



EU/IPA AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTION BUILDING PROJECT (P144994)

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA | Montenegro | Agriculture Global Practice |
 Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2015 | Seq No: 3 | ARCHIVED on 25-Sep-2016 | ISR21367 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:28-Oct-2014

Effectiveness Date:04-Dec-2014

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2017

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2017

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the Project is to increase the experience of Montenegrin authorities in administering rural development grants in accordance with the core rules of the European Union Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development and to improve the productivity of a targeted number of agriculture holdings.

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	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Highly Satisfactory	● Highly Satisfactory

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Implementation of the grants is proceeding as expected with data showing that the program is following the expected trend, namely the decrease in number of beneficiaries from approval of application to completion of investments. The reason for this decrease may be attributed to a number of factors, some of which independent from the grants program itself. However one of the main reason can still be considered the difficulties encountered by the beneficiaries in borrowing funds required for the investments, given the pre-financing requirement of IPARD. In fact regardless from the efforts made by MARD in engaging with the banking sector and the good reputation of the earlier MIDAS grants followed by the IPARD-like

grants program, credit to farmers remains one of the main barriers.

As of May 20, 2016 of the 291 approved applications, currently there are 286 valid contracts for a total eligible investment amount (thus excluding VAT) of about EUR 8.74 million. The estimated value of grant support is slightly above EUR 5 million. The Directorate for Payments has so far received 52 requests for payments, of which 41 have been paid for an amount of about 440,000 of grant support, 2 have been rejected, 2 are in the administrative checks process and 7 are to receive on-the-spot control.

Next step include (i) continue to promptly process request for payments ; and (ii) work with the MARD Directorate for Rural Development increasing their compliance with the future full IPARD Program monitoring requirements as Montenegro gets closer in receiving the entrustment of budget implementation for the full Montenegro IPARD Program measures.



Risks

Overall Risk Rating

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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

►Amount of grant funding disbursed (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	8.70	75.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

►Number of grants successfully completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	41.00	110.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

►The Monitoring Committee is established and operating (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017



► Impact evaluation analysis completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

► Increase in yield/production by agro-holdings receiving grant funding (target 10 percent) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Number of Grant applications approved (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	291.00	291.00	130.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

► Amount of grant funding awarded (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017



► Targeted clients satisfied with agricultural services (percentage) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	8.70	75.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

► Number of meetings undertaken by the Monitoring Committee (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

► Number of monitoring reports produced by the Monitoring Committee/Sector for Rural Development (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

► Number of agricultural organizations and rural population targeted by public awareness of the IPARD-core measures (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2068.00	2068.00	2000.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017



►Number of promotional events implemented and promotional materials disseminated (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	37.00	37.00	35.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

►Client days of training provided (number) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1200.00	1817.00	2000.00
Date	04-Dec-2014	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

▲Client days of training provided - Female (number) (Number, Core Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	400.00	400.00	800.00
Date	--	23-Oct-2015	20-May-2016	31-Dec-2017

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

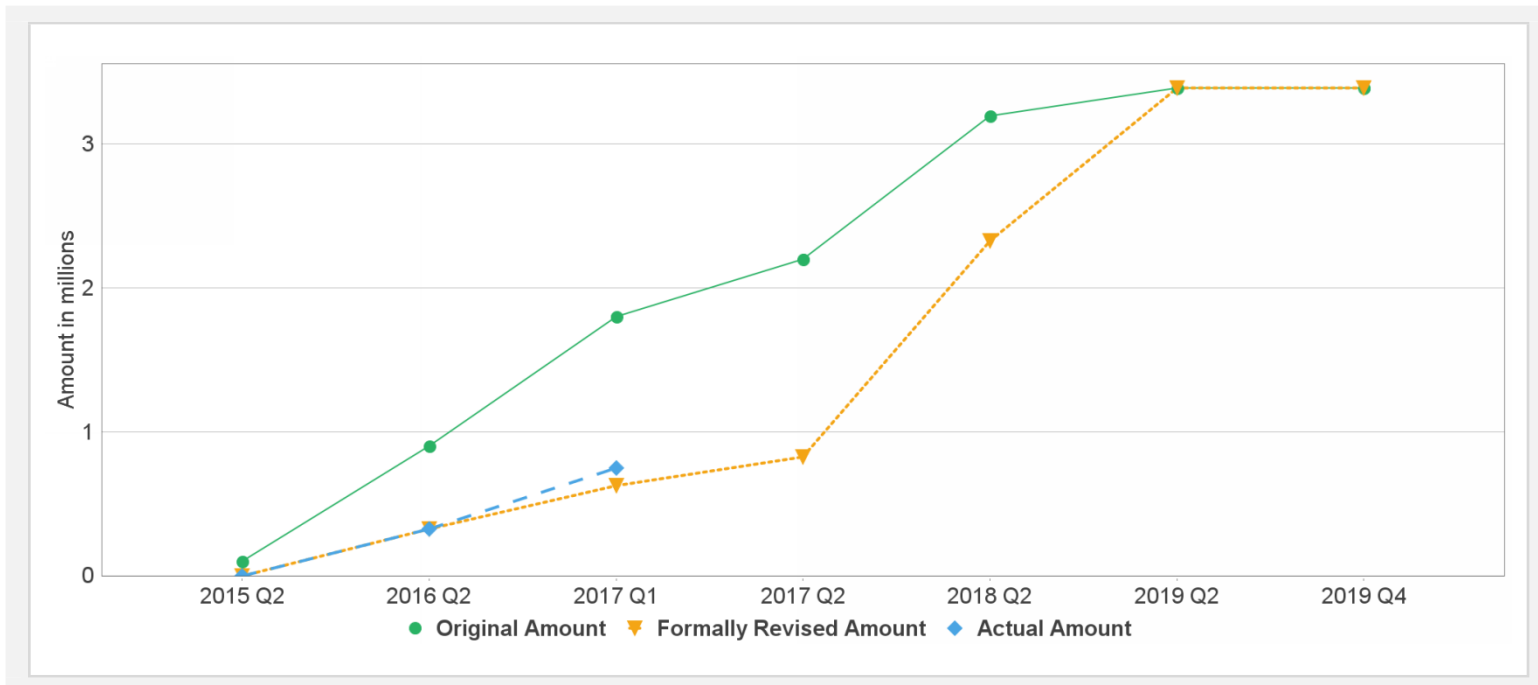
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P144994	TF-18039	Effective	USD	3.80	3.80	0.00	0.75	3.04	20%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P144994	TF-18039	Effective	28-Oct-2014	31-Oct-2014	04-Dec-2014	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2017



Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.