



Romania Secondary Education Project (P148585)

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Implementing Agencies: Romania, Ministry of National Education, Ministry of National Education / Unit for Externally Financed Projects

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 16-Mar-2015

Effectiveness Date: 14-Oct-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 20-May-2019

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: --

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The proposed Project Development Objectives are to improve the transition from upper secondary into tertiary education and increase the retention in the first year of tertiary education in project-supported education institutions.

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

No

Components

Name

- 1 - School-based and Systemic Interventions:(Cost \$176.29 M)
- 2 - University-Level Interventions and Bridge Programs:(Cost \$59.90 M)
- 3 - Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$7.81 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project was approved by the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors in March 2015 and is scheduled to close in December 2022. The November 2018 implementation support visit noted progress of the High Schools Grants Scheme under Component 1 and Universities Grants Schemes under Component 2. Key indicators including the average drop-out rates, graduation rates and Baccalaureate passing rates in 259 project supported high-schools implementing grants in 2017/2018 are advancing in the right direction. However, the overall Project implementation registered delays in the context of insufficient or late commitment and budget credits allocated to the ROSE in 2018. This is also reflected in the very low disbursement rate that remained at 2.8 percent of the total loan amount (in US\$). These aspects require the immediate attention of the Government to put the project implementation and disbursements back on track.







Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve the transition from upper secondary into tertiary education				
▶ Average dropout rate in the final grade in project-supported high schools (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6.50	--	3.00	3.50
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	The average dropout rate is calculated for all the project supported high-schools (public) that have implemented activities under the high school grants scheme, as a percentage of total dropouts from the			



total enrollment in final grade. The calculation was based on 259 high-school grants under implementation in 2017/2018 from batch one, while batch two started the implementation only in October 2018.				
▲Percentage of project-supported high schools with dropout rate above 7% (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	23.10	--	14.29	10.00
▶Average Bacculaureate passing rate in project-supported high schools (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	49.60	--	58.55	59.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	The average Bacculaureate passing rate is calculated for all the project supported high-schools (public) that have implemented activities under the high school grants scheme, as a percentage of students who passed the Bacculaureate exam from the total number of students enrolled at the exam in the current cohort (cumulating all Bacc. sessions). The calculation was based on 259 high-school grants under implementation in 2017/2018 from batch one, while batch two started the implementation only in October 2018.			
▶Average graduation rate in project-supported high schools (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	86.90	--	94.63	93.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	The average graduation rate is calculated for all the project supported high schools (public) that have implemented activities under the high school grants scheme, as a percentage of total graduates from the total enrollment in final grade. The calculation was based on 259 high-school grants under implementation in 2017/2018 from batch one, while batch two started the implementation only in October 2018.			
▶Average retention rate in the first year of tertiary education in project-supported faculties (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	82.30	--	0.00	84.50
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due. To be reported upon reconciliation of ECTS credits for academic year.			

Overall Comments

The PDOs are to improve the transition from upper secondary into tertiary education and increase the retention in the first year of tertiary education in project-supported education institutions.



Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1 - School-based and Systemic Interventions				
▶Percentage of eligible high-schools benefitting from the project grants (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	72.32	90.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
▶Percentage of project-supported high schools that implement the grants in compliance with grant performance indicators (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	100.00
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due.			
▶Percentage of project-supported high schools that implement the grants in compliance with requirements for citizen engagement applicable to the Project (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	100.00	90.00
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
▶Average percentage of students of project-supported high school benefitting from remedial, tutoring or counselling activities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	23.32	50.00
Date	30-Jun-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
▶Grade 10 assessment developed and administered, and results used to inform policy (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due.			
2 - University-Level Interventions and Bridge Programs				
▶Percentage of eligible faculties benefitting from project grants (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	--	19.23	80.00
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Only 60 out of 312 eligible faculties are benefitting of noncompetitive grants awarded in the first batch. The call for proposals for the second batch has been postponed due to insufficient and/or late budget allocations.			
►Number of at risk tertiary education students benefiting from remediation and counseling programs (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	8,284.00	60,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
►Number of project-supported high school students who participate in bridge programs (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	2,353.00	8,000.00
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022

3 - Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

►Report on the analysis of existing demand-side programs for disadvantaged upper secondary education students published with recommendations (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	01-Jan-2016	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due			

►Share of students of project-supported high school attending bridge programs who demonstrate motivation to pursue tertiary education (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	30.00
Date	31-Dec-2018	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due			

►Tertiary education students loan scheme revised and used to inform policy makers (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Not yet due			



►Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	1,620,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	--	05-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2022
Comments:	Data collection in progress.			
▲Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	800,000.00

Data on Financial Performance

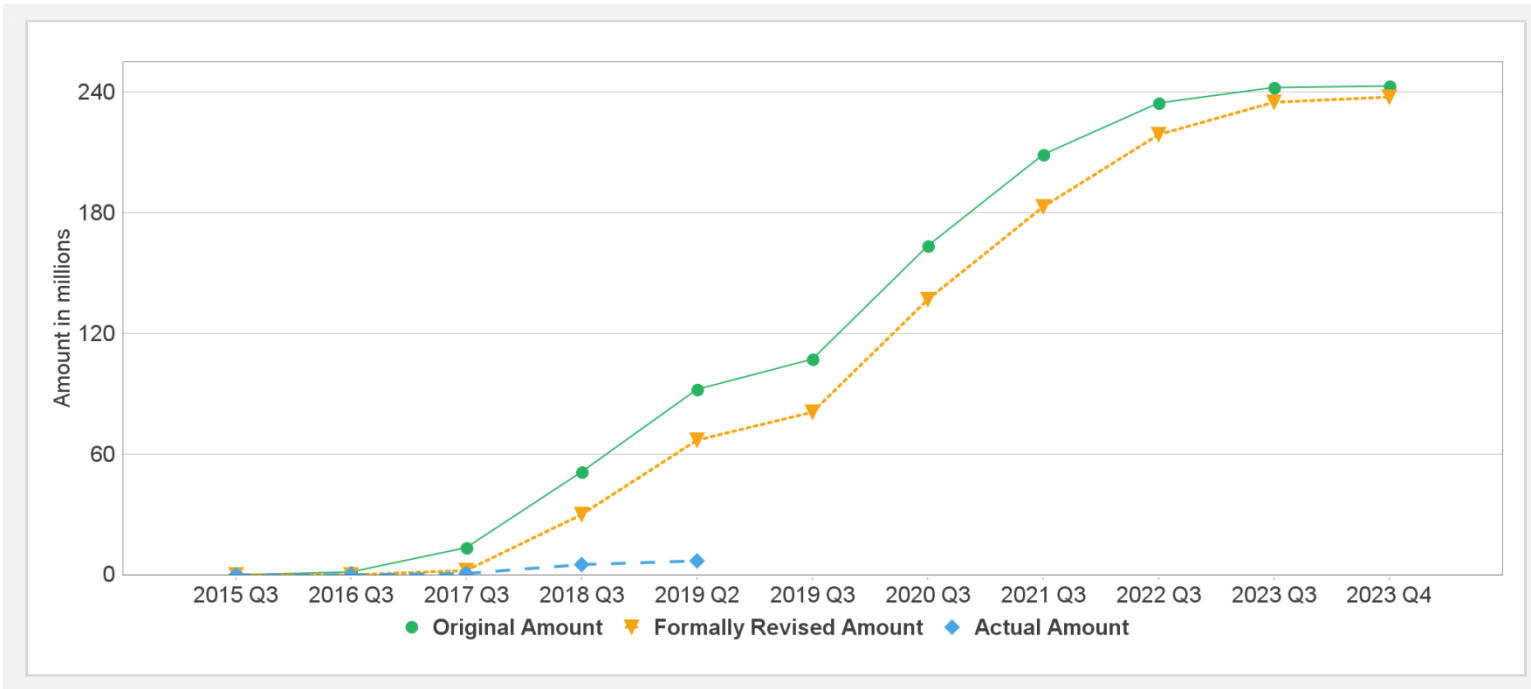
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P148585	IBRD-84810	Effective	USD	243.10	243.10	0.00	6.76	236.01	2.8%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P148585	IBRD-84810	Effective	16-Mar-2015	17-Apr-2015	14-Oct-2015	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 07-Dec-2017

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.