



Integrated Landscapes Management in Lagging Regions Project (P151030)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Tunisia, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Fishing

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 15-Mar-2017

Effectiveness Date: 12-Dec-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 01-Jun-2021

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 01-Jun-2021

Original Closing Date: 29-Mar-2024

Revised Closing Date: 29-Mar-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to improve landscape management and access to economic opportunities for targeted rural communities in the North West and Center West regions of Tunisia.

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

No

Components Table

Name
Laying the foundations for sustainable management of agricultural resources:(Cost \$14.23 M)
Fostering sustainable regional investments:(Cost \$34.00 M)
Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$3.77 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Mid-Term Review: The Mid Term Review was held from June 1 to June 23, 2021. The mission agreed on key actions to accelerate the implementation of the project.

Project Implementation: The MTR mission reconfirmed the renewed momentum for the project implementation by the new PIU. The field visit reaffirmed the significance of the project to the rural communities in the target regions.

Grievance Redress Management (GRM): The MTR mission confirmed that GRM is in place and functioning. To further strengthen the GRM, the MTR mission agreed on further actions particularly with respect to gender-based violence.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve landscape management and access to economic opportunities for targeted rural communities				
► Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	4,012.00	4,935.00	70,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	29-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>The PIU updated the progress on the indicator on March 31, 2021. As of June 2021, the progress on the indicator consists of 1,136 ha of stand management, 255.5 ha of forest plantation and 3,543.5 of olive tree plantation. Since 2018, the first year of launch of the bidding within the framework of this project, the area of the lots that have been successfully allocated is about of 6,729.5 ha (1,287 ha of stand management, 890 ha of forest plantation and 4,552.5 of olive tree plantation). During the MTR mission, the previous reporting on this indicator (4,012ha) was reviewed and it was confirmed that the correct value for the previous reporting period should have been 2,449 ha. The actual (as of MTR) was however updated as 4,935ha.</p>			
► Farmers associations and MSMEs in selected agricultural products with improved access to key buyers and/or markets (Number, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	17.00	0.00	150.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	29-Sep-2023
Comments:	As of the MTR in June 2021, the progress on the indicator has not been established. Previously, the PIU reported that 17 GDAs have access to resources through co-management contracts since the start of 2019. Of these GDAs, only 13 have signed formal agreements with EAs. However, it cannot be confirmed that these PAs have allowed farmers' associations and MSMEs better access to buyers since some have not been executed while others are at a standstill. As such the previously reported progress (17 agreements) needs to be re-confirmed through a field survey or external assessment by an independent consultant (hiring process is ongoing).			
► Target beneficiaries in lagging regions with rating Satisfied or above on project interventions (disaggregated by sex, age: 15-35) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	29-Sep-2023
Comments:	As of June 2021, the progress on the indicator has not been established. A ToR for the recruitment of an external consultant to conduct surveys on the level of satisfaction have been prepared. At the same time, lists of names of possible beneficiaries of ILMP various activities were collected. The purpose of these lists is to estimate the scope of the survey, on the one hand, namely the sample size to be surveyed and the budget to be allocated, and on the other hand, the preparation of the sampling frame.			

Overall Comments

The MTR reviewed the definition of indicators and clarified the definitions and monitoring methodologies for PDO Indicator 1 and 2 along with intermediate indicators 7, 10, 11 and 14. Accordingly, the MTR mission recommended that PIU revise the Project Operational Manual to reflect the definition and monitoring methodologies for indicators 1, 2, 7, 10, 11 and 14.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Laying the foundations for sustainable management of agricultural resources				
► Knowledge and planning base for agricultural and natural resources established (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Score of zero	Score of 0.5	Score of 0	Score of four
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	Regarding the realization of the national inventory of forests and rangelands, the implementation of this milestone is underway. During the MTR mission, the previously reported progress (score of 0.5) has been clarified and corrected as score of zero. Data collection will start from October 2021.			
► Integrated Landscape Development Plans in selected lagging regions developed and approved (Number, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	The MTR mission agreed that an expert in spatial planning at the landscape level shall be recruited to ensure periodic review of the PDIPs to keep them dynamic and updated.			
► Productive alliances developed according to defined criteria (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	14.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Dec-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	28-Dec-2023
Comments:	Productive alliance conventions have been signed to date but they are not yet fully operational / reflective of required standards. As such this indicator is reverted to 0.			
► CSOs and MSMEs trained (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	36.00	80.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>Since 2017 (effectiveness date), 17 GDAs have been set up (including 10 GDAs that signed a co-management agreement with the DGF and 7 whose contracts are in progress) as well 1 SME. They have benefitted from training and awareness raising sessions when created.</p> <p>Moreover, an additional 14 GDAs set up before the project starts (including 10 GDAs that signed a co-management agreement with the DGF and 4 whose contracts are in progress) as well as 1 SME, have benefitted from training and awareness raising sessions delivered within the framework of the project.</p> <p>Finally, 3 new agricultural cooperatives (SMSA) have been set up and benefitted from the project training.</p> <p>The MTR mission agreed to clarify the definition of the indicator in the Operational Manual.</p>			
► Milestones achieved in reform of the agriculture and forestry sector institutional framework (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Score of zero	Score of one	Score of two	Score of two
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>The first two milestones have been validated in the sequential order requested; a vision was developed with the aim of creating and setting up the National Forestry Office including the organizational chart of this new structure at central and regional level. This vision has been validated by all stakeholders.</p> <p>In addition, a law creating the new structure has been drawn up and is in the process of being approved by a ministerial council.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform depends on the publication of the text of the law and the drafting of an administrative and financial organization decree</p>			



► Legal framework reviewed and revised (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Score of zero	Score of one	Score of three	Score of two
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>1. Analysis of the strengths and inconsistencies of the Forest Code: YES. For the revision of the articles relating to access to resources, and the strengthening of the enforcement component.</p> <p>2. Assessment of the legal soundness of the co-management model established in 10 pilot LUs before reproducing it: NO. This evaluation did not take place.</p> <p>3. Proposals concerning the adjustment of the agricultural regulatory framework (forestry code): YES. A bill amending and supplementing law n ° 88-20 of April 13, 1988, revising the forest code has been drawn up.</p> <p>4. Proposals for national procedures aimed at including farmers and MSMEs in the decision-making process and giving them access to finance: YES</p>			

Fostering sustainable regional investments				
► Area of forests and rangeland managed according to co-management plans (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>The MTR mission agreed to clarify the definition of this indicator in the Operational Manual. This progress on the indicator will be assessed based on field surveys.</p>			
► Physical infrastructure completed in selected lagging regions operational supported by the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	<p>Three boreholes have been programmed and awarded, and the construction of one of these is in progress (progress rate equal to 50%).</p> <p>Twenty individual water tanks have been programmed and allocated.</p> <p>These 23 infrastructure-related activities will be carried out within 180 days at the latest. As they are not yet fully completed, the value of the indicator must remain at 0 for the time being but should evolved towards 23 over the next 6 months.</p> <p>The MTR mission agreed to update the list of agreed infrastructure activities -- however targets do not need to be revised.</p>			
► Number of business plans (Productive Alliances) supported by the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	17.00	0.00	25.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023



Comments:	The MTR mission reviewed the progress on the indicator and corrected the actual as 0. The activities related to this indicator will start towards the end of 2021.			
► Number of Value chains supported by the project (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	0.00	4.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	Some activities were successfully implemented in coordination with the Task Force on Value Chains and Clusters, including, following the competitiveness reinforcement initiative (IRC) methodology: (i) capacity building for the Task Force and key actors (ii) IRC and public private dialogue for gourmet olive oil (ii) launch of IRC and public private dialogue for the culinary aromatic and medicinal plants and essential oils value chains. Studies on these two value chains are being finalized (in phase 3) and will be used to further refine the indicator. Additional IRC activities are under consideration for two additional value chains namely for Alfa (for basketwork) and olive wood value chains.			
► Forest area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-Nov-2020	23-Jun-2021	23-Sep-2023
Comments:	The MTR mission agreed to clarify the definition of this indicator in the Operational Manual.			

Overall Comments

The definitions and monitoring methodologies for indicator 1, 2, 7, 10, 11 and 14 were reviewed and revised during the MTR. By early July 2021, the PIU will send the monitoring and evaluation report incorporating the revised results framework with indicators for the period of September 2020 and June 2021 for non-objection by the Bank.

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

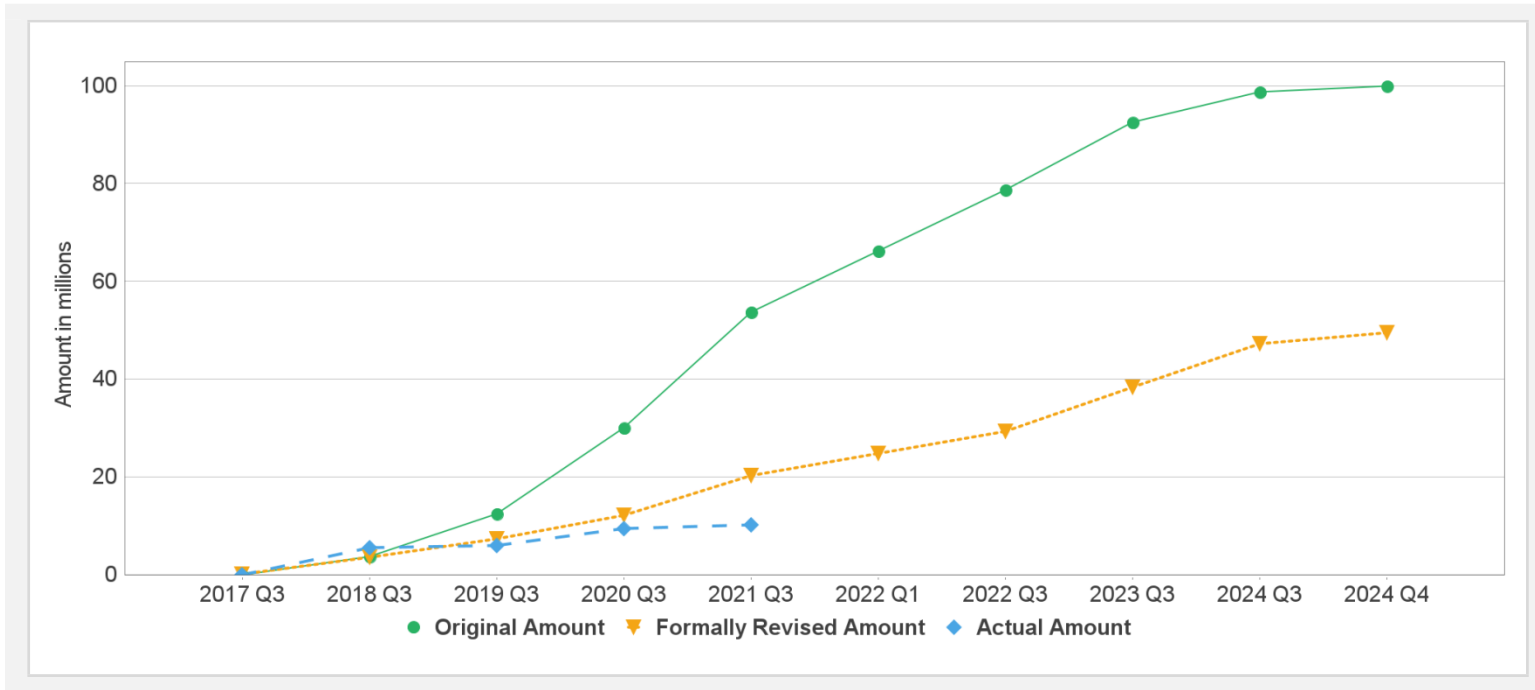
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P151030	IBRD-87220	Effective	USD	100.00	52.00	48.00	12.13	40.89	23%

Key Dates (by loan)



Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P151030	IBRD-87220	Effective	15-Mar-2017	22-Apr-2017	12-Dec-2017	29-Mar-2024	29-Mar-2024

Cumulative Disbursements



PBC Disbursement

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

Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 11-Mar-2020 ,Level Approved on 09-May-2020

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.