



P4: Pacific Regional ICT Regulatory Development Project (P148238)

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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:02-Oct-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 regulatory institutions. 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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Implementation progress is improving with the completion of recruitment of key Project staff, namely the Project Director, Researcher and Executive Assistant. The Project Director has been reaching out to potential partner institutions including Regional Organizations, International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), Global System for Mobile communications Association (GSMA) and the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) among others.

USP has agreed on an action plan to improve the efficiency of procurement and financial management, and in particular oversight of Project implementation including quality of deliverables of the Project staff.

The Project Director has drafted a revised Work Plan for 2016-2017 focusing on establishing the proposed regional ICT database, providing support on spectrum management and monitoring, and developing a systematic capacity-building plan for the region's regulatory institutions. A procurement plan based on the revised work plan is under preparation.

A key issue identified during the implementation review is to ensure more active engagement with the Steering Committee, and to clarify the governance arrangements under the Project (including the step by step process for securing advisory assistance under Part 2). In consultation with USP senior management, the Project Director has drafted a Governance and Administration Manual and revised, more comprehensive terms of reference for the Steering Committee. Participating countries will be invited to review these and provide comments, and advise proposed updates to Steering Committee membership.

The Project Operations Manual has been updated and submitted for review.





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

► 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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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
Date	30-Jul-2014	12-Jun-2015	15-Apr-2016	31-Jul-2019

► Collection and Dissemination of Five Working Papers on Priority Regulatory Topics (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	3.00	5.00
Date	30-Jul-2014	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Apr-2016	31-Jul-2019

► 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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-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	15-Jan-2016	15-Apr-2016	31-Jul-2019

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

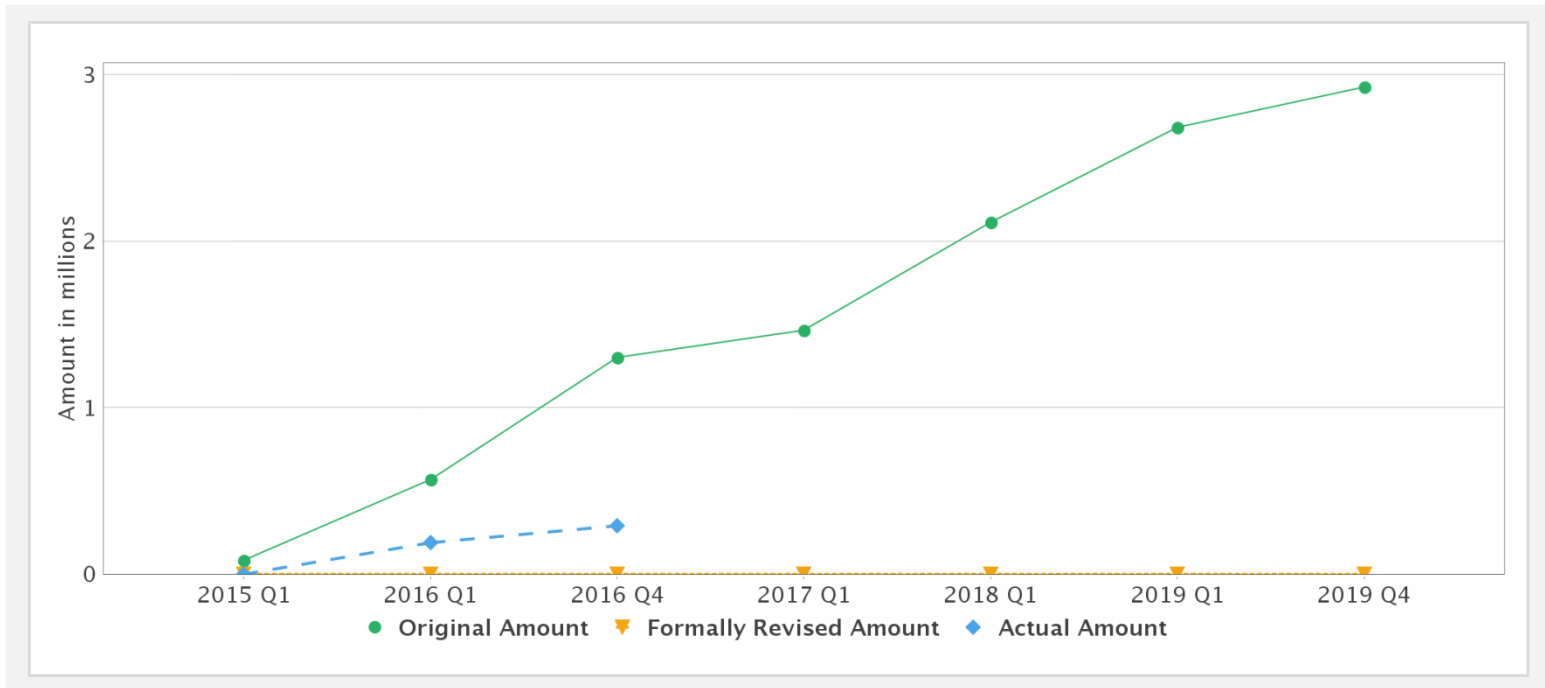
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P148238	IDA-H9820	Effective	XDR	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.29	2.71	10%

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



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.