



## Great Lakes Trade Facilitation and Integration Project (P174814)

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Implementing Agencies: Cellule Infrastructures-DRC, COMESA Secretariat, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ministry of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism - Burundi, Republic of Burundi, Unite de Gestion de Programme, DRC

**Key Dates****Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 09-Jun-2022  
Planned Mid Term Review Date: --  
Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2028

Effectiveness Date: 19-Oct-2022  
Actual Mid-Term Review Date:  
Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2028

**Project Development Objectives**

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the project is to facilitate trade and enhance the commercialization of selected value chains, primarily targeting small-scale and women traders in the borderlands of the Great Lakes Region.

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

No

**Components Table**

Name

Component 1: Improving Policy and Regulatory Environment for cross border trade:(Cost \$43.00 M)  
Component 2: Improving Core Trade Infrastructure:(Cost \$147.50 M)  
Component 3: Supporting Commercialization of Selected Cross-border Value Chains:(Cost \$37.50 M)  
Component 4: Supporting Implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$22.00 M)  
Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response

**Overall Ratings**

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High

**Implementation Status and Key Decisions**

The Great Lakes Trade and Integration Project (GLTIFIP, P184814) was approved on June 9, 2022, and is providing an IDA grant in the amount of US\$90 million to the Republic of Burundi; an IDA grant and credit in the total amount of US\$152 million to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); and an IDA grant to the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in the amount of US\$8 million. The financing agreements (FA) were signed with all recipients of the financing and were declared effective as of the end of January 2023.

The project will finance (a) improvements to the policy and regulatory environment for cross-border trade, (b) improvements to core trade infrastructure, (c) support to commercialization of selected cross-border value chains, (d) support for implementation and monitoring and evaluation, and (e) contingent emergency response.



There is an ongoing and constant dialogue with the respective counterparts on the ground. Two coordination meetings took place with all PIUs in DRC, Burundi, and COMESA virtually to discuss and coordinate their Annual Work Plans and agree on the listing and agenda of focused thematic meetings. The first such in-person meeting took place from October 31-November 3, 2023 in Lusaka on Simplified Trade Regime Implementation. The disbursements progressed since effectiveness and reached in total \$11M or 4.4% of the net commitment amount. The project is on track to reach its development objective and has seen a good start in implementation thus both DO and IP are rated Satisfactory.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
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	□ High	□ High	□ High
Fiduciary	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
Environment and Social	□ High	□ High	□ High
Stakeholders	□ Substantial	□ Substantial	□ Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	□ High	□ High	□ High

## Results

### PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To facilitate trade and enhance the commercialization of selected value chains in the GLR.				
▶ Average time for traders to cross at targeted border crossings (Minutes, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	37.28	37.28	37.28	18.00
Date	31-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Time taken to complete formalities on both sides of the border, for individuals			
□ Of which for female traders (Minutes, Custom Breakdown)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	40.00	40.00	40.00	18.00
Date	31-Mar-2022	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
<b>► Quality of public services—degree of satisfaction with border management services (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	67.00	67.00	67.00	90.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Perception of traders regarding the quality of services provided by border agencies			
<input type="checkbox"/> Of which for female traders (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	64.00	64.00	64.00	90.00
Date	31-Mar-2022	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
<b>► Value of trade through targeted trade infrastructure (Amount(USD), Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	34,000,000.00	34,000,000.00	34,000,000.00	50,000,000.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Value of goods handled through core border post and port infrastructure			
<b>► Change in value of final products traded by beneficiary traders associations on regional markets (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Percentage change in value of final products traded by beneficiary traders associations on regional markets - gender differentiated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Of which for female traders (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	31-Mar-2022	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028

**Overall Comments**



No changes to the results framework. The M&E framework, manual, and indicators will be discussed in detail during the virtual meeting of all M&E experts on October 12, 2023, followed by the in-person meeting in early November 2023 in Lusaka.

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1. Improving policy and regulatory environment for cross border trade				
▶ Reduction in incidence of bribery/solicitation of informal payments from traders (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Reported incidence of solicitation of bribe by border officials.			
▶ Reduction in incidence of physical and/or verbal harassment of traders (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	28-May-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Include all forms of harassment at the analysis level and aggregation of data to reflect all data elements (harassment) while reporting. Capture of all forms of harassment at analysis provides the right disaggregation of the indicator and the right interpretation of the aggregated data.			
Component 2. Improvements to Core Trade Infrastructure				
▶ Value of goods handled at improved ports (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000,000.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Throughput of each port improved by the project.			
▶ Change in average number of traders processed through the borders (%) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028



Comments:	Annual average daily number of traders passing through border post.			
<b>► Value of goods handled at improved border crossing points (Amount(USD), Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	34,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000,000.00
Date	30-Nov-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Value of exports handled at the border.			

<b>Component 3. Support to Commercialization of Selected Cross-Border Value Chains</b>				
<b>► Number of value chains supported (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Number of value chains supported by the project			
<b>► Change in profit margin for supported women led value chains (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	28-May-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Change in profit per unit			
<b>► Number of participants in supported value chains (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Date	28-May-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Number of direct participants in a value chain selected for investment.			

<b>Component 4. Implementation Support and Monitoring and Evaluation</b>				
<b>► Project communications strategy developed and executed (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	01-Feb-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Number of communications strategies adopted for implementation.			
▶ COMESA regional M&E platform operationalized (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Date	28-May-2021	01-Dec-2022	01-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	COMESA platform for monitoring regional integration.			

### Performance-Based Conditions

#### Data on Financial Performance

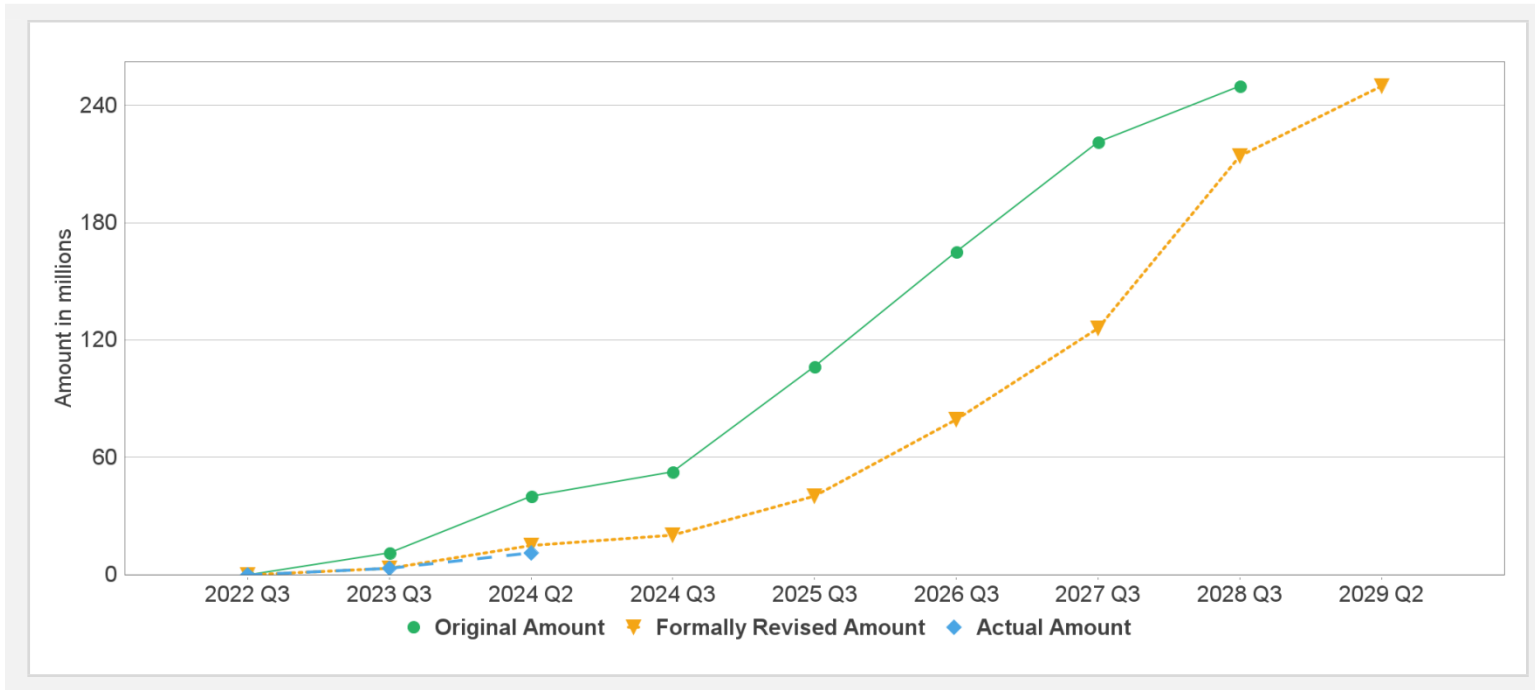
#### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P174814	IDA-71500	Effective	USD	76.00	76.00	0.00	3.41	72.59	4.5%
P174814	IDA-E0700	Effective	USD	90.00	90.00	0.00	3.49	84.61	4%
P174814	IDA-E0710	Effective	USD	76.00	76.00	0.00	3.13	72.20	4.1%
P174814	IDA-E0760	Effective	USD	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.93	7.09	12%

#### Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P174814	IDA-71500	Effective	09-Jun-2022	01-Jul-2022	30-Jan-2023	30-Jun-2028	30-Jun-2028
P174814	IDA-E0700	Effective	09-Jun-2022	06-Aug-2022	02-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2028	30-Jun-2028
P174814	IDA-E0710	Effective	09-Jun-2022	01-Jul-2022	30-Jan-2023	30-Jun-2028	30-Jun-2028
P174814	IDA-E0760	Effective	09-Jun-2022	21-Jul-2022	19-Oct-2022	30-Jun-2028	30-Jun-2028

#### Cumulative Disbursements



### Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

### Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.