



Himalayan University Consortium Grant (P155851)

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Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2017 | Seq No: 1 | ARCHIVED on 14-Jun-2017 | ISR28130 |

Implementing Agencies: ICIMOD, ICIMOD

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:16-Dec-2016

Effectiveness Date:23-Jan-2017

Original Closing Date:30-Jun-2017

Revised Closing Date:30-Jun-2017

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of this grant is to strengthen partnerships of research institutions in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region working on issues of significance to regional water resources management.

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Bank and Client are currently seeking an extension of the closing date to June 30, 2018.

The Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) Grant was signed on January 13, 2017 and declared effective on January 23, 2017. Preparatory activities have since been undertaken by the Client International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), as the specimen letter and related disbursement forms were received in early May 2017. The Project Development Objective (PDO) remains achievable, and the performance of the Project Management Unit (PMU [HUC Secretariat overseen by ICIMOD]) has been moderately satisfactory. The PMU has prepared a Procurement Plan satisfactory to the Bank, to complete all grant activities by the revised closing date.



During the period of four months starting from the date of effectiveness on January 23, 2017 (twenty-two percent of previous total Project length), the inception phase was completed and virtually all planned activities across all sub-components were initiated, with an estimated total fund disbursement of approximately USD41,496.98, or 4.5 percent of the total direct cost. Fifty-four percent of these expenditures covered staff/consultancy, thirty-six percent for training related activities, and ten percent for equipment.

Risks

Overall Risk Rating

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

Comments

The risk at appraisal has been set as low. The risk rating currently warrants to be raised to modest, because of the relatively slow progress of the disbursement-related readiness actions. For mitigation the Bank team will increase its implementation support to ICIMOD.

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

►Number of universities/research institutions that actively participate in the HUC network (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	33.00	--	33.00	40.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

►Interactive website with searchable database, and E-digest established (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	N	Y
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017



►Number of visiting professor/researchers mobilized to another institution (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	1.00	4.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

Overall Comments

- Eight applications for full and associate membership were reviewed and recommended by SG, pending on approval of the General Assembly during the Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for end of October 2017
- In April and May, 2017 initial contact was made with representatives from potential members in Afghanistan, in preparation for a study visit of Afghan scholars to institutions of water studies in India, tentatively scheduled for September 2017
- A Contract was signed with a local service providing company to develop the Interactive website with searchable database, and E-digest. April 10-14, a workshop was held among sixteen librarians and IT personnel from seven colleges and the VC office of RUB on HUC Portal and linking to HIMAL-DOC
- In early April, Calls for HUC Individual Conference/Mobility/Exchange Grants were distributed, queries responded, applications received. Thus far, One researcher received a conference grant to present a paper at an international conference in Austria.

Intermediate Results Indicators

►Study tours arranged and conducted between institutions to broaden the network and intensify interactions (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	2.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

►Informal consultations held with IT and librarian teams of current and future member institutions to discuss information-sharing interests (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	16.00	35.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017



► Staff within the HUC Secretariat trained in Program Management (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	2.00	3.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

► International Conference on water research and management is organized in the region (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	N	Y
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

► Total Number of Researchers and Professionals Trained through the 10-day field school and 2-week intensive program (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	22.00	33.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

► Number of proposals prepared for collaborative research projects (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	2.00
Date	28-Oct-2016	--	01-Jun-2017	31-Jul-2017

Overall Comments

- In April 2017 - One visit by the HUC Secretariat to two full members, RUB and UWICER, (Bhutan)
- April 10-14, 2017 - Sixteen librarians & IT personnel received consultation/training on HUC Online Portal and HIMAL-DOC
- One Secretariat staff and One staff from a full member enrolled in a project management capacity training, to be completed in June 19-23, 2017.



- Preparation for International conference is ongoing. On 13 March, 2017 the theme, location, and dates for the International Conference, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, were identified and approved by the Steering Group; end of March 2017, a proposal was submitted to the host institution, Sichuan University.
- Twenty-two full time faculty members or PhD scholars were admitted to a ten-day field school, titled HUC Academy on Disaster Risk and Water Management, to take place during July 2-13, 2017.
- In April and May, 2017 - Calls for institutional applications for collaborative research projects were circulated; applications received; Technical & Selection Committees appointed.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P155851	TF-A4131	Effective	USD	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00	1.02	0%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P155851	TF-A4131	Effective	16-Dec-2016	23-Jan-2017	23-Jan-2017	30-Jun-2017	30-Jun-2017

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.