



## Emergency Income Support and Training Project (P167368)

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN | St Maarten | Social Protection & Jobs Global Practice |  
Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2019 | Seq No: 5 | ARCHIVED on 26-Dec-2020 | ISR45145 |

Implementing Agencies: Sint Maarten, National Recovery Program Bureau

## Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 02-Aug-2018

Effectiveness Date: 09-Aug-2018

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 30-Jun-2021

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2020

Revised Closing Date: 31-May-2022

## Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the Project is to provide temporary income support, improve the employability of affected beneficiaries in targeted sectors, and strengthen the social protection system's capacity for shock-response and protection of the poor.

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

No

## Components Table

Name

Component 1. Supporting the implementation of the Emergency Income Support and Training Program ("EISTP");(Cost \$20560385.00 M)

Component 2. Strengthening institutional capacity to enhance the social protection system:(Cost \$1124000.00 M)

Component 3. Project Management:(Cost \$815615.00 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"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

## Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project has made substantial progress from June-December 2020. The project has disbursed US\$19.91 million representing 89% percent of total Grant proceeds and is on track to achieve the Project Development Objectives.

### Component 1. Supporting the Implementation of the Emergency Income Support and Training Program (EISTP)

The Emergency Income Support and Training Program financed under the Trust Fund was successfully completed in September 2020. The program provided training to build or upgrade skills and enhance the employability of the un- and under-employed affected by the Hurricane Irma of 2017. The training was tailored to meet the skills demands of employers of key economic sectors such as the tourism and construction sectors. The courses delivered and certifications issued included hospitality, culinary delivered by the Sint Maarten Training Foundation (SMTF), training on occupations on the Construction sector delivered by the National Institute of Professional Advancement (NIPA), and history and culture, and English



as a second language delivered by the University of St. Maarten. The Program was implemented from August 2020 to September 2020, however the Government of St. Maarten recently approved national funds to finance an extension of the program to a few, mainly existing beneficiaries, for a new training round on history and culture and English as a second language. Building on the existing capacity, the Program continues to be administrated by the SMTF.

The Program, with Trust Fund financing, was implemented from August 2018 to September 2020. During this time, 1984 participants were enrolled in the Program in key occupational areas of which 1331 have been verified by the Stichting OverheidsAccountants Bureau (SOAB) to have received income support and have complied with attending training courses. The verification of the remainder 653 participants has been recently concluded and is under review. During this time the Program graduated and certified 1508 participants in hospitality and culinary courses, some of which continued training and completed the history and culture, and English as a second language courses. Moreover, 336 participants graduated from the construction related courses. The Program had an outstanding graduation rate of 93 percent compared to other international experiences in the Latin America and the Caribbean region of about 80 percent. The participants who could not complete training were mostly women and likely exited the program mainly because of opportunity costs such as finding full-time jobs while in training or household responsibilities as is usually observed in the region. The program, however, benefitted mostly women (69 percent), and also benefitted youth (16 percent), and reached two of every four unemployed in the country (based on the 2018 Labor Force Survey).

It is expected that the graduates will be linked to employment support services (jobs counseling and searching) to be provided by the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA for its Dutch acronym)-Labor Office.

### Component 2. Strengthening the institutional capacity to enhance the social protection system

This component is implemented by the National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB) with the technical lead of the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor (VSA for its acronyms in Dutch). The objective of this component is to improve the social protection system's capacity to better coordinate social programs and respond to disasters and other shocks by developing an Integrated Social Registry System (ISRS) to support needs assessments, registration, identification and selection of the people in most need and the vulnerable. To date, the contract for the design and the development of the social registry was signed. The lockdown and foreseeable social distancing measures impacted the execution of data collection activities associated with developing the ISRS. However, these activities have been rescheduled for the first semester of June 2021 and the surveys could be collected online, and/or by phone and household visits. The process will be accompanied by a communications strategy to collect information on some key socio-economic needs of individuals to register in the social registry.

### Component 3 Project Management

The NRPB staff required to execute the project is complete and its institutional capacity for project implementation has been further developed. A procurement plan for the project has been approved and is publicly available in the Bank's Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system, website <https://step.worldbank.org/>.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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



**Results**

**PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes**

Provide temporary income support and improve employability				
► Number of Beneficiaries enrolled in the EISTP receiving income support on a monthly basis in exchange for their participation in EISTP training, and achieved the minimum attendance rate (Number, Custom, PBC)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	727.00	1,331.00	1,331.00	1,155.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	The program has enrolled 1,984 participants of which 1,331 qualified participants were verified to have received income support and complied with attending training. This number is based on latest Disbursement-linked indicators verification carried out by the OverheidsAccountants Bureau (SOAB) in September 2019. The verification of the remainder 653 participants have been completed and is under review.			

Provide income support and improve employability				
► Number of Beneficiaries enrolled in the EISTP receiving income support on a monthly basis in exchange for their participation in training and achieved the minimum attendance rate – female (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	420.00	887.00	887.00	670.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	Calculation is based on 1,331 verified participants, Disbursement-linked indicator.			
► Percentage of beneficiaries who complete training in an occupational area (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	65.00	93.00	50.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	Calculation is based on 1984 participants and on latest graduation of trainees carried out in September 2020.			
► Percentage of beneficiaries who complete training in an occupational area – percentage female (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	42.00	66.00	50.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022



Comments:	Calculation is based on 1984 participants and on latest graduation of trainees carried out in September 2020.
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<b>Strengthen institutional capacity to enhance the social protection system</b>				
▶ Number of records in the Social Registry (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	The contract for the design and development of the Integrated Social Registry System (ISRS) was signed in October 2020. The first two modules of the social registry – registration and information processing are expected to be developed in the first semester of 2021.			

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

<b>Component 1 Supporting the implementation of the Emergency Income Support and Training Program-EISTP</b>				
▶ Beneficiaries of labor market programs (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	727.00	1,979.00	1,984.00	1,800.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	TThere is a difference of 653 participants with respect to the value reported above of 1,984 because 653 participants enrolled in the Program between the end of the verification period (May-September 2019) and March 2020 and have been recently verified by the Stitching OverheidsAccountants Bureau (SOAB) and the report is under review			
□ Beneficiaries of labor market programs - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	420.00	1,366.00	1,371.00	1,080.00
▶ Percentage of unemployed beneficiaries as a share of total number of beneficiaries in the Program (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	76.00	76.00	20.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	Comments:	This calculation is based on 1,984 participants reported above		



► Percentage of unemployed beneficiaries, of which youth (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	17.00	16.00	20.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	The current value of 16% is less than the previous value of 17% because the total amount of enrolled participants fluctuates. Participants aged 18-24 years old comprise the majority of the participants. This calculation is based on 1,984 participants reported above.			
► Percentage of unemployed beneficiaries that complete training in an occupational area (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	43.00	70.00	50.00
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	This value is based on latest graduation of trainees carried out in September 2020.			

Component 2. Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Enhance the Social Protection System				
► The Social Registry is designed and developed (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	None	None	None	Registry developed
Date	01-May-2018	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	31-May-2022
Comments:	The contract for the Design and Development of the Integrated Social Registry System (ISRS) was signed in October 2020.			

### Performance-Based Conditions

► PBC 1 Number of Beneficiaries enrolled in the EISTP receiving income support on a monthly basis in exchange for their participation in EISTP training, and achieved the minimum attendance rate (Number, Outcome, 17,271,975.00, 108.68%)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	December 2019
Value	727.00	1,331.00	1,331.00	--



Date	--	29-May-2020	24-Dec-2020	--
Comments:	The difference between 832 participants (reported above) and these 750 participants is explained by participants exiting the program due to: i) participants re-entered their jobs or found a job opportunity (5%) ii) participants dropping out of the program for other reasons (5%)			

**Data on Financial Performance**

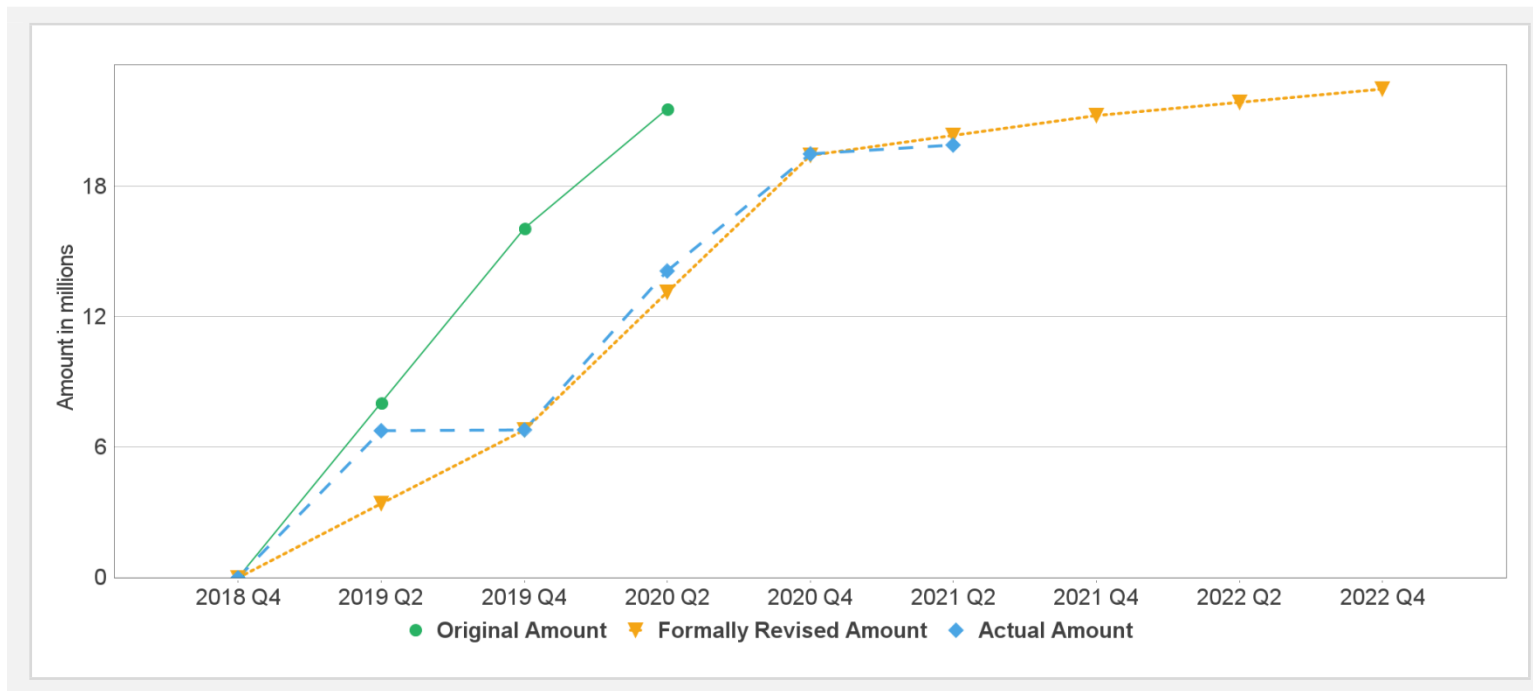
**Disbursements (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P167368	TF-A8265	Effective	USD	22.50	22.50	0.00	19.91	2.59	88%

**Key Dates (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P167368	TF-A8265	Effective	02-Aug-2018	06-Aug-2018	09-Aug-2018	30-Jun-2020	31-May-2022

**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 27-Nov-2019

### **Related Project(s)**

P173311-Additional Financing Emergency Income Support and Training Project

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