



Tunisia Tertiary Education for Employability Project (P151059)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, National Agency for the Advancement of Scientific Research

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 25-Feb-2016

Effectiveness Date: 30-Nov-2016

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 20-May-2019

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 20-May-2019

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2021

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the Tertiary Education for Employability Project (TEEP) is to improve the employability of tertiary education graduates and to strengthen the management of higher education.

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

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

The objective of the Tertiary Education for Employability Project (TEEP) is to improve the employability of tertiary education students and to strengthen the management of higher education.

Components Table

Name
Improving employability skills of tertiary education students:(Cost \$36.90 M)
Strengthening the management of higher education:(Cost \$22.40 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"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions



The project's implementation performance has remained strong for the last six months despite the COVID-19 constraints on higher education institutions (HEIs) in Tunisia. The project continues to deliver significant outcomes for the tertiary education sector, for tertiary students and HEIs, such as improved student employability skills and more effective, results-oriented management and quality assurance of university programs and institutions. Implementation progress has accelerated considerably. Technical support provided through the UK Trust Fund has been critical in advancing these activities. Moving forward, the priority for the HEIs/universities is to ensure that competitive grant activities can be implemented, disbursed and results achieved despite delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent months several HEIs carried out surveys to measure employment of graduates for 2019 and 2020. In 2020 public universities undertook a survey on the impact of COVID-19 on teaching and learning in HE. Survey results are analyzed by the Ministry and expected to be disseminated soon to the public.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve the employability of tertiary education graduates				
► Tertiary education students who benefited from PAQ supported projects aimed at improving employability skills (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9,083.00	10,866.00	14,000.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021



Comments:	The PMU reported that 10 866 students has benefited from the from PAQ supported projects aimed at improving employability skills. 40% of the PAQ sub-projects have yet to report their number of beneficiaries. It is expected that the KPI target will be achieved by December 2021.			
► Tertiary education students who benefited from PAQ supported projects aimed at improving employability skills and reported being satisfied with their skills level (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N/A	Exceeded 82% achieved	78% achieved	Maintain and/or exceed 65%
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The result achieved is slightly lower than the previous year but it remains above 65%. This is a good result considering the COVID-19 context and the difficulties to implement the PAQ sub-project activities			
□ By gender (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	83.00	83.00	0.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Strengthen the management of higher education				
► Public universities that have strategic plans. (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	92.00	92.00	90.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The last POS is the one from the university of Ezzitouna to achieve 100% in this KPI. The university has submitted its POS but we are waiting for its approval. It will take place with the approval of the university PAQ-DGSU.			
► Public universities that have a functional internal quality assurance unit (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	Most universities have put in place an internal quality assurance unit staffed and trained. They are working on the Manuel of Procedures for their unit. It is expected that most universities will complete this condition in the coming weeks.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components



Improving employability of tertiary education graduates				
► PAQs that support activities aimed at improving employability skills (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	390.00	426.00	450.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The target will be achieved with 31 PAQ-Mobidoc to be approved in coming weeks.			
► Students certified in courses focusing on transferrable skills (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,211.00	2,714.00	2,400.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
► Number of public Higher Education Institutions for which graduates employment outcomes are publicly available online (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	10.00	6.00	15.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The target was revised because only 6 universities have published the infographics of TUNED. The PMU has informed the Bank that at least 30 graduate employment surveys were completed in the last 6 months. The PMU will provide the list. The survey results also need to be disseminated and available for the general public (for instance published on the HEIs and universities web sites).			
► Public higher education institutions that organize open houses for secondary education students (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	145.00	145.00	450.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	Due to the COVID-19 it was not possible for HEIs and universities to organize "information day" or public events aimed at the upper-secondary education students. The World Bank has suggested to organize webinars/online events.			
► Public HEIs that publish information about their academic programs, professional qualifications requirements and career opportunities at least once a year on a central online platform (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5.00	0.00	13.00



Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	No data/information is available for this indicator this year.			

Strengthening the management of higher education				
► PAQ benefiting young universities (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N/A	21.40	23.90	Maintain and/or exceed 20% PAQs benefiting young universities
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
► Public universities that receive a PAQ DGSU grant for strengthening higher education management capacity (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The target result for this indicator has been met. The University Ezzitouna has prepared and submitted a proposal for a PAQ-DGSU. The proposal has been endorsed but will need to be improved before it can approved by the Bank and the Minister.			
► Higher Education Institutions that receive a PAQ DGSE grant for strengthening higher education management capacity (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	58.00	111.00	100.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The target/result for this intermediate indicator is exceeded.			
► Public universities that produce an annual report that summarize and analyze all the activities related to internal quality assurance (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The universities are working to prepare their report. It will be ready by the end of the year 2021. They are supported by TAs . Staff from the IAQ units have participated in training delivered by IIEO-Unesco.			
► Universities, regional offices of student affairs and research centers that have signed a performance-based contract with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Number, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	TORs and call for proposal are ready. The activity will be launched in Fall 2021.			
► Beneficiaries who report being satisfied with PAQ implementation activities (citizen engagement indicator) (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N/A	93% achieved	93% achieved	Maintain and/or exceed 70%
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	Survey was conducted in early 2021			
► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9,998.00	12,137.00	16,000.00
Date	04-Jan-2016	30-Dec-2020	09-Aug-2021	31-Dec-2021
Comments:	The number reported of beneficiaries is under-estimated due to difficulties to get the information back from HEIs/universities.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female beneficiaries (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5,600.00	6,019.00	10,000.00

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

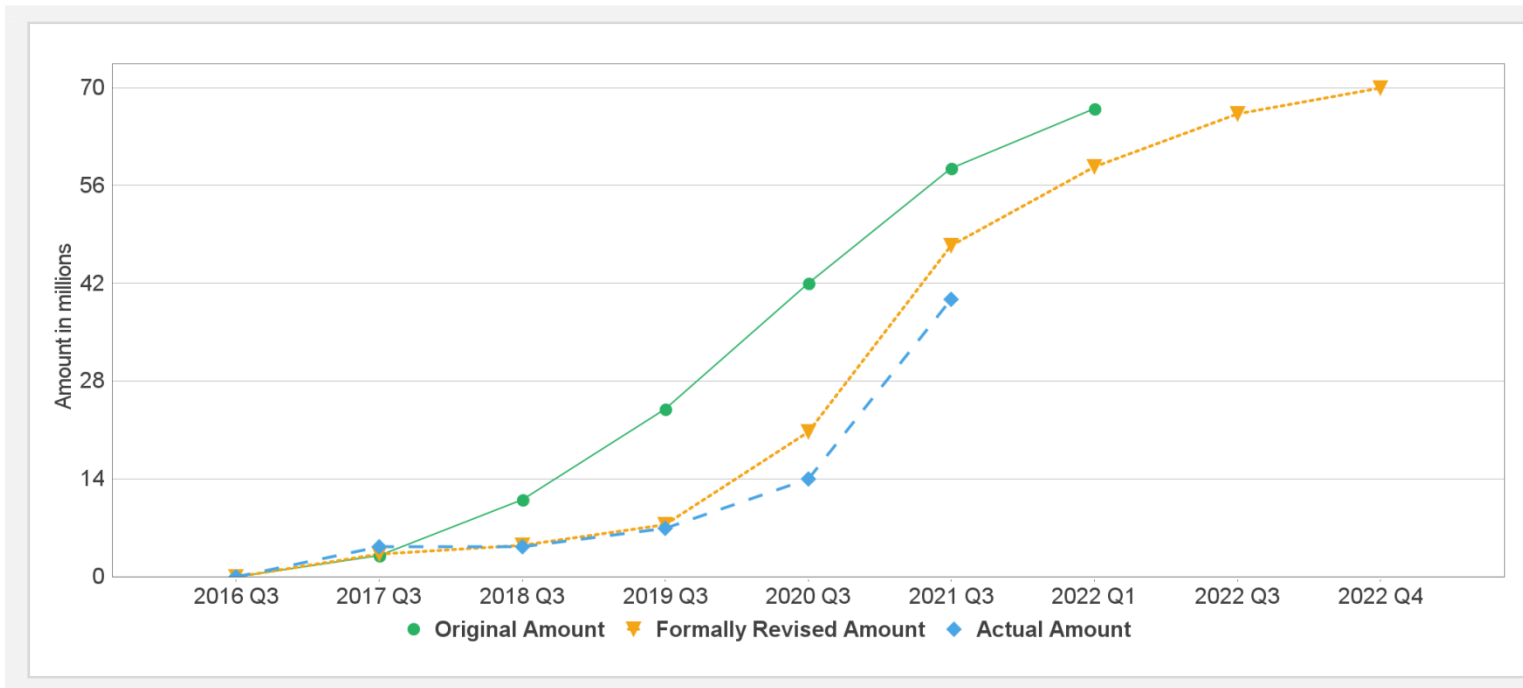
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P151059	IBRD-85900	Effective	USD	70.00	70.00	0.00	46.04	26.31	64%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P151059	IBRD-85900	Effective	25-Feb-2016	03-Mar-2016	30-Nov-2016	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022



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

Level 2 Approved on 01-May-2018 ,Level 2 Approved on 23-Sep-2019 ,Level 2 Approved on 19-Jun-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 07-Sep-2020

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.