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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations, Ministry of Finance

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 01-Jul-2019   Effectiveness Date: 18-Nov-2019

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 07-Oct-2022   Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2024   Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve inclusion of poor and vulnerable people in the social assistance system and labor market, including those affected by the economic reforms in Uzbekistan.

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

No

Components Table

Name
Modernizing the Social Safety Net:(Cost $5.00 M)
Improving the Effectiveness of Active Labor Market Programs:(Cost $41.00 M)
Project Monitoring and Management:(Cost $4.00 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project became effective on November 18, 2019 and was subsequently adopted by the Government through the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution #669 issued on October 30, 2020.
The project is on track to achieve its PDO and is expected to contribute to the economic and social crisis response by supporting the delivery of social assistance and employment programs for the unemployed. The overall implementation of moderately satisfactory. The procurement of key hardware equipment for the national roll out of the Single Registry is pending MOF's approval. An assessment of the Single registry software and operational procedures is underway to inform future developments and expansion.
The Subsidies Financing Manual (SFM) regulating the disbursement of employment subsidies is close to being finalized and adopted by MELR and MOF. Progress has been made on the procurement packages for key activities under component 2, including (i) hardware and software for the LMIS Backup Data Center; (ii) entrepreneurship training, (iii) information campaigns; and (iv) equipment for the Jobs Multifunctional Centers. The

following two activities are priorities for the coming months: (i) case management and job matching TA and (ii) functional review of Employment Support Centers.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Outcome 1. Increased share of poor families supported by social benefits

►Share of people in the poorest quintile that are receiving social benefits for low-income families (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	31.00	31.00	31.00	37.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	Coverage of all three combined family allowances among households in the poorest quintile of the pre-social assistance consumption national distribution			

Outcome 2. Improved employability of vulnerable jobseekers

►Share of employment subsidy (any type) beneficiaries who have a job 6 months after program completion (disaggregated by vulnerable groups and sex) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	28-Feb-2019	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of difficult to employed individuals who have a job in six months after receiving any of the three employment subsidies supported by the project – disaggregated by type: women, youth, returning migrants, low income workers. No data has been produced so far to measure this indicator.			

□Share of female employment subsidy (any type) beneficiaries who have a job 6 months after program completion (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	24-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2024

►Share of employment subsidy (any type) beneficiaries who have a job 12 months after program completion (disaggregated by vulnerable groups and sex) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of difficult to employed individuals who have a job in twelve months after receiving any of the three employment subsidies supported by the project – disaggregated by type: women, youth, returning migrants, low income workers. No data has been produced so far to measure this indicator.			

□Share of female employment subsidy (any) beneficiaries who have a job 12 months after program completion (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	24-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2024

►Share of vulnerable jobseekers who find a job through ESC intermediation services (disaggregated by vulnerable groups and sex) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	40.00	40.00	40.00	45.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the job placement through ESC intermediation services for vulnerable groups – disaggregated by type: women, youth, displaced workers, returning migrants, PWDs, social assistance beneficiaries. Share of jobseekers, not only vulnerable, who find jobs			

☐Share of female vulnerable jobseekers who find a job through ESC intermediation services (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	25.00	25.00	25.00	35.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	24-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2024

►Share of beneficiaries of the entrepreneurship skills training awarded financial support whose business is operational 12 months after completing training (disaggregated by sex) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of people who received entrepreneurship skills training and financial support to keep their business operational 12 months after the training completion. The data will be disaggregated by sex			

☐Share of female beneficiaries of the entrepreneurship skills training awarded financial support whose business is operational 12 months after completing training (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	24-Apr-2020	31-Dec-2024

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1. Modernizing the Social Safety Net in Uzbekistan

►Number of districts implementing the outreach activities included in the adopted outreach strategy (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of districts which received outreach activities			

►Number of households registered the social registry (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	25,266.00	939,347.00	1,000,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	11-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of households applying to be registered in the social registry			

►Number of inactive work-able individuals registered in the single registry referred to ESCs (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of work-able individuals registered in the single social registry (or via their household) and referred to ESCs to benefit from Employment Services. Wok able members with no formal declared income are required to register with ESC. The number exists but is not available,			

►Share of social benefit applicants satisfied with the selection process (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicators measures the level of satisfaction with the selection process by social benefit applicants. Not yet due. It will be tracked in year 2 and 4 through the beneficiary assessments.			

►Number of administrative units (districts) adopting the Single Registry to select beneficiaries of low income family allowances (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	11.00	89.00	200.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of administrative units of the Republic of Uzbekistan that adopted the Single Registry			

►Number of officials trained in the use of the Single Registry (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	345.00	1,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of officials of who received training on the use of the Single Registry. The previous value was incorrectly coded as "23" instead of "0".			

►Average time between the day appplication is submitted and the day the eligibility decision is made (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	20.00	15.00	15.00	5.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024

| Comments: | This indicator measures the speed of taking decision on the benefit provision. This means the average number of days between the day applicants submit their applications to the day of receiving notification of either approval or rejection to low income family allowances. | | | |

►Regular social assistance reports produced from the single registry that are published in the website (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the improved monitoring system for social benefits, including number of applicants, beneficiaries, payments made, complaints etc.			

►Share of complaints received and recorded in the Single Registry that are addressed (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the share of complaints received through GRM tool and addressed on time. The time required for addressing the complaint will be defined by the MoF in its corresponding documents			

Component 2. Improving the Effectiveness of Active Labor Market Programs

►Job councellors trained in the use of profiling and referral tools (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator reflects the number of ESC job counselors trained through the Project training activities - disaggregated by gender			

►Share of registered jobseekers referred to existing ALMPs (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	38.00	38.00	38.00	40.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator reflects the number of registered jobseekers who are referred to existing ALMPs			

►Number of ESC's contacts with employers (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

Value	25,000.00	36,290.00	36,290.00	50,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	31-Mar-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator tracks the number of contacts the ESCs made with employers to check or follow up on job vacancies and job referrals			

►Number of beneficiaries of employment subsidies (any of the three types supported by the project, by sex and vulnerable groups) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	01-Jan-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator monitors the number of beneficiaries who benefit from any of the three employment subsidy. The number is disaggregated by sex to track impacts of the benefit on female jobseekers, and by vulnerable groups			

►Number of participants who complete the entrepreneurship training, by sex (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator monitors the number of participants who complete the entrepreneurship training. The data will be disaggregated by sex			

►Share of graduates of the entrepreneuship training who launch a business after completing the training (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator monitors the number of people who launched a business after completing the entrepreneurship training. The data will also be disaggregated by sex			

►Jobseekers' profiles generated in LMIS (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of applicants' profiles created in LMIS			

►Private enterprises receiving advisory and information services on training provision (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator describes the number of micro, small and medium private enterprises received consulting services on individualized business development and skills needs through the activities provided by the Project			

Component 3. Project Monitoring and Management

►Percentage of project beneficiaries satisfied with activities supported by the project, disaggregated by social assitance and LM interventions (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	25-Oct-2019	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the share of beneficiaries who confirmed that the Project has established effective engagement processes.			

►An M&E framework for MELR developed and regularly updated (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	The M&E framework will include key performance indicators tracking MELR's labor market interventions to inform policy decision making			

►Regular labor market reports of MELR produced based on information from the LMIS and the M&E system (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of labor markets reports produced by MELR based on information from ISWO and LMIS supported by the Project			

►A report produced, finalized and disseminated assessing the employers' skill demand survey data (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	31-Dec-2018	24-Apr-2020	06-Nov-2020	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	The employer survey data analysis will assess the short term skills demand by employers and inform the development of a medium term skills forecast instrument			

Performance-Based Conditions
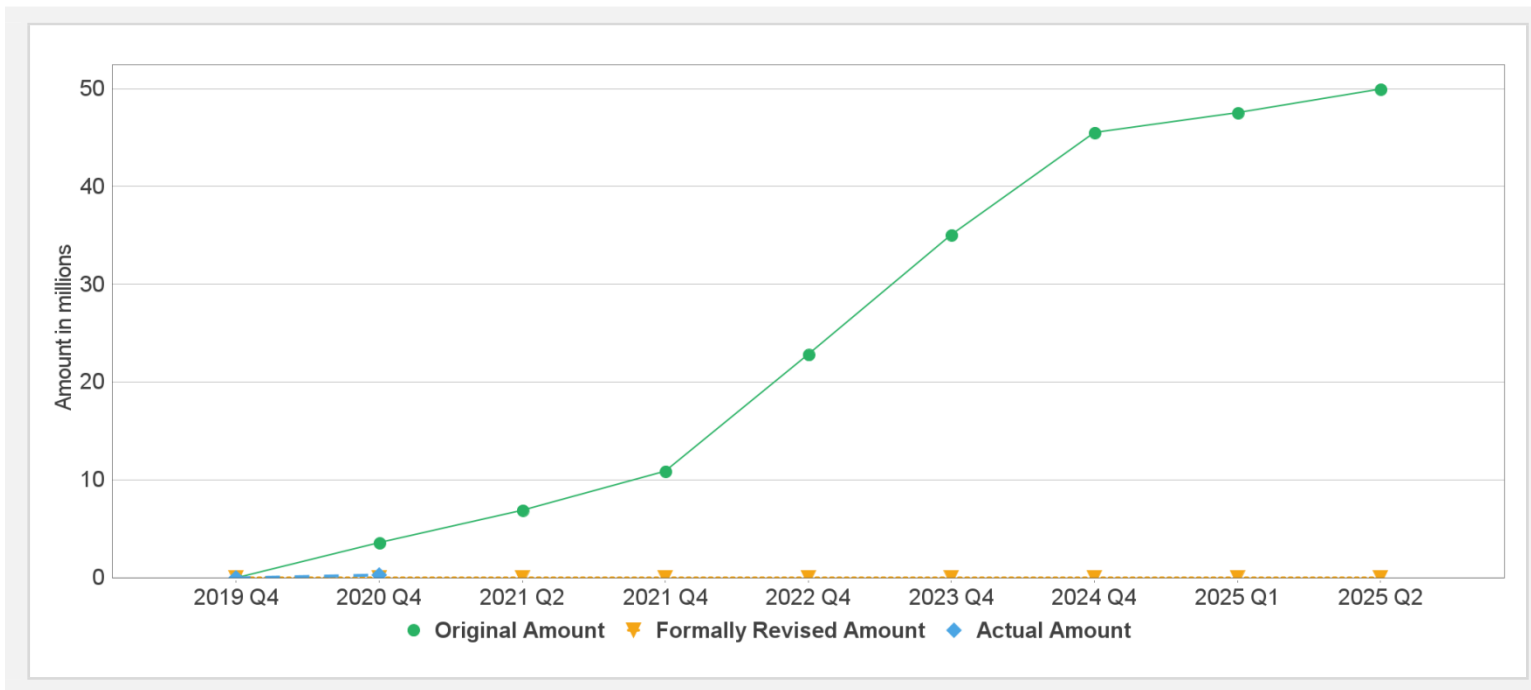
Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		% Disbursed
P166447	IDA-64460	Effective	USD	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.25	49.75		0.5%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P166447	IDA-64460	Effective	01-Jul-2019	19-Jul-2019	18-Nov-2019	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024

Cumulative Disbursements

PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.