



Rural Economy Development Project (P168326)

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Implementing Agencies: The Republic of Tajikistan, The Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Committee of Tourism Development

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 20-Jun-2019

Effectiveness Date: 27-Jun-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 28-Mar-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 02-Dec-2024

Revised Closing Date: 02-Dec-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

Project Development Objective is to improve the sources of livelihood for local populations in GBAO and Khatlon through tourism and agribusiness.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1 - Improve public infrastructure for development of tourism, agribusiness and related sectors:(Cost \$12.00 M)

Component 2 - Support to MSMEs and entrepreneurs in the tourism, agribusiness, and related sectors:(Cost \$8.20 M)

Component 3 - Capacity building and business development services in tourism, agribusiness and related sectors:(Cost \$6.90 M)

Component 4 - Project coordination, implementation and Grant Program Management and Administration:(Cost \$2.90 M)

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"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Several large procurement packages have been completed including the hiring of the Grant Management Company to administer the grant and matching grant program. The company to design the landscape beautification and general improvement for the three selected Khatlon sites has developed the design for cultural heritage sites in Khatlon ready for adaptation by the local relevant agency to start the construction. The company was hired to hold a diagnostic study for the Yamchun Fortress rehabilitation. Several agribusiness experts have been hired to support rehabilitation of food safety labs and market infrastructure, including an agribusiness coordinator who serves as a liaison between the Project Implementation Unit and the Ministry of Agriculture.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To improve the livelihood for local populations in GBAO and Khatlon through tourism and agribusiness				
▶ Increased number of tourists in GBAO and Khatlon (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	20,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	36,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Due to COVID-19 travel bans, the 2020 tourism season was practically suspended.			
▶ Increased tourism spending in GBAO and Khatlon (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10,000,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	18,000,000.00



Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Due to COVID-19 travel bans, the 2020 tourism season was practically suspended.			
► Increase in the volume of processed agrifood products in GBAO and Khatlon (Tones/year, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2019	20-Sep-2019	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	This indicator was calculated based on the data available for production/processing of apples, lemons, and milk as target groups of agricultural products under the project			
► Number of jobs created through the project interventions in GBAO and Khatlon, of which 50% for women and youth (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Number of permanent and temporary jobs created as a result of (i) tourism and agribusiness activities funded by grants and matching grants provided under the project; (ii) number of jobs created for the rehabilitation of selected tourist sites and local tourism attractions; (iii) number of jobs created to facilitate the grants and matching grants scheme for grants beneficiaries; (iv) number of jobs created to provide technical assistance for public and private stakeholders involved in the project implementation. Preferential treatment will be given to the vulnerable groups (women and youth to ensure that up to 50% of jobs secured for them)			
► Decreased NEET rate of 15-to-24-years-old men (Percentage) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	7.20	7.20	7.20	5.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Access to educational and training programs of prime age population under the project			
► Decreased NEET rate of 15-to-24-years-old women (percentage) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	49.00	49.00	49.00	42.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Access to educational and training programs of prime age population under the project			

Overall Comments



The indicators related to the community-based and matching grants will be updated for 2021-2022 once the grants program will be launched in early 2022 (the delay to launch the grant program was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which delays the hiring of the Grant Management Company). The tourism-related indicators will be updated once the travel restrictions imposed by COVID-19 pandemic will be eased.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1 - Improve public infrastructure for the development of tourism and agribusiness				
► Number of bazaars and other agribusiness related infrastructure improved under the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Number of public markets identified under the program rehabilitated, including cold storages at the markets			
► Number of sites with tourism signage installed (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Touristic signs installed at selected tourist attractions/sites agreed with the relevant governmental authorities			
► Number of upgraded food safety laboratories (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	30-Jun-2025
Comments:	Number of laboratories at the public market equipped with new technologies under the project			
► Number of tourist sites rehabilitated under the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Four selected tourist sites rehabilitated gradually in accordance with the timeline developed under the project			



Component 2 - Support to MSMEs and entrepreneurs in the tourism, agribusiness, and related sectors				
► Number of homestays, rest stops and restaurants improved (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Number of homestays, restaurants and rest stops improved/established with the contribution from matching grants provided under the program			
► Number of small scale post harvesting processing and cold storage facilities established (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Number of small scale post harvesting processing and cold storage facilities to also contribute into climate mitigation by reducing food spoilage in extreme heat			
► Percentage of beneficiaries reporting improved satisfaction with the transparency and responsiveness of the beneficiary feedback mechanism for the grants programs. (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	27-May-2024
Comments:	Beneficiary feedback mechanism to be established by the Grant Management Company to ensure feedback and satisfaction with the the grants programs from grant beneficiaries.			
► Number of collection points for agricultural products established (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Number of collection points established to bring together producers and processors			
► Incremental increase in visits to the sites after they are rehabilitated under the project (Number (Thousand), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Visits to rehabilitated sites in accordance with the commercialization plans developed for each site			



Component 3 - Capacity building and business development services in tourism and agribusiness				
▶ Number of people trained, 50% of which are women (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	28-Jun-2024
Comments:	Number of people trained under the program, including those who possess higher-level education (hotel/catering managers), semi-level education (tourist guides) and on-the-job training for low-skilled workers (waiters, cleaning staff, and landscaping crews, with preference given to individuals from vulnerable groups)			
▶ Number of familiarization tours organized for external tour operators to see what Tajikistan may offer to tourists (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Number of familiarization tours organized to bring international tour operators into Tajikistan for their familiarization with the country and its offering to various segments of tourists			
▶ Number of local and international trade fairs attended by representatives of Tajik tourism and agribusiness sectors to promote their sectors (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	2.00	4.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Trade fairs to be held for promotion of both tourism-related and agribusiness activities together and separately			

Component 4. Project coordination, implementation and Grant Program Management and Administration				
▶ Number of outreach campaigns for potential grants beneficiaries held under the project to ensure inclusiveness (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Number of outreach campaigns designed and monitored by the Grant Management Company and held by facilitators of the grant programs for potential grant beneficiaries			
▶ Number of proposals collected by the Grant Management Company from each facilitator after each round of Calls of Proposals (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2019	20-Sep-2020	20-Sep-2020	31-May-2024
Comments:	Facilitators to work with each of 32 districts to outreach potential grant beneficiaries and help them develop proposals for the submission to the Grant Management Company			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

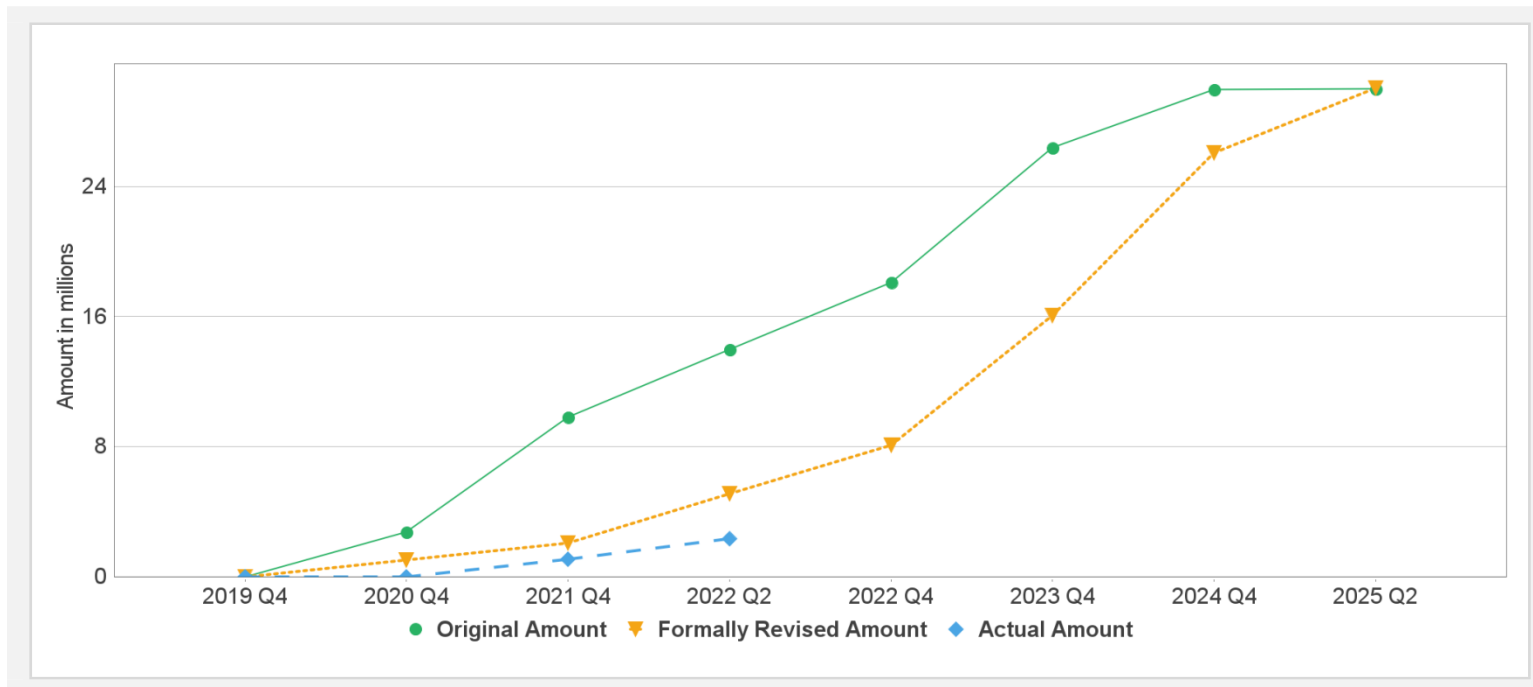
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P168326	IDA-D4980	Effective	USD	30.00	30.00	0.00	2.31	28.18	7.6%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P168326	IDA-D4980	Effective	20-Jun-2019	15-Jan-2020	27-Jun-2020	02-Dec-2024	02-Dec-2024

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

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
