



Lesotho Highlands - Botswana Water Transfer (P144228)

AFRICA | Southern Africa | Water Global Practice |
Recipient Executed Activities | Technical Assistance Loan | FY 2015 | Seq No: 1 | ARCHIVED on 03-Nov-2015 | ISR21285 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:14-Aug-2014

Effectiveness Date:20-Feb-2015

Original Closing Date:30-Nov-2015

Revised Closing Date:30-Nov-2016

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to determine the viability of water resource development options for Botswana to access water from the Lesotho Highlands by assessing engineering, costing, social, legal, environmental, economic and financial information. This is aligned with the CIWA objectives of strengthening cooperative management and development to facilitate sustainable, climate resilient growth.

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

No

Components

Name

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project has been under implementation for eight months since the grant came into effective on February 20, 2015 and is performing satisfactorily.

The project consists of the following two parts: (i) Carrying out a reconnaissance study to identify the: (a) extent and timing of the Recipient accessing water from the Lesotho Highlands; (b) institutional framework under which this could be implemented; and (c) possible financial



mechanisms for storage and transfer of water and (ii) carrying out an assessment of the regional water supply options.

A Joint Study Management Committee has been established among the three riparian states of Botswana, Lesotho and South Africa to oversee the study in accordance with the MoU between the three countries. The draft report presenting an assessment of the engineering, social, legal, environmental, economic and financial information relating to the possible options was presented at a meeting of the JSMC and Senior Officials in Gaborone on October 13, 2015. The report identifies a number of potential options and will further detail the possible institutional and financial arrangements to help move the project forward. These options are to be discussed among the three riparian states to identify preferred agreed options to be carried forward.

The closing date has been extended from November 30, 2015 to November 30, 2016 following the request from Government. The revised closing date will allow additional time in the implementation schedule to ensure proper consultation on the findings of the joint reconnaissance study on the options to enable Botswana to access water from the Highlands of Lesotho as well as enable re-alignment of the resources under the grant to include an assessment of other regional options.

Risks

Overall Risk Rating

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Overall	--	--	--

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

►US\$ financing mobilized for cooperative management and development of international waters resources projects supported by the project. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	--	The ToRs have been agreed by the Joint Study Management Committee and the first draft of the Reconnaissance Study presented to the JSMC	Study Findings endorsed and investment value estimated.



			and Senior Officials from the three countries.	
Date	20-Feb-2015	--	13-Oct-2015	30-Nov-2016

►Number of people directly benefiting from improved water resources management and development in target basins through projects supported by the project. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	2000000.00
Date	20-Feb-2015	--	13-Oct-2015	30-Nov-2016

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

►Joint Study Management Committee meeting bi-annually (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No Joint Study Management Committee	--	The Joint Study Management Committee has been meeting regularly, having approved the ToRs and workshopped the findings of the draft report	Joint Study Management Committee meeting
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►ORASECOM Council Updated (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	--	ORASECOM has been updated regularly and recently initiated a process to assist in mobilizing resources for further assessment and development	ORASECOM Updated




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Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

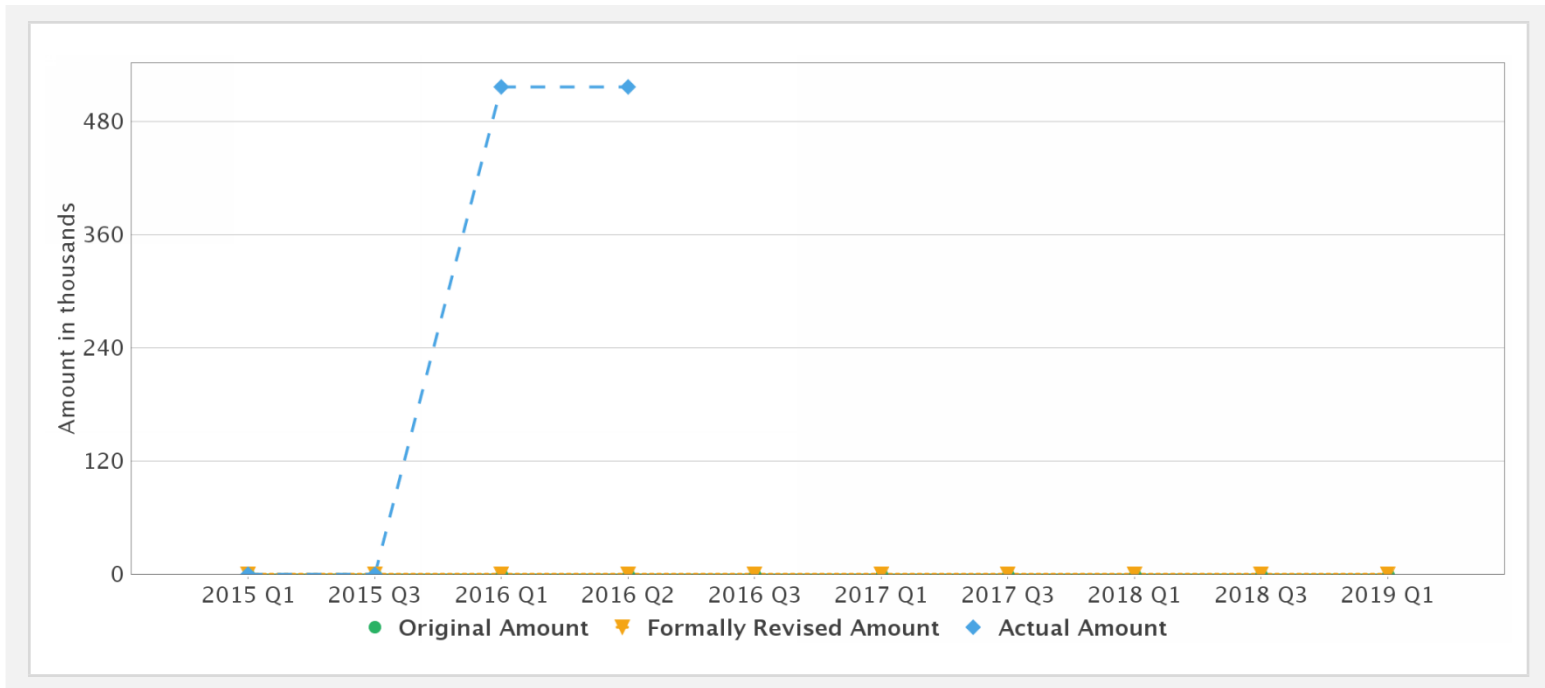
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P144228	TF-16233	Effective	USD	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.52	1.48	 26%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P144228	TF-16233	Effective	14-Aug-2014	20-Feb-2015	20-Feb-2015	30-Nov-2015	30-Nov-2016

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.