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DRC Digital Transformation Project (P180495)

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1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 Development Objective

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Approval package on 09-Jul-2024)

To increase inclusive access and use of the internet, and strengthen the foundations for digitally enabled services in DRC

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

No

2. COMPONENTS

Name
1. Expanding digital access and inclusion:(Cost 385,000,000.00)
2. Introducing digital foundations for service delivery:(Cost 55,000,000.00)
3. Increasing access to industry-relevant advanced digital skills & stimulating digital innovation:(Cost 45,000,000.00)
4. Institutional Coordination and Project Management:(Cost 25,000,000.00)
5. CERC:(Cost 0.00)

3. OVERALL RATINGS

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

4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS

4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project was approved on June 27, 2024, under Phase 1 of the IDEA MPA (signed November 25, 2024), with IDA financing becoming effective on June 24, 2025.
Under Component 1, the detailed investment strategy for awarding catalytic gap financing for backbone network links is being developed. Technical assistance is being onboarded to support the Universal Services Fund (FDSU), and develop the investment strategy for last-mile network expansion. An initial phase of government connectivity investments in Kinshasa is expected in the the short-term.
Under Component 2, technical assistance for developing the underlying strategic, governance and technical frameworks for the deployment of shared infrastructure/platforms for scaling e-services, including trust services, is being onboarded.
Under Component 3, the grant manual for digital start-up support is being finalized and a grant manager is due to be onboarded that will allow for launch of targeted support for start-ups in the next 6 months. Technical assistance being onboarded to support design of grant-based mechanism for scaling innovation centers and advanced digital skills training.
Under Component 4, a dedicated project implementation unit has been established.

4.2 MPA Program Development Objective

Original MPA Program Development Objective (Approved as part of (Seq. 0) package on)

Current MPA Program Development Objective (Approved as part of (Seq.) package on)

5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL

Risk Category	Rating at Approval Approval Package - 09 Jul 2024	Last Approved Rating ISR Seq. 02 - 11 Apr 2025	Proposed Rating
Political and Governance	High	High	High
Macroeconomic	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	Moderate	Substantial	Substantial

Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Fiduciary	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Environment and Social	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Stakeholders	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Other	Substantial	High	High
Overall	High	Substantial	Substantial

6. RESULTS

6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes

Increase inclusive access and use of the internet								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People using broadband internet (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	30,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results will be recorded once the initial connectivity tenders are launched. The indicator will be removed during the upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology. Currently, there are triplicate RF entries for this indicator - two at PDO and one a intermediary results level.					
People using broadband internet – Youth (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029
People using broadband internet – Female (Number of people)	0	Apr/2029	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	15,000,000	Dec/2029
People using broadband internet (new use) (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	80,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results will be recorded once the initial connectivity tenders are launched. This would reflect users in new public buildings connected incl. government offices, schools, hospitals etc. The indicator may be revised during the upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology. Currently, there are triplicate RF entries for this indicator - two at PDO and one a intermediary results level.						

People using broadband internet (new use) - Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	38,400	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 50.4% female in 2024					
People using broadband internet (new use) - Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	20,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on the number of schools to be connect and students per school.					
People using broadband internet (inferred use) (Number of people) CRI	19,451,175	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	19,451,175	30-Apr-2024	30,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results will be recorded once the initial connectivity tenders are launched. This would reflect new users expected based on first- and middle-mile network deployments financed. The indicator may be revised during the upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology. Currently, there are triplicate RF entries for this indicator - two at PDO and one a intermediary results level.					
People using broadband internet (inferred use) - Female (Number of people) CRI	9,803,393	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	9,803,393	30-Apr-2024	15,120,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 50.4% female in 2024					
People using broadband internet (inferred use) - Youth (Number of people) CRI	8,947,540	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	8,947,540	30-Apr-2024	13,800,000	Dec/2025
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 46% youth					
People using broadband internet (enhanced use) (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	19,451,175	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results will be recorded once the initial connectivity tenders are launched and regulatory support is provided. This will reflect current users benefiting from services at higher speeds					

			and/or lower prices based on regulator support provided and/or infrastructure investments made. The indicator may be revised during the upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology. Currently, there are triplicate RF entries for this indicator - two at PDO and one a intermediary results level.					
People using broadband internet (enhanced use) - Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	9,803,392	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 50.4% female in 2024					
People using broadband internet (enhanced use) - Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	8,947,540	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 46% youth					
Volume of international data traffic: Used international bandwidth in kbit/s per capita (Number)	6.56	Apr/2024	6.56	30-Apr-2024	6.56	10-Oct-2025	20	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results will be recorded once the initial connectivity tenders are launched, which include deployment of new cross-border links.					
Strengthen the foundations for digitally-enabled services								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People using digitally enabled services (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator will be removed in upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology. Currently, there are duplicate RF entries for this indicator at PDO-level.					
People using digitally enabled services –	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029

Youth (Number of people)								
People using digitally enabled services – Female (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	500,000	Dec/2024
People using digitally enabled services (new services) (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1,000,000	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		Results expected at the tail-end of the project based on initial service usage on the unified digital platform for accessing government eservices to be established. The indicator may be revised in upcoming restructuring to align with the updated World Bank scorecard methodology.					
People using digitally enabled services (new services) - Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	504,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 50.4% female in 2024					
People using digitally enabled services (new services) - Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	460,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 46% youth					
People using digitally enabled services (enhanced services) (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		No enhanced usage expected					
People using digitally enabled services (enhanced services) - Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 50.4% female in 2024					

People using digitally enabled services (enhanced services) - Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Based on demographic data: population 46% youth					
Graduates of advanced digital skills training programs (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	3,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		A first batch of civil servants to be certified in advanced digital skills training such as cybersecurity to prepare for downstream investments planned. Technical assistance being onboarded to support design of grant-based mechanism for scaling advanced training.					
Female (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1,000	Dec/2029

6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Expanding digital access and inclusion								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People using broadband internet (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	30,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Duplicate indicator entry - see PDO level. Will be removed in upcoming restructuring.					
People using broadband internet – Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	15,000,000	Dec/2029
People using broadband internet – Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029

FDSU operationalized (Yes/No)	No	Apr/2024	No	04-Apr-2025	Yes	10-Oct-2025	Yes	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Management and staff have been appointed to the Universal Service Fund (FDSU), and funds due to be received. FDSU will be supported further via the project.					
Retail price of a standard package of mobile data services per month, as a share of GNI per capita (Percentage)	10.30	Apr/2024	10.10	04-Apr-2025	10.10	10-Oct-2025	5.10	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results expected based on regulatory support and connectivity investments to be made.					
Climate-resilient and energy efficient fiber optic network added (Kilometers)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	10,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Strategy and tenders for linked investments being prepared.					
New communities covered by mobile broadband internet, based on new or upgraded network sites (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	650	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Strategy and tenders for linked investments being prepared.					
Public institutions provided with new or improved access to broadband (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Initial phase of government connectivity investments in Kinshasa expected in the next six months, with wider planning due proceed in parallel that will inform further downstream government connectivity investments beyond Kinshasa.					
Private capital mobilized for digital infrastructure (Amount(USD))	0	Apr/2024					165,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Results expected once the outcome of the tender process for network deployments are finalized.					

2. Introducing digital foundations for service delivery

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People using digitally enabled services (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	1,000,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Duplicate indicator entry - see PDO level. Will be removed in upcoming restructuring.					

People using digitally enabled services – Youth (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	0	Dec/2029
People using digitally enabled services – Female (Number of people) CRI	0	Apr/2024			0	10-Oct-2025	500,000	Dec/2029
Government interoperability framework developed and disseminated (Yes/No)	No	Apr/2024	No	04-Apr-2025	No	10-Oct-2025	Yes	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Expected as a result of technical assistance due to be onboarded.					
Shared government data hosting solution established and operational (Yes/No)	No	Apr/2024	No	04-Apr-2025	No	10-Oct-2025	Yes	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		A shared data hosting solution is due to be procured that can serve the Government in the short- to medium-term, with technical assistance to be provided that will support medium- to long-term planning and further investments in expanded data hosting capabilities grounded it a comprehensive data inventory/classification and projected demand.					
National Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) established and operational (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Technical assistance soon to be onboarded that will design the CSIRT, with focus placed on introducing a GovSOC in the short-term as a first step to bolster Government's cybersecurity capacity.					
Unified digital platform for accessing government e-services established and operational (Guichet Numérique) (Yes/No)	No	Apr/2024	No	04-Apr-2025	No	10-Oct-2025	Yes	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		To be introduced toward the tail-end of the project period, grounded in a interoperable government enterprise architecture and feasibility study due to be commissioned.					

3. Increasing access to industry-relevant advanced digital skills & stimulating digital innovation

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year

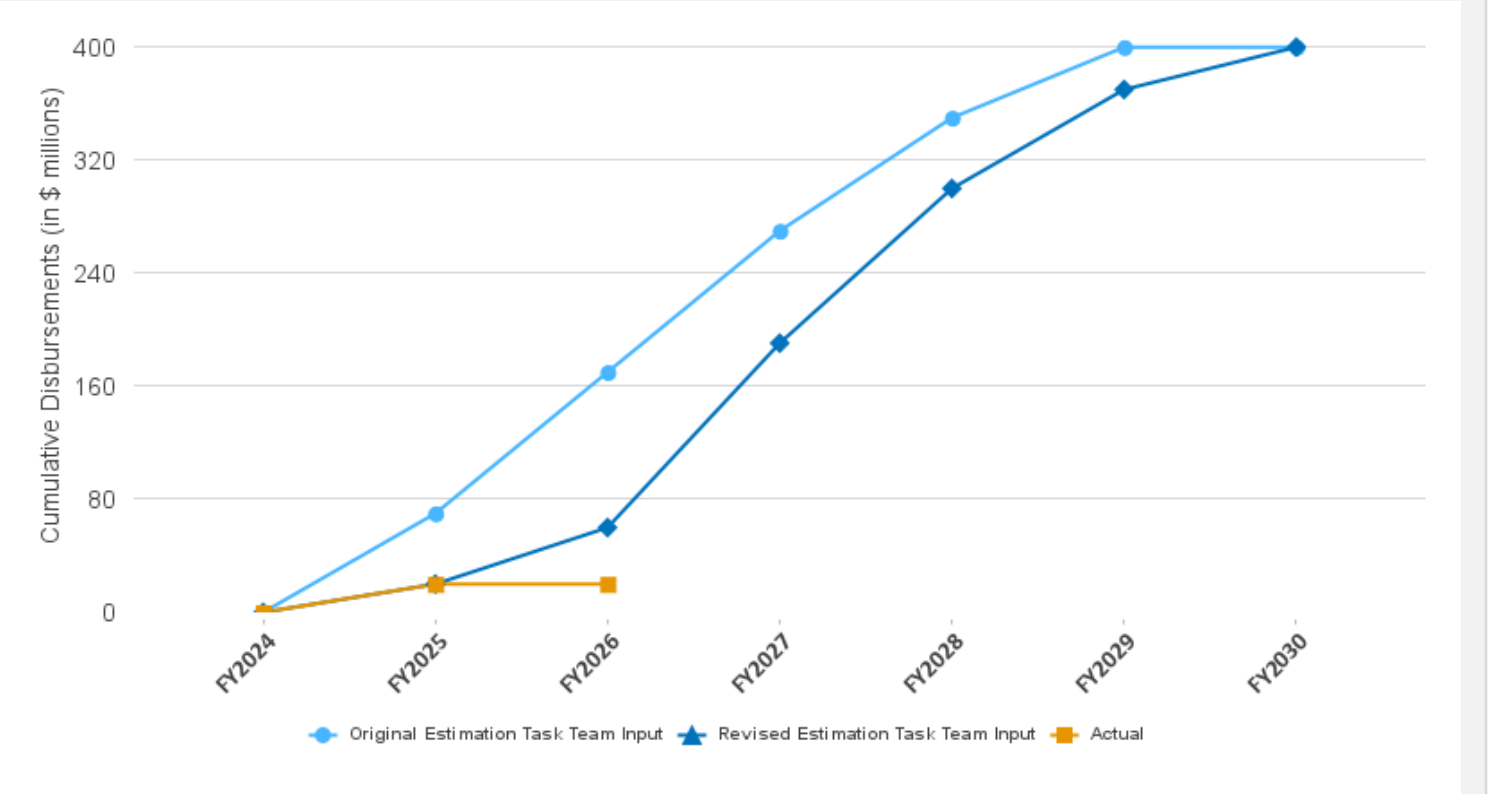
People enrolled in a digital skills training programs supported by the project (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	6,000	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		A first batch of civil servants to be enrolled in digital skills training to prepare for downstream investments planned. Further rapid skilling planned. Technical assistance being onboarded to support design of grant-based mechanism for scaling advanced training.					
of which female (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	2,000	Dec/2029
of which teachers (Number of people)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	1,000	Dec/2029
Innovation centers established by the project (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	10	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Technical assistance being onboarded to support design of grant-based mechanism for scaling innovation centers. Pilot also under consideration.					
Digital startups that receive project support (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	100	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		Grant manual for digital start-up support is being finalized and a grant manager is due to be onboarded that will allow for launch of targeted support in the next 6 months.					
Of which female-led (Number)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	30	Dec/2029

4. Institutional Coordination and Project Management

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Grievances registered that receive an adequate response within 30 days (Percentage)	0	Apr/2024	0	04-Apr-2025	0	10-Oct-2025	100	Dec/2029
	Comments on achieving targets		GRM to be operationalized to register results.					

7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
IDA-76020	Effective	400.00	400.00	0.00	20.00	380.00	5.00%

7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Orig. Closing	Rev. Closing
IDA-76020	Effective	27-Jun-2024	25-Nov-2024	24-Jun-2025	31-Dec-2029	31-Dec-2029

8. KEY DATES

Key Events	Planned	Actual
Approval	27-Jun-2024	27-Jun-2024
Effectiveness	24-Jun-2025	24-Jun-2025
Mid-Term Review No. 01	30-Jun-2027	
Operation Closing/Cancellation	31-Dec-2029	

9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

P502532 - Inclusive Digitalization in Eastern and Southern Africa (IDEA)