



Social Protection Modernization and Economic Inclusion Project (P178878)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment

1. OBJECTIVE**1.1 Development Objective**

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Decision package on 23-Mar-2023)

The objective of the project is to support the Government of Tajikistan in protecting poor and vulnerable households from shocks, promoting economic inclusion, and improving social protection systems.

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

No

2. COMPONENTS

Name

Component 1: Emergency Assistance to Low-Income Families:(Cost 6,830,000.00)

Component 2: Support to Unemployed Including Labor Migrants:(Cost 19,960,000.00)

Component 3: Strengthening Social Protection Delivery Systems:(Cost 6,650,000.00)

Component 4: Project Management and Monitoring:(Cost 2,160,000.00)

Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC):(Cost 0.00)

Unallocated:(Cost 1,900,000.00)

3. OVERALL RATINGS

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



4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS

4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Overall, from February to August 2024 both implementing agencies have made progress on complying with the disbursement conditions, implementing the project activities, and disbursing the grant proceeds. Thus, with some delays in fulfilling the legal covenants, the implementation progress is rated as **Moderately Satisfactory**, while the progress towards achievement of the PDO is rated as **Satisfactory**.

Disbursements reached US\$ 9.38 million in August 2024 (including US\$9.18 IDA and US\$0.2 TF funds). It is expected that by the end of September 2024, the project would complete the disbursement of emergency cash transfers. Other key activities underway include the functional review of public employment services, the development of the Economic Inclusion Program (EIP) design, the development of the Labor Market Information System (LMIS), the launch of the fully functioning Information and Analytical Center of the MHSP, the groundwork for the digitalization of the social insurance and pension system, and the design of the case management system.

5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL

Risk Category	Rating at Approval Approval Package - 24 Mar 2023	Last Approved Rating ISR Seq. 02 - 23 Feb 2024	Proposed Rating
Political and Governance	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Fiduciary	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Substantial
Environment and Social	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Stakeholders	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Overall	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial



6. RESULTS

6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes

Protect poor and vulnerable households from shocks								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Number of families in the TSA supported by temporary compensation (Number)	0.00	Jul/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			100,000.00	Jun/2025
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the additional support provided to most vulnerable extremely poor households already supported by the TSA program, and who did not receive ADB's cash top-ups in 2022 By end of August 2024, 95,749 families received payments and remaining eligible families will be covered by cash transfers in Sept 2024.					
Promote economic inclusion and enhance support to the unemployed								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Share of beneficiaries of the EIP engaged in income generating activities (after 6 months) (Percentage)	0.00	Oct/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			50.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the number of start-ups which are operational 6 months after grants were awarded. The EIP has not been launched					
Number of district level employment centers with integrated registration and referral system (Number)	0.00	Jul/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			35.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator is intended to measure the capacity of employment agencies at district level to provide tailored support to unemployed and labor migrants					
Improve social protection delivery systems								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year



Social Protection Analytical and Informational Center is established and functioning (Yes/No)	No	Jul/2022	No	09-Feb-2024		Yes	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the establishing and functioning of the Social Protection Analytical and Informational Center under the MHSP. The Center is established, but not yet fully functioning.				

6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Emergency Assistance to Low-Income Families								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Share of female-headed TSA supported families who received cash transfers financed by the Project (Percentage)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			50.00	Dec/2024
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the additional support provided to extremely poor women-headed households covered by the TSA program. 51,710 families covered by cash transfers are women headed.					
Number of districts covered by communication and dissemination activities about the cash transfers to TSA beneficiaries (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			50.00	Dec/2024
	Comments on achieving targets		Number of districts where the communication and dissemination activities about the cash transfers are conducted. Communication campaign is in process.					
Component 2: Support to Unemployed Including Labor Migrants								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Identification of the skills demand in the labor market (Yes/No)	No	Dec/2022	No	26-Aug-2024	No	26-Aug-2024	Yes	Dec/2024
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator tracks the preparation and carrying out of a survey to identify the skills demand of the labor market. The survey on skills demand is to be launched in Sept 2024					



A registry of unemployed has been developed and is operational (Yes/No)	No	Dec/2022	No	09-Feb-2024			Yes	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the development of the registry of unemployed, which is an essential tool to provide adequate and timely support to jobseekers					
A registry of labor migrants has been developed and is operational (Yes/No)	No	Dec/2022	No	09-Feb-2024			Yes	Dec/2026
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the development of the registry of migrants, which is an essential tool to provide adequate support to incoming unemployed labor migrants					
Number of labor migrants registered in the registry of labor migrants (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			200,000.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will track the progress made by the MLME in registering labor migrants					
Number of beneficiaries of the EIP selected and enrolled in training (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			15,000.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will track the initial step to the economic inclusion program. The EIP has not been launched					
Number of female beneficiaries of the EIP selected and enrolled in training (Number)	0.00	Jan/2023	0.00	26-Aug-2024	0.00	26-Aug-2024	7,500.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will track the initial number of female beneficiaries enrolled to the economic inclusion program. The EIP has not been launched					
Number of unemployed supported by training and skills development (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	26-Aug-2024	0.00	26-Aug-2024	13,000.00	Feb/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the impact of skills development and training activities designed to support unemployed, including incoming labor migrants. The indicator will measure only those individuals who successfully completed the training and skills development as a proxy to measure enhanced employability. The EIP has not been launched.					
Number of unemployed supported by income generating activities (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	26-Aug-2024	0.00	26-Aug-2024	6,500.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will measure the impact of the combined skills development intervention, financial support, and tailored technical assistance to unemployed individuals, including incoming labor migrants. The EIP has not been launched.					



Number of female unemployed supported by income generating activities (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	26-Aug-2024	0.00	26-Aug-2024	2,500.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator tracks the transition from the successful completion of training to the implementation of startups by women. The EIP has not been launched					
Number of district level employment centers equipped with computers and connected to the Internet (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	26-Aug-2024	0.00	26-Aug-2024	60.00	Dec/2026
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will track the progress made by the MLME in equipping its district level employment offices with computers and connections to the Internet					
Component 3: Strengthening Social Protection Delivery Systems								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
New module of the NRSP on social services is developed and functioning (Yes/No)	No	Feb/2023	No	09-Feb-2024			Yes	Jun/2025
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the development and functioning of the new module on social services to be a part of the NRSP under the MHSP					
Number of institutions providing social assistance equipped with computers and connected to the Internet (Number)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			100.00	Dec/2025
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the equipping of institutions under the MHSP providing social assistance to population with computers and connected to the Internet					
Percentage of poor pregnant women (TSA recipients) referred to health facilities through the case management program (Percentage)	0.00	Dec/2022	0.00	09-Feb-2024			80.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will track the share of successful referrals of poor pregnant women to health facilities through the case management program					
Percentage of poor pregnant women (TSA recipients) reported having at least 4	42.00	Dec/2022	42.00	26-Aug-2024	42.00	26-Aug-2024	60.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the efficiency of case management system in taking antenatal care (4 visits during pregnancy) by poor pregnant women from TSA recipient families in pilot					

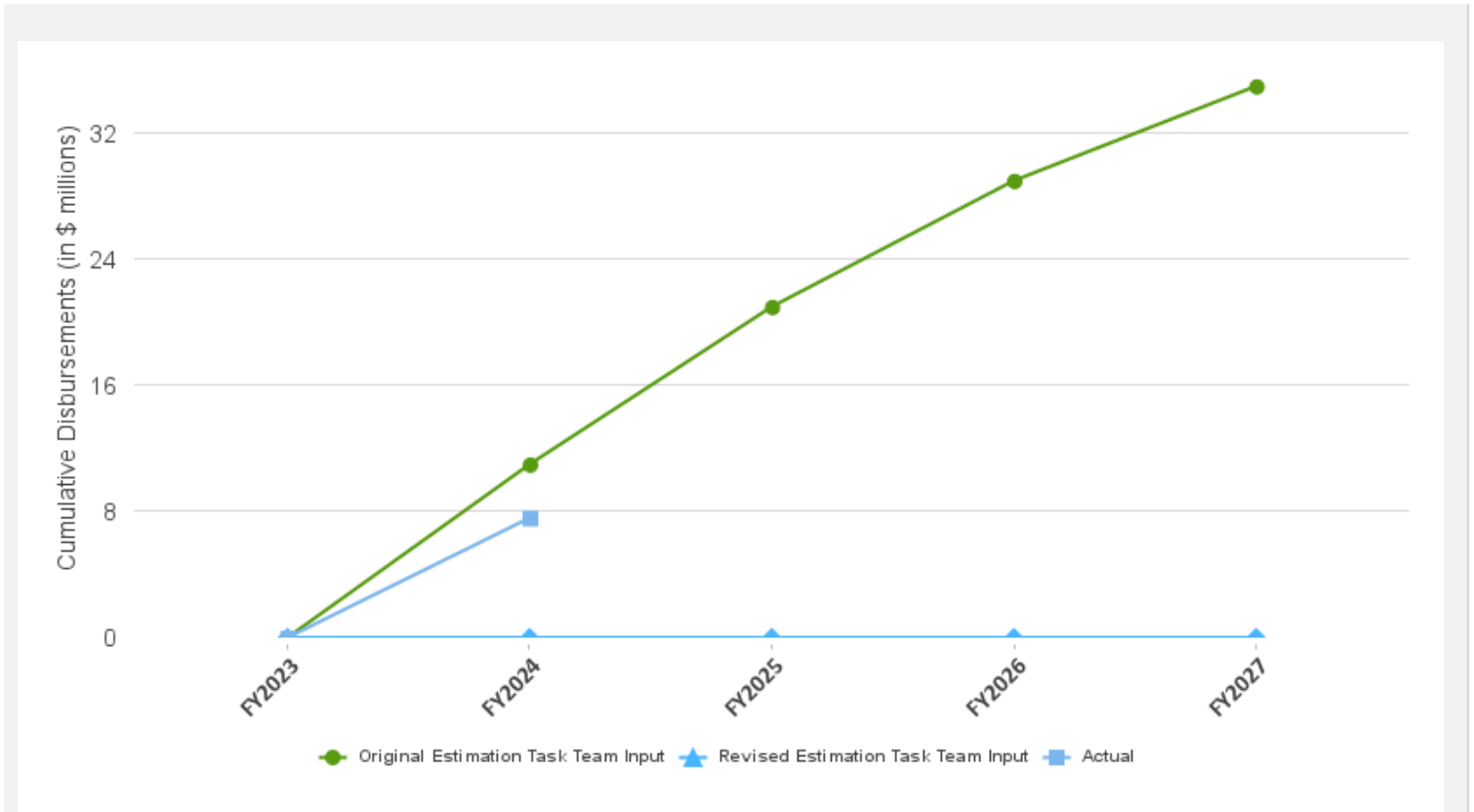


ANC visits during pregnancy (Percentage)		districts. The baseline is set based on the utilization of 4 ANC in the lowest income quintile from DHS 2017						
Component 4: Project Management and Monitoring								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Share of TSA beneficiaries satisfied with procedures of emergency cash transfers delivery (Percentage)	0.00	Jan/2023	0.00	09-Feb-2024			75.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the extent to which the various project interventions met the needs of the beneficiaries. This indicator will track satisfaction of TSA beneficiaries (enrolled to the program in 2023) with delivery process of the emergency cash transfer					
Share of EIP beneficiaries satisfied with procedures of receiving investment grants (Percentage)	0.00	Jan/2023	0.00	09-Feb-2024			75.00	Jun/2027
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will measure the extent to which the process of investment grants distribution satisfied beneficiaries of the Economic Inclusion Program					



7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
TF-C0791	Effective	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.20	2.30	8.00%
IDA-E1600	Effective	35.00	35.00	0.00	9.18	25.29	26.21%

7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Orig. Closing	Rev. Closing
IDA-E1600	Effective	24-Mar-2023	30-Jun-2023	25-Jul-2023	30-Jun-2027	30-Jun-2027



TF-C0791	Effective	30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	25-Jul-2023	30-Jun-2027	30-Jun-2027
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8. KEY DATES

Key Events	Planned	Actual
Approval	24-Mar-2023	24-Mar-2023
Effectiveness	25-Jul-2023	25-Jul-2023
Mid-Term Review No. 01	31-Jul-2025	
Operation Closing/Cancellation	30-Jun-2027	

9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

There are no associated operations