



Equal Access and Simplified Environment for Investment (EASE) in Egypt (P153487)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | Egypt, Arab Republic of | Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice |
Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2016 | Seq No: 1 | ARCHIVED on 14-Feb-2016 | ISR22608 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Investment/General Authority for Investment, Industrial Development Authority, Egyptian Regulatory Reform and Development Activity (ERRADA)

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:02-Oct-2015

Effectiveness Date:--

Planned Mid Term Review Date:15-May-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:--

Revised Closing Date:--

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To improve the regulatory environment for investors through simplified licensing and transparent industrial land allocation processes.

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

No

Components

Name

Facilitating accessible and transparent investor services (GAFI):(Cost \$2250000.00 M)

Supporting Industrial Sector Transformational Reforms (IDA):(Cost \$2250000.00 M)

Capacity building for managing regulatory reform (ERRADA):(Cost \$500000.00 M)

Overall Ratings

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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Progress to date:

1. Negotiations for Transition Fund to support the EASE Project were held and completed on August 17-18, 2015 in Cairo. The Ministry of International Cooperation issued letter of acceptance accordingly.
2. Project documents were submitted and approved by the World Bank MENA Regional Vice President on October 2, 2015.
3. Both executing entities, GAFI and IDA have established the PIUs and nominated the PIU Managers and fiduciary teams awaiting GoE clearance to officially announce same.
4. Executing entities with the support of the World Bank Group project team have drafted the Project Operating Manual.
5. Capacity building for PIUs teams has started on procurement and fiduciary aspects of the project.

Component 1: Facilitating accessible and transparent investor services (GAFI)

WBG-supported component

6. The WBG Team guided the project Partners during the past period to establish the Project Steering Committee (in progress) and the establishment of the Project Implementation Units (PIUs) in GAFI.
7. The WBG Fiduciary Team (Procurement and Finance) guided the project Partners in drafting and finalizing the Project Operation Manual.
8. Draft Procurement Plan has been developed for the IT systems for GAFI HQ and OSSs
9. The WBG Project Team are working with GAFI IT Department to establish a roadmap for the IT components and to develop the conceptual design of the IT solution for GAFI OSSs, including coordinating with third parties, i.e. Ministry of Telecommunication and IT and Microsoft to divide roles for developing integrated solutions.

Component 2: Industrial Sector Regulatory Reform (IDA)

WBG-supported component

10. The WBG Team guided the project Partners during the past period to establish the Project Steering Committee (in progress) and the establishment of the Project Implementation Units (PIUs) in IDA.
11. The WBG Fiduciary Team (Procurement and Finance) guided the project Partners in drafting and finalizing the Project Operation Manual.
12. The WBG Project Team is working with IDA IT Department to establish a roadmap for the IT components and to develop the conceptual design of the IT solution.
13. The Project Team has helped IDA in drafting the Procurement Plan for the IT solution components.
14. The WBG Team supported the Ministry of Trade & Industry in developing Industrial Licensing Reform Strategy and securing GoE commitment to this reform as national priority for Egypt to enhance its business environment;
15. WBG Industrial Regulations experts have drafted reform recommendations paper, presentation to Minister of Trade & Industry and a policy paper as tools for the Minister to lobby for this reform.
16. The WBG Egypt has included Industrial Licensing Reform activities into the country's Development Policy Loan, which initiated the Prime Minister's formation of a cross ministerial committee comprising key ministries and authorities.
17. The Project Team is supporting the committee by providing international experiences and proposing good practices.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool



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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Av. Duration of Licensing Process (Days, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	320.00	--	--	75.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	01-Dec-2018

► Number of land allocation requests processed through the reformed land allocation system (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	2000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	01-Dec-2018

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators



► Mapping/Simplification of Entry procedures completed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	Y
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► CRM Platform Operational in OSSs (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	5.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► Sectors licensing requirements consolidate/published on GAFI Portal (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	479.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► Capacity Building workshops for GAFI OSS staff completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018



► Mapping/Simplification of Licensing sub-processes completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	4.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► Risk based approach for industrial technical evaluation applied (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	Y
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► Industrial Licensing System (ILAS) Deployed in IDA Branches (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

► Online industrial land allocation system designed/deployed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	Y
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018



▶ Industrial Developer land allocation framework designed and deployed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	Y
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

▶ Capacity building workshops for IDA branches staff completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

▶ Regulatory reforms proposed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	15.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

▶ Private Sector consultation on regulatory reform mechanism applied (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	Y
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018



► Capacity building workshops for ERRADA staff completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	--	--	08-Dec-2018

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

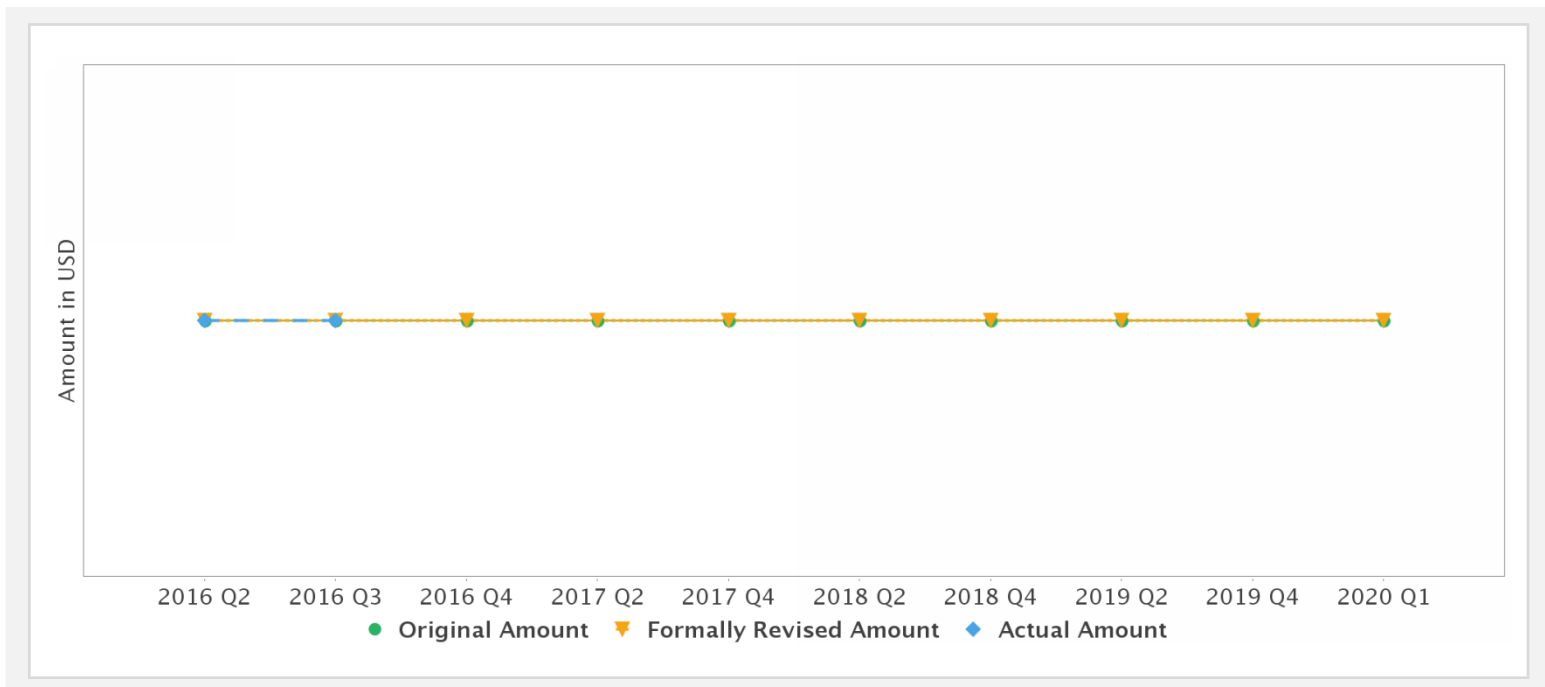
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
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Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
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Cumulative Disbursements





Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
