



Côte d'Ivoire REDD+ Readiness Process

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WB Support to Forest Sector in Côte d'Ivoire

- REDD+ Readiness work is guided by FY16-19 CPF Focus Areas
 - Private Sector-Led Growth, Building Human Capital, Strengthen Public Financial Mgmt./Accountability reflected throughout project implementation
- FCPF support builds on a strong partnership with GoCI in forests, agro-forestry, sustainable cocoa production, and sustainable agriculture:
 - Forest Investment Program (US\$ 15M)
 - Cashew Value Chain Competitiveness Project (US\$ 285M)
 - E-Agriculture Project (US\$ 70M)
 - Analytical and Policy work on cocoa sector: “Forest and Climate-Smart Cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana”

Development Objective

To reinforce the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation



Overall Progress by Component

Component 1: Support to national readiness management arrangements

- REDD+ institutional framework established and operational at national level; rollout underway at local level
 - Official designation of the National REDD+ Commission and appointment of the members of the National REDD+ Committee and the Inter-ministerial REDD+ Technical Committee; under leadership of Prime Minister's Office
- GRM produced by GoCI, cleared by WB Regional Safeguards Advisor

Component 2: Preparation of a national REDD+ strategy

- National REDD+ Strategy developed based on relevant studies and comprehensive stakeholder consultations, aligned to National Development Plan and validated
- Completion of the National Investment Framework and submission of REDD+ project proposal to Green Climate Fund
- Completion of the participatory self-assessment of the Readiness-Package
- Initiation of ERPD
- Benefit sharing plan under discussion within the framework of ERPD development
- Safeguards instruments (incl. ESMF) drafted as part of SESA, in process of being finalized

Overall Progress by Component

Component 3: Forest reference emissions level

- Development of national FREL and submission to UNFCCC
- Development of a sub-national FREL under the ERP that is fully consistent with the national FREL

Component 4: National Forest Monitoring System

- Participatory development of Cote d'Ivoire's NFMS under the coordination of the Permanent Executive Secretariat (SEP-REDD+)
- Creation of geoportal permitting consultation of all NFMS-generated data
- Participatory design of a Safeguards Information System

Financial summary/disbursement

Initial FCPF Readiness Grant US\$ 3.8M	Additional Financing US\$ 5M
Sept 2014 – Sept 2017 74% Disbursed – US\$ 2.8M	July 2017 – Sept 2019 19% Disbursed – US\$.94M
Incomplete disbursements due to delays in activity implementation following the suspension of grant activities (Dec 16-June 17) on the basis of financial irregularities	Resources managed effectively and efficiently within a framework of new project implementation arrangements – IPIU (FCPF-FIP-PROGEP-CI-WACA)
Restructuring of PIU team to provide for additional FM controls	Disbursement plan available and monitored

Challenges / Key risks

- Reorganization of PIU resulted in a slower pace of implementation in 2017
 - Need to accelerate disbursement to ensure fully utilization of the grant proceeds by the grant closing date
- The completion of the UN-REDD program resulted in the orphaning of three contract staff in the MRV Unit
 - Competitive recruitment of two MRV staff financed by the Grant is underway (the third UN-REDD paid MRV staff has been recruited as a civil servant and continues to support the unit).

Opportunities/Next steps

This year's goal is to have a sufficient level of preparation to submit the R-package and the ER-PD and to conduct the ERPA negotiations. The main activities to be carried out are the following:

- Ensure sustainable financing of the institutional REDD + mechanism by complementing a direct, tailored contribution from the Ivorian State with external financing
- Maintain the strong involvement of the authorities in mobilizing external financing for REDD + financing in the country
- Continue to monitor and influence ongoing sectoral and cross-sectoral reforms to ensure REDD+ integration, particularly in the agricultural, forestry, mining and land-use sectors
- Future stakeholder consultations to inform: (i) benefit-sharing mechanism, (ii) ER-PD development, (iii) project approval manual, (iv) validation of the SESA (and framework reports), (v) national REDD+ registry, and (vi) National REDD + Fund
- Operationalize the GRM
- Finalize the REDD + mechanism communication strategy and plan
- Finalize the study on the benefit-sharing mechanism
- Finalize environmental and social safeguards instruments
- Conduct study on the establishment of a national REDD + registry
- Conduct study to set up a National REDD+ Fund



Merci!