

Implementation Status & Results

Africa

Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Trust Fund (P112600)

Operation Name: Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Trust Fund (P112600) Project Stage: Implementation Seq.No: 5 Status: ARCHIVED Last Modified Date: 09-Nov-2010

Country: Africa Approval FY: 2009
 Product Line: Recipient Executed Activities Region: AFRICA Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
 Implementing Agency(ies): Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA)

Key Dates

Board Approval Date	19-Sep-2008	Original Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Planned Mid Term Review Date	Last Archived ISR Date	23-Jun-2010
Effectiveness Date	04-Nov-2008	Revised Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Actual Mid Term Review Date		

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To support a program of integrated agricultural research for development (IAR4D) as described in ASARECA's Operational Plan. This will contribute to more effective use of resources devoted to agricultural research among the member countries and wider access to the results of research in the regional agricultural systems of Eastern and Central Africa.

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

Yes No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Research for Development	20.83
ASARECA's Governance Structures	0.39
ASARECA's Management & Administration Structures	2.82

Overall Ratings

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating		Medium-L

Implementation Status Overview

The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) has made considerable progress towards its goal of supporting a program of integrated agricultural research for development (IAR4D). Highlights include 52 projects with 170 sub-grantees currently under implementation, numerous

governance reforms implemented (new organizational and staffing structure adopted with all staff in place, new constitution signed, preparations for the 1st ASARECA General Assembly and negotiations of Headquarters Agreement with the Government of Uganda both underway), Board-approved regional strategic plans for all program units and the establishment of the "Office of National Focal Person" in each member country to support ASARECA-financed projects in collaboration with the Secretariat.

ASARECA's financial management system can reasonably be relied upon to ensure that the grant proceeds are used only for the purpose intended. However, sub-grantee systems are weak causing some fiduciary risks. Bureaucratic funds flow arrangements at the implementing institutions level and delayed preparation and submission of financial reports by sub-grantees, among others, have affected the smooth utilization of funds. Short and medium term action plans endorsed by the ASARECA Board in June 2010 are currently under implementation and progress will be reviewed during the next joint donor mission (November 2010).

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name		Value	Value	Value
Increase in adoption of new varieties, breeds and management practices in selected Development Domains(Text Description) - Custom Indicator		38.00		58.00
		Date	Date	Date
		26-Nov-2008	16-Sep-2010	31-Dec-2013
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Percentage	For improved cassava varieties in ECA region	Adoption of new technologies will take some time since technology generation requires 1-2 years. ASARECA anticipates conducting data collection on this indicator, and also hope to use the generated data to feed into Mid-Term Review Report.	

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Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name		Value	Value	Value
Policy options implemented by stakeholders(Text Description) - Custom Indicator		3.00	8.00	8.00
		Date	Date	Date
		26-Nov-2008	16-Sep-2010	31-Dec-2013
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Number	1. Uganda National Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy, approved by the cabinet in April 2008; 2. Kenya Seed Bill 2008 passed by Cabinet in August 2008 3. Kenya Biosafety Bill passed by parliament in December 2008	1. Seed and Plant variety Regulations, Kenya 2. Burundi Seed Act 3. Guidelines for commercial planting of GMO - Kenya 4. Guidelines for food aid containing GMO - Kenya 5. Business Development Service Pilot scheme in Tanzania	At least 8 policies implemented.

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name		Value	Value	Value
ASARECA gender sensitive governance structure and procedures established and operational.		Governance structure and procedures do not exist.	Completed	Gender sensitive Governance structure and procedures established and fully operational.
		Date	Date	Date
		26-Nov-2008	16-Sep-2010	31-Dec-2009
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Text		Gender sensitive governance structures and procedures are fully established and operational.	

Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name		Value	Value	Value
Improved guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration.		Outdated guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration.	Operational manual endorsed by the ASARECA Board in December 2009.	Improved guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration published as a manual and circulated.
		Date	Date	Date
		26-Nov-2008	16-Sep-2010	31-Dec-2009
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Text	Updating of guidelines required.	Achieved.	Achieved.

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Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name Appropriate policy options recommended to decision makers.		Value 4.00	Value 16.00	Value 20.00
		Date 26-Nov-2008	Date 16-Sep-2010	Date 31-Dec-2013
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Number	1. Rationalization and harmonization of dairy policies and standards, 2. Harmonization of seed trade regulations 3. Standards for commercialization of root crops 4. Biotechnology and Biosafety regulations	5 policies presented for legislation 1. Quarantine pest list for Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda 2. Guidelines for trade in GM 3. Guidelines for commercial planting of GM 4. Guidelines for food aid containing GM 5. Food price trends analysis 6. 11 Cassava and Potato standards	End target to be confirmed by ASARECA for next ISR.
Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name Gender sensitive R4D programs implemented by ASARECA		Value 0	Value 0	Value At least 1 per program
		Date 26-Nov-2008	Date 22-May-2010	Date 31-Dec-2013
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Text		These are yet to undergo review for gender responsiveness	
Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name Packed information/knowledge products delivered through the identified pathways.		Value 33.00	Value 33.00	Value 90.00
		Date 26-Nov-2008	Date 09-Dec-2009	Date 31-Dec-2013
Type	Unit of Measure	Comment	Comment	Comment
Custom Indicator	Percentage	Of the 121 knowledge products (technologies, management practices, etc) available for delivery through different pathways, 40 had been packaged and delivered.	ASARECA has identified information delivery pathways , though the indicator will still be reviewed and methods of computation described.	

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Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name Research and development portfolio addresses the needs identified during priority setting process.		Value 0.00	Value 50.00	Value 100.00
Type Custom Indicator		Date 26-Nov-2008	Date 22-May-2010	Date 31-Dec-2013
Unit of Measure Percentage		Comment The baseline exists in the form of program priorities as at 2008 for Staples, PAAP and Agrobio. Strategies for NRM&F, Non-staples, Livestock & fisheries and Upscaling and KM will appear in 2009.	Comment Priority setting completed for 4 programs & 1 unit # Knowledge Management and Up-scaling; High Value Non-Staple Crops; Natural Resources Management & Biodiversity; Livestock & Fisheries Programs.	Comment
Indicator		Baseline	Current	End Target
Indicator Name Demand-driven (gender responsive) technologies/innovations generated (Text Description) - Custom Indicator		Value 0.00	Value 55.00	Value
Type Custom Indicator		Date 26-Nov-2008	Date 22-May-2010	Date 31-Dec-2013
Unit of Measure Number		Comment 66 technologies & management practices and under research by previous ASARECA networks. Some of these were continued by #New# ASARECA programs. The number is disaggregated by type of technology.	Comment 55 technologies in NRM&B, staple crops, ABB programs, HVNC, KM, LFP available for dissemination & uptake. 251 programs under implementation of which 151 are being tested.	Comment ASARECA to provide end target for next ISR.

Data on Financial Performance (as of 01-Oct-2010)

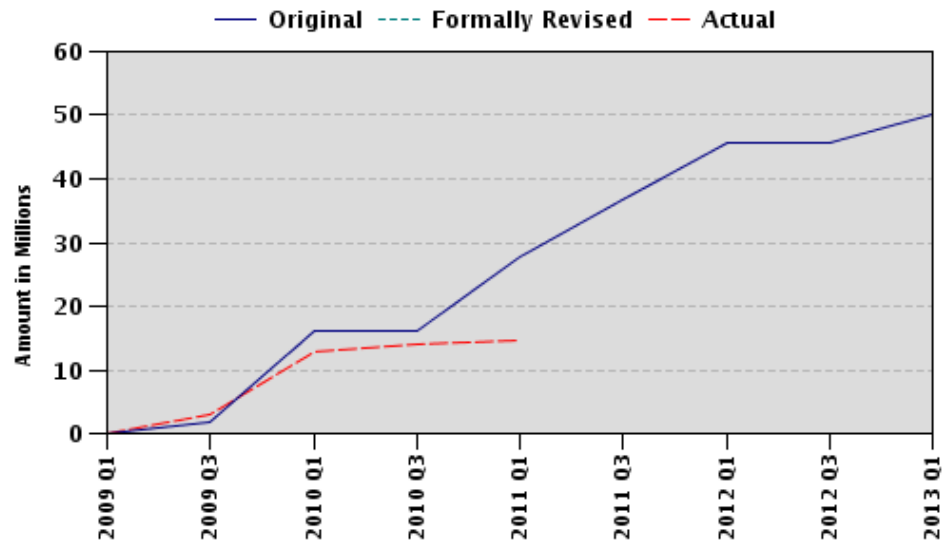
Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Loan No.	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date
P112600	TF-93070	Effective	03-Nov-2008	04-Nov-2008	04-Nov-2008	31-Dec-2013

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Loan No.	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P112600	TF-93070	Effective	USD	28.78	28.78	0.00	18.03	17.95	63.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

None.

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects

There are no related projects.