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International Statistical Institute (ISI) : Support Developing Countries' Participation in Conferences, Workshops and Short Course (P164458)

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ON A
PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING
OF
INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE (ISI) : SUPPORT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS AND SHORT COURSE
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

IASS	International Association of Survey Statisticians
ISBIS	International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics
ISI	International Statistical Institute
LISA	Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis
RSC	Regional Statistical Conference
SCB	Statistical Capacity Building
WSC	World Statistics Congress



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BASIC DATA

Product Information

Project ID P164458	Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing
Original EA Category	Current EA Category
Approval Date 08-Feb-2018	Current Closing Date 30-Jun-2020

Organizations

Borrower International Statistical Institute (ISI)	Responsible Agency International Statistical Institute (ISI)
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Financing (in USD Million)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	0
Total Financing	0
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS



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Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

A core objective of the project is to facilitate and support the participation of statisticians from developing countries in statistical conferences, such as the ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC), ISI Regional Statistics Conference (RSC), Associations' conferences, workshops and short courses to develop networks and statistical skills among statisticians in, or in support of, official statistics.

Summary Status of Financing

TF	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net		
					Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
TF-A6829	08-Feb-2018	12-Mar-2018	12-Mar-2018	30-Jun-2020	.30	.25	.05

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

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I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING

The International Statistical Institute's (ISI) World Statistics Congress (WSC) provides a unique opportunity for statisticians to gain knowledge about best practices from leading experts and managers and also to network with international statisticians from over 100 countries. The WSC satellite meetings focus on specialized topics, such as official, survey, and educational statistics; and the WSC short courses allow the attendees to be trained in key methodological areas. Also, ISI's Regional Statistics Congresses (RSCs) take place in developing regions in the world and are invaluable for strengthening regional networks and building local capacity. Customized regional workshops in leadership, management, data literacy and statistical methods also contribute to support the development of best practices and innovation among the next generation of leaders in official statistics in developing countries.

First request for an extension of the original deadline from March 1, 2020 till June 30, 2020 was made by the recipient to reschedule and accommodate the ISI Regional Conference to be conducted in May of 2020 in Zambia. However, recent COVID-19 pandemic has halted the activities ISI has planned and delayed the implementation beyond current closing date of June 30, 2020. Furthermore, the expenditure for the ISI/ Irvin Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics' High-Level Workshop on Data Governance in Tunis in November 2019 was much lower than the budgeted amount due to contributions from the African Union.

ISI has requested additional extension of the Grant Agreement till December 31, 2020. There are no outstanding audit reports, all compliance regarding reporting as per the grant agreement has been received and satisfactory.

The workplan for the remaining period proposes a combination of face-to-face workshops (mostly locally organized) and virtual events, mainly webinars. Since the pandemic hit, ISI has setup a working relation with the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis (LISA) 2020 project <https://sites.google.com/colorado.edu/lisa2020>, led by Prof Eric Vance. This successful project with a large number of 'StatsLabs' in developing countries provides a sound and trustworthy framework for conducting the workshops for students and young researchers in Nigeria and few other African countries.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Since face to face meetings and international travel could not be organized into foreseeable future, the capacity building efforts have been organized differently adapting remote/distance mode and small group courses when allowed. The proposed new activities estimated to cost roughly \$55,000 which is the same as the remaining balance in disbursement account. Revised plan of activities for the extension period June – December 2020 and potential number of participants are:

1. The International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics
It is a regional workshop on Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics to be conducted in December 2020 in Nigeria. Virtual/hybrid: hybrid
Number of participants: 10 regional participants and 30 local participants from Nigeria
Budget (roughly): USD 3,500
2. ISI and Associations Webinar programme for statistical development.
Title "Statistics societies and associations that leave no one behind" to conduct web workshops in August, September, October and November 2020 plus Event to release online content in December 2020.



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Organiser(s) ISI SCB and ISI Associations among others

Number of participants. Each around include up to 50 participants mostly from Africa but open to other regions. Budget (roughly). To utilize the available funds for organizing and preparing materials from the workshops to be shared with wider audiences.

Online content will be designed for use across Africa and beyond to highlight the kind of statistical capacity we need statistical societies to develop to leave no one behind. Target audience governments, political leaders, philanthropists.

o Web-workshop 1. Lessons from COVID-19: the statistical capacity we need to leave no one behind

o Web-workshop 2. Building strong membership of statistical associations in Africa to help leave no one behind

o Web-workshop 3. Black lives matter: all lives matter. The role of official statistics in shining a light on injustice

o Web-workshop 4. Calling out fake statistics: how to uphold Fundamental Principle 4 and meet people's human right to be informed with trustworthy statistics if no one is to be left behind

Budget: 15,000 USD for Webinars platform licenses and Production cost (recording, animations)

3. Third LISA 2020 Symposium.

Titled "Connecting to Build Capacity to Transform Evidence into Action and Celebrate the International Year of Women in Statistics and Data Science" organized in different countries in cooperation with ISI Statistical Capacity Building Committee (SCB).

The LISA 2020 program trains local statisticians in developing countries to collaborate with researchers and policy makers to transform evidence into action for development. The LISA network of stat labs builds capacity in statistics and data science to help non-statisticians advance in their careers, to strengthen current statisticians' ability to collaborate with domain experts to solve problems, and to inspire future generations to pursue statistics and data science. ISI SCB recently started a cooperation with LISA, sharing the same goals.

4. Online workshop 'Tidyverse for Data Science'

Together with the LISA project and Lahore College for Women University Lahore Pakistan, ISI is planning to support this workshop in October 2020 in Lahore Pakistan. Virtual/Hybrid: virtual

Number of participants: 40 from Pakistan

Budget (roughly): 900 USD

5. The International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics

Regional Conference India to be conducted between December 28-30, 2020

Organizer(s): Cochin University of Science and Technology, ISBIS

Place (if not virtual): Cochin University of Science and Technology. Virtual/hybrid: hybrid

Number of participants: 50 regional participants (Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan) and 50 local participants from India. Budget (roughly): 3,000 USD

6. Webinars for Building capacity in Data Analytics and Data Science in a Developing Country through Marketing

Women in Analytics: Virtual covering of a Live event for grade 11 Girls to show them the potential of studying Data Analytics/Data Science as a future career choice

Dudes in Data: Virtual covering of a LIVE event for grade 11 Boys to show them the potential of studying Data Analytics/Data Science as a future career choice

Date(s): July 2020 – December 2020

Organizer(s): University of KwaZulu-Natal, prof. Delia North and ISI

Place (if not virtual): Durban. Virtual/hybrid: Zoom platform

Number of participants: 200 regional participants and 100 local participants from South Africa



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Budget (roughly): 7,000 USD

7. Play with real data - How to do an effective data analysis in business

Date(s): 29 Oct 2020

Organizer(s): Amar Gostaran Nikoo Pardaz Alvand, Bu-Ali Sina University

Place (if not virtual): Hamedan, Iran

Number of participants: 30 regional participants and 70 local from Iran

Budget (roughly): 2,000 USD

8. International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)

Survey Sampling and Survey Methods using R to conduct three courses for NSO on Survey Sampling and Survey Methods Topics using R between September - November 2020.

Organiser(s): IASS, with ISI SCB. Virtual

Number of participants 25 in each from Peru, Colombia, and Philippines.

Budget (roughly): 4,500 USD (1,500 USD per instructor per course)

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III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

	Changed	Not Changed
Loan Closing Date(s)	✓	
Disbursement Estimates	✓	
Implementation Schedule	✓	
Implementing Agency		✓
Project's Development Objectives		✓
Results Framework		✓
Components and Cost		✓
Cancellations Proposed		✓
Additional Financing Proposed		✓
Reallocation between Disbursement Categories		✓
Disbursements Arrangements		✓
Change in Overall Risk Rating		✓
Safeguard Policies Triggered		✓
EA category		✓
Legal Covenants		✓



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Institutional Arrangements		✓
Financial Management		✓
Procurement		✓
Other Change(s)		✓
Economic and Financial Analysis		✓
Technical Analysis		✓
Social Analysis		✓
Environmental Analysis		✓

IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)

LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

TF	Status	Original Closing	Revised Closing(s)	Proposed Closing	Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications
TF-A6829	Effective	12-Mar-2020	30-Jun-2020	31-Dec-2020	30-Apr-2021

DISBURSEMENT ESTIMATES

Change in Disbursement Estimates
Yes

Expected Disbursements (In US\$)

Fiscal Year	Annual	Cumulative
2018	0.00	0.00
2019	0.00	0.00
2020	0.00	0.00
2021	0.00	0.00
2022	0.00	0.00
2023	0.00	0.00
2024	0.00	0.00



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2025	0.00	0.00
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