



Water Resources and Irrigation Project (P121186)

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Implementing Agencies: Government of Albania, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:29-Nov-2012

Effectiveness Date:13-May-2013

Planned Mid Term Review Date:30-Jan-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:23-Jan-2017

Original Closing Date:31-May-2018

Revised Closing Date:31-May-2018

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to: (i) establish the strategic framework to manage water resources at the national level and at the level of the Drin-Buna and Semani River basins and (ii) improving, in a sustainable manner, the performance of Selected Irrigation Systems.

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

No

Components

Name

Rehabilitation and Improvement of Dams, Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Systems:(Cost \$37.40 M)

Institutional Support for Irrigation and Drainage:(Cost \$1.12 M)

Institutional Support for Integrated Water Resources Management:(Cost \$4.85 M)

Implementation Support:(Cost \$0.73 M)

Overall Ratings

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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Ongoing works: Contracts for 5 priority schemes are ongoing and expected to be finalized within the next 2 months. Works progressed well before the irrigation season and were then suspended (as per contract) to allow farmers access to irrigation service. The municipalities have requested an extension to the irrigation season, and in turn contract resumption and closure are being postponed and it is expected that final works under lot 2 will be completed by October 22, 2017 and for lot 1 by 22 November 2017. This is only a small delay and it is good practice to allow utilization during the irrigation season. It was realized that during works that many adjustments were needed due to changing priorities of municipalities, farmers and also shortcomings in the original design. These were all dealt with as variations and did not materially change the scope of works, targets, or costs, and were demonstration of the keen interest of the farmer community in the rehabilitation process, an opportunity not fully utilized during the design stage.

1 . Institutional support for I&D. The I&D strategy consultant output has been accepted by MARD and it is now in process of formal interdepartmental reviews and adoption. The strategy will be submitted for NWC's endorsement by December 2017. With the adoption of the new law on WUOs, the capacity strengthening consultant can proceed with training of LGU staff and farmers and this is planned for the coming months. The mission recommends that since the number of municipalities are small that the consultant should be asked to conduct trainings not only in a central location but also on location with the concerned staff to broaden the scope of people trained and ensure practical relevance for day-to-day management. No equipment was purchased under the component and this awaits decision making.

2 . Support to LGUs – shifts in focus during project and under AF: The general consensus about the performance of the Municipalities in the management of irrigation systems is that they perform their work with enthusiasm and dedication but often are limited in their task by the means of work (transportation and available maintenance machinery) but also technical tools that allow them to improve their performance. It was agreed that efforts should be made to improve this situation with selected activities during AF.

3 . Preparation of the IWRM strategy. While the draft IWRM strategy, being the first of its kind in Albania, has shortcomings and gaps (particularly around the presentation of current and future water resources management challenges, and institutional recommendations), these will be outlined as measures for early follow up rather than as issues to delay approval of the strategy. Particularly on the institutional reform this will require further consultation and it will depend on the organization under the new Government. Consultants agreed to address remaining comments and provide matrix with final changes. MARD will now submit the strategy to the Council of Ministers and the National Water Council (NWC) for approval before end of December 2017.

4 . Preparation of RBMPs. Drafts were produced and reviewed by stakeholders, and consultant is working on a revised draft. ToRs to recruit a consultant to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the two RBMPs have not yet been finalized by MARD and this will cause delays as the SEA is a legal requirement for formal adoption of RBMPs. This may require rescheduling of the RBMPs' Contract in order to comply with the SEA schedule.

5 . Establishment of Water Cadaster. The Water Cadaster consultancy was finalized and the outputs adopted by the Ministry, ASIG and the TWS. A demo-version was shown. It has produced an excellent portal for a wide range of water resources data and information.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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



Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	● Substantial	● Substantial

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Preparation of an agreed IWRM strategy (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

► Preparation of two agreed RBM plans for the Drin-Buna and Semani basins (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	26-Nov-2017

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
Date	27-Nov-2012	05-Mar-2015	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

▶ Number of dams rehabilitated in compliance with international dam safety standards (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

▶ Area provided with new/improved irrigation or drainage services (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

▲ Area provided with new irrigation or drainage services (Hectare(Ha), Corporate Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018



► Preparation of an agreed irrigation strategy (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

► Establishment of a functional Water resources database (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	27-Nov-2012	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

► Share of area served with I&D service, where sustainable cost-sharing and O&M arrangements are introduced (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	05-Mar-2015	03-Feb-2017	03-Feb-2017	31-May-2018

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

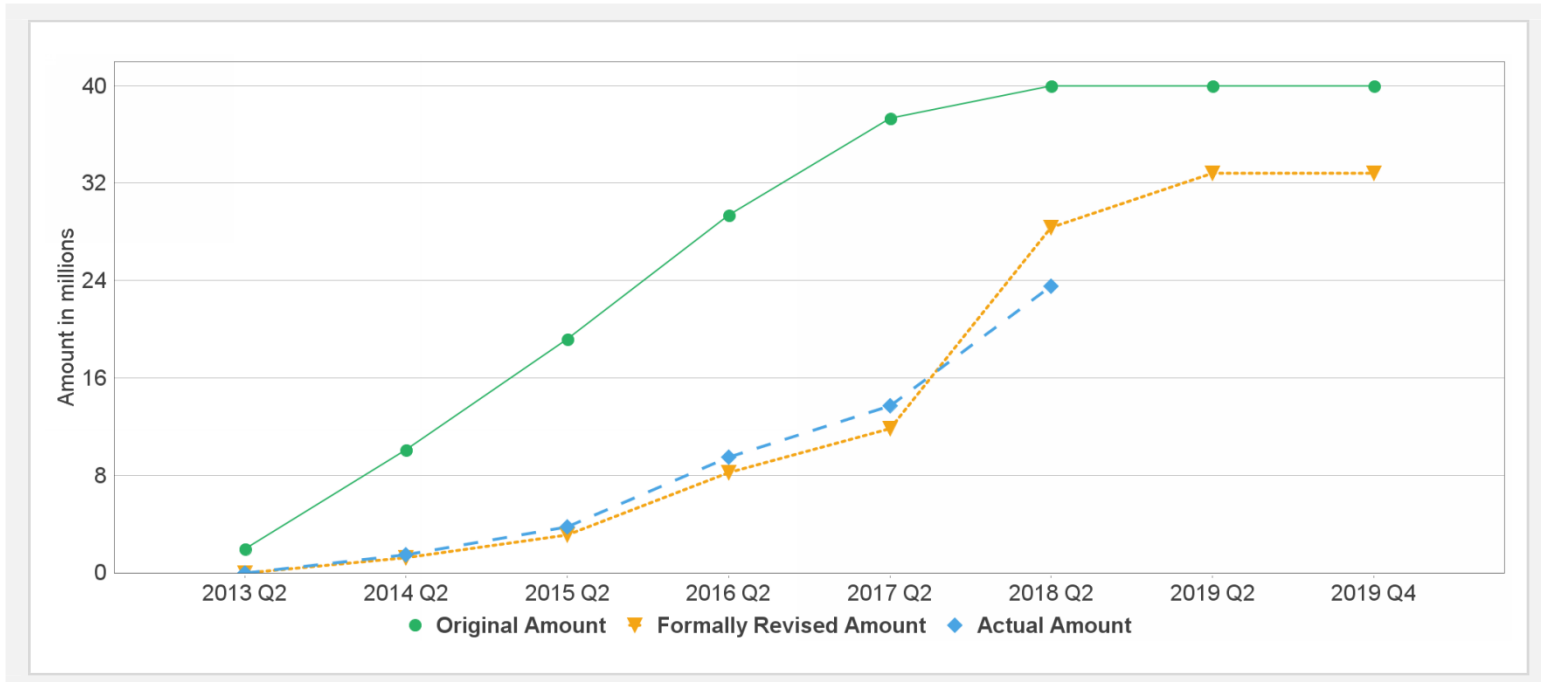
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P121186	IBRD-82110	Effective	USD	40.00	40.00	0.00	21.21	16.08	53%
P121186	TF-14255	Effective	USD	4.68	3.88	0.80	2.44	1.44	63%



Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P121186	IBRD-82110	Effective	29-Nov-2012	14-Dec-2012	13-May-2013	31-May-2018	31-May-2018
P121186	TF-14255	Effective	30-May-2013	12-Jul-2013	23-Aug-2013	31-May-2018	31-May-2018

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level Approved on 23-Apr-2015

Related Project(s)

P162786-Albania Water Resources and Irrigation Project Additional Financing