

**Implementation Status & Results  
Congo, Democratic Republic of  
Dem Rep Congo - Western Growth Poles (P124720)**

Operation Name: Dem Rep Congo - Western Growth Poles (P124720)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 2	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 29-Jun-2014
Country: Congo, Democratic Republic of	Approval FY: 2013			
Product Line: IBRD/IDA	Region: AFRICA	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan		
Implementing Agency(ies): Ministry of Finance				

**Key Dates**

Board Approval Date	11-Jun-2013	Original Closing Date	30-Aug-2019	Planned Mid Term Review Date	16-Nov-2016	Last Archived ISR Date	18-Dec-2013
Effectiveness Date	16-Oct-2013	Revised Closing Date	30-Aug-2019	Actual Mid Term Review Date			

**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?

Yes     No

**Component(s)**

Component Name	Component Cost
Agriculture Value Chains Development in Bas-Congo	48.00
Special Economic Zone of Maluku	27.00
Proactive Business Development	16.00
Coordination, Monitoring, Communication and Impact Assessment	8.00

**Overall Ratings**

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

**Implementation Status Overview**

The project was signed on July 22, 2013 and declared effective on October 16, 2013 after completing the three effectiveness conditions. The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) is anchored within the Cellule d'exécution des financements en faveur des états fragiles or CFEF, unit put in place within the Ministry of Finance by AfDB. Additional staff have been competitively recruited to strengthen the CFEF which is fully operational since February 2014. The project was launched officially in Kinshasa on April 26, 2014.

**IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS:** Training has been carried out to PCU staff in procurement and financial management. A communication strategy has been prepared in close collaboration with the Bank's senior communication officer. A results monitoring system is being put in place, in parallel with the Impact Evaluation work being carried out by the Bank's PREM team (Gender Lab), focusing on impact of project activities under Component 1 on beneficiaries of agricultural extension services and rural roads rehabilitation in the Bas-Congo, with a special focus on women's productivity.

At the project level, good progress has been made on preparing and negotiating Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and contracts with key stakeholders identified during project preparation involved in the implementation of Component 1 (Agriculture Value Chains Development in Bas-Congo). Final documents have been submitted to the Bank for NO and are currently being reviewed by technical and procurement teams, as follows:

- MoU with INERA on the production of basic seeds and seedlings (2.878.000 USD);
- MoU with SENASEM on the certification of seeds produced by INERA and registration of agricultural multipliers (4.112.277 USD);
- MoU with DVDA on the monitoring of rehabilitation and maintenance of rural roads and capacity building of beneficiaries and structures (600.000 USD).

The following contracts will be submitted by the PCU in the coming weeks for Bank review:

- Technical assistance contract with SNV for capacity building of producers' organizations in project areas, in collaboration with FOPAKO (Farmers' Coalition of Kongo);
- Technical assistance contract with ONUDI for the establishment of technical platforms for agro-processing in Tshela and Lukula, a laboratory in Kimpese and capacity building for the local GIEs (Groupements d'Intérêt Economique) in project areas.

All technical studies for the 500 km of rural roads that will be rehabilitated under this project have been prepared. They are expected to be submitted for Bank review by June 20, 2014.

The project has occurred delays in the implementation of Component 2 (Special Economic Zone of Maluku) due to internal discussions on the strategic direction that the SEZ should take. However, the team has made progress in the last month on moving this component forward. Terms of reference for the transaction adviser that will assist the Government in competitively selecting a private developer for the SEZ have been prepared. The budget covering staff of the existing CAZES, unit following up on SEZ activities within the Ministry of Industry, has been prepared.

On Component 3 (Proactive Business development), a technical note laying out the implementation of activities and ToRs to recruit firms that will work on trade facilitation at the Port of Matadi and business reforms have been reviewed by the Bank.

The disbursements to date are US\$4.45 million (4 percent) against a projected disbursement of US\$2 million for this Fiscal Year (till June 30, 2014). A couple of contracts (INERA, SENASEM and DVDA) are expected to be signed before the end of the FY, which would help increase levels of disbursement with the 20 percent initial down payment (additional US \$1.5 million).

**Locations**

Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Tshela	✓	
Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Mbanza-Ngungu	✓	
Congo, Dem Rep	Kinshasa	Kinshasa City	✓	
Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Province du Bas-Congo	✓	
Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Province du Bas-Congo	✓	
Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Province du Bas-Congo	✓	

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Congo, Dem Rep	Bas-Congo	Province du Bas-Congo	✓	

**Results**

**Project Development Objective Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Number of jobs created in select value chains	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	11000.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.	
Of which female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Supplemental	Value	0.00	0.00	50.00
			Date			
			Comments			
Direct project beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	50000.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.	
Female beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Supplemental	Value	0.00	0.00	40.00
			Date			
			Comments			
Productivity of food crops in select value chains inter-alia:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value			
			Date			
			Comments			
(iii) Palm oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton Sub Type Breakdown	Value	3.00	3.00	15.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments	tons/ha	No project activities to measure benefits yet.	tons/ha
(ii) Rice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton Sub Type Breakdown	Value	1.80	1.80	3.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments	tons/ha	No project activities to measure benefits yet.	tons/ha
(i) Cassava	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton Sub Type	Value	8.00	8.00	20.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019

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		Breakdown	Comments	tons/ha	No project activities to measure benefits yet.	tons/ha
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**Intermediate Results Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target	
Volume of food crops produced by the supported farmers organizations and agro-industrial farms, inter-alia:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value				
			Date				
			Comments				
(iii) Palm oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value	100.00	100.00	750.00	
			Sub Type	Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Breakdown	Comments	Ton (in 1,000)	Ton (in 1,000). No project activities to measure benefits yet.	Ton (in 1,000)
(ii) Rice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value	20.00	20.00	37.00	
			Sub Type	Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Breakdown	Comments	Ton (in 1,000)	Ton (in 1,000) No project activities to measure benefits yet.	Ton (in 1,000)
(i) Cassava	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value	1000.00	1000.00	3900.00	
			Sub Type	Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2018
			Breakdown	Comments	Ton (in 1,000)	Ton (in 1,000). No project activities to measure benefits yet.	Ton (in 1,000)
Value of private investment flows in the targeted value chains facilitated by the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount(USD)	Value	0.00	0.00	1000.00	
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019	
			Comments	Value (in US\$ 000,000)	Value (in US\$ 000,000). No project activities to measure benefits yet.	Value (in US\$ 000,000)	
Volume of food processed at technical food processing centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metric ton	Value	0.00	0.00	5000.00	
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019	
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.		
Rural roads rehabilitated to link production centers to markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kilometers	Value	0.00	0.00	500.00	
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	31-Dec-2018	
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.		
Number of enterprises in the SEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	10.00	

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			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.	
Number of feasibility studies supported by the project which resulted in investments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	40.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet.	
Time to export (Doing Business)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Days	Value	44.00	44.00	7.00
			Date	11-Jun-2013	15-May-2014	30-Aug-2019
			Comments		No project activities to measure benefits yet. The number of days to export has remained the same in the 2014 DB report.	

**Data on Financial Performance (as of 22-Jan-2014)**

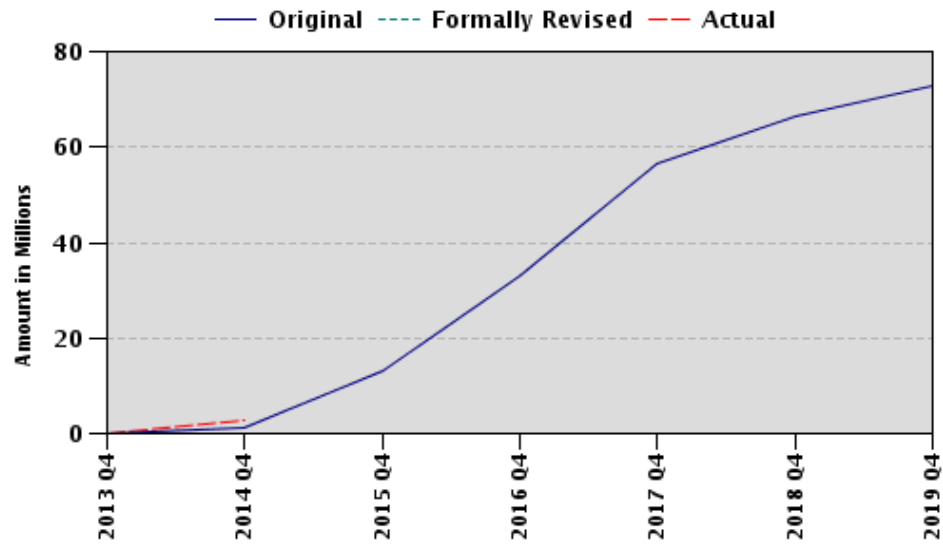
**Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates**

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P124720	IDA-H8600	Effective	11-Jun-2013	22-Jul-2013	16-Oct-2013	30-Aug-2019	30-Aug-2019

**Disbursements (in Millions)**

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P124720	IDA-H8600	Effective	XDR	72.90	72.90	0.00	2.89	70.01	4.00

**Disbursement Graph**



**Key Decisions Regarding Implementation**

PAD can be disclosed any time.  
 Compliance with effectiveness conditions can be disclosed.  
 Declaration of effectiveness can be disclosed.

**Restructuring History**

There has been no restructuring to date.

**Related Projects**

There are no related projects.