



FCPF Capacity Building on REDD+ for Civil Society and Local Communities in LAC Project (P155978)

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Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 19-May-2016

Effectiveness Date: 04-Nov-2016

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2018

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2020

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen: (i) the knowledge of targeted civil society organizations and local communities of REDD+ Readiness at the national level, and (ii) related knowledge exchange at the regional level in eligible FCPF countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project development objective (PDO) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Capacity Building Program on REDD+ for Civil Society and Local Communities in LAC project (P155978, TF0A2339) is to strengthen: (i) the knowledge of targeted civil society organizations and local communities of REDD+ Readiness at the national level, and (ii) related knowledge exchange at the regional level in Latin America and the Caribbean. The project has three components: 1. "National Capacity Building and Awareness Raising"; 2. "Regional Exchange and Sharing of Lessons Learned", and 3. "Management, M&E and Reporting". It is financed under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Capacity Building Program (CBP) in its 2nd phase, which was set up to ensure the active engagement and participation of REDD+ relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations (CSOs) and local communities (LCs) from FCPF participating countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

The two-year (2016-2018) phase of the project is financed by a Small Recipient Executed Trust Fund (SRETF) grant of US\$399,480, and it was restructured to scale up the project's impact in February 2019, to add \$984,211 and to extend the closing date to June 30, 2020. The grant amount is now US\$1,383,691. The PDO was not changed and the results framework added a fifth indicator on: examples of the participation of direct project beneficiaries in national-level REDD+.

The beneficiaries of this project under Component 2 are CSOs and Local Communities (LCs) in the 17 FCPF countries in LAC (Argentina, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay), which are eligible to participate in REDD+ related regional learning and exchange activities. Of the 17 countries, CSOs and LCs from 11 countries (Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Suriname and



Uruguay) are eligible to participate under Component 1 in national-level REDD+ capacity building activities through a competitive sub-project mechanism.

The Project Implementation Unit, *Asociación Coordinadora Indígena y Campesina de Agroforestería Comunitaria de Centro América (ACICAFOC)* is based in San Jose, Costa Rica; operates at the regional level and will sign sub-contracts with Civil Society Organizations which will be selected from 11 countries on a competitive basis to implement 11 sub-projects. The subprojects will be like national workshop type of. See below an example of typical format in a subproject held in 2018:

- *Colombia-Implementing Organization: JUVENTUD 500: Strengthening the political participation of women and youth of the community councils of Naya, Yurumanguí, Cajambre, Mayorquin, Raposo, Anchicayá and Calima in the context of the Development of the National REDD+ Strategy - ENREDD+". Results in 2018: An initial sensitization workshop was held to introduce the sub-project and the REDD+ strategy. Three training workshops were held with youth leaders of the seven principal communities, and two meetings with representatives of community councils. Of the latter two meetings, one covered the impact of the project on participation in the development of the national REDD+ strategy and the other involved meeting and discussion with women leaders of the communities. Through these workshops and trainings, JUVENTUD 500 has reached 185 people (70 women and 115 men).*

Report on progress. Preparations to speed up disbursements included the update of the Operations Manual; the update of the Procurement Plan; the update of Sub-Project Guidelines; and the design of TOR and submission of No- Objection to continue implementation, and the hiring of key staff in the Project Implementation Unit.

Under Component 1, sub-project agreements were signed during the 2016-2018 phase of the Project with five local implementing organizations as described below.

1. Colombia - JUVENTUD 500: "Strengthening the political participation of women and youth of the community councils of Naya, Yurumanguí, Cajambre, Mayorquin, Raposo, Anchicayá and Calima in the context of the Development of the National REDD+ Strategy - ENREDD+".
2. El Salvador - Implementing Organization: ACOPIDECHA: "Knowledge management and dissemination for replicating the REDD+ Strategy in Chalatenango: Working with Civil Society and the Beekeeping Sector".
3. Guatemala - Implementing Organization: ACOFOP: "Strengthening knowledge and skills of forest communities of Petén for participation in the development and implementation of the national REDD+ strategy for Guatemala".
4. Honduras - Implementing Organization: FEHCAFOR: "Strengthening knowledge of leaders of civil society organizations, local communities and Afro-descendants on the preparation of the REDD+ strategy for Honduras".
5. Dominican Republic - Implementing Organization: APROGLOBO: "Broadcasting knowledge and empowering communities and grassroots organizations to participate in the REDD+ strategy for the Dominican Republic".

Proposals above mentioned are for national -and local- level capacity building activities and were competitively selected, with inputs from a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of CSO representative leaders with extensive knowledge and far-reaching credibility in the engagement of CSO in REDD+. Between June 2017 and April 2018, these organizations carried out 40 capacity building events (training and knowledge dissemination workshops, dialogue meetings and conferences) having 2,620 direct beneficiaries, of whom 956 were women, 1,664 were men, and 900 were youth. Similarly, 15 meetings and dialogues were held between CSO staffers and government representatives from different agencies and departments working on REDD+ in each of the countries mentioned above. Various knowledge products and communications materials have been developed and disseminated in connection with the implementation of the 40 capacity building events.

A new set of sub-contracts are been assessed in 2019. Implementation schedule allowed time for the assessment of expressions of interest from September to December 2019 after a call for sub-projects was launched in August 2019. The minutes of approval of nine sub-projects that have been received, reviewed and approved by the technical advisory committee are available at the PIU (ACICAFOC). At least nine sub-project agreements (sub-contracts) will be signed in November and two in December 2019. Consequently, the first disbursement to these 9 sub-projects will start in December 2019. The process has followed an orderly and systematic process of convening, receiving proposals, and review/adjust/approve suggestions from the technical advisory committee. There will be a breakdown of total amounts financed with project resources and the counterpart contributions, all detailed in the approval act by December 2019.

Under Component 2, three knowledge exchange workshops involving the sub-recipient organizations from Component 1 took place in Honduras and in Costa Rica during 2018, and in Panama in September 2019. The purpose of this targeted exchanges was to allow the participants to take stock of the experiences in the five countries that have been covered so far at national level, and to synthesize and disseminate their lessons in such a way as to set the stage for future exchanges. This would allow for the accumulation of a greater number of relevant experiences to share knowledge on REDD+ from LAC. An integrated report summarizing similar dialogues in Africa and Asia will be added to the report from LAC. A global report on lessons learned in the last decade from CSOs on REDD+ will be presented to the FCPF Participants Assembly of the FCPF in November 2019.

The meetings and workshops have contributed to (i) disseminate REDD+ knowledge products available to CSOs and LCs and the knowledge products developed by the project; (ii) promote a discussion of the lessons, good practices, and recommendations of the communities that participated in capacity-building activities at the national level; (iii) provide the CSOs with the new advances in the various processes of climate change in the region and in the world; (iv) promote a discussion of traditional practices in climate change and REDD+ strategies; and v) provide attendees with an appreciation of how REDD+ processes are playing out on the ground, by allowing them to participate in field visits.

On the Financial Management, all Interim Unaudited Financial Report (IFRs) have been submitted in full and accepted by the Bank, and the first external audit was submitted and approved. The Project has provided Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Local Communities (LC) in Central and South America with tools that allow them to achieve fuller and more meaningful participation in programs for readiness and implementation of REDD+, and to have a greater impact on REDD+ related discussions and decision-making processes at multiple levels.

Risks

Overall Risk Rating

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Overall	--	● Low	● Low

5. Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► 1. Regional knowledge exchange products disseminated in appropriate languages and accessible formats (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	3.00	6.00
Date	16-Jun-2016	30-Jun-2018	18-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020

► 2. Meetings held between CSO networks, and between CSO networks and national REDD+ decision making entities (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	15.00	15.00	33.00
Date	16-Jun-2016	30-Jun-2018	18-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020

► 3. Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,620.00	2,620.00	4,300.00
Date	16-Jun-2016	30-Jun-2018	18-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020

▲ 3.1. Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	36.00	36.50	50.00



► 4. Examples of participation of direct project beneficiaries in national REDD+ processes and structures (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	12.00	30.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2018	18-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020

Overall Comments

PDO Indicators

Indicator 1. Regional knowledge exchange products disseminated in appropriate languages and accessible formats. Three regional south-south knowledge exchanges have been held in 2018: one in Costa Rica, with 26 CSO representatives from five countries; another one in Honduras and one in Panama to share experience on the development of REDD+ Strategies in Mesoamerican and South American countries and interacted with government officials on the construction and the socialization of the National REDD+ Strategy. Three additional regional events are expected between November 2019 and May 2020. The total number of six events is expected to be reached. ACICAFOC should organize at least three additional regional events and share lessons and knowledge from national events held in LAC countries. CSOs will be constantly encouraged to participate with government Focal Points in the design of REDD+ National Strategies/Emission Reductions Payment Agreements.

Indicator 2. Meetings held between CSO networks, and between CSO networks and national REDD+ decision making entities. Three CSOs partnered with ACICAFOC to support the design of the National REDD+ Strategy in Colombia, Honduras and in El Salvador. These CSOs are “Juventud 500” in Colombia, ACOPIDECHA in El Salvador, and FEHCAFOR in Honduras. In Colombia, they contributed to the design of the “Estrategia Integral de Control a la Deforestación y Gestión de los Bosques” “EICDGB” (ENREDD+). In El Salvador ACOPIDECHA organized a Workshop with representatives of 41 CSOs and government institutions. The list of participants reported 104 persons (28 women and 76 men). In Honduras, FEHCAFOR reported 12 meetings held in 2018 with government representatives and CSOs to support the design of the REDD+ National Strategy. The project is expected to leverage the organization of at least 10 additional meetings by December 2019 and additional 10 by June 2020. The goal of 30 is probably going to be overpassed. CSOs will be constantly encouraged to participate with government Focal Points in the design of REDD+ National Strategies/Emission Reductions Payment Agreements.

Indicator 3. Direct project beneficiaries. During 2017-2018, a list of 2,620 direct beneficiaries was registered from the participants in 79 activities organized by ACICAFOC in partnership with five CSOs (Juventud 500, ACOPIDECHA, ACOFOP, FEHCAFOR, and APROGLOBO). The list of direct beneficiaries was registered according to the attendance sheets contained in the reports of the workshops; talks; meetings and different training; advocacy, and socialization activities carried out within national and regional activities. It is forecasted that around additional 1,000 beneficiaries will be reached by December 2019, and around 1,500 additionally by the closing of the Project. Total beneficiaries will be more than the projected goal.

Indicator 3.1. Female beneficiaries: Total beneficiaries were 2,620; 36.5% woman (956) and 63.5% (1,664) men. It seems challenging to reach the goal of 50% in this indicator. Women participation in rural areas is still lagging men participation in rural activities including forestry and REDD+ The project is doing everything possible to encourage women participation, including: enforcing gender balance through several instruments such as: the Operations Manual; the sub-project Guidelines, the organization of local, regional, national and international events; sharing study reports (i.e., Costa Rica and Mexico) and through permanent formal and informal communications with the intermediary organization (ACICAFOC), the Bank staff, the TT and all stakeholders. the PIU's forecast is this indicator will grow in about 5 points by December 2019, and 5 by the end of the project. CSOs and Local communities will be constantly encouraged to enforce gender balance in all activities including the design of REDD+ National Strategies/Emission Reductions Payment Agreements.

Indicator 4. Examples of participation of direct project beneficiaries in national REDD+ processes and structures. Juventud 500 (Colombia) participated in 2017-2018 in at least three meetings with the Colombian government in the Construction of the Comprehensive Strategy for Control of Deforestation and Forest Management -EICDGB- (political advocacy before governmental and non-governmental organizations). ACOFOP (Guatemala) participated, in 2017, in at least 8 national advocacy activities in the development of the National REDD+ Strategy. FEHCAFOR (Honduras), completed a national workshop in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where 79 people participated (29 women and 50 men) with the objective of sharing and delivering a proposal from the perspective of civil society organizations, local communities and Afro- descendant peoples as input to the construction of the REDD+ strategy in Honduras. 12 activities were registered and the remaining six to reach the indicator should be verified by February 2020. CSOs will be constantly encouraged to participate with government Focal Points in the design of REDD+ National Strategies/Emission Reductions Payment Agreements.

Intermediate Results Indicators

► National knowledge exchange products disseminated in appropriate languages and accessible formats (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	40.00	40.00	90.00
Date	16-Jun-2016	30-Jun-2018	18-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2020

Data on Financial Performance

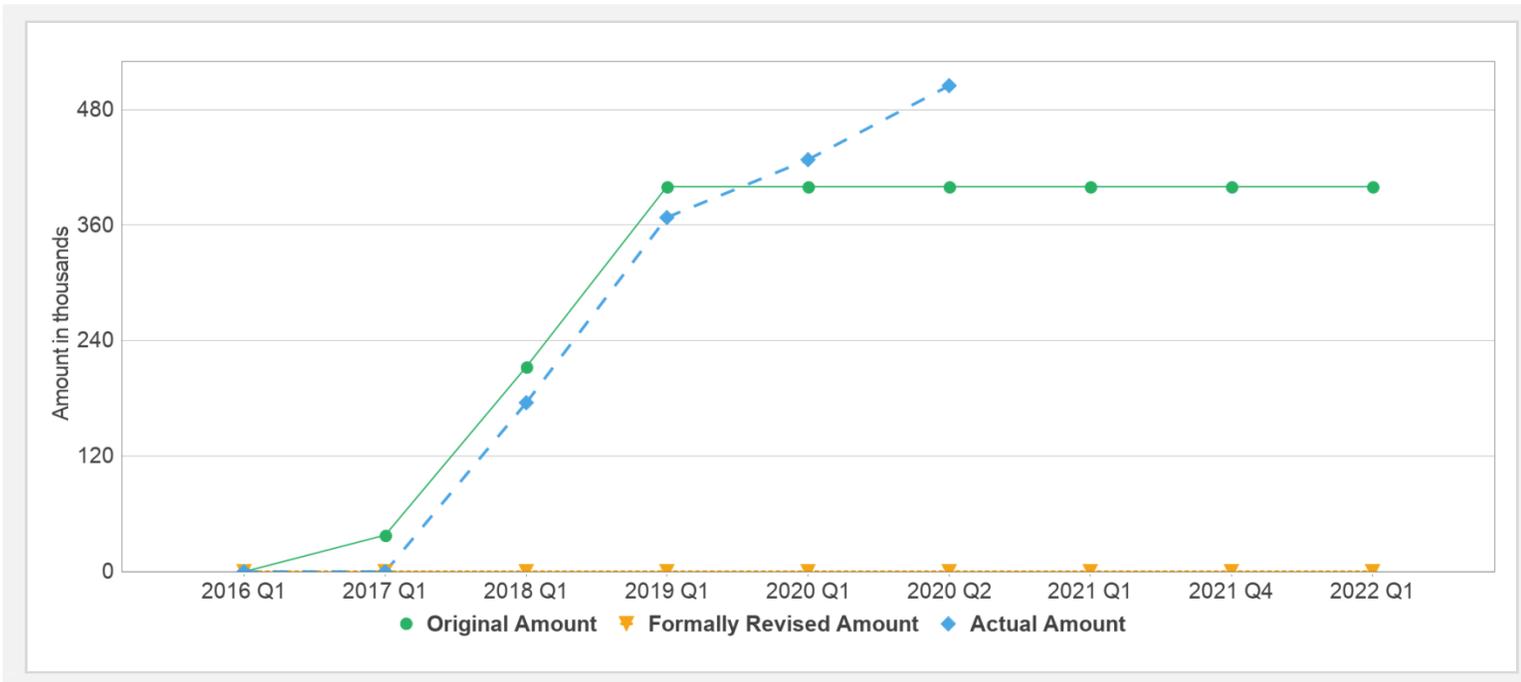
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P155978	TF-A2339	Effective	USD	1.38	1.38	0.00	0.50	0.88	36%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P155978	TF-A2339	Effective	03-Jun-2016	03-Jun-2016	04-Nov-2016	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2020

Cumulative Disbursements





Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 13-Jun-2018 ,Level 2 Approved on 29-Jan-2019

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
