



P4: Pacific Regional ICT Regulatory Development Project (P148238)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC | Pacific Islands | Transport & ICT Global Practice |
IBRD/IDA | Investment Project Financing | FY 2015 | Seq No: 7 | ARCHIVED on 02-Nov-2017 | ISR29691 |

Implementing Agencies: University of the South Pacific, University of the South Pacific

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:30-Jul-2014

Effectiveness Date:12-Sep-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date:01-Aug-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:01-Aug-2017

Original Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Revised Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of ICT Regulatory institutions in participating countries, and enhance regional collaboration on regulatory issues. The primary beneficiaries of the Project are the Pacific island regulatory institutions. Indirect beneficiaries will include consumers, businesses (including telecommunications operators), government agencies, researchers/academia and communities receiving improved ICT services as a result of enhanced regulatory outcomes.

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

No

Components

Name

Regional capacity development and knowledge management:(Cost \$2.25 M)

Regional advisory services:(Cost \$1.75 M)

Project administration:(Cost \$0.50 M)

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | ● Moderately Unsatisfactory | ● Moderately Unsatisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | ● Moderately Unsatisfactory | ● Moderately Unsatisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | ● Low | ● Low |



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Project implementation has been adversely impacted by: (a) slower than expected progress under Component 1-Regional ICT Capacity-Building and Knowledge Management; (b) an overly complex work plan; (c) lack of activity under Component 2-Regional Advisory Services; (d) Project administration and coordination issues, including staff/management turnover and associated delays. Following the Mid-Term Review, including consultations with the Project Steering Committee the USP and the World Bank agreed that a restructure and streamlining of the Project should be considered as follows. The USP will send a formal request for restructuring to the World Bank.

Revised Component 1: Regional ICT Capacity-building and Technical Support (US\$4.5 million)--consolidating Original Components 1 and 2. This is based on the work program as approved in August 2017 by USP, the Steering Committee and the World Bank. The component will finance consultant services, training/workshops, and associated costs based on ICT regulatory priorities. This component will also support strategic collaboration with other organizations to deliver knowledge products and services within the scope of the work plan, specifically with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA), Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA). The Regional Advisory component will be discontinued.

Revised Component 2. Project Administration (US\$0.5 million)--formerly Component 3- will support The USP's project administration costs, including the Project's executive assistant, and proposed procurement specialist.





Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators



► Impact on Telecom sector of World Bank Technical Assistance (composite score: 1- low impact to 5-high impact) (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

► Impact on IT/ITES Sector of World Bank Technical Assistance (composite score: 1 # low impact to 5 # high impact) (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 4.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Establishment and Maintenance of Region-wide Data on the State of Competition in ICT Markets Across the Region (Yes/No, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | N | N | N | Y |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |



▲ Establishment and Maintenance of Gender-disaggregated Data on ICT Market Penetration Levels Across the Region (Yes/No, Custom Breakdown)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | N | N | N | Y |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

▶ Collection and Dissemination of Five Working Papers on Priority Regulatory Topics (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 5.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

▶ Completion of Five or More Training Programs with at Least 15 Regulatory Staff Trained per Program per Year (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 20.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

▶ Three Regional Knowledge Sharing Events Held per Year (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 12.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |



▶ Establishment and Maintenance of a Knowledge Portal (Yes/No, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | Y | N | N | Y |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

▶ Establishment and Maintenance of Online Website that Provides Access to an Advisory Services Database that Generates 50 or More Hits per Year (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

▶ Establishment and Maintenance of Annual Regulatory Lessons Learned Section on Advisory Services Database (Yes/No, Custom)


| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | N | N | N | Y |
| Date | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Sep-2016 | 27-Sep-2016 | 31-Jul-2019 |

Overall Comments

The indicators will be reviewed/revised as part of the Project restructuring process.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

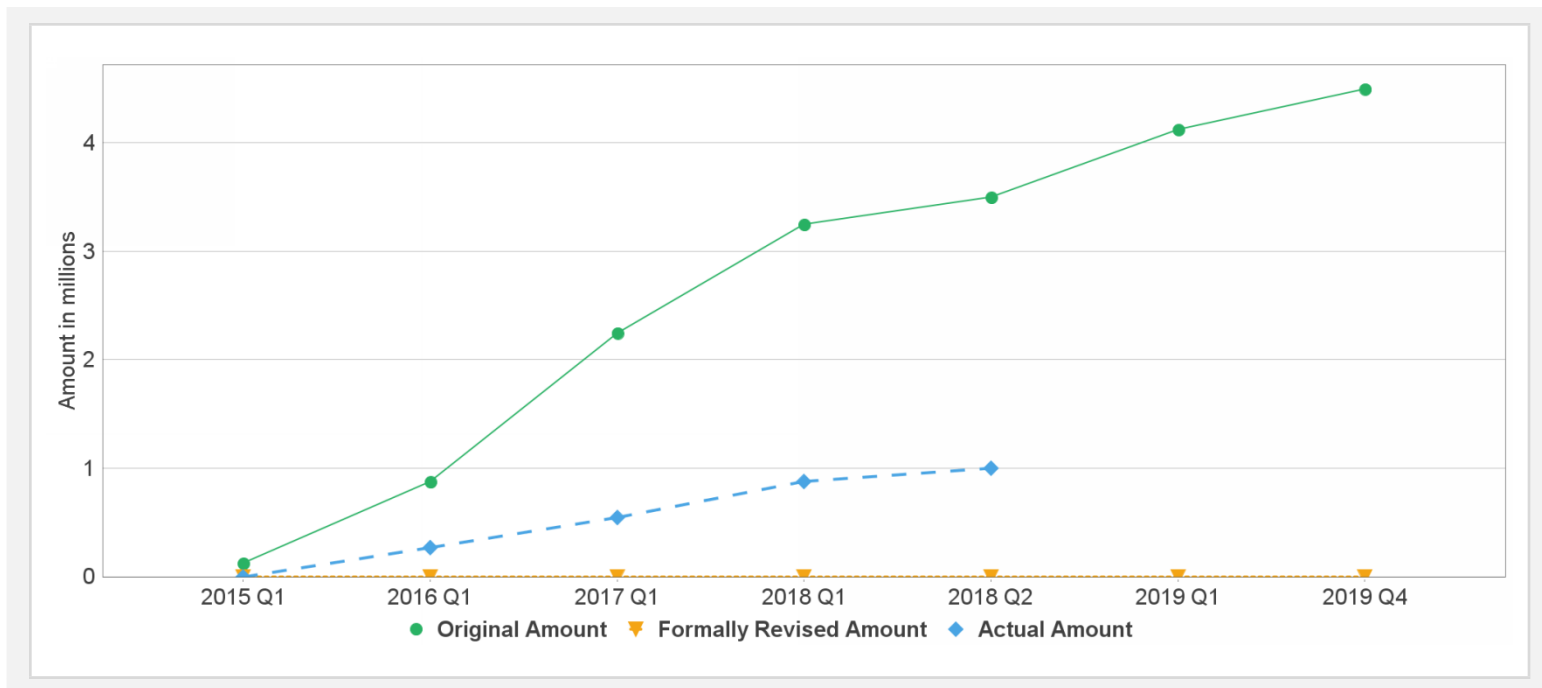
| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---|
| P148238 | IDA-H9820 | Effective | USD | 4.50 | 4.50 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 3.21 |  22% |

Key Dates (by loan)



| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Approval Date | Signing Date | Effectiveness Date | Orig. Closing Date | Rev. Closing Date |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| P148238 | IDA-H9820 | Effective | 30-Jul-2014 | 27-Aug-2014 | 12-Sep-2014 | 31-Jul-2019 | 31-Jul-2019 |

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.