



P4: Pacific Regional Connectivity Program: Phase 3B, FJ Connectivity Project (P159297)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Fiji, Ministry of Communications

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 30-Nov-2016

Effectiveness Date: 12-Jan-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 19-Aug-2020

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 16-Dec-2019

Revised Closing Date: 16-Dec-2021

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objectives of the Project are to reduce the cost and increase the availability of internet services in the Northern Division of the Borrower's territory.

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

No

Components Table

Name

1. Submarine Cable System:(Cost \$5200000.00 M)
2. Regulatory Technical Assistance:(Cost \$200000.00 M)
3. Project Management and Administration:(Cost \$550000.00 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"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

1. Cable/infrastructure: The Vanua Levu cable and the Savusavu cable landing station were launched in 2018 and are operational. The Fiji Government has concluded a cable operations contract with Fintel for operation of the system and cable use agreements with relevant operators.
2. Regulatory Technical Assistance: The consultancy assignment to provide technical assistance to the Fiji Commerce and Competition Commission (FCCC) on interconnection and access agreements, including the development and implementation of regulatory instruments to ensure cost based and non-discriminatory access to the cable infrastructure, support for cost analysis, tariff-setting and recognition of carriers' rights and obligations has been completed.
3. Cost Savings: The Government is considering options for the use of savings estimated at about US\$1.5 million.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To reduce the cost and increase the availability of internet services in the Northern Division				
▶ Access to Internet Services (number of subscribers per 100 people) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	55.00	110.00	141.00	80.00
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-May-2020	16-Dec-2021
Comments:	Based on the number of mobile broadband connections			
▶ Wholesale Internet bandwidth price at point of interconnection US\$/Mbps/month (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	110.00	11.00	18.00	75.00
Date	30-Sep-2016	30-Apr-2019	31-May-2020	16-Dec-2021



▶Retail price of internet services (residential, base plan US\$/GB) (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.60	0.13	0.11	0.30
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-May-2020	16-Dec-2021
Comments:	USD 0.13/GB per month, using "Connect Excite" prices as reference			
▶ Available internet bandwidth for the Northern Division (Gbps) (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.50	100.00	100.00	10.00
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2021
Comments:	100 Gbps is the capacity of the cable system in use			
▶ Regulatory framework supports open access and nondiscriminatory pricing (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2019
Comments:	Access framework is at cost. Commercial access offer is signed with all operators based on a same prices, as endorsed by the FCCC.			
▶ Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	80,000.00
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2019
Comments:	130,000 which is the estimated population of Vanua Levu, All telecommunications services by operators in Vanua Levu now utilise the fiber link as the main transport link.			
□ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	50.00	49.00	49.00	50.00

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Submarine Cable System



► Length of Fiber Optic Network Built (km) (Kilometers, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2019

2. Regulatory Technical Assistance				
► Regulatory framework provides for open access to domestic optical fibre networks (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2019

► Cost-based interconnection rates for Savusavu cable, under nondiscriminatory pricing regime (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	30-Sep-2016	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2019	16-Dec-2019

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

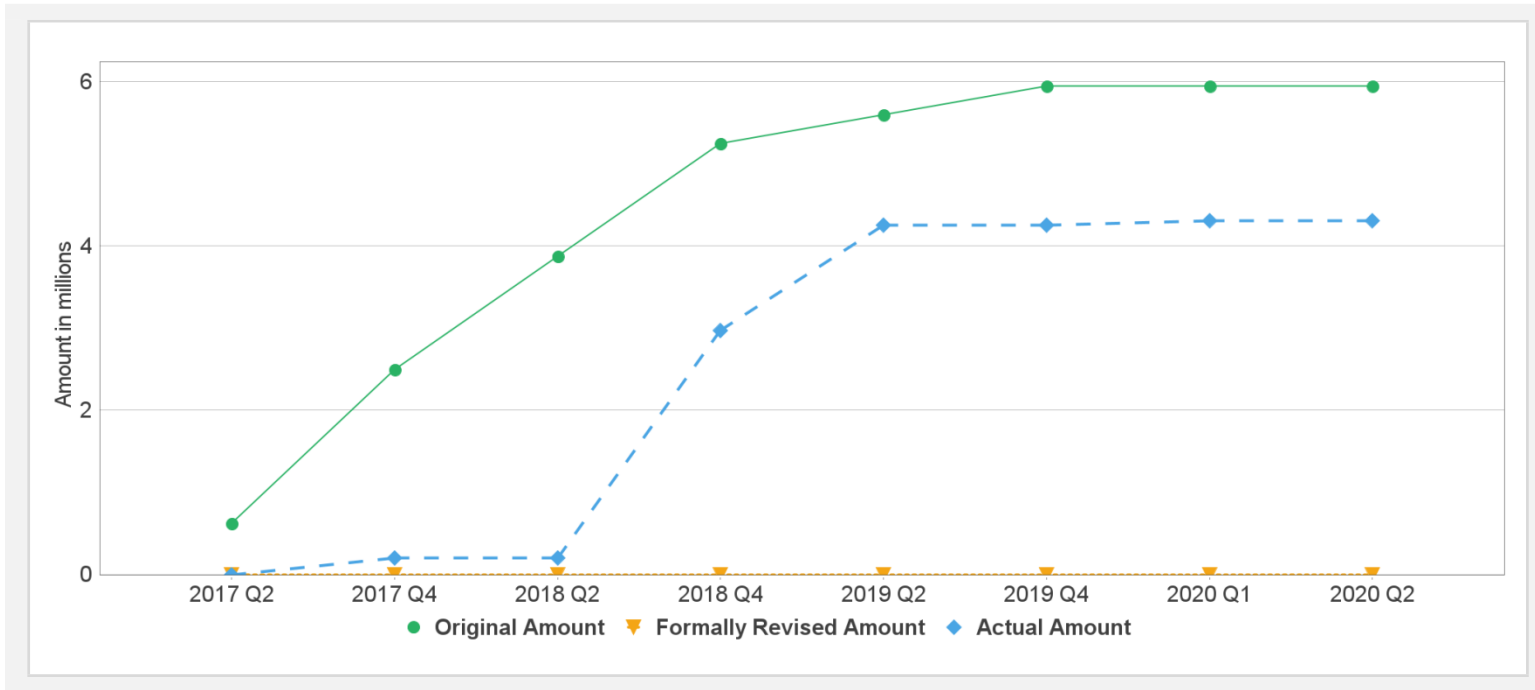
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P159297	IBRD-86660	Effective	USD	5.95	5.95	0.00	4.32	1.63	73%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P159297	IBRD-86660	Effective	30-Nov-2016	16-Dec-2016	12-Jan-2017	16-Dec-2019	16-Dec-2021

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

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.