

Second Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence for Development Impact (P169064)

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Implementing Agencies: Association of African Universities (RFU), Federal Republic of Nigeria: Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria - National Universities Commission (NUC), Republic of Benin: Ministry of Economic and Finance, Republic of Niger : Ministry of Planning, Republic of The Gambia: Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Republic of Togo: Ministry of Economy and Finance, The Gambia- Project Coordinating Unit (PCU-Gambia)

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 26-Nov-2019	Effectiveness Date: 05-May-2020
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Mar-2022	Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 15-Nov-2022
Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2024	Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To improve quality, quantity and development impact of postgraduate education in selected universities through regional specialization and collaboration.

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

Components Tab

Name

No

Establishing New and Scaling up Well-performing existing Africa Centers of Excellence for Development Impact:(Cost \$260.00 M) Fostering Regional Partnerships and Scholarships:(Cost \$42.00 M) Enhancing National and Regional Level Project Facilitation, and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$12.50 M) Unallocated:(Cost \$15.70 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Implementation Progress (PDO and Other Key Results).

The Nigeria and Benin sub-projects are co-financed by the World Bank and the *Agence française de Développement* (AFD). The current overall project disbursement rate as of June 6, 2022, is 40 percent – for Benin (54 percent), The Gambia (42 percent), Niger (43 percent), Nigeria (42 percent when AFD's portion of disbursement is included; 48 percent when it is only the World Bank portion), Togo (33 percent) and the Association of African Universities -AAU (44 percent).

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Implementation Progress (PDO and Other Key Results). The project continues to make steady implementation progress under the various components and the centers have exceeded the targets on 2 out of the 5 PDO indicators, namely, indicators on student enrollment and on internships. Regarding the PDO on student enrollment, following the most recent results verified as of March 2023 (excluding the baselines), more than 23,267 students have been enrolled (1,965 PhD, 5,223 Master's and 16,079 Professional short courses) of which 7,476 (32 percent) are regional students and 7,857 (33 percent) are female. Regarding the PDO on internships, the project has verified that students and faculty have participated in 4,128 internships. The third indicator on developing strategic plans for regionalization is on track and the remaining 2 indicators, which are on international accreditation and substantial development impact are delayed and in progress (verification is in 2024), respectively. The PDO indicator on international accreditation of programs has been delayed because many new programs were not eligible for accreditation until 2022 since programs need to graduate at least 1 cohort of students to qualify. For institutional international accreditation the process takes between 18-24 months and many institutions are undergoing this process and achievement is expected by December 2023.

Despite the delays, progress has also been made towards achievement of the PDO on international accreditation, where 7 programs have obtained international accreditation; 255 programs obtained national or regional accreditation as a prerequisite for international accreditation, and 12 additional programs completed the necessary self-evaluation and/or gap assessment as a required step toward international accreditation. Significant achievement is expected by June 2023.Regarding institutional accreditation, 12 out of the 19 host institutions completed the necessary self-evaluation and/or gap assessment as a prerequisite to achieve international accreditation. Regarding the PDO indicator on strategic plans for regionalization, 12 plans have been approved, and the remaining 7 which are either under review or are yet to be submitted by the universities are expected to be approved by September 2023. Progress had also been made towards achievement of the PDO indicator on substantial development impact with 20 centers making "progress towards development impact" following an intermediate evaluation carried out in the first semester of 2022 as measured by an independent external evaluator. The next evaluation for substantial development impact will be undertaken in 2024. To highlight two critical intermediate results, collectively, the project has verified the publication of 1,800 research articles and more than US\$51 million in external revenue generated by the centers.

To accelerate progress towards program and institutional international accreditation, the RFU invited three international accreditation agencies namely, the Royal Society of Biology (RSB)- UK; Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programs (AQAS) – Germany; and Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA)- Belgium, to organize three information sessions for the centers and management of the universities.

Project restructuring and Extension Processing (to be completed June/July 2023). Following the Mid Term Review (MTR), the task team is working with the government representatives and the centers to finalize the project restructuring that will include:

- Reallocation of the full unallocated funds of US\$15.7 million. Following the analysis of center performance based on the agreed upon MTR parameters, all respective unallocated funds will be disbursed in Benin (US\$1.2 million), Nigeria (US\$10 million), Togo (US\$2 million), Niger (US\$1 million) and The Gambia (US\$1.5 million). Final distribution among high performing centers and the national implementation unit in Nigeria were discussed and finalized at the national level in May 2023. All final restructuring proposals prepared based on the MTR parameters prepared by the centers and submitted to the WB task team. Each low performing center also submitted an acceleration plan to present the strategy they have in place to ensure all project activities will be achieved before the end of the project closing. All the plans were reviewed by the WB and progress is being monitored as part of the implementation support missions/meetings. In this vein, physical missions were carried out between January 29 to April 23, 2023 in Niger, Nigeria (three centers and the National Universities Commission) and Togo to finalize the project restructuring decisions and assess progress made on their respective acceleration plans.
- Extension of the project closing date from June 2024 to June 2025. Considering the COVID-19 disruptions, the initial disbursement delays in Nigeria (due to delays in Nigeria's National Assembly approving its national borrowing plan) and the procurement delays (due to weaker capacity, long and centralize process) in most of the countries, a 12-month extension for the closing date of the Second ACE Impact project has been requested as part of the MTR to ensure that centers have the time and capacity to absorb all allocated funds and maximize development impact. Official project extension requests were received from all five participating countries by end of May 2023.

Key Implementation Challenges. The following items have been identified as current challenges facing the project: (i) low Fund Utilization rates especially for centers in Benin and Niger; (ii) Procurement challenges that are repercussions from previous procurement delays caused from bottlenecks at both the university and national levels and that are delaying the acquisition of large equipment and civil works; (iii) low safeguards capacity at the center level resulting in delays with the completion of their ESMPs and lack of safeguards compliance by contractors on contraction sites; and (iv) AFD disbursements delays in Nigeria that continue to result in implementation delays of project activities.

The World Bank



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Number of students	antity and development impact o			courses/programs in the
ACEs (Number) (Num	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			courses/programs in the
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6,485.00	15,591.00	29,752.00	21,185.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	at least one semes within this framewo host country. ACEs and master's stude courses. Exchange	billed in (i) master's programs, (ii ter/term at the ACEs, and (iii) p ork refers to students studying a s can only count each student o ents cannot be counted as profe e students will count as long as	rofessional short courses. T It the ACEs from SSA count ince during their entire enro essional short-term students they are enrolled full time for	The term "Regional students ries outside of their ACE Ilment at the center. PhD even if they enroll in these or at least a semester. This
	indicator as snown	in subsequent indicators below	/ will also be disaggregated	by gender.
□Number of PhD st	udents enrolled in specialized pr			by gender.
□Number of PhD st				End Target
□Number of PhD st	udents enrolled in specialized pr	ograms at ACEs (Number, Cus	tom Breakdown)	



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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1,691.00	4,121.00	6,914.00	6,591.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
□Number of Regio	nal students enrolled in specializ	ed programs at ACEs (Number,	Custom Supplement)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2,300.00	5,139.00	9,776.00	6,500.00
□Number of female	e students enrolled in specialized	programs at ACEs (Number, C	ustom Supplement)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2,307.00	5,400.00	10,164.00	7,207.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Value Date	4,366.00 05-Nov-2018	10,199.00 30-Jun-2022	20,445.00 30-Jun-2023	12,766.00 28-Jun-2024
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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Share of ACE nost in Share of ACE	nstitutions with a comprehensive	strategic plan for regionalizati	on (Percentage, Custom)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	23.00	67.00	75.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	revamped their strat partners to their ACI the centers and to a the project. Several universities	des the percentage of ACE hos ategic plans for regionalization i CE center. The strategic plan sh also ensure there is support to a are now in the process of sub PDO is expected by end of 20	in an effort to attract more re hould include elements to str core activities of the institution pomitting their strategies for re	egional students and trengthen the sustainability of tions beyond the lifetime of eview and significant
► Number of ACEs tha	at have had substantial developm Baseline	nent impact (Number, Custom) Actual (Previous)) Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	in terms of the exter the postgraduate gra with evaluation crite number of short cou	sures the development impact t nt of their contribution to their s raduates and the applied resea eria including: number of studer urses delivered in response to s nual reports and interviews with in 2024.	sector/industries. The indicat arch of the ACEs. Impact rep ent internships; number of gra sectoral stakeholder reques	ator assesses the quality of ported will be on a 1-5 scale raduates hired in the sector; sts; evaluation of Sectoral
Number of students	and faculty participating in intern	nships in relevant institutions (ⁱ	Number, Custom)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1,186.00	2,760.00	5,314.00	3,986.00
	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Date			and faculty participating in in	nternships in relevant institutions



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6,485.00	15,591.00	29,752.00	21,185.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	programs, (ii) PhD p	ures the new number of African programs and who have succes essional short courses. This indi red by gender.	sfully completed at least on	e semester/term at the
Students benefiting	from direct interventions to enh	ance learning - Female (Numbe	er, Corporate Supplement)	
□Students benefiting	from direct interventions to enh Baseline	ance learning - Female (Numbe Actual (Previous)	er, Corporate Supplement) Actual (Current)	End Target

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Establishing New and S	Scaling up Well-performing Africa	a Centers of Excellence for Dev	elopment Impact	
► Number of female ce	enter directors or deputy director	rs (Number, Custom)		
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	3.00	4.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	This measures the	number of females leading as d	irector or deputy director ar	n ACE Impact center.
	ted research publications in inte Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	394.00	1,139.00	2,223.00	1,794.00
Date Comments:	research collaborat ACEs will submit to journal and weblink qualifying publicatic	30-Jun-2022 is the number of research publication ion with regional and internation the ACE Impact online data poin is to the article). The list from ear on should have at least an ACE on of the ACE. The World Bank	al partners. As part of the rtal the list of publications (ch center will be validated student or staff as a co-aut	ACE progress reporting, title of article, name of by external experts. Each hor and be related to the
► Number of new nation	onally or regionally accredited pr Baseline	ograms (master's and PhDs) (N Actual (Previous)	umber, Custom) Actual (Current)	End Target
	0.00			



Data	05 Nov 2019	20 Jun 2022	20 Jun 2022	29 Jun 2024
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	newly accredited eith specific program/leve accreditation agency satisfactory to the RI methodology for ass	ures quality of programs by con- her nationally or regionally. The el of the national/regional accre / selected by the ACEs should FU and the World Bank. The ac- essing the ACEs. In the case v e made for existing agencies in	e data collected under this in aditation and the accreditati be recognized in its capacit ccreditation agency will use where no national accreditation	ndicator will indicate the on agency used. The y and need to be an agenc its own standard tion agency exists,
Amount in externally	generated revenue by the ACEs	a (Amount(USD), Custom)		
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	16,849,580.00	47,019,190.00	51,195,677.00	51,849,580.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:		npetitive government education	and research subventions epted as externally generat	
►Share of master's an		including donor assistance), ot are competitive.	her donors and developme	nt partners qualify only if th
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Component 2 - Fostering Regional Partnerships and Scholarships



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	474.00	900.00	300.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	degree programs at their entire enrollme these centers need undergraduate coho	ures the number of students wh the Emerging centers. Emergin ent at the center. PhD students a to build a quality pipeline of stud ort that can feed into their PhD p e for at least a semester. This in	ng centers can only count e are not the critical focus for dents within their master's o programs. Exchange studer	ach student once during these Emerging centers as degree and their nts will count as long as the
► Number of new nation	onally or regionally accredited pro	ograms (master's and undergra	duate) at the emerging cen	ters (Number, Custom)
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments: ►Number of faculty ar	own standard metho agency exists, arran accreditation proces	ncy satisfactory to the RFU and odology for assessing the emerging ingements can be made for exist as. Many programs at emerging o qualify for accreditation.	ging center. In the case who ing agencies in neighboring centers did not have enoug	ere no national accreditatio g countries to carry out the gh cohorts of graduated
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	300.00	105.00
Value Date	0.00 05-Nov-2018	0.00 30-Jun-2022	300.00 30-Jun-2023	105.00 28-Jun-2024
	05-Nov-2018 This indicator measu ACEs or when ACE least two weeks (for portal the name and exchange, country, on frameworks to he		30-Jun-2023 students from the emerging the emerging centers in the tion). Emerging centers will tudents who participate in t exchange in the ACE institu gh the ACE Impact regiona	28-Jun-2024 region for a "period" of at submit in the online data hese exchanges, period of utions. Centers have worke
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► Number of well-funct	ioning regional networks establi	shed by the project (Number, C	ustom)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	12.00	12.00	9.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	will evaluate the suc collaborations, tech	ures the share of ACE networks ccess of regional activities for w nical conferences, summer sch development to weaker institutio , etc.	hich the ACEs are taking the taking the taking the boost of the second student exponent expon	ne lead, including research cchanges, faculty training,
► Number of host instit	utions of emerging centers parti	cipating in the regional benchm	arking initiative (Number, C	Custom)
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
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Comments:		sities must submit complete dat improve their performance. The		
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►Level of satisfaction (Number, Custom)	of the Second ACE Impact stude	ents (Citizen Engagement indic	ator and part of Grievance	Redress Mechanism)
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.00	3.28	3.28	4.20
Date	05-Nov-2018	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023	28-Jun-2024
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Performance-Based Conditions

► PBC 1 Institutional readiness (Percentage, Output, 7,923,333.00, 0.00%)					
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5	
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023		

▶ PBC 2 Development Impact of ACE Center (Percentage, Output, 3,617,778.00, 0.00%)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5
Value	0.00	44.00	46.00	100.00
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023	

► PBC 3 Quantity of Students (with focus on gender and regionalization) (Percentage, Output, 16,528,333.00, 0.00%)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5		
Value	0.00	56.00	78.00	100.00		
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023			

▶ PBC 4 Quality of Education and Research (through international accreditation, research publications and improved teaching and research infrastructure) (Percentage, Output, 29,962,467.00, 0.00%)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5		
Value	0.00	29.00	49.00	100.00		
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023			

► PBC 5 Relevance of Education and Research (through externally generated revenue, internships, and entrepreneurship) (Percentage, Output, 20,083,756.00, 0.00%)					
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5	
Value	0.00	56.00	59.00	100.00	
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023		

► PBC 6 Timeliness and quality of fiduciary management (Percentage, Output, 4,797,666.00, 0.00%)					
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5	
Value	0.00	25.00	32.00	100.00	
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023		



► PBC 7 Institutional Impact (Percentage, Output, 13,886,668.00, 0.00%)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	Year 5		
Value	0.00	5.00	21.00	100.00		
Date		30-Jun-2022	31-Mar-2023			

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P169064	IDA-65090	Effective	USD	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.69	1.38	33%
P169064	IDA-65100	Effective	USD	75.00	75.00	0.00	36.25	38.30	49%
P169064	IDA-65110	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	1.01	3.92	20%
P169064	IDA-65120	Effective	USD	12.00	12.00	0.00	4.44	7.52	37%
P169064	IDA-D5320	Effective	USD	4.00	4.00	0.00	2.31	1.77	57%
P169064	IDA-D5330	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	2.24	2.79	45%
P169064	IDA-D5340	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	5.52	4.49	55%
P169064	IDA-D5350	Effective	USD	12.00	12.00	0.00	5.06	6.93	42%
P169064	IDA-D5360	Effective	USD	6.00	6.00	0.00	1.65	4.40	27%

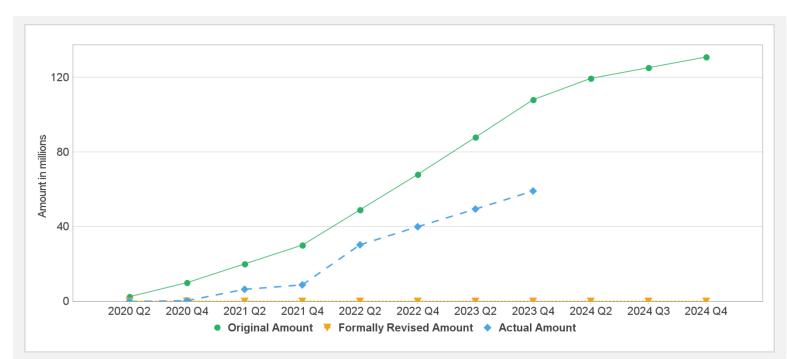
Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P169064	IDA-65090	Effective	26-Nov-2019	02-Mar-2020	26-Jun-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-65100	Effective	26-Nov-2019	02-Oct-2020	29-Jan-2021	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-65110	Effective	26-Nov-2019	08-May-2020	20-Aug-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-65120	Effective	26-Nov-2019	09-Jan-2020	07-May-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-D5320	Effective	26-Nov-2019	02-Mar-2020	26-Jun-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-D5330	Effective	26-Nov-2019	01-May-2020	07-May-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-D5340	Effective	26-Nov-2019	08-May-2020	20-Aug-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024



P169064	IDA-D5350	Effective	26-Nov-2019	03-Feb-2020	05-May-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024
P169064	IDA-D5360	Effective	26-Nov-2019	09-Jan-2020	07-May-2020	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2024

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.