Assignment: TF095060

Capacity Development for Sustainable Forest Management through Climate Change Mitigation

GEFIA - GEF-IBRD AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

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Summary Information

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This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome, Components/Outputs, Program(GEFIA), Processing, Attached Documents, Disbursements.
OVERVIEW

Overall Assessments and Ratings

Grant Objectives:
To enhance the capacity of key technical staff in institutions in non-Annex I countries to secure new financing sources for sustainable forest management through climate change mitigation.

Overall progress from 07/01/2010 to 06/30/2011 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:
Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2010)
Comment:
As planned, a number of capacity-building activities for non-Annex I countries were organized and co-financed, enhancing the capacity of governments to prepare themselves for REDD+ and REDD+ carbon transactions, a key new financing source for sustainable forest management and climate change mitigation.

Overall progress from 07/01/2010 to 06/30/2011 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:
Rating: Satisfactory (Previously Rated Satisfactory on 06/30/2010)
Comment:
A number of capacity-building activities were organized and co-financed in FY11. Countries continued to demand activities that focused on South-South cooperation on specific topics (e.g., sustainable forest management and the role of community forestry in REDD+; remote sensing; measurement, reporting and verification; etc.) and, as a result, the grant continued to focus on activities that are smaller-scale and targeted to specific issues that are emerging as key areas of concern among countries, rather than supporting a few broader, larger-scale workshops. Activities started and/or implemented in FY11 include:

1) "Universite d'ete REDD+" was held in DRC in August 2010, bringing together REDD+ practitioners and stakeholders from the Congo Basin for a capacity building workshop. This was organized in cooperation with UN-REDD and the National REDD+ Coordination of DRC.
2) A study tour was held in February 2011, bringing REDD+ practitioners from francophone African countries to Brazil to learn hands-on about the extensive community forestry experiences of Brazil and Mexico. Several materials were also prepared as background to this activity, and a guide to community forestry is being finalized. This was organized in cooperation with Sustainable Amazonas Foundation.
3) A workshop is being organized for September 2011 in Mexico City, bringing REDD+ practitioners and experts from several countries to discuss the role of communities in monitoring, reporting and verifying forest carbon emissions. This is being organized in cooperation with CIGA-UNAM.
4) A study was conducted throughout 2011 on national versus sub-national approaches to REDD+ and the potential role of the private sector in REDD+. This was organized in cooperation with the Coalition for Rainforest Nations.
5) Analytical work was conducted on how to design and establish a REDD+ registry, using DRC and Madagascar as case studies.
6) A multimedia campaign on forestry and sustainable forest management was organized by GoodPlanet.

In FY10, a South-South workshop among Brazil, DRC and Indonesia resulted in a request by the three countries to formalize South-South cooperation amongst the three, including a workplan for the three countries to exchange information, train each other in areas of each country's respective expertise, and peer review each other's work. It was expected that this would be supported by the grant, but the countries did not pursue this, so this work was not undertaken.

Grant follow-up and structure

Description and context of Grant:

Expected follow up (if any): Expanded capacity

Comment on follow up:
The grant is still under implementation though nearing completion. In FY12, work on the above-mentioned guide on community forestry and workshop on community monitoring will be finalized, and planning for a workshop and guide on forest carbon
reference levels is underway. It is expected that the activities will expand the capacity of countries involved in REDD+. The capacity of countries would also be reflected in REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposals submitted by countries who are participating in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, housed in the Bank; it is expected that the quality of these proposals and the design of national REDD+ strategies will be enhanced by these capacity-building activities.

End Date of Last Site Visit:

Restructuring of Grant:
Continuing the trend mentioned in the FY10 GRM, countries continue to demand activities that focus on South-South cooperation on specific topics (e.g., sustainable forest management and the role of community forestry in REDD+; remote sensing; measurement, reporting and verification; etc.), rather than broader, global workshops as was originally envisioned. As countries and the FCPF gain experience in REDD+ and as the international REDD+ agenda evolves, countries are identifying specific issues that pose key challenges for REDD+ implementation. It has become apparent that more targeted workshops on these issues are more useful for countries than a few global workshops. As a result, the grant continued to focus on activities that are smaller-scale and targeted. This does not require restructuring of the grant and grant components remain unchanged; rather, this is a shift in the scale of the capacity building activities.

Activity Risk
Rating: Negligible or Low Risk (Original Risk Rating is Negligible or Low Risk)
Comment: The grant is financing capacity-building workshops and related analytic work to identify options for how countries can best prepare themselves for REDD+. There is little risk involved in the activities. There has been no conflict of interest for the Bank.

Critical Issues and Pending Actions for Management Attention
There are currently no issues and actions for Management attention.

OUTCOME

Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2010 to 06/30/2011

Grant Outcome Indicators
No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

Output and Implementation by Component
Understanding National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Inventories, including for the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Sec
Implementation Rating: Not Applicable
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Workshop on IPCC inventory methodologies and country experiences in monitoring and reporting emissions from LULUCF
Actual Output: Planned workshop, but financed entirely by co-financing, not this grant
Detecting and tracking forest land cover
Implementation Not Applicable
Rating: Not Applicable
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Workshop on practices of detection/tracking of forest land cover changes due to land use change and in carbon density, using remote sensing data
Actual Output: Planned workshop, but financed entirely by co-financing, not this grant

National Forest Inventories
Implementation Satisfactory
Rating:
Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Workshop on how to integrate forest inventories in national Greenhouse Gas inventory and reporting systems
Actual Output: Planned workshop, but financed entirely by co-financing, not this grant; plus workshop on community MRV

Reference Scenarios for REDD
Implementation Satisfactory
Rating:
Status: Procurement On going
Planned Output: Workshop on country experiences in setting a Reference Scenario; Expert meeting and guidance on methods for reference case setting; Workshop to train 1 country to perform analysis & set reference case
Actual Output: Combined expert meeting/workshop and guidance underway; Study on how to design and establish a REDD+ registry in DRC and Madagascar completed

Readiness for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)
Implementation Satisfactory
Rating: Completed
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Workshop on national experiences in creating an enabling framework (including legislation, institutions, incentive design, etc.) for REDD, emphasizing South-South Cooperation
Actual Output: Study on national versus sub-national institutional arrangements and design, and the potential role of the private sector in an enabling framework

South-South knowledge and technology transfer
Implementation Satisfactory
Rating: Completed
Status: Completed
Planned Output: Training workshop on scientific practices of land cover change detection
Actual Output: Workshop with Indonesia, Brazil, and DRC on country experiences and expertise, including on the above topic; REDD+ apacity building workshop #Universite d'ete# for the Congo Basin
Role of sustainable management of forest carbon in REDD

Implementation: Satisfactory
Rating:
Status: Under Implementation
Planned Output: Workshop on countries' experiences with sustainable forest management and the linkages with REDD
Actual Output: Workshop on community forestry & REDD co-financed by PROFOR; Study tour and guide on community forestry with Brazil, Mexico and Francophone Africa; Multimedia campaign on sustainable forest management

Comment on planned and actual Output

Comment on component implementation progress

PROGRAM

Program Specific Ratings

1. Please rate public involvement - Satisfactory
2. Please rate government commitment - Satisfactory
3. Please rate safeguard performance - Not Applicable
4. Please rate arrangements for sustainability - Satisfactory

Program Specific Questions

1. Please comment on additional resources leveraged
As mentioned in the Overview, activities in FY11 were organized in cooperation with UN-REDD, the National REDD+ Coordination of DRC, the Sustainable Amazonas Foundation of Brazil, CIGA-UNAM of Mexico, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, GoodPlanet, as well as governments of participating REDD+ countries.

PROCESSING

Manager’s comments on this GRM report:
Date:10/14/2011 User ID:WB13644 Name:Ms Joelle Chassard Operation performed:Approved by Manager
Implementation of the grant is going smoothly and has enabled us to provide valuable capacity building services to REDD+ countries, on a matter of great complexity and pioneering nature.

GRM report history - Requested on 06/22/2011, due on 09/30/2011

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