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GEF MSP - LATIN AMERICA: COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY PROJECT

GEFIA - GEF-IBRD AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Latin America
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	7632 - LCSAR - HIS
Grant Start Date / End Date	05/12/2008 to 12/30/2012
Program Manager	Karin Shepardson
Original Grant Amount	900,000.00
Grant Amount	900,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	900,000.00 as of 06/30/2012
Disbursed 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012	336,229.00
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome, Components/Outputs, Execution, Processing, Attached Documents, Disbursements.

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OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments and Ratings

Grant Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to strengthen communication and public awareness capacity on biosafety in the Latin America region in general and in the Member Countries in particular.

Overall progress from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

Rating: Satisfactory(Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Comment:

The project closed on June 30, 2012 and all resources have been disbursed. The project has achieved its objectives and the results were presented during the closing event - the Regional Conference held in July in Colombia. There were about 150 participants at the event from the 4 implementing countries, as well as other countries in Latin America (e.g. Mexico, Uruguay) and Africa (Zambia). Representatives from the USDA also attended and so did the Vice-Ministers of Environment of Costa Rica and Colombia, who praised the project activities and their extent. There was a strong demand expressed by all participants for a continuation of the activities into another more widely regional project.

Overall progress from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

Rating: Satisfactory(Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Comment:

Each country set up a communication team to develop the different activities. The Regional team oversaw the activities across countries, collected information and managed the overall project website, which was continuously updated to meet different technical and general public demands. The National and Regional communication teams worked together on summarizing and presenting the results from the FSP in a way that reaches out to different levels of technical comprehension of the subject matter. The Regional team was strengthened with communication specialists from CIAT to assist in the information management of results and public relations. Better engagement with decision makers was achieved in the case of Peru.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Expected follow up (if any): Dissemination of new knowledge/technology/best practice

Comment on follow up:

A meeting between parties in Lima in December 2011 where the regional coordination of the project will be present to ensure that the discussion is balanced.

Representatives (among them a critic of the project) from the Ministry of Environment and of the Ministry of Agriculture of Peru were invited and participates in the Regional Conference where they were able to interact with other professionals and the public.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:

The FSP project was restructured in July and a 1 year extension was granted for the implementation of project activities. The new closing date is June 30, 2012. This implicitly extends the period of implementation of activities under the MSP.

Activity Risk

Rating: Modest Risk

Comment:

Reputational risk: The project deals with communication and public awareness issues related to capacity building for biosafety management in the region. While the purpose of activities is to have full transparency and an open discussion on the

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advantages and disadvantages of biosafety management, there is a risk that certain opinion groups will try to portray the project as biased on the topic. This was clear in the case of Peru, where there is a sharp divide on the subject of biosafety between Ministries of Environment and Agriculture. In the case of Colombia, Brazil and Costa Rica such divergence in opinions between the two Ministries is not observed; in the contrary, the Ministries are collaborating in the topic of biosafety and the project in particular.

Mitigation measures: To mitigate potential conflicts in Peru, the Task team has requested that a technical meeting of biosafety authorities (from both Ministries), academia, private sector and NGOs be held in Lima. The Task leader has approached the General Director of Biodiversity in Ministry of Environment and exchanged useful communication supporting the event. Ministry of Environment has convened all technically qualified biosafety stakeholders to meet in Lima on December 7, 2011 to discuss biosafety approaches in the country and the content of the Peru project webpage.

Critical Issues and Pending Actions for Management Attention

There are currently no issues and actions for Management attention.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

1. By EOP, key stakeholders in at least four countries are applying biosafety risk assessment tools and information as sources of reference in planning and making biosafety decisions - this has been achieved
2. By EOP, a strengthened, consistent and constructive dialogue with key stakeholders on the Cartagena Protocol is in place - this has been achieved
3. By EOP, publications on biosafety management in Latin America are published in at least two languages and posted online for wide accessibility - this has been achieved

Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

1. Dialogue with key stakeholders on the Cartagena protocol in place

Baseline inconsistent information available for communicators and opinion-makers, and general public
Value:

Date: 11/14/2007

Progress to key stakeholders have clear understanding of strengthening biosafety systems

Date:

Date: 06/10/2012

Target Value: key stakeholders have clear understanding of strengthening biosafety systems

Date: 06/30/2012

2. Biosafety authorities are using risk assessment tools

Baseline limited information available for biosafety authorities

Value:

Date: 11/14/2007

Progress to biosafety authorities are using risk assessment tools in their decisions

Date:

Date: 06/10/2012

Target Value: biosafety authorities are using risk assessment tools in their decisions

Date: 06/30/2012

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COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

Output and Implementation by Component

Component 1: Development and implementation of pilot communication strategies

Implementation Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)
Status: Completed
Planned Output: The production of research based communication products delivered through a mix of media
Actual Output: Done

Component 2: Regional technical knowledge sharing

Implementation Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Project website and regional network of biosafety management professionals; training materials and trainers.
Actual Output: Done

Component 3: Regional conference

Implementation Rating: Highly Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Conference website, proceedings, and state-of-the-art papers
Actual Output: The Regional conference was a big success.

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

EXECUTION

Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P110098 - Regional Biosafety Communications
Project Status: Lending
Global Focal Area: Biodiversity
Product Line: GM - GEF Medium Sized Program

Implementing agency and contact details

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Implementation performance ratings from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 with regard to:

Project Management: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Brief Comment:

The project coordination unit was assisted by communication professionals of the coordinating agency CIAT to ensure compliance with project expected results

Financial Management: Moderately Unsatisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Unsatisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Brief Comment:

There has been a delay in the receipt and processing of financial documents

Counterpart Funding: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Brief Comment:

There is limited counterpart funding during the project extension period.

Procurement: Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Brief Comment:

The team has received adequate procurement training; however, some minor procurement inconsistencies have been identified at the sub-project level

Monitoring and Evaluation: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2011)

Brief Comment:

An M&E framework is in place and is being used effectively by the team.

Additional Comments on Implementation Performance:

PROCESSING

Manager's comments on this GRM report:

Date:08/06/2012 User ID:WB91528 Name:Mr Renato Nardello Operation
performed:Approved by Manager
Approved for LCSAR.

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Approved by Manager	Renato Nardello	Approved	08/06/2012

DOCUMENTS

List of documents attached to this GRM

1) GRM Report 20120630

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2008	06/30/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2008	12/31/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2009	06/30/2009	0.00	0.00	141,065.00	141,065.00
07/01/2009	12/31/2009	0.00	0.00	141,065.00	0.00
01/01/2010	06/30/2010	0.00	0.00	190,765.00	49,700.00
07/01/2010	12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	395,181.00	204,416.00
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	563,771.00	168,590.00
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	658,462.00	94,691.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	900,000.00	241,538.00
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	896,506.97	3,493.03-