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SUPPORT TO THE REBUILDING OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN GUINEA, SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA PROJECT (P155039)

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Implementing Agencies: CORAF/WECARD

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:27-Jun-2015

Effectiveness Date:29-Jun-2015

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To support the restoration of the agricultural productivity of small scale producers including women producers through the provision of improved certified and foundation seeds for rice and maize in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia in order to mitigate the impact of the Ebola outbreak on the vulnerable poor rural households.

The project will also contribute to a higher objective of food security and poverty reduction in these selected countries.

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

No

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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



This operation enabled to purchase 1,600 tons of both certified and foundation seeds (which is 20% of the total quantity of seeds distributed under the regional Ebola Emergency operation) and distributed to more than 150,000 farm families. The seeds that were distributed were of new improved crop varieties tolerant to common stresses (soil salinity, weed and other pests and diseases). In this process old crop varieties are being replaced by new productive climate-smart varieties which yield over 2-3 times farmers varieties. In addition if farmers save their seeds, they can continue to plant for at least three years without significant decline in yield, with spill-over benefits to other farmers through farmer-to-farmer exchanges of seeds. Thus the initiative will result not only in improved crop productivity, but it will also lead to the revitalization of the seed system of the beneficiary countries.



Risks

Overall Risk Rating

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Overall	● Moderate	--	● Low

Comments

The actual procurement, transportation and distribution of the seeds (which is the primary objective of the project) is now complete. Though as anticipated some difficulties in procurement and transportation were encountered the mitigation measures put in place enabled overcome them. As a results the seeds had been distributed to the beneficiaries in all three countries on time for the planting season.

The remaining activities is to follow up on the production of the certified seeds from the distributed foundations seeds. And this will be ensured through the WAAPP projects in the respective countries.

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	157366.00	350000.00
Date	30-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	49.80	40.00

► Total Quantity of Certified seeds produced (Tones/year, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	4000.00	6500.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016



Comments

This indicator is to measure the quantity of certified seeds to be produced from the total foundation seeds that was distributed. So far close to 4,000 tons of certified seeds have been produced. This figure will be updated as soon as the final results will be available (around mid-January 2016).

Overall Comments

As of October 2015, CORAF/WECARD was able to purchase and transport 1,663 tons of certified and foundation seeds of rice, maize, and cowpea for a total cost of US\$2.6 million. From these about 1,600 tons (against a target of 1,500 tons) had been distributed to more than 150,000 beneficiaries (against a target of 50,000). The share for women beneficiaries is at 49% while the total area covered by the distributed seeds is about 34,000 ha.

So far close to 4,000 tons of rice seeds have been produced from the distributed foundation seeds; this number is most likely to increase when the final figures will be available around mid-January 2016. The plan is to re-distribute these seeds during the next planting season, enabling the project to further increase the number of beneficiaries (currently estimated at 350,000).

In addition the certified and foundation cowpea seeds (112 tons total) that have not yet been distributed, will be distributed during the next planting season.

Intermediate Results Indicators

►Quantity of Certified Seeds distributed to Beneficiaries (Tones/year, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	1435.00	7700.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

Comments

Though the initial plan was to buy certified seeds of Maize and Rice only, this was modified based on the recipient countries' needs; consequently while the quantity of Maize was reduced (from the initial plan of 200 tons to 43 tons) instead 108 tons of certified seeds of cowpea was purchased. The latter (108 tons of certified seeds of cowpea) are yet to be distributed during the next planting season.

▲Quantity of Certified Seeds Distributed to Beneficiaries (Rice) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	1392.00	5500.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016



▲Quantity of Certified Seeds Distributed to Beneficiaries (Maize) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	43.00	2200.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

▲Quantity of Certified Seeds Distributed to Beneficiaries (Cowpea) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	0.00	100.00
Date	--	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

▶Quantity of foundation seeds distributed to beneficiaries (Tones/year, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	116.00	120.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

Comments

The 4 tons of certified seeds of cowpea are yet to be distributed during the next planting season.

▲Quantity of foundation seeds distributed to beneficiaries (Maize) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016



▲Quantity of foundation seeds distributed to beneficiaries (Rice) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	116.00	116.00
Date	01-Jun-2015	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016

▲Quantity of foundation seeds distributed to beneficiaries (Cowpea) (Tones/year, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	0.00	4.00
Date	--	--	13-Nov-2015	30-Dec-2016


Overall Comments

Though the initial plan was to only buy seeds of rice and maize, this was modified based on the prevailing needs and demand of beneficiary countries; thus seeds of cowpea (both certified and foundation) was added and no foundation seeds of maize was purchased. As of October, 2015, no distribution has taken place for both certified and foundation cowpea seeds.

In terms of results, the plan is to re-distribute the seeds produced from the foundation seeds; so far 4,000 tons of certified seed have been produced but this number is most likely to increase when the final results will be available (mid-January 2016). As a result it will be possible to further increase the number of project beneficiaries (currently at 44.9 % from the end target) attaining the end target of 350,000.

Data on Financial Performance

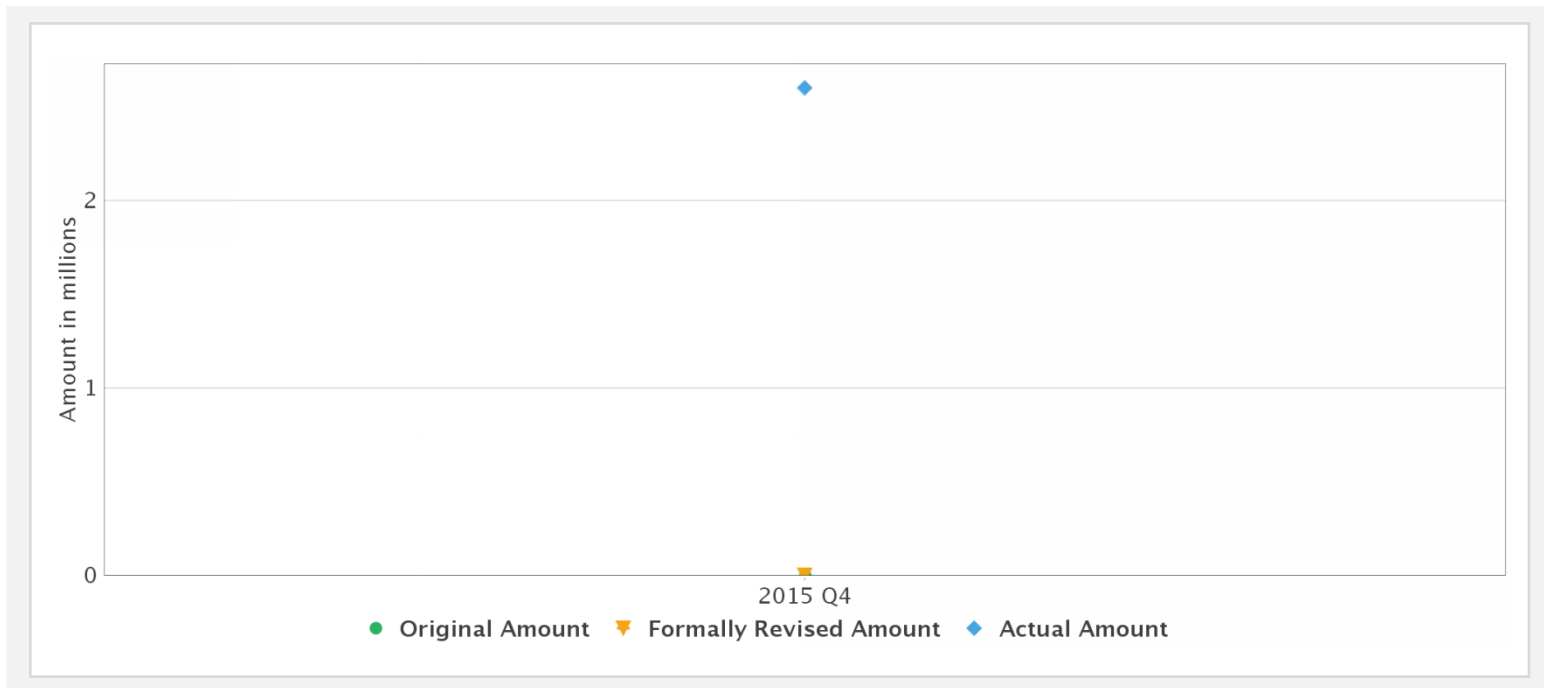
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P155039	TF-A0332	Effective	USD	3.00	3.00	0.00	2.60	0.40	 87%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P155039	TF-A0332	Effective	26-Jun-2015	29-Jun-2015	29-Jun-2015	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.