



Central African Backbone SOP5 (P132821)

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Implementing Agencies: COPIREP

Key Dates

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Board Approval date:16-Jul-2014

Effectiveness Date:22-Jan-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date:30-Jun-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2019

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the proposed project is to contribute to increase the geographical reach and usage of regional broadband infrastructure and to reduce the price of services so that more people in the DRC can access information and communication technology (ICT) services.

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

No

Components

Name

Component A - Emergence of an Inclusive Digital Economy:(Cost \$13.20 M)

Component B - Construction, Management and Commercialization of the CAB5 Infrastructure through a PPP Scheme:(Cost \$71.60 M)

Component C - Enabling Environment and Regulatory Effectiveness:(Cost \$7.30 M)

Overall Ratings

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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project is effective since January 21, 2015. The official launch of the project was held in Kinshasa on March 19, 2015 in presence of H.E. the Vice-Prime Minister for Telecom, H.E. the Minister of Portfolio, and H.E. the Vice-Minister for Telecom.

It is urgent to mobilize all available resources to fulfill the disbursement conditions: (i) creation of the SPN and conclusion of cooperation agreement between SPN and the Government (ii) adoption of the legal and regulatory framework by the Government and presentation at the next Parliamentary session and, (iii) draft of the roadmap for SCPT restructuring and launch of the preparatory work (technical studies and bidding documentation) for the rehabilitation of Moanda-Kinshasa link.

According to the dated legal covenants stated in the Financing Agreement, the creation of the SPN, the recruitment of key staff (SPN General Manager, Procurement specialist, Financial management specialist, Accounting and Assistant) and the recruitment of the project focal points should be done by no more than three months after effectiveness i.e. no later than April 21, 2015.

In terms of implementation, during the PPA execution, the PIU recruited the Investment bank in charge of structuring the future PPP between the SPN and private operators. The consortium includes an investment bank and an engineering firm that will carry out all necessary technical studies before launching the tender for the construction. The PIU also recruited the environmental and social specialists, as well as the communication agency that will promote the project, raise awareness about the benefits of CAB5 among the communities located along the future CAB5 infrastructure. The selection of the consultant in charge of drafting the SCPT restructuring roadmap is on-going and should be completed by April 30, 2015.

Regarding the fiduciary aspects, the project closed the PPA account and opened a new designated account for the IDA Grant. The specimen of signatures have been transmitted to the Bank.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Macroeconomic	--	● Substantial	● Substantial



Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● High	● High
Fiduciary	--	● High	● High
Environment and Social	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Stakeholders	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Other	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Overall	--	● Substantial	● Substantial

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Impact on Telecom sector of World Bank Technical Assistance (composite score: 1- low impact to 5-high impact) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	4.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

► Access to Internet Services (number of subscribers per 100 people) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2.00	--	--	20.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

► Retail Price of Internet Services (per Mbit/s per Month, in US\$) (Amount(USD), Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2000.00	--	--	200.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019



► Geographical reach of mobile services (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	25.00	--	--	50.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	5000000.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	2500000.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Length of Fiber Optic Network Built (km) (Kilometers, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	600.00	--	--	3400.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019



▶ Private Capital Mobilized (Amount(USD), Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	20000000.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

▶ Number of Manpower Trained under the Project (number of people) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	100.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

▶ Impact on IT/ITES Sector of World Bank Technical Assistance (composite score: 1 # low impact to 5 # high impact) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	4.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

▶ Number of MoUs reached between DRC and neighboring countries to implement of a regional interconnection Regime (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	5.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	--	--	14-Mar-2019

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance



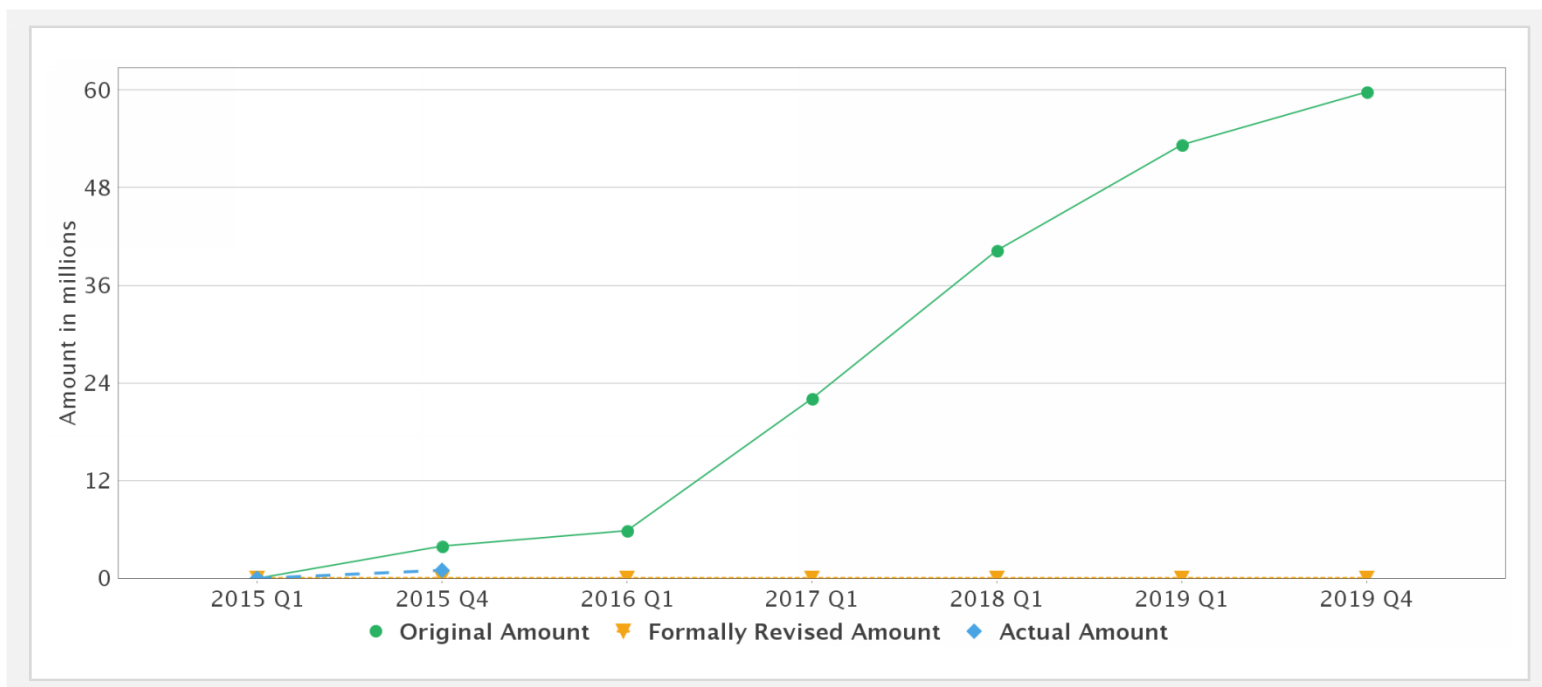
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P132821	IDA-H9810	Effective	XDR	59.80	59.80	0.00	0.98	58.82	2%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P132821	IDA-H9810	Effective	16-Jul-2014	25-Jul-2014	22-Jan-2015	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.

