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
Planned Mid Term Review Date:28-Nov-2016
Original Closing Date:30-Aug-2019

Effectiveness Date:16-Oct-2013
Actual Mid-Term Review Date:-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?

Components

Name

Public Disclosure Authorized

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 Unsatisfactory 	
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 etats fragiles or CFEF, within the Ministry of Finance. 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 and launched in the Kongo Central province in September 2014. A full supervision mission took place in June 2015, and the project was restructured in September 2015.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS: Progress has been slow on the implementation of most activities. The team concluded an implementation support mission on the field (December 14-19, 2015) to identify bottlenecks and accelerate project implementation, with the following main outcomes. There has been good progress on the implementation of activities under Component 1. The contract with SNV has been finalized after several rounds of negotiations and reviews, and now signed.

On Component 2, progress has been made at the technical level on: (I) recruitments for the transaction advisor who will help the Government in the selection of a zone developer, as well as the HR firm that will recruit AZES staff are both underway; (ii) the SEZ Master Plan has been updated with bidding documents prepared for critical infrastructure works; and (iii) a detailed roadmap and action plan for the next steps has been prepared. However, due to non-compliance with IDA's env. and social safeguards in regard to the execution of the Maluku Resettlement Action Plan, especially the construction of the wholesale market (*Marché International de Kinshasa or MIK*), on a plot of 14ha allocated by the Government within the Maluku SEZ while the owner of the land has not yet been compensated, IDA has notified the Government of its decision to partially suspend disbursements of activities under Component 2. Corrective measures include for the Government to complete the RAP and for MIK to conduct an environmental and social screening of the site, followed by an environmental management plan.

On Component 3, the contract with CPCAI related to the implementation of investment climate reforms was finalized in September 2015, focusing on select reforms such as cross-border trade, starting a business, registering property and paying taxes. However, IDA was notified in November 2015 of the Government's decision to dissolve the CPCAI and merge its activities with ANAPI. The decree formalizing this transition has not yet been signed, putting activities agreed under the MoU in a stand by position. IDA has urged the Government to accelerate the signing of the decree to avoid further delays.

In regard to the technical support in the development of Agro-Industrial Parks (AIP), it has been agreed that the project will finance the site selection, technical studies and a detailed soil study for an AIP to be located in the Kongo Central. The team has made progress in the definition of support to be provided to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) along the value chains in the Kongo Central, with a combination of technical training, access to finance and business mentoring to be developed in partnership with existing technical centers (such as INPP) and commercial banks/Micro-Finance institutions. Terms of Reference are currently being developed.

On Component 4, the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) is to be strengthened with additional technical expertise, including on SME support, SEZ development, civil works etc. The structure of the PCU is being reviewed to improve its performance.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance		High	• High
Macroeconomic		Moderate	Moderate
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		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	300.00	1000.00	11000.00				
Date	11-Jun-2013	21-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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 bene	eficiaries (Number, Core)							
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target				
Value	0.00	3000.00	3000.00	50000.00				
Date	11-Jun-2013	21-Jul-2015	22-Mar-2016	30-Aug-2019				
▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)								
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target				
	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00				
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	d crops in select value chains inter-	alia: (Metric ton, Custom)						
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₄ (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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-2016	30-Aug-2019		
(ii) Rice (Metric ton, Custo	m Breakdown)					
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target		
Value	1.80	1.80	1.80	3.00		
Date	11-Jun-2013	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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				
Date		15-Jun-2015	22-Mar-2016	

▲ (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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-2016	30-Aug-2019

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	3900.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	1000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	5000.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	0.00	500.00
Date	11-Jun-2013	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-2016	30-Aug-2019

▶ Number of feasability 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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-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	26-Jul-2015	22-Mar-2016	30-Aug-2019

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

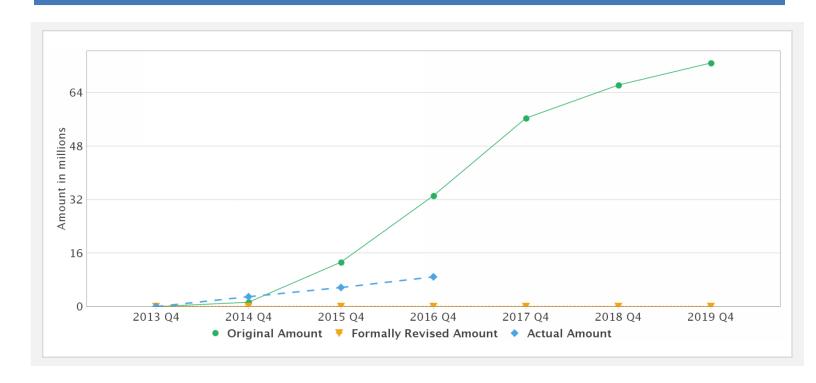
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P124720	IDA-H8600	Effective	XDR	72.90	72.90	0.00	8.90	64.00	12%

Key Dates (by Ioan)

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.