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Implementation Status & Results Report

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Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2015 | Seq No: 2 | ARCHIVED on 15-Dec-2015 | ISR21729 |

Implementing Agencies:

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:09-Dec-2014

Effectiveness Date:09-Dec-2014

Original Closing Date:09-Dec-2018

Revised Closing Date:09-Dec-2018

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)
 The project's objective is to strengthen civic engagement in the education sector to improve transparency of budgeting and procurement processes for the delivery of better quality education services in western and central Mongolia.

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	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Satisfactory	● Moderately Satisfactory

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Transparency and Accountability in Mongolian Education (TAME) Project is financed by the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) and administered by the World Bank. The project was restructured on 13 November 2015. The restructuring entailed (i) adjustments in the schedule of implementation of project activities, without a change in project closing date, so that project activities will be phased in during the first three years of the project; (ii) revision of the Results Framework and streamlining of disbursement conditions to support achievement of outputs that are most critical for the project's development objective (PDO).

Implementation activities for year 1 of the TAME project are on track as planned. As these activities are currently underway, it is too early to report on project impacts on outcomes or results. However, three intermediate outputs planned for year 1 that together constitute a first step to achievement of the PDO have been completed, and allow the team to recommend a PDO rating of satisfactory. These outputs are:

1. The Good School Support Tool (GSST), formerly the Good School Assessment, has been finalized. As the main tool that will be used by PTAs and other entities to monitor school performance and satisfaction with services and enhance transparency of school-level processes under component 1 of the project, this is a critical step forward for GIC. The baseline GSST survey has been completed at the 28 project schools, and data analysis is currently underway.

2. The Budget Watch Toolkit has been finalized. This is also an important development, as the Toolkit is the main tool that will be used by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to gather information on education budget and procurement processes at the aimag level, as a first step to enhancing transparency of these processes, under component 2 of the project. Selection of two CSOs to carry out component 2 activities in year 1 of the project is underway.

3. The inception seminar will take place on 14 December 2015, to launch training on and rollout of these social accountability instruments, and the format of the event, and its objectives and outputs, have been confirmed.

The upcoming inception seminar that will present findings from the baseline GSST survey will also present an opportunity to sensitize the Ministry of Education on benefits and use of information generated through project activities, and develop a shared understanding of how this can support the Ministry's education reform agenda. During the next supervision mission, the team will explore further ways to strengthen government engagement with the education sector accountability issues uncovered.

Risks

Overall Risk Rating

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

Comments
The team recommends that the overall risk rating be revised to "substantial", given the team's concerns regarding the supervision budget and the low technical capacity of the grant recipient described earlier in this ISR.

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

▶Percentage of stakeholders at project schools engaged in planning and oversight of school-level processes (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	0.00	--	--
Date	15-Nov-2015	04-Jun-2015	15-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

Comments
Baseline value will be collected in year 1. End target = baseline value + 40 percent.
Indicator value = (Number of stakeholders who engaged in school-level processes) / (Total number of stakeholders who completed GSST) *

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▶In target areas, percentage of stakeholders participating in CSO-initiated budget monitoring activities for education (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	09-Dec-2014	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

Comments
Indicator value = (Number of participants attending CSO-initiated budget monitoring activities) / (Target area stakeholders) * 100

Overall Comments
As indicated on the revised RF approved under the restructuring, the baseline value for PDO indicator 1 will be established in year 1 of the project. As the baseline survey has just been conducted and data analysis is underway, we expect that the indicator baseline value will be available by March, 2016. PDO indicator 2 will be updated once aimag-level CSO activities start and CSO reports become available, which is expected by fall of 2016. As further project activities are implemented post-restructuring, the intermediate indicators will be updated during the next 6-month period.

Intermediate Results Indicators

▶Number of PTAs established (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
Date	09-Dec-2014	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2019

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▶Number of project schools that completed the Good School Support Tool (GSST) processes (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.00
Date	09-Dec-2014	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

Comments
The GSST processes will be completed at each project school twice over the life of the project.

▶Number of recommendations and policy actions/corrective measures developed to address priority legislative and policy impediments that undermine effective stakeholder engagement at schools (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	09-Dec-2014	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

Comments
Recommendations/policy actions and corrective measures stemming from GSSTs and follow-up actions at school and higher levels.

▶In project areas, number of meetings of the Citizen's Representative Hural observed by CSOs each year (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Date	09-Dec-2014	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

▶Number of recommendations and policy actions/corrective measures developed to address priority legislative and policy impediments that undermine transparency of education budget processes (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
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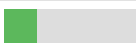
▸Number of case stories, tools and other knowledge products developed (Number, Custom)

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Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Date	09-Dec-2015	04-Jun-2015	30-Nov-2015	09-Dec-2018

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		Disbursed
P150842	TF-18163	Effective	USD	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.16	0.49		25%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P150842	TF-18163	Effective	09-Dec-2014	09-Dec-2014	09-Dec-2014	09-Dec-2018	09-Dec-2018

Cumulative Disbursements

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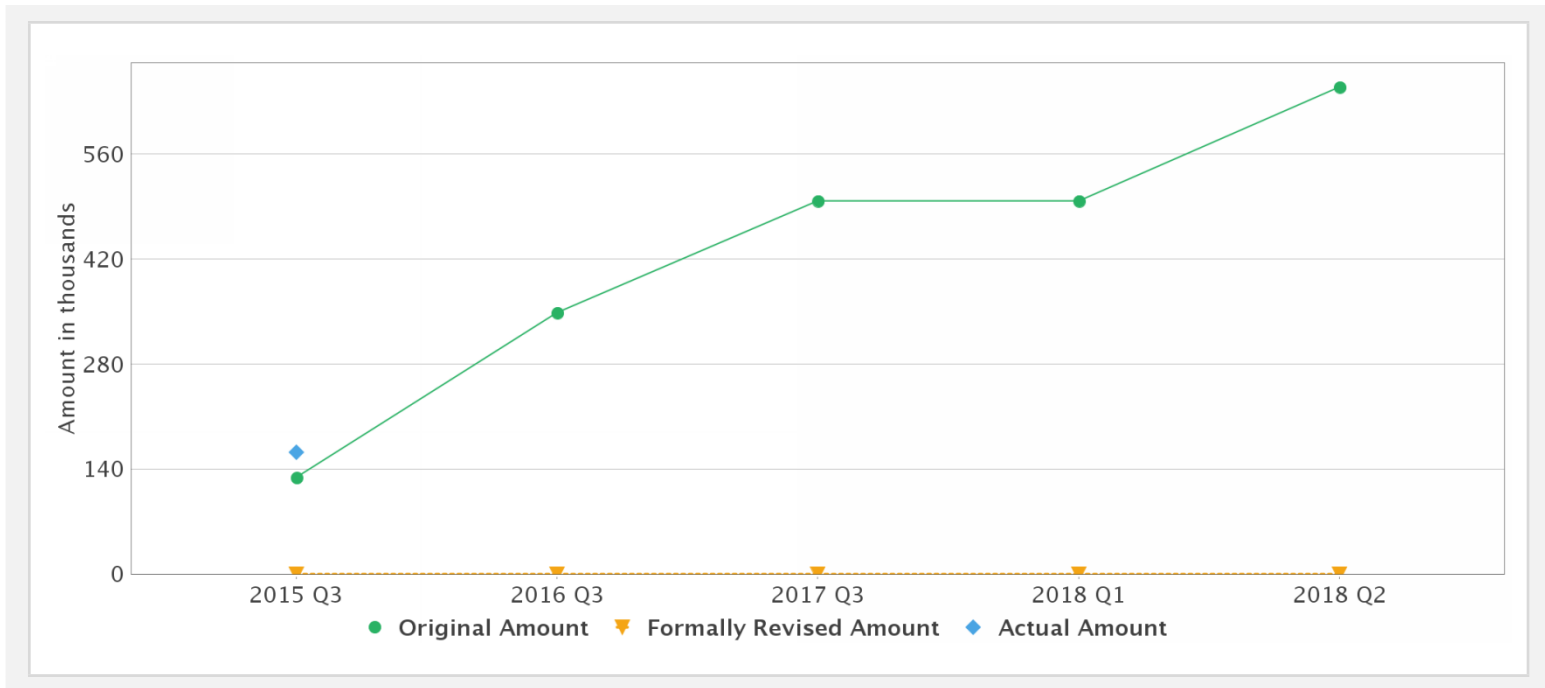
Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.