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Implementing Agencies: University of the South Pacific

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:30-Jul-2014   Effectiveness Date:12-Sep-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date:01-Mar-2017   Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:31-Jul-2019   Revised Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)
The development objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of ICT Regulatory institutions in participating countries, and enhance regional collaboration on regulatory issues.   The primary beneficiaries of the Project are the Pacific island regulatoryinstitutions. Indirect beneficiaries will include consumers, businesses (including telecommunications operators), government agencies, researchers/academia and communities receiving improved ICT services as a result of enhanced regulatory outcomes.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?
No

Components

Name
Regional capacity development and knowledge management:(Cost $2.25 M)
Regional advisory services:(Cost $1.75 M)
Project administration:(Cost $0.50 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	● Low	● Low

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Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project was declared effective on September 12, 2014. Key Project staff postions--Project Director, Researcher and Executive Assistant--have been recruited and mobilized following extended procurement processes. A firm to develop the Project website/ portal will be hired; this will build on the materials developed in the Phase 1 of this program; USP will take responsibility for website hosting. In addition short-term technical, economic and legal consultants are expected to be recruited in the first half of 2016.

The Business Plan and Workplan for 2016 have been completed and approved in principle by the Project Steering Committee. The main objectives of the Business Plan are:

1. Improved quality and reliability of information on the sector in the region: there will be a strong focus in 2016 on establishing an up to date set of sector indicators

2. Improved regulatory and technical capabilities of member countries: through a combination of technical notes and seminars

3. Strengthened interregional cooperation and collaboration among the regulators, the private sector and policy makers of the Pacific Island Countries: this will also include collaboration agreements, for example with ITU, GSMA, APT, the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) and the Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific agencies.

4. Improved access to knowledge services by Pacific member countries: a series of technical notes will be delivered in 2016, plus regional knowledge events

5. Improved awareness of the project among stakeholders (including economic development ministries and agencies) and the public: through a revamped Project website, and targeted oureach

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Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Low	● Low
Macroeconomic	--	● Low	● Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Low	● Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Low	● Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Fiduciary	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Environment and Social	--	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	--	● Low	● Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	● Low	● Low

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

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▸ 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	1.00	1.00	4.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-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	1.00	1.00	4.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

▸ Establishment and Maintenance of Region-wide Data on the State of Competition in ICT Markets Across the Region (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	Y	Y	Y
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

◢ Establishment and Maintenance of Gender-disaggregated Data on ICT Market Penetration Levels Across the Region (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
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▶ Collection and Dissemination of Five Working Papers on Priority Regulatory Topics (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	--	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

▶ Completion of Five or More Training Programs with at Least 15 Regulatory Staff Trained per Program per Year (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

▶ Three Regional Knowledge Sharing Events Held per Year (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

▶ Establishment and Maintenance of a Knowledge Portal (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Y	N	N	Y
Date	30-Jul-2014	--	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

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▸ Establishment and Maintenance of Online Website that Provides Access to an Advisory Services Database that Generates 50 or More Hits per Year (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

▸ Establishment and Maintenance of Annual Regulatory Lessons Learned Section on Advisory Services Database (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Jan-2016	31-Jul-2019

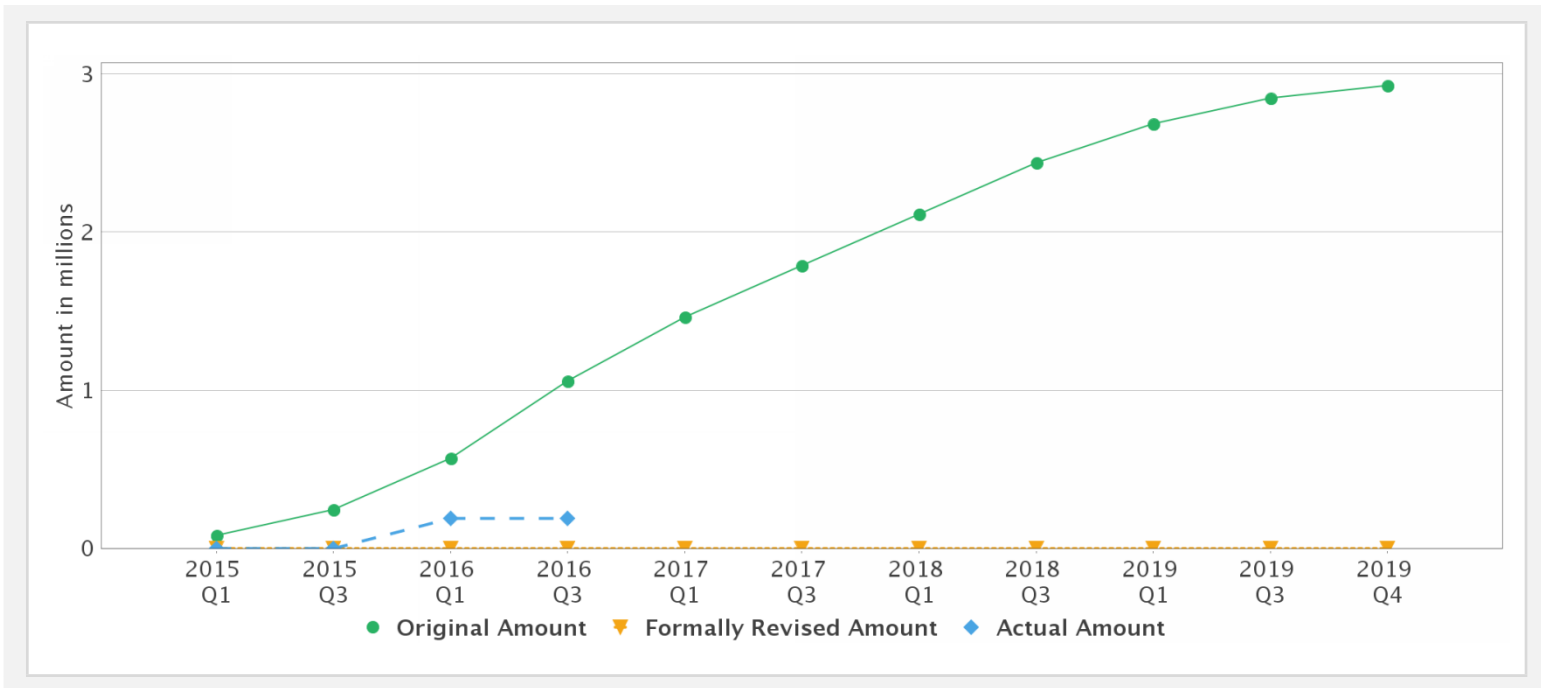Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		Disbursed
P148238	IDA-H9820	Effective	XDR	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.19	2.81		6%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P148238	IDA-H9820	Effective	30-Jul-2014	27-Aug-2014	12-Sep-2014	31-Jul-2019	31-Jul-2019

Cumulative Disbursements

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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.