was developed to organize the information of the REDD+ Projects/Program in the Dominican Republic, also to identify and retrieve the information necessary to comply with reporting commitments related to E&S. The SIS includes indicators for monitoring REDD+ activities in the priority areas, as well as the indicators that will serve to monitor the benefits and co-benefits associated with REDD+. The implementation of the SIS will be carried out through the Executing Entities (EEs) that will operate the programs and national projects selected for the national REDD+ program.

In order to complement these instruments, including the ESMF, the Project developed Environmental and Social Management Plans for REDD+ priority areas, a detailed diagnostic of EEs' capacities and needs for safeguards implementation, regional capacity building workshops for EEs, and guidelines were prepared for the implementation of good Environmental and Social practices for different REDD+ activities. The guidelines prepared and distributed for EEs and implementing partners, included the following topics: (i) sustainable natural and plantation forests management; (ii) conservation of forests in protected areas; (iii) natural regeneration of degraded areas; (iv) production of forests species in nurseries; (v) reforestation; (vi) silvopastoral systems: integrating trees in livestock farms; (vii) agroforestry systems: shaded cocoa; (viii) agroforestry systems: shaded coffee; (ix) use and management of agrochemicals.

### Component 3: Reference Emission Levels(REF)/Forest Reference Levels (FREL)

A National Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL) was prepared and submitted to the UNFCCC in 2020. This FREL was used to prepare the First ERs monitoring report under the ERPA. The FREL was updated by improving data, including soils carbon monitoring and emissions drivers, and estimates on emissions factors for forests. Through the revision of the FREL executed by the Convention, updates and improvements were identified, The Project started with the process, and new improved REL/FREs are expected to be ready during Q3 of 2022, once it is calculated including the latest analyses prepared. The updated Reference Emission Levels/Forest Reference Level has considered the following aspects: i) biannual data of deforestation, degradation, restoration and deforestation; ii) monitoring and emission factors of organic soil carbon using an improved methodology and considering soil carbon in mangroves; iii) estimates of differentiated emission factors for primary and secondary forests.

The Project supported capacity building activities to strengthen DIARENA unit (Ministry's Direction for Environmental and Natural Resources Information).

While the Project developed a series of analysis on the costs of implementing different REDD+ program activities and studied the potential contribution of different sectors to reducing emissions in the land use, forestry and agricultural sector, the Project has not developed the expected studies on the potential business-as usual scenarios based on econometric and/or spatial modeling.

### Component 4: National Forest and Safeguards Monitoring System

As all the planned activities and outputs of this component were completed, the country has a comprehensive report on the National Forest Inventory with data on the volume, biomass, and carbon of the main forest types in the country. In addition, a final Report on the Evaluation of biomass and carbon content in non-forests cover (coffee, cacao, avocado, mango, coconut, and dry-bushes), and a field Manual for each of the species were prepared.

The MRV framework and institutional arrangements were established, and capacities for remote sensing and GHG inventory units was provided under the Project. Monitoring protocols to assess environmental and social impacts of the ENREDD+ have been prepared, including those related to SESA, and Safeguards Implementation and Monitoring Guide for REDD+ Activities.

In addition to the GRM and SIS support systems previously mentioned, the Project developed a Program, Projects and actions tracking system to promote transparency, prevent double counting of ERs, and provide field-level information for Benefit Sharing Plan implementation. Each of these systems have a complete data base, website and user manual, and training for the correct use and implementation of them have been provided to key personnel.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P151752 - DR FCPF REDD Readiness Preparation

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**Project Status:** Lending  
**Global Focal Area:** Climate change  
**Product Line:** CN - Carbon Offset

## Implementing agency and contact details

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## PROGRAM

### Program Specific Questions - revisar aunar y mejorar

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

During the implementation period, the country has worked with several initiatives to improve its REDD+ national program (including consultations with the REDD+ national program teams of Mozambique, Costa Rica, and Chile, as well as experience exchanges with other countries); with all activities coordinated by the Ministry through the Climate Change Directorate. In the past, it worked with the other donor agencies, such as GIZ, USAID, CARE and UN-REDD. The Ministry is committed to maintaining and financing, beyond the closing of the Readiness grant, a new PIU for the ERPA implementation.

The country received a USD 4.06 M grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for Integrated Landscape Management in Dominican Republic Watersheds (P170848), which will further enhancing synergies and coordination among activities, including by improving territorial planning, strengthening capacities for integrated landscape management, testing approaches to sustainable rice production, investing in small-scale ecosystem restoration, and establishing agroforestry systems. This project will complement REDD+ objectives in two key watersheds - Yaque del Norte and Yuna. The project was approved in FY22, and the conditions of effectiveness are expected to be completed during the first semester of FY23.

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

No significant changes have been made to the technical design or approach to grant activities aside from the adjustment to the closing date of the Project. Meetings and capacity building activities were held online to comply with national COVID-19 emergency restrictions.

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

The Project developed several capacity training activities and educational material for the Ministry professionals, Implementing Entities (Entidades Ejecutoras in Spanish), as well as its associations and federations. Only in the last year of implementation, 58 training activities were held for these groups, accounting for a total of 1347 people trained in different areas, including i) Climate Change, ii) The REDD+ Dominican Republic Program, iii) Social and Environmental Safeguards, iv) Safeguards Information System (SIS) and Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), v) Grievance, Redress Mechanism and Benefit Sharing Plan (BSP).

In addition, close support and direct technical assistance was provided to the PIU by the task team specialists, focusing on ensuring the high-quality development of the technical guides prepared for the correct implementation of REDD activities and adequate safeguards for the Implementing entities. In addition, technical educational material and methodology were prepared for the Implementing entities to promote REDD+ education among stakeholders. These materials included: videos, brochures, infographics and other documents prepared as part of the education and communication program.

Beyond missions, regular video conferences took place to monitor implementation progress and provide technical support as needed.



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## 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?

SESA was conducted in accordance with the Common Approach. SESA was prepared, including through a series of consultations, and validated. Six short case study reports on drivers of deforestation were also produced as part of the SESA process.

As part of the requirements established under the common approach, the Dominican Republic has developed the necessary safeguard instruments. The SESA is in accordance with the common approach and complies with Safeguards Operational Policies. A participatory consultation process involved key stakeholders linked to forestry sectors, agroforestry, and livestock to identify and analyze the positive and negative impacts, as well as the likely risks and opportunities of REDD+ strategic options. It was approved by the Environmental and Social System Assessment (ESSA) of the World Bank.

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

The ESMF was completed in line with WB safeguard operational policies and approved by the ESSA of the World Bank in October 2019. Prior the BSP's ERPA implementation, an updated ESMF will be prepared to reflect minor changes introduced to the BSP design.

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

ENREDD+ design was based on a participatory process, which included regional and national workshops in different parts of the country, with a variety of actors and representative key groups. During the Project period, the final development stage of the BSP included consultations to Implementing entities and key actors. The process consulted different aspects, including: i) beneficiaries; ii) BSP selection and implementation criteria; iii) type and sharing proportion of monetary and non-monetary; iv) requirements of selected beneficiaries; v) decision-making mechanisms for benefit sharing; vi) institutional arrangements; and vii) information flows and processes for emissions reporting and verification.

The Dominican Republic defined the institutional arrangements and governance mechanisms that will ensure participatory and transparent REDD+ management. The Technical Advisory Committee is designed as an inter-institutional body made up of 24 institutions, and along with the Safeguards Working Group includes representatives from the public sector (central government and municipal offices), private sector (agricultural and forestry producers), and civil society (NGOs and academia). Additional committees were created to allow for the participation of relevant stakeholders in the benefit distribution process, including a National Steering Committee, and a National Benefit Distribution Committee, which integrates beneficiaries and implementation agencies. All the above-mentioned committees were trained, established, and have already started operations as of final date of FY22.

The country has identified the necessary measures to establish mechanisms and develop adequate tools for efficient monitoring and reporting of REDD+ safeguards during the implementation and payment for results stages. For this purpose, safeguard instruments were elaborated, consulted, and validated by the actors involved in each of the 5 priority areas through participatory workshops, including the main instruments: SESA, ESMF, and FGRM. A firm developed the web systems and platforms for the REDD+ activity and stakeholder registry, FGRM, and SIS. Based on the results of the consultations, these systems will be key for the transparency and flow of information to ensure safeguards are met and respond to feedback and grievances. The systems are able to record, manage, and follow up on the SIS and FGRM, user reports, and actions to be carried out at the national level. Key stakeholders were trained on FGRM objectives, processes and functionalities.

## COMPLETION

### Overall Assessments and Lessons Learned

#### Main lessons learned:

Engagement of decision-makers and authorities: While the Project was aligned with the Ministerial priorities, the implementation process and direct communication with the Project Director and Ministerial priorities, could have contributed to a more efficient



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and faster resolution of doubts, decisions and plans. For future operations, in particular for the ERPA, the task team should ensure that periodical meetings are held with authorities in charge of the Project, as part of the agreed commitments with the country. This could be established as a commitment of the first mission of the ERPA implementation period.

Continuous support for Project implementation and management for teams implementing WB Projects for the first time: The PIU in charge of the Project had no previous experience implementing WB initiatives, generating a steep and complex learning curve for most of the teams, particularly the fiduciary specialists. While the WB provided constant support and training to the national PIU and the Ministry of the Environment, several challenges arise. Most of these challenges would have been resolved in a more timely and easier manner, if the PIU had shared the situation earlier. Strengthening communications can improve the response time from the Bank, and avoid unnecessary details or steps to solve any issue that the PIU or government may encounter.

## Overall outcome (and its Sustainability):

### Comment:

The REDD+ Readiness grants successfully contributed to the development of the ENREDD+ in Dominican Republic and to the implementation of the foundations for the result-based payments for ERs phase of the Strategy. The instruments required for complying with safeguards (including the FGRM); emissions monitoring, report and verification (including the FREL); and the framework for implementing the BSP and Monitoring and Evaluation of these REDD+ activities were developed through this grant.

The REDD+ Readiness support allowed for the training of the main REDD+ partners institutions and the establishment of governance bodies for the ENREDD+. The grant financed activities largely achieved their objectives, allowing the country to develop the needed tools and instruments for the Strategy -beyond this Project or only WB-financed activities -, as well as securing funds for the results-payments phase through the WB ERPA.

## Bank Performance:

### Comment:

The overall Bank Performance is Satisfactory, based on quality at entry, project supervision and additional resource mobilization. Supervision missions were organized and Non-objections were provided to the client under reasonable timeframes, and regular reporting was done to the Bank and donors. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, interaction between the Bank's and the PIU's teams were organized through video-conferencing. The Bank team provided close support and technical advice throughout implementation of the grant financed activities.

## Additional Assessment

### Development / strengthening of institutions:

#### Comment:

The capacity of Ministry of the Environment, the DIRENA, and the Executing agencies (EEs) to manage and implement the REDD+ program has increased immensely thanks to the grant support. The National REDD+ governance groups (such as the REDD+ Technical Advisory Group, and the Steering Committee) were also trained through presentations and participatory processes, preparing them to increase their capacity for managing the national REDD+ process.

### Mobilization of other resources:

#### Comment:

As mentioned before, the country worked with several initiatives to improve its REDD+ national program (including consultations with the other REDD+ countries). In the past, it worked with the other donor agencies, such as GIZ, USAID, CARE and UN-REDD to strengthen the national Program, knowledge exchange with other countries, and increasing capacities at national institutions.

The World Bank will continue engaging with the country through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded Project for Integrated Landscape Management in Dominican Republic Watersheds (P170848), and the Emissions Reduction Payments Agreement (ERPA, P161182).

## Knowledge exchange:

### Comment:

As previously described, the Dominican Republic REDD+ team has been a part of learning events on REDD+ supported by the FCPF and other sources to exchange experiences with other countries.

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## Client's policy / program implementation:

### Comment:

The ENREDD+ has been approved by the Ministry of the Environment, and it is expected to be the guiding instrument for the implementation of and use activities that consider aspects or focus on Emissions Reductions. The Project supported the readiness process for the implementation of the ENREDD+, thus, the results are successful in terms preparation for policy implementation.

### Efficiency :

#### Comment:

Most of the outcomes planned at the onset have been achieved. Extensions were required, as COVID-19 pandemic affect a long implementing period of the second grant of the Project. Nevertheless, key outputs were achieved within a reasonable framework, thus efficiency is rated moderately satisfactory.

### Replicability:

#### Comment:

The Project has developed the foundations for the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy. These foundations will be used for integrating different sources of funding and different projects into a comprehensive and coherent framework for REDD+ implementation.

## Main recommendations to stakeholders:

REDD+ approach has been widely promoted around the world, nevertheless, it remains a complex topic to explain and very new at implementing initiatives on the ground. Considering this, EEs and local governmental teams will require periodic trainings for communications with their beneficiaries, safeguards and E&S implementation, monitoring of activities, and others.

## Main recommendations to Bank Management:

The ERPA implementation (including the verification of Emissions reductions reports and implementation of the BSP) will require a close supervision and support from the Task team. Fiduciary processes were challenging for the PIU national team, and not all the professionals trained by the Project will stay as members of the ERPA's PIU. Considering this, the WB should plan introductory training sessions for PIU professionals at the beginning of the Project, ensuring periodic updates and additional sessions for professionals that integrate to the PIU during the implementation period.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	480,000.00	480,000.00
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	480,000.00	0.00
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	534,272.07	54,272.07
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	787,207.06	252,934.99
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	1,678,489.76	891,282.70
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	2,333,871.30	655,381.54
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	3,076,578.48	742,707.18
07/01/2019	12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	3,864,213.36	787,634.88
01/01/2020	06/30/2020	0.00	0.00	4,108,605.56	244,392.20
07/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.00	0.00	4,526,369.54	417,763.98
01/01/2021	06/30/2021	0.00	0.00	4,753,155.08	226,785.54

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07/01/2021	12/31/2021	0.00	0.00	5,007,037.51	253,882.43
01/01/2022	06/30/2022	0.00	0.00	5,737,775.13	730,737.62
07/01/2022	12/31/2022	0.00	0.00	5,979,455.60	241,680.47

## PROCUREMENT PLAN

None

## PROCUREMENT ACTUAL

None