



DRC Improved Forested Landscape Management Project (P128887)

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Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 24-Jun-2014

Effectiveness Date: 29-Apr-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Feb-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 03-Feb-2018

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to test new approaches to improve community livelihoods and forested landscape management, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in selected areas in the Recipient's territory.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Integrated REDD+ Projects in the Mai Ndombe Province:(Cost \$38.34 M)
Facilitation of Private Sector Activities to Reduce Fuel Wood emissions:(Cost \$8.00 M)
Promote small-scale agroforestry systems to reduce land-use emissions:(Cost \$10.50 M)
Knowledge management and program Coordination:(Cost \$4.49 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

- **The parent project (FIP grant) closed on 30 June 2020 as planned (100% disbursement).** The PIU (UC-PIF) closed operations across all project components, including inventories and transfer of assets, closure of contracts, and preparation of component level completion reports. The FIP Completion Report is under preparation by the PIU and will be finalized by January 2021. It will support the preparation of the overall project's Implementation Completion Report (ICR) which will be prepared by the Bank in 2022/2023.
- **In the Mai-Ndombe Province, project implementation has progressed although COVID put a strain on activities between March and September 2020:**



1/ In the Plateaux District, where activities closed in June 2020 (FIP grant), 215 Local Development Committees (LDC) were operationalized in the four territories (Bolobo, Kwamouth, Mushie, and Yumbi), and formally registered with proper articles of association and recognized by the decentralized administration. The LDCs are supporting the management planning exercise of their territories as validated by the four Councils for Agriculture and Rural Management (CART, Conseil Agricole Rural de Territoire) at the territory level with the aim of reducing pressure on native forests by promoting alternatives to slash-and-burn in forested landscapes. 133 Natural Resource Management Plans (NRMP) were completed out of an objective of 133. The validation of 25 NRMPs in the Yumbi Territory was not made possible due to December 2018 conflicts and subsequent withdrawal of project staff. In addition, there were 4 contentious NRMPs in the Bolobo Territory which had not been validated. A joint mission including representatives from UC-PIF, WWF, and national CSOs went to Yumbi and Bolobo Territories from November 25 to December 3, 2019, and resulted in 1) the validation of the 25 NRMPs in Yumbi and 2) suspending validation for the 4 NRMPs in Bolobo recognizing this the long-lasting customary conflicts over land limits in the area which do not allow local authorities to endorse the NRMPs for the time being. 155 LDCs (7,282 households) benefited from Payments for Environmental Services (PES), with around 1.36 million US dollars paid in the field and reinvested in micro-projects at the community and/or household level.

2/ In the Mai-Ndombe District, where activities are on-going, 235 CLDs have been created or dynamized and are functional (out of the 600 expected) with 271 NRMPs validated. About 819 hectares of agroforestry plantations (acacia) have been implemented (out of the 1650 ha planned), 16 ha of oil palm (out of the 1,650 ha planned), 4 CARG and 14 CART have been revitalized and are functional, and about \$930,000 in PES has been paid to communities. 23 concessioner farmers (including 1 woman and 2 Indigenous Peoples) and 3536 farmers (including 1482 women and 143 Indigenous Peoples) are direct beneficiaries of the project. Although between March and September 2020 progress was stalled by COVID-related restrictions, the local implementing agency and NGO service providers remained in the field presence to engage with communities, with due precautions, on awareness-raising and dialogue related to LCDs, nurseries, and PES. In November 2020 the PIU, local implementation agency, and Bank have agreed on an action plan to catch up with implementation delay throughout 2021. The project's Provincial Steering Committee initially planned in March 2020 will take place in December 2020 with due COVID-related restrictions (that is, virtual mode and participation limited to key representatives of national and provincial authorities, CSO, Bank, etc.)

- **17,801 hectares of Agroforestry plantations are in place (62% of the overall objective).** 894 ha have been lost to bushfires since Sept. 2019. The breakdown is as follows: Component 1: 4,070 hectares (81% of the objective of the FIP grant) including acacia, palm oil, citrus other fruit trees; Component 2: 5,493 hectares (55% of the objective of the parent project); Component 3: 7,603 hectares under PIREDD Plateau (152% of the objective of the FIP grant) and 835 ha under PIREDD Mai-Ndombe (9% of the objective of the CAFI grant).
- **In addition, 17,422 hectares of exclosures to facilitate natural regeneration by protecting land areas from bush fires are in place in savanna and forest areas,** with respectively 7,554 hectares under Component 1 (86%) and 9,868 hectares under Component 3 (144%). Note however that 2,462 ha were lost to bushfires since Sept. 2019 under Component 1. In addition, no exclosures have yet been established under PIREDD Mai-Ndombe (CAFI grant).
- **Under Component 3, the project facilitated the dissemination of 86,625 cookstoves (115% of the objective)** and the avoidance of 0.34 million tons of CO₂ (tCO₂eq.).
- **Overall emission reductions generated by project activities as of September 30, 2019, are estimated at 5.66 million tCO₂eq.** Removals from afforestation / reforestation activities are estimated at 1 million tCO₂eq. Avoided emissions from deforestation and forest degradation have not been monitored yet (on-going work with the University of Maryland) and are based on estimates from the Mai Ndombe Emissions Reduction Program Document (4,322,052 tCO₂eq.).
- **Regarding connectivity among territories, 252 kilometers of roads in Plateaux District were restored.** In the Mai Ndombe District, an infrastructure intervention plan was developed with authorities and will start implementation in December 2020 – including 240 kilometers of road to restore, 36 bridges to build, 2 metal bridges to restore, 5 kilometers of dikes to replenish, and 1 ferry to acquire and put into operation.
- **The project website (www.pifrdc.org) has been up and running since November 15, 2017.** Its objective is to promote: (i) the dissemination of lessons learned; and (ii) the use of the Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism. Grievances can be submitted online or by contacting: (i) plaintes.recours.pif@gmail.com; (ii) the Forest Investment Program Coordination Unit (UC-PIF); (iii) the Local Implementing agencies (*Agences Locales d'Exécution*); and (iv) the CLDs or the CARTs.
- **A socioeconomic study focusing on the monetary and non-monetary benefits of the project was conducted** using a sampling of 1,650 households spread all over the project boundary, shows that 15,700 households or 110,000 inhabitants, including 58,400 women (92 percent of the end target of the parent project) have benefited from the project. Populations saw an 18% increase (+ US\$448 per annum) in their incomes. A similar study is being prepared in the Mai Ndombe District to define the baseline and monitor socio-economic benefits for PIREDD Mai Ndombe.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To test new approaches to improve community livelihoods				
► People in forest & adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefits from forest (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	220,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	<p>A study led by the firm MULTINA MDK was done for FIP related activities (parent project). Using a sampling size of 1,650 households spread throughout the project boundary, the study shows that 15,700 households or 110,000 inhabitants (92 percent of the end target of the FIP-funded parent project) have already benefited from the project. Populations saw an 18% increase (+ US\$448 per annum) in their incomes. Non-monetary benefits remain preponderant (76%). They have been valued by using average prices for plant and livestock production, non-timber products, and other resources self-consumed by rural populations. Women (58,400) benefiting from the project already represent 146 percent of the end target (40,000) of the FIP-funded parent project. A similar study is being finalized, with the same firm, in the Mai Ndombe District for the PIREDD Mai Ndombe (CAFI). This explains why only the results from the FIP-funded parent project have been captured in this indicator as of September 2020.</p>			
□ People in forest and adjacent community with benefits from forest-female (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	58,400.00	58,400.00	90,000.00



Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
□ People in forest&adj. commy with benefit from forest-Ethnic minority/indigenous (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022

To test new approaches to improve forested landscape management				
► Designing and implementing new approaches (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	28.00	28.00	8.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2019
Comments:	Designing a new approach: (i) Payment for Environmental Services (PES) rewarding efforts in agroforestry (1 point) and in the fight against bush fires (1 point) based on enclosures; (ii) Support the private sector by subsidizing agroforestry investments in the field (1 point); and (iii) promoting the production of non timber forest products out of the agroforestry models (1 point). Implementing a new approach (2 points per year): 8 points as the four new approaches described above have been implemented for two years. Satisfactory implementation (2 points per year): 8 points as the four new approaches described above have been satisfactorily implemented for two years.			
► Land area where sustainable land mgt. practices were adopted as a result of proj (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,754,862.00	3,229,325.00	350,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	39,271 hectares include enclosures and tree plantations with the breakdown as follows: 21,211 hectares represents the area of enclosures which are protected from bush fires (Component 1: 13,994 hectares, and Component 3: 7,217 hectares). 18,060 hectares represents the area of tree plantations (mainly acacia sp.) under various agroforestry schemes (Component 1: 4,964 hectares, and Component 3: 7,603 hectares, and Component 2a: 5,493 hectares).			

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation				
► GHG emission reductions (and removals) generated under the project (Metric ton, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5,400,000.00	5,660,000.00	9,600,000.00



Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	<p>As of today, only the following have been estimated (i) emission reductions derived from indirect investments aimed at improving energy efficiency of cookstoves in the greater Kinshasa (Component 2b) measured according to the CDM Small-scale Methodology (AMS-II.G.) "Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass"; and (ii) removals generated under afforestation / reforestation schemes in the Kinshasa basin supply (Components 1, 2a and 3) and measured using proxys (carbon sequestration for each type of sylvicultural model). Emission reductions as derived from the production of cookstoves and calculated in June 2019 at component closing: 337,497 tCO₂eq. Removals as derived from the tree plantations, and calculated on September 30, 2019: 1,000,000 tCO₂eq. (applying the proxy value of proxy of 15t/ ha/year). Finally, if we consider that the project will reduce over a five year period (2016 - 2020) emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 3% against the baseline, as defined in the Emission Reductions Programme Document for the Mai Ndombe Province duly approved by the Carbon Fund participants of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) in November 2016, project activities might have already reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 4,322,051 tCO₂eq. Total with avoided deforestation and/or reduced forest degradation: 5,659,548 tCO₂eq.</p>			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Facilitation of Private Sector Activities to Reduce Fuel Wood emissions				
► Production of improved cookstoves (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Jun-2020	31-Dec-2019
Comments:	Component closed in June 2020.			
► ACCES-compliant cookstoves delivered to the Kinshasa market (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	80,625.00	80,625.00	70,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Jun-2020	31-Dec-2019
Comments:	Component closed in June 2020.			
► Improved organization of the sector (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5.00	5.00	7.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Jun-2020	31-Dec-2019



Comments:

The component closed in December 2019. At component closing, the Alliance has a Board of Directors established after a general meeting. Affiliate members pay the membership fees expected from each one in accordance with the texts governing it. The development of the consumer engagement strategy is finalized and implemented.

Integrated REDD+ Projects in the Mai Ndombe Province

► Chiefdom (Chefferie) with Performance-Based Incentives and Investments mechanisms in place (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	26.00	48.00	55.00
Date	01-Jul-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022

Comments:

Out of the 215 Local Development Committees (LDCs) identified in the former Plateaux District of the Mai-Ndombe Province (PIREDD Plateau), 155 signed contractual arrangements with the project based on performance-based incentives. As for Mai-Ndombe District (PIREDD Mai-Ndombe), this is 235 out of 600 as of end-March 2020. The total is 390 out of 815 or 48%.

► Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) score for Tumba Lediima Natural Reserve (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	30.00	30.00	30.00	55.00
Date	15-May-2019	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022

Comments:

Indicator related to the new GEF AF which became effective in March 2020 and is starting implementation as of November 2020.

► Community sub-projects registered as REDD+ sub-projects (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Date	15-May-2019	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022

Comments:

Indicator related to the new GEF AF which became effective in March 2020 and is starting implementation as of November 2020.

Promote small-scale agroforestry systems to reduce land-use emissions

► Biomass (energy) produced in a sustainable manner (Metric ton, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	742,010.00	999,500.00	1,755,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022



Comments:	As of September 2020, 999,500 metric tons of fresh biomass have already been produced in the field as a result of the 18,001 ha of plantations established since 2015 and still standing. In the immediate future, these plantations are likely to produce 1.6 million cubic meters of round wood (to be converted into charcoal for energy needs in the Kinshasa basin supply) over the period 2023 - 2026.			
► New agroforestry plantations that received technical support from the project (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	17,714.00	18,001.00	29,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	The 18,001 ha represents the area of tree plantations (mainly acacia sp.) under various agroforestry schemes including Component 1 in PIREDD Plateau: 4,070 ha, Component 2a: 5,493 ha, Component 3: 7,603 ha, and PIREDD Mai Ndombe (CAFI AF): 835 ha. The achievement represents 62% percent of the end target of the parent project and CAFI AF combined.			
► Participants in consultation activities during project implementation (number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	146,057.00	164,598.00	70,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	The target of 70,000 consists of 30,000 for parent project and 40,000 for CAFI AF. 67,998 were consulted and participated in awareness activities under the parent project which closed in June 2020. As of September 2020, this is 96,600 for PIREDD Mai-Ndombe (CAFI AF). The total is 164,598.			
□ Participants in consultation activities during project implementation - female (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	35,305.00	39,151.00	25,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
► Farmers from the targeted villages who have adopted an improved agro-forestry technology promoted by the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	25,980.00	20,368.00	33,500.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Target is 20,000 under the parent project and 13,500 under CAFI AF. The final result for the parent project which closed in June 2020 is 16,490. As of September 2020, this is 3,702 for PIREDD Mai-Ndombe (note that values for March 2020 in the last ISR were misreported which explains the drop). Total as of Sept. 2020 is 20,368.			
□ Farmers from the targeted villages who adopted an improved agro-forestry. technology promoted by project ? female (Number, Custom Breakdown)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5,774.00	5,362.00	11,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	31-Mar-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2022

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

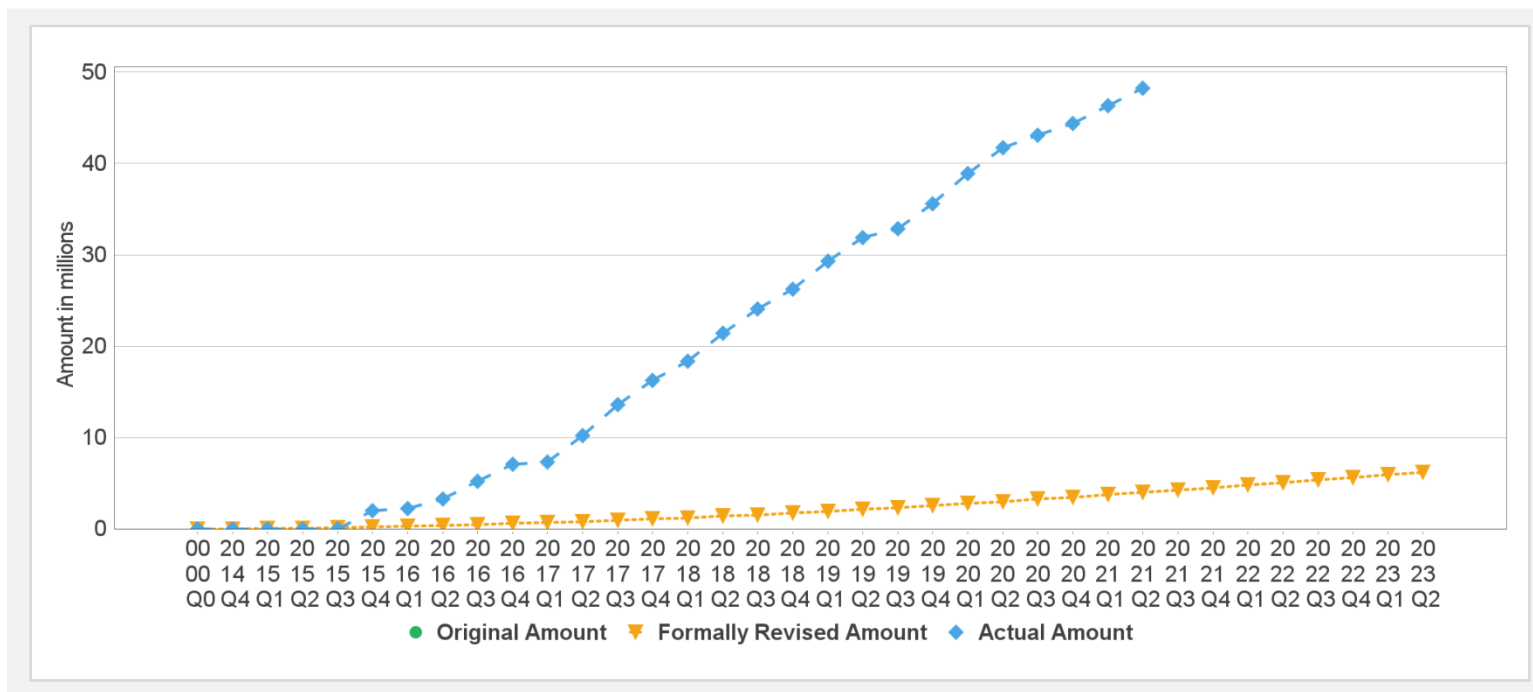
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P128887	TF-16869	Closed	USD	36.90	36.90	0.00	36.87	0.03	100%
P128887	TF-A5081	Effective	USD	18.22	18.22	0.00	11.37	6.85	62%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P128887	TF-16869	Closed	08-Oct-2014	08-Oct-2014	29-Apr-2015	30-Jun-2020	30-Jun-2020
P128887	TF-A5081	Effective	28-Jun-2017	18-Jul-2017	18-May-2018	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022

Cumulative Disbursements





PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC
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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P160182-Improved Forested Landscape Management Project (GEF AF) ,P162837-Mai-Ndombe REDD+ Integrated Project under CAFI
