



## Higher Education Development Project (P146184)

SOUTH ASIA | Afghanistan | Education Global Practice |  
Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2016 | Seq No: 1 | ARCHIVED on 05-Feb-2016 | ISR20692 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Higher Education

### Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:07-Jul-2015

Effectiveness Date:15-Sep-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date:--

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2020

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2020

### Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to increase access to, and improve the quality and relevance of, higher education in Afghanistan.

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

No

### Components

Name

Higher Education Development Program:(Cost \$40.00 M)

Program Operations and Technical Support:(Cost \$10.00 M)

### Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	--	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	--	● Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	--	● Substantial

### Implementation Status and Key Decisions



The project commenced in July 2015 and implementation status thus far has been satisfactory. The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) has constituted the Project Steering Committee and staffed the Operations and Monitoring Support Team which coordinates project activities. The MoHE is on course to complete the three disbursement linked indicators that are required for the project to disburse the full tranche under the program component for 2016. The MoHE and OMST are also closely following up on all the indicators and targets in the results framework. A detailed action plan for the period December 2015-May 2016 was agreed between the MoHE and the Bank at the last implementation support mission in December. The MoHE and OMST are carefully implementing this action plan.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

## Results

### Project Development Objective Indicators



► Student enrollment in universities in priority degree programs for economic development (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	64200.00	--	64200.00	81000.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The actual value for this indicator will be known only in mid 2016 when the project has been under implementation for an year.

► Number of public universities developing, implementing and monitoring strategic five year rolling institutional development plans consistent with the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	18.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The actual value for this indicator will be known only by the end of 2016 when all activities under this indicator have been completed.

► Increased numbers of full time academic staff with at least a Master's degree in priority degree programs (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	700.00	--	700.00	1000.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

100 academics have been selected to pursue their Masters Degrees overseas. They will commence their studies during the course of 2016.

Overall Comments

**Intermediate Results Indicators**



► Female enrollment in priority degree programs in the 1st year of public universities (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3000.00	--	3000.00	5500.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

This actual number for this indicator will be known only in mid 2016 after the project has been under implementation for an year.

► Number of female students with access to adequate residential facilities for women on university campuses (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2500.00	--	2500.00	5000.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	--	31-Dec-2020

Comments

This first estimate for this indicator will be known only towards mid 2016 after the first batch of female students has been enrolled in 2016.

► Number of full time academic staff trained in, and practicing, outcome-based education and student centered learning (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	1000.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	--	31-Dec-2020

Comments

A training manual in student centered learning and outcome based education has been developed. The capacity of 70 academics has been developed to train other academics in student centered learning (SCL) and outcome based education (OBE). These are the targets for this indicator for 2016. Training of academics in SCL and OBE will commence in the second quarter of 2016.



► Number of public universities with functional ICT centers for ICT based higher education (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	12.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	--	31-Dec-2019

Comments

A scorecard for ICT centers has been designed. This is the first step in the achievement of this indicator. The completion of the first two ICT centers is due by the end of 2016.

► Number of scholarships awarded to full time faculty staff for Master's Degrees in priority disciplines (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	100.00	300.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The first set of 100 scholarships has been awarded.

► Number of technical staff completing short-term technical and maintenance courses (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	600.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The training programs for technical staff are being devised and will be implemented during the course of 2016.



► Number of universities with Internal Quality Assurance Units (IQAUs) functioning to international standards (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	16.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The manual for IQAUs has been developed. The appointment and training of staff for IQAUs in two universities will commence next.

► Number of public and private universities which complete a new regionally benchmarked quality assurance cycle (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	48.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The MoHE has obtained membership of the Asia Pacific Quality Assurance Network (APQN). This completes the first step towards the achievement of the indicator. The universities in which quality assurance activities will take place in 2016 have been selected.

► Number of university senior managerial and administrative staff completing short-term leadership and management courses in the context of greater authority and accountability (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	500.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The training programs for senior managers of universities are being designed.



► Development oriented research projects, mainly in the priority disciplines (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	9.00	120.00
Date	01-Jan-2015	--	02-Feb-2016	31-Dec-2020


Comments

Nine of the 30 research grants due in 2016 have been identified. The balance 21 research grants have been sent for revision. These are research grants expected by back by mid-February.

Overall Comments

## Data on Financial Performance

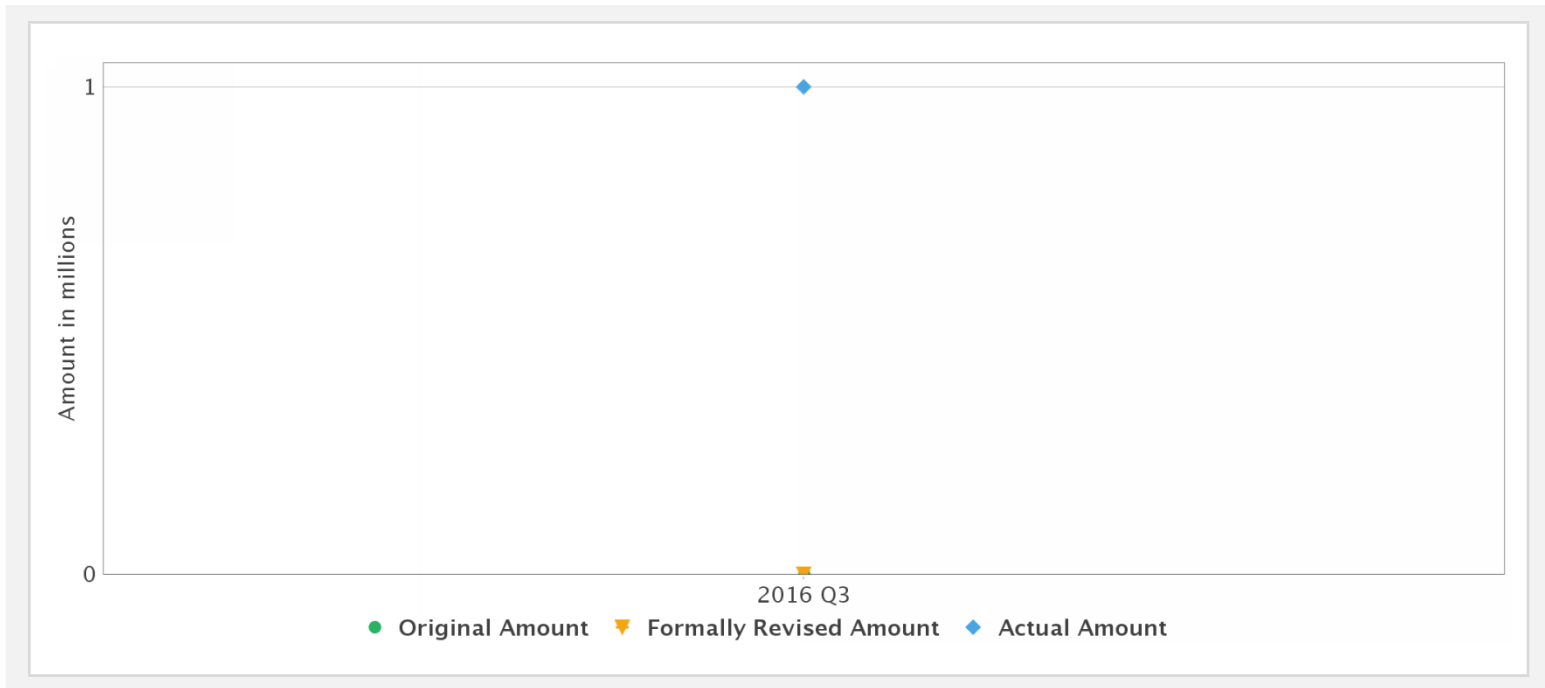
### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P146184	TF-A0730	Effective	USD	50.00	50.00	0.00	1.00	49.00	 2%

### Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P146184	TF-A0730	Effective	07-Jul-2015	15-Sep-2015	15-Sep-2015	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2020

### Cumulative Disbursements



## Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

## Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.