



Republic of Tajikistan - Implementation of the NSDS (P145185)

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Implementing Agencies: Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 26-Sep-2014

Effectiveness Date: 29-May-2015

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2018

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2018

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The overall objective of the proposed project (TAJSTAT-II) is to further improve the capacity of statistical system of Tajikistan to produce and disseminate relevant, reliable and timely statistics in a cost-effective manner that are in line with international standards and will be responsive to user needs. The project will build on the achievements of the previous TAJSTAT project to sustain the progress.

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 **Agency for Statistics** continues successfully implementing the project, although progress to-date is slower than expected. This is due to steep learning curve the Project Management Group (PMG) has to overcome. Nevertheless, the PMG has completed several important tasks leading toward contracting the Twinning Partnership for project implementation, funding of surveys, etc.

The Bank will continue close cooperation with the Agency for Statistics.





Risks

Overall Risk Rating

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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

►Statistical capacity of the state statistical system according to the score published on the World Bank Bulletin Board (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The overall statistical capacity score is 71 in 2013.	--	--	Score will be 75 at the end of the project.
Date	31-Dec-2013	--	--	30-Jun-2018

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

►Strengthened relationships with relevant policy-making bodies through meetings and high-level seminars to improve understanding of the role of official statistics (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No dedicated seminars or workshops to improve understanding of the role of official statistics	--	With the view to enhance the role of the state statistics agencies, the interdepartmental working group on the improvement of statistics in various sectors of the economy was created by request of the Prime	On average 3-5 seminar/meetings to be organized annually



Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. In 2015, reportedly five meetings were conducted: high-level seminars with the participation of management staff of key ministries and departments, of which two meetings were held with participation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. Problems and their solutions were discussed, as well as ways to enhance the role of the state statistics agencies. An "Action Plan for improving the statistics for the period 2016-2021" was prepared and adopted by the Resolution of the Government of Tajikistan from October 29, 2015 (comprised about 80 percent of the NSDS project activities).

In addition, during the year there were held various seminars with users and providers of statistical information of various kinds, in particular on methodological explanations of SNA, agriculture, gender statistics, databases, data quality, database management, etc.

Date	30-Jun-2015	--	--	30-Nov-2018
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► Improved implementation of the Law on Statistics. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The score 1.5 is established based on the U.S. Census Bureau assessment. (Scores range from 0 to 3)	--	The project implementation plan for 2016, stipulates amending the Law "On State Statistics" for improving the statistics accounting, taken into account the international	the score will go up by 1 point over the life of the project.



standards requirements. The work on the development of a model Law on Statistics is being conducted within the framework for the EECCA countries.

Date -- -- -- 30-Nov-2018

►Optimized data collection programs and redistributed functions between the AS departments with a clear structure (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The score 1.5 is established based on the U.S. Census Bureau assessment. (Scores range from 0 to 3)	--	In 2015, the first draft of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on amendments to the Regulation "On the Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan" was prepared. This draft was reviewed by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and returned for completion. This document considers the issue of redistribution of the workload between the central and regional levels. Similar provisions were also included in the "Action Plan for improving the statistics for the period 2016-2021"	The score will go up by 0.25 on average per year over the life of the project.
Date	--	--	--	30-Jun-2018



►Develop professional knowledge and training fro staff to support NSDS objectives. Conduct employee satisfaction survey (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The score 1.5 is established based on the U.S. Census Bureau assessment. (Scores range from 0 to 3).	--	In 2015 the training center of AS was restored. Since then trainings for mid-level and junior staff are conducted twice a week. Training seminars also conducted for leaders of the NSDS subcomponents. The topic was devoted to the preparation of terms of reference for each sub-component within the framework of twining partnership. The staff satisfaction questionnaire has been prepared.	The score will go up by 0.25 on average per year over the life of the project.
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►AS core staff has obtained and uses latest methodological skills in classification, standards, sampling and seasonal adjustments (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The score 1.5 is established based on the U.S. Census Bureau assessment. (Scores range from 0 to 3).	--	In 2015, the AS approved the National Classification of Goods and Services based on the International Classification of Goods and Services. In 2015, based on the statistical form PD-1 (RUT) "Operating Report" the data at the level of the city of Dushanbe were collected. The main purpose of data collection under this classifier was for the AS to develop "Resources and Use Table". The work on transition to the 2008 SNA has started. Specialists of the AS compiled a sample for LFS and the seasonal adjustment program which are used by sector departments. The	The score will go up by 0.25 on average per year over the life of the project.



terms of reference for hiring an international consultant on the development of skills for the execution of seasonal adjustment, their use for adjusting data on production prices has been prepared. The Regulation and composition of the Working Group under the Agency for Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan has been prepared to review opportunities to reduce data collection program, including reduction of frequency, sample size and questions in order to exclude unnecessary, outdated works.

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►Data quality assurance framework and quality assurance working group are established and functioning (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	There is no data quality assurance group.	--	On the basis of the elaborated Regulation for the Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to review opportunities to reduce data collection program, including reduction of frequency, sample size and questions in order to exclude unnecessary, outdated works, it is planned to create a Working Group to work on the quality of data in 2016.	Fully functioning data quality assurance framework or working group
Date	--	--	--	30-Jun-2018



► Improved quality, access, and use of poverty and employment data through improvement to and use of the HBS and LFS (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No poverty rate has been published since 2009 or LFS since 2009.	--	Starting from 2015, specialists of AS independently evaluate the level of poverty and food poverty based on the HBS data. It is expected that in 2016 (01 July) additional HBS modules (in particular, labor, health, education and social protection) will be launched.	2016: Poverty rates reported in a quarterly moving average. 2018: Unemployment rates (LFS) reported in a quarterly moving average
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► Improve quality, access, and use of gender disaggregated data (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2013-14: Limited gender-disaggregated statistics, mainly LFS 2009, LSMS 2009, DHS 2012, Child Labor 2013	--	Within the framework of the project "Support to the statistical capacity to build and analyze disaggregated data on gender" (FAO UN) a round table and a national seminar were conducted, as a result of which the "Guidelines for gender statistics in agriculture for the countries of Central Asia" and "National gender profile of Tajikistan" were developed. It is planned to include into the list the recommended indicators and data on Census of Agriculture (2013).	2016: The list of gender-disaggregated indicator increased by 10% 2018: The list of gender-disaggregated indicator increased by 10% compared to 2016.
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►Improve statistical reporting forms and prepare for "electronic reporting" to reduce burden on respondents (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Number of current reporting forms in a year:	--	On the pilot basis there were introduced "electronic reporting" on Labour Statistics (monthly) of statistical form 1-T "Report on labor" and "Labour Movement Report (quarterly)" from July 1, 2015 in Dushanbe. Later the coverage areas was extended and included the districts of Vahdat, Rudaki, Hissar, Tursunzoda. From February 2016 it is expected to introduce the electronic forms on the industry statistics under the Report 1-P (urgent), reports on trade and services, construction and other.	Reduce the respondent burden by 10 percent by the end of second year of project implementation; Reduce the respondent burden by another 10 percent by end of implementation period.
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►Improved tracking of user feedback and higher user satisfaction (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	User satisfaction surveys are introduced.	--	The questionnaire has been prepared; a program for conducting surveys of user satisfaction electronically is also prepared. The survey will be held in January 2016.	User satisfaction surveys conducted at least annually. User satisfaction rates have increased by 20% at the end of the project.
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►Develop integrated and harmonized statistical information sources for NSS and standards for exchange of statistical data (SDMX) (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Integrated and harmonized statistical information exchange does not exist.	--	It is planned to start working on the SDMX in 2016.	The SDMX is implemented.
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►Organize training and workshops for users of statistics and establish feedback mechanism to measure satisfaction with disseminated information (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	User-friendly feedback system does not exist	--	<p>During the year five meetings were conducted - high-level seminars with the participation of management staff of key ministries and departments. Two meetings were held with the participation of Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. The problems and their solutions have been discussed, as well as the enhancing role of the state statistics agencies. In addition, during the year there were held various seminars with users and providers of statistical information of various kinds, in particular on methodological explanations of SNA, agriculture, gender statistics, databases, data quality, database management, etc. The feedback mechanism has been created on the AS website as well as the article were issued in the local newspaper about the misinterpretation of statistical data. The press center of the AS has been operating since 2014</p>	On average 2-3 trainings/works hops to be held every year.



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► Improved dissemination and access to statistics, metadata and quality reports according to the SDDS of IMF standards (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No reporting and dissemination is done according to IMF SDDS	--	The terms of reference for the International Monetary Fund was prepared covering the methodological assistance on the transition to the SDDS, as well as the calculation of the quarterly national accounts and price indices. The IMF provided technical assistance to the AS on the translation of Metadata for 2014 into English to be posted on the IMF website.	2016: Adopt and implement the steps to fully comply with the IMF's SDDS standards. 2018: Fully comply with the IMF's SDDS standards.
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► HBS DDI produced and NADA server covering all AS's surveys micro- and metadata is available for use by the AS staff (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	ADP trainings held, most surveys documented, however, there is no functional NADA server/system and DDI-standard documentation is not included in the lifecycle of every survey	--	Training was conducted to the AS specialists on the DDI development under the ADP Program and NADA system. The equipment necessary for the implementation of the system was included into the procurement plan. The corresponding order of the AS management was	HBS DDI produced and NADA server covering all AS's surveys micro- and metadata is available for use by the AS staff



				issued that identified persons responsible for the implementation of the ADP program NADA system.
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►IT capacity (soft ware and hardware) for operations, printing facility and other equipment are adequate and maintained (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Current state of the IT capacity needs improvement	--	Necessary equipment to upgrade existing servers of the AS was purchased under the Project (hard drives, RAM and CPU). The purchase of computer equipment, printer, small offset printing equipment for the AS and the regional statistical offices is under the final stage.	Modern and adequate IT environment established, printing and other equipment are up-to-date.
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►Automated database processing and reporting are established (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No automated database processing and reporting.	--	Electronic data processing program on agricultural statistics (form 29-agr), 1-TV-monthly - for labor, 1-P-urgent - on the industry has been prepared. This work will continue in 2016.	2016: Prepare automated database processing and reporting. 2018: Implement automated database processing and reporting.
Date	--	--	--	30-Jun-2018

Overall Comments



Data on Financial Performance

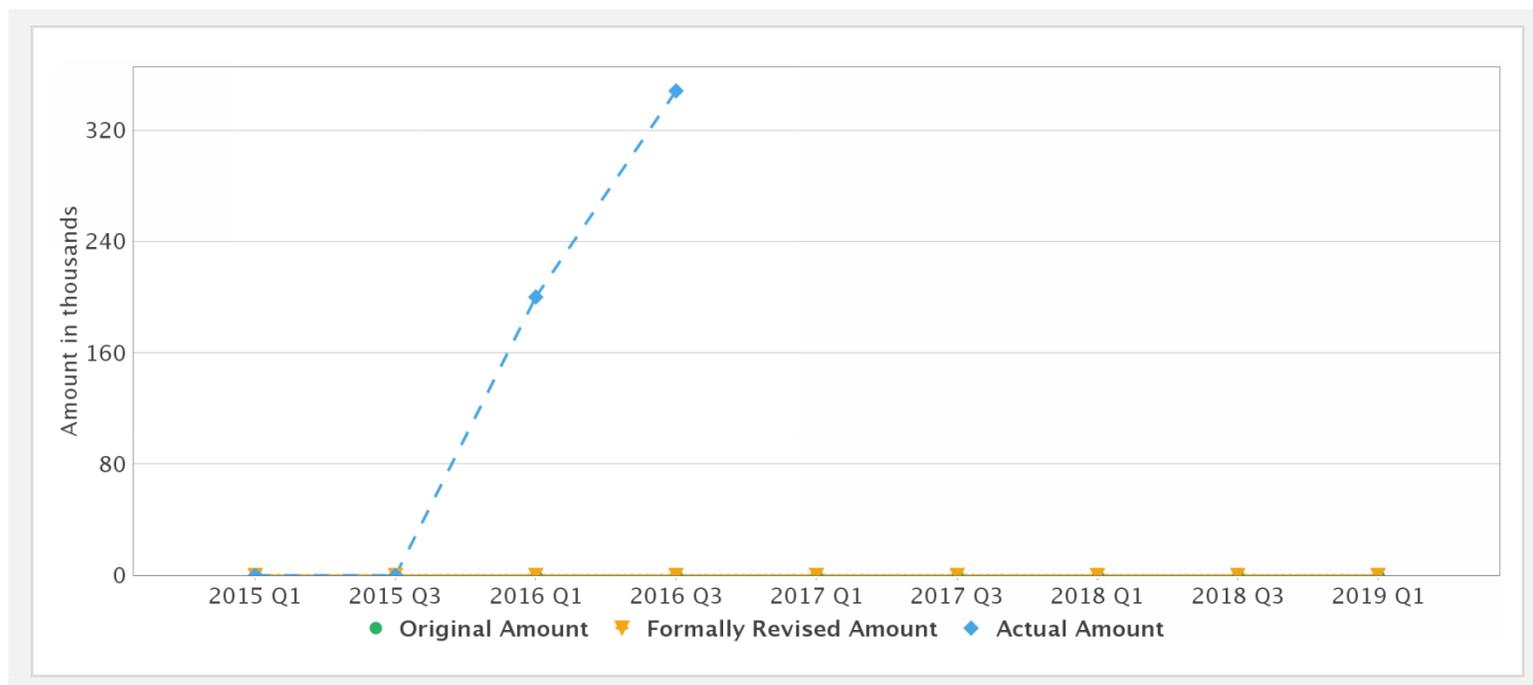
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P145185	TF-17852	Effective	USD	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.35	2.15	14%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P145185	TF-17852	Effective	26-Sep-2014	23-Oct-2014	29-May-2015	30-Jun-2018	30-Jun-2018

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)



There are no related projects.
