



Mongolia Employment Support Project (P159215)

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Implementing Agencies: Mongolia, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 27-Apr-2017

Effectiveness Date: 20-Nov-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 31-Mar-2020

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 07-Jul-2020

Original Closing Date: 30-Sep-2021

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective (PDO) is to provide jobseekers and micro-entrepreneurs in Mongolia with improved access to labor market opportunities.

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

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

The project development objective (PDO) is to provide jobseekers and micro-entrepreneurs in Mongolia with improved access to labor market opportunities and to provide temporary relief to eligible workers in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Components Table

Name

- Providing temporary relief to eligible workers in response to COVID-19:(Cost \$17.67 M)
- Supporting client-centric public employment services:(Cost \$1.47 M)
- Strengthening select active labor market programs:(Cost \$4.54 M)
- Facilitating labor market monitoring and analysis and project management:(Cost \$1.32 M)

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | ☐ Moderately Satisfactory | ☐ Satisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | ☐ Moderately Satisfactory | ☐ Satisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | ☐ Moderate | ☐ Moderate |

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project has addressed major implementation bottlenecks and made notable progress towards the PDO. The progress by each component is summarized as follows:



Under Component 1, renovation of 14 PES offices has been completed following some delay due to COVID-19 related lockdowns. The prolonged procurement process for hiring a firm to develop a labor market information system (LMIS) was concluded in August 2021 and work on the design of the LMIS has begun.

Under Component 2, for the micro-entrepreneurship support program, the disbursement of the microloans continued, with nearly two-thirds of the remaining funds being disbursed to end-borrowers, as of the end of October 2021. The microloan funds allocated to 21 aimags (US\$ 3 million) were fully disbursed in 2020. In terms of the delivery of the post loan non-financial services (NFS), one district in UB has begun this activity, while in aimags, the NFS has been provided to 70 percent of microloan beneficiaries.

For the local initiatives projects (LIPs), the implementation of the 11 LIPs has resumed in June 2021 following the lifting of COVID-19-related restrictions of training activities and the resolution of some financial management bottlenecks. Some close-to-completion projects have been noted as offering promising innovations for vulnerable groups such as women, youth, and persons with disabilities, which could be highlighted as best practices and provide lessons learned for both employers and jobseekers.

Under Component 3, the unemployment report is being finalized after receiving comments from the National Statistics Office and the World Bank team and will be disseminated soon. The 2021 second quarter issue of the labor market bulletin has been completed and has been released and disseminated online.

Under Component 4, the project has disbursed US\$ 15 million to support the social insurance contribution relief for eligible self-employed workers participating in the voluntary scheme. With the recent project restructuring in September 2021, additional resources were re-allocated to continue supporting the social insurance contribution relief for the self-employed for the period between January and May 2021. The project is in the process of mobilizing additional resources to the Social Insurance Fund within the current calendar year.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes



Beneficiaries receiving labor intermediation services in a renovated labor and social welfare office

► Beneficiaries receiving labor intermediation services in an upgraded labor and social welfare office (overall) (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 10,743.00 | 15,799.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2021 | 31-Dec-2022 |

□ Beneficiaries receiving labor intermediation services in a renovated labor and social welfare office (female) (Number, Custom Breakdown)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 5,697.00 | 8,332.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2021 | 31-Dec-2022 |

Beneficiaries of micro-entrepreneurship support whose micro-enterprise is still in business, at least

► Beneficiaries of micro-entrepreneurship support whose micro-enterprise is still in business, at least 6 months after receiving a micro-loan (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 98.00 | 60.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Mar-2021 | 30-Jun-2021 | 31-Dec-2022 |

Beneficiaries who received temporary relief from their social insurance contributions

► Beneficiaries who received temporary relief from their voluntary social insurance contributions (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 154,808.00 | 154,808.00 | 120,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Mar-2020 | 31-Dec-2020 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2022 |

□ Beneficiaries who received temporary relief from their voluntary social insurance contributions (female) (Number, Custom Breakdown)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 91,690.00 | 91,690.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Mar-2020 | 31-Dec-2020 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Overall Comments

The actual number of beneficiaries who received temporary relief from their voluntary social insurance contributions remains the same as the last disbursement was made in 2020.



Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

| Strengthening select active labor market programs | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ▶ Beneficiaries of micro-entrepreneurship support program (number) (Number, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 1,124.00 | 1,205.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Oct-2021 | 30-Jun-2022 |
| □ Beneficiaries of micro-entrepreneurship support program- Female (number) (Number, Custom Breakdown) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 571.00 | 581.00 | 550.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Jun-2021 | 30-Jun-2022 |
| ▶ Beneficiaries satisfied with project financed micro-entrepreneurship support (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 90.00 | 80.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Mar-2021 | 30-Jun-2021 | 31-Dec-2022 |
| ▶ Volume of World Bank funding for lines of credit (Amount(USD), Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 5,608,841.00 | 5,608,841.00 | 3,790,000.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2021 | 30-Jun-2022 |
| ▶ Volume of micro-loans issued to end borrowers (Amount(USD), Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 2,998,797.00 | 34,297,732.52 | 3,700,000.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2021 | 30-Jun-2022 |
| ▶ Grants to labor and social welfare offices issued (Number, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |



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|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 30-Jun-2020 | 30-Jun-2020 | 30-Sep-2021 |

Supporting client-centric public employment services

► Labor and social welfare offices renovated (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Sep-2021 |

Facilitating labor market monitoring and analysis and project management

► Labor Demand Study released (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 31-Dec-2020 | 31-Dec-2020 | 30-Sep-2021 |

► Labor Market Monitoring Bulletins released (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 2.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| Date | 01-Dec-2016 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Apr-2021 | 30-Sep-2021 |

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | % Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| P159215 | IDA-59740 | Effective | USD | 25.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 25.14 | 0.66 | 97% |

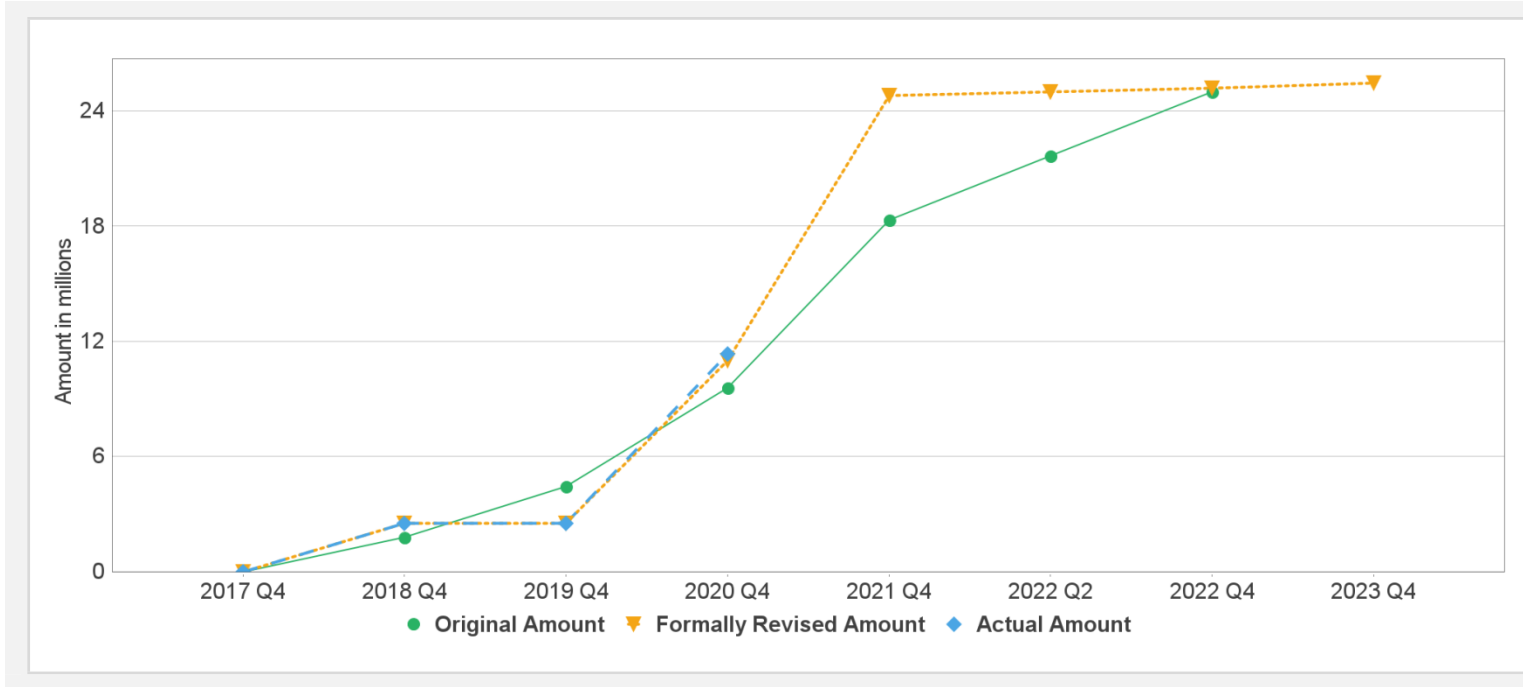
Key Dates (by loan)

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



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

Level 2 Approved on 08-May-2020 ,Level Approved on 15-May-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 27-Sep-2021

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.