

## Implementation Status & Results Kazakhstan Agricultural Competitiveness Project (P049721)

Operation Name: Agricultural Competitiveness Project (P049721)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 15	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 28-Jan-2012
Country: Kazakhstan	Approval FY: 2005			
Product Line: IBRD/IDA	Region: EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan		
Implementing Agency(ies): Ministry of Agriculture				

### Key Dates

Board Approval Date	28-Apr-2005	Original Closing Date	30-Jul-2010	Planned Mid Term Review Date	08-Apr-2009	Last Archived ISR Date	28-Jan-2012
Effectiveness Date	18-Sep-2006	Revised Closing Date	30-Jun-2012	Actual Mid Term Review Date	30-Mar-2009		

### Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

**The projects development objective is to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector in Kazakhstan. To achieve this objective, the project would facilitate access to markets by supporting measures to improve the quality and safety of agricultural products, enhance access to information, and harmonize standards. It will also help to increase the quality, quantity, and relevance of applied agricultural research and facilitate transfer of knowledge to farmers.**

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

Yes     No

### Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Quality and Safety Management of Agricultural Products	3.75
Agricultural Marketing	0.01
Applied Agricultural Research and Extension	10.86
Institutional and Agricultural Policy Development	0.01

### Overall Ratings

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

### Implementation Status Overview

Overall, the project has partially achieved good results moving towards improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector. In particular, the performance of the Competitive Grant Scheme should be mentioned, bringing tangible benefits on the ground. Almost 600 competitive grants are implemented under the project, allowing companies to improve their competitiveness in the following aspects: development of agricultural marketing infrastructure (slaughter houses, storage facilities, etc.), modernization of private laboratories, image

enhancement of agricultural products (development of new design for packaging, rebranding, etc.), applied agricultural research (testing of new varieties, breeds, etc.), extension and technology introduction. Other notable achievements include: (i) strengthening of the country's extension system through supporting setting up of a network of extension and training centers, and (ii) contribution to the regulatory framework for food safety and quality improvement management systems through development of technical regulations for selected key commodities (meat and milk products, fruits and vegetables, grains, and others), which were subsequently adopted by government resolutions. However, the project has also experienced some problems, in particular, the inability to complete the design of the National Reference Laboratory before the World Bank Loan closing date, and some shortcomings in the laboratory equipment supplied under the project have been identified (including underutilization of the equipment and delays in staff training).

**Locations**

Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Kazakhstan	Not Entered	Astana		

**Results**

**Project Development Objective Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Number of farmers with increased income compared with 2005 levels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	3200.00	2400.00
			Date	07-May-2009	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		The estimate exceeds the final target due to a) number of grant beneficiaries (600); b) dissemination campaign that induced many farmers to adopt technologies developed with grants; and c) training and extension services that were financed with the project (a total of 8,000 people benefited).	
Value of agricultural exports, including livestock products, rises compared with 2005.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount(USD)	Value	800000000.00	1670000000.00	1400000000.00
			Date	31-Jan-2006	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments	Total agricultural exports in 2005: \$0.8 billion	Final objective achieved - Total agricultural exports in 2010 - \$1.67 billion. Data for 2011 are not yet available, they will be available for ICR and expected to increase comparing to 2010.	Total agricultural exports \$1.4 billion

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Increased proportion of agricultural products that are tested and that meet international standards for quality and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	10.00	15.00	30.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Pace of increase fell short of expectations due to failure in NRL construction. Project is hiring a company to do an analysis of laboratory testing. Better number should be available for ICR.	
Satisfaction of potential direct and indirect beneficiaries of the project. Percentage of surveyed beneficiaries who knows and use the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	99.00	20.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		End of project target achieved. Almost all beneficiaries expressed high satisfaction with the project.	

**Intermediate Results Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Seven technical regulations, each consisting of a number of individual standards, are harmonized	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	7.00	7.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		End of project target achieved.	
60 laboratories are equipped according to international accreditation standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	60.00	60.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Equipment was delivered to all intended recipients. However, issues have been identified regarding lack of staff training, lack of equipment calibration, underutilization of the equipment. An Action Plan to remedy the issues is being developed by the MOA.	
At least 140 market-oriented subprojects implemented under the CGS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	86.00	140.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Actual number of projects turned to be less then projected due to increased	

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					actual size of the subprojects (considering inflation)	
600 applied research and extension subprojects implemented under the CGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	523.00	600.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Request for additional financing of CGS was not supported by Min Fin. Actual number of projects turned to be less then projected due to increased actual size of the subprojects (considering inflation)	
At least 40 scientists under age of 40 receive advanced education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	52.00	40.00
			Date	19-May-2005	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Final target achieved	
Governing Board, Coordination Center, and the roster of independent peer reviewers established and operating, as demonstrated through minutes of the meetings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	10.00	10.00
			Date	31-Dec-2004	31-May-2012	30-Jun-2012
			Comments		Final target achieved	

**Data on Financial Performance (as of 05-Apr-2012)**

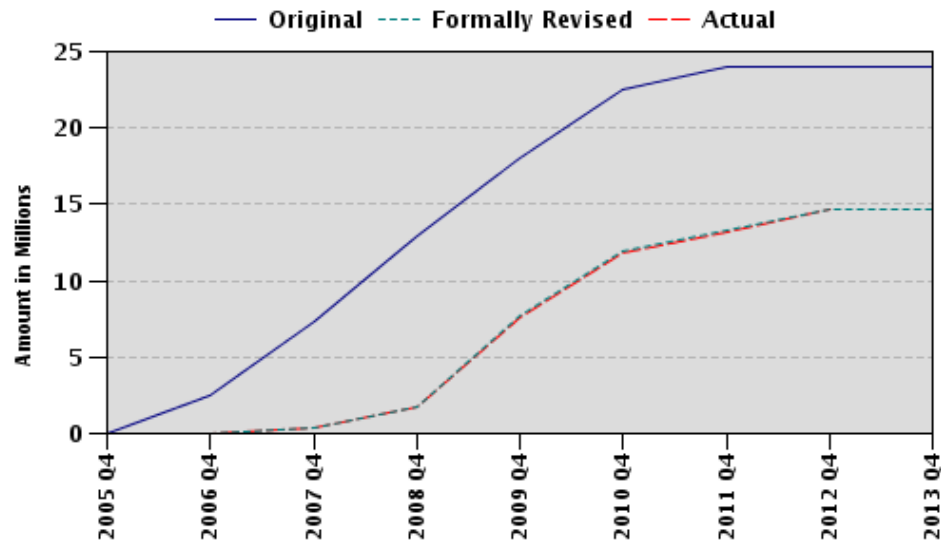
**Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates**

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P049721	IBRD-47740	Effective	28-Apr-2005	26-Aug-2005	18-Sep-2006	30-Jul-2010	30-Jun-2012

**Disbursements (in Millions)**

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P049721	IBRD-47740	Effective	USD	24.00	14.70	9.30	14.67	0.03	100.00

**Disbursement Graph**



**Key Decisions Regarding Implementation**

The World Bank Loan will close on June 30, 2012. All project activities financed by the Loan are completed or close to completion. Completion of some ongoing project activities (design of the National Reference Laboratory, revision of the use of the laboratory equipment purchased under the project and consultancy and service contracts to support extension services and completion of a number of subprojects under the Competitive Grant Scheme) will occur after the Loan Closing Date, with financing from the Republican Budget.

**Restructuring History**

Level two Approved on 30-Jul-2010, Level two Approved on 28-Oct-2011

**Related Projects**

There are no related projects.