



PRE-FEASIBILITY OF A REGIONAL REDD+ PROJECT

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>The <i>Comité inter-Etats de lutte contre la sécheresse au Sahel</i> (CILSS) is composed of nine countries from West Africa: Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Gambia, Mauritania, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Chad. It was created in 1973 following the great Sahelian droughts in order to fight against desertification and enhance food safety in the area. The CILSS is present in three different capitals: its headquarters is located in Ouagadougou, while the Agrhymet regional centre (meteorological and agricultural observatory) is in Niamey and finally the Sahel Institute (research body) is located in Bamako.</p> <p>In September 2009, the CILSS, with the support of two French NGOs, the Groupe Energies Renouvelables, Environnement et Solidarités (GERES) and Marchéage et Gestion de l'Environnement (MARGE), applied for a grant for a project entitled "Combating deforestation and poverty in the Sahel" in the context of a call for proposals of the Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) of the European Union. The concept note was approved in December 2009. The second stage of this call for proposals was the submission of a project document for March 2010.</p> <p>As the project was particularly concerned with avoided deforestation ("REDD+"), GERES used ad hoc expertise for a support mission to the CILSS in the drafting of the project document, with AFD Paris taking care of all the mission expenses.</p> <p>The project was aimed at (i) strengthening the capacity of Mali and Burkina Faso in terms of REDD + negotiations, (ii) supporting them in defining their REDD + strategies and (iii) implementing pilot REDD+ activities based on the sustainable management of firewood.</p>	<p>The following services were provided to GERES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaboration of a project component "Strengthening the capacity of West African REDD+ negotiators." Based on the experience gained in the context of reinforcing the skills of negotiators from Central Africa on the one hand, and from Latin America on the other, it has been proposed to support negotiators from the ECOWAS countries (Economic Community of West African States), on the climate negotiations in general and REDD+ in particular: elaborations of position papers, submissions, statements, ad hoc technical and strategic notes; - Elaboration of a project component "Support for Mali and Burkina Faso in elaborating their REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PP)": roles/responsibilities to be strengthened, committees to be created or strengthened to coordinate the implementation of the R-PP, stakeholders to inform and consult to develop the R-PP, review of the past, present and future social, economic and environmental policies allowing to identify the direct and indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, elaboration of preliminary REDD+ strategic options to fight against deforestation and forest degradation, with analysis of their technical feasibility, social acceptability, environmental efficiency, economic efficiency, durability and robustness, existing legal measures in terms of land tenure and carbon rights and the formulation of legislative proposals to improve the existing framework, elaboration of socio-environmental evaluation framework, methodology to set up the reference scenario of greenhouse gases emissions due to deforestation and forest degradation, elaboration of a complete system of forest carbon inventory (biomass / ground inventory and surface / remote sensing); - Support for the writing of the logical framework, the budget and the details of the project.