



Dem Rep Congo - Western Growth Poles (P124720)

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Implementing Agencies: CFEF

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:11-Jun-2013

Effectiveness Date:16-Oct-2013

Planned Mid Term Review Date:15-May-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:30-Aug-2019

Revised Closing Date:30-Aug-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase productivity and employment in selected value chains in target zones.

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

No

Components

Name

Agriculture Value Chains Development in Bas-Congo:(Cost \$48.00 M)

Special Economic Zone of Maluku:(Cost \$27.00 M)

Proactive Business Development:(Cost \$16.00 M)

Coordination, Monitoring, Communication and Impact Assessment:(Cost \$8.00 M)

Contingencies:(Cost \$11.00 M)

Overall Ratings

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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project was signed on July 22, 2013 and declared effective on October 16, 2013. The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) is anchored in the Cellule d'exécution des financements en faveur des états fragiles or CFEF, within the Ministry of Finance. The CFEF is operational since February 2014 and has been strengthened with additional technical staff. The project was launched officially in Kinshasa on April 26, 2014 and in the Kongo Central province in September 2014. The project was restructured in September 2015 to accommodate shifting Government priorities and remove non performing activities. In January 2016, disbursements under component 2 were suspended due to non-compliance with WB safeguards policies.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS: Good progress was noted on the ground in the implementation of most project activities. Disbursement level is at 21 percent as of November 30, 2016. The team concluded an implementation support mission (November 2-11, 2016) to identify bottlenecks and accelerate project implementation, with the following main outcomes.

Under Component 1, all implementing partners are now on the ground and fully operational. The Project Executing Unit for Component 1 at the Ministry of Agriculture is now fully staffed and operational. The project has shown tangible results on the ground in terms of social mobilization (support to build farmers' cooperatives, engagement of key actors in the seed supply chain), production and dissemination of quality seeds by 20 private seed operators trained and contracted by the project under close supervision of INERA and SENASEM which operational capacities have been considerably improved (indeed they have produced more than 40 tons certified seeds and 2.500 km of cuttings during the past season, and are in the process of creating a sustainable seed market in the province of Kongo Central). The infrastructure works to rehabilitate 500 km of rural roads are underway, and contract for the construction of the power line between Lukula and Tshela has been signed, with works starting soon. The main field operator, SNV -the Netherlands Development Organization-, is now fully completed and the recruitment of 6 local NGOs to serve as service providers at the level of each of the 6 nodal poles is almost completed. In the meantime, SNV has started the establishment of the 250 cooperatives with already 73 committees in place, the basis to create the cooperatives.

On Component 2, GoDRC made important efforts to comply with safeguards requirements as defined in the project Financing Agreement, especially on fulfilling the two conditions required to lift the suspension of disbursements and complete the overall implementation of the Maluku Resettlement Action Plan. On that basis, the team will recommend the lifting of suspension of disbursements, as soon as the revised version of the ESMP for the MIK is approved by RSA. The critical challenge moving forward is to accelerate implementation of project activities under this component. Procurement is underway for the recruitments of the transaction advisor who will help the Government in the selection of a zone developer, as well as the Human Resource firm that will recruit AZES staff ; the SEZ Master Plan has been updated with bidding documents prepared for critical infrastructure works. Contracts are expected to be signed as soon as the suspension of disbursements is lifted.

Regarding Component 3, all activities supporting the improvement of business environment have been effectively transferred to the National Agency for Investment Promotion (ANAPI) and studies focusing on select reforms such as cross-border trade, starting a business and paying taxes are underway. A program is also being developed to support ANAPI in its investment promotion (IP) effort in commercial agriculture, starting with the recruitment of a long time IP advisor.

In regard to the technical support in the development of Agro-Industrial Parks (AIP), a firm is being recruited by the CFEF to carry out technical studies and a detailed soil study for an AIP to be located in the Kongo Central.

On Component 4, deficiencies were noted in terms of communication and M&E support. The WB team recommended the recruitment of a professional firm to launch concrete communication actions at the national level to better inform beneficiaries, especially the private sector, and other stakeholders. Besides, an important effort needs to be made to strengthen coordination of M&E activities among the various implementing partners and across sectoral Ministries in charge of specific activities (MINAGRI, MININDUSTRIE, etc.).





Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● High	● High
Macroeconomic	--	● Moderate	● High
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● High	● High
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● High	● High
Fiduciary	--	● High	● High
Environment and Social	--	● High	● High
Stakeholders	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Other	--	--	--



Overall

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● High

● High

Results**Project Development Objective Indicators**

▶ Number of jobs created in select value chains (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	11,000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ Of which female (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	40.00	40.00	50.00

▶ Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	50,000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00



► Productivity of food crops in select value chains inter-alia: (Metric ton, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	--	07-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (iii) Palm oil (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.00	3.00	3.00	15.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (ii) Rice (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.80	1.80	1.80	3.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (i) Cassava (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	8.00	8.00	8.00	20.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators



▶ Volume of food crops produced by the supported farmers organizations and agro-industrial farms, inter-alia: (Metric ton, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (iii) Palm oil (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	100.00	100.00	100.00	750.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (ii) Rice (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	20.00	20.00	20.00	37.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

▲ (i) Cassava (Metric ton, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,900.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2018



► Value of private investment flows in the targeted value chains facilitated by the project (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

► Volume of food processed at technical food processing centers (Metric ton, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

► Rural roads rehabilitated to link production centers to markets (Kilometers, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	30.00	500.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

► Number of enterprises in the SEZ (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	10.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019



► Number of feasibility studies supported by the project which resulted in investments (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019


► Time to export (Doing Business) (Days, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	44.00	44.00	44.00	7.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	22-Mar-2016	06-Dec-2016	30-Aug-2019

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

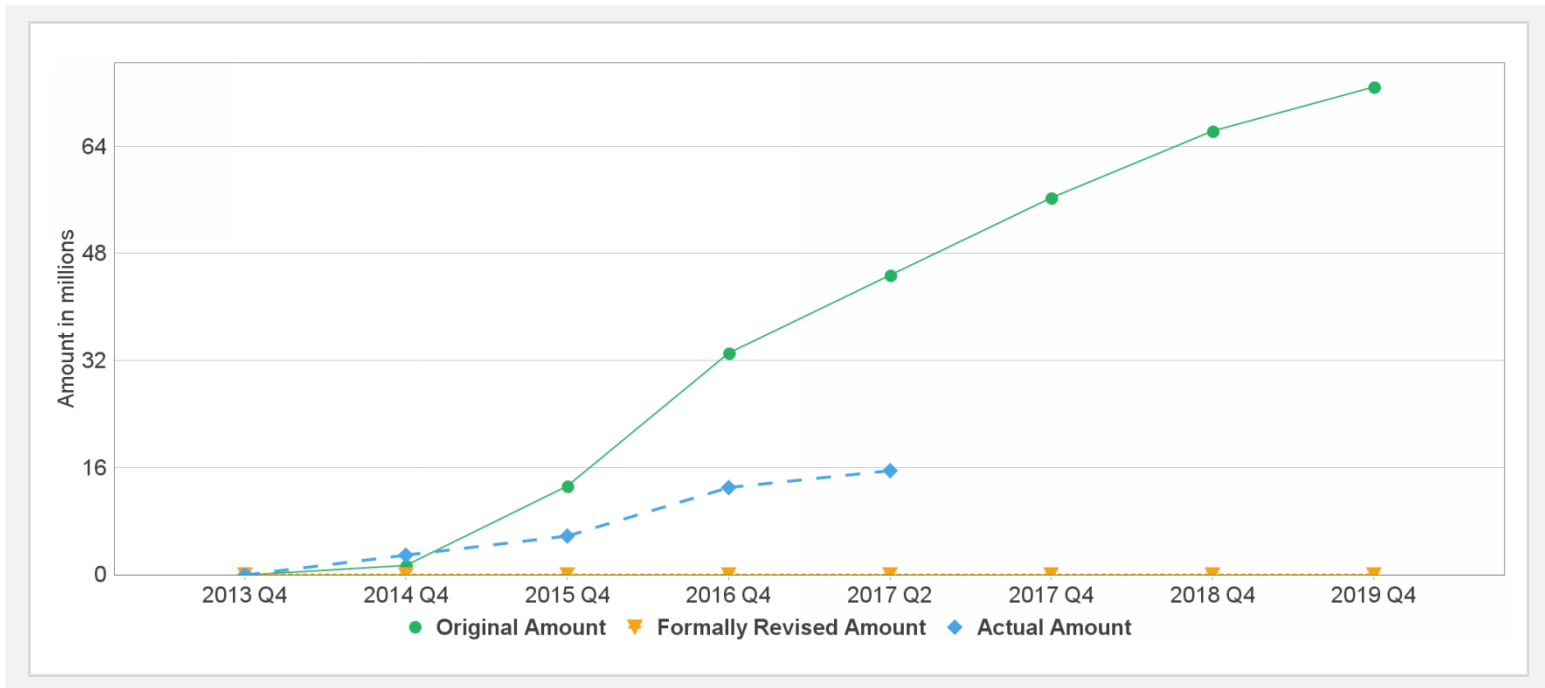
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P124720	IDA-H8600	Effective	XDR	72.90	72.90	0.00	15.54	57.36	 21%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P124720	IDA-H8600	Effective	11-Jun-2013	22-Jul-2013	16-Oct-2013	30-Aug-2019	30-Aug-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 09-Sep-2015

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.