



AFR RI-Central African Backbone SOP5 (P132821)

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Implementing Agencies: Democratic Republic of Congo, SOCOF - Société Congolaise de Fibre Optique

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 16-Jul-2014

Effectiveness Date: 22-Jan-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 18-Jan-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 19-Mar-2018

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2019

Revised Closing Date: 30-Sep-2021

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the proposed project is to contribute to increase the geographical reach and usage of regional broadband infrastructure and to reduce the price of services so that more people in the DRC can access information and communication technology (ICT) services.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Component A - Emergence of an Inclusive Digital Economy:(Cost \$13.20 M)

Component B - Construction, Management and Commercialization of the CAB5 Infrastructure through a PPP

Scheme:(Cost \$24.00 M)

Component C - Enabling Environment and Regulatory Effectiveness:(Cost \$7.30 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This is the last ISR before the project closing date of September 30, 2021. Some of the PDO and Intermediate Indicators have been achieved or exceeded their targets. The construction of 620km of high quality fiber optic network has been completed. The number of people accessing internet services has increased from 17% to 23%. Wholesale national capacity transmission price has reduced from \$2,000 to \$123. The population reaching mobile services geographically has increased from 24 percent to 64 percent. The number of director project beneficiaries remains at zero at closing, because the infrastructure is not operational yet. However, based on the status of the PPP partner recruitment process as of September 29, and the PPP negotiations scheduled for October 4, one can expect the new fiber optic infrastructure to be operational and commercialized by December 31. As a result, more than 5 million people will immediately have access to improved internet connectivity. A total of 141 people were trained in Telecom Regulation, PPP contract management, and fiduciary procedure under the project.



Finalization of the PPP contract is in progress but will not be completed before the project closing date. The Project Development Objectives and Implementation ratings will remain at Moderately Unsatisfactory.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Macroeconomic	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Fiduciary	--	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
Environment and Social	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Stakeholders	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Other	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Overall	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

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	3.00	3.00	4.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	Although progress toward the publication of the new Telecom Law has been noted, the sector still does not benefit from an enabling environment. Therefore, the indicator score remains at 3.			
► Access to Internet Services (number of subscribers per 100 people) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	2.00	20.00	23.00	20.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
► Wholesale national Capacity Transmission Price (per Mbit/s per Month, in US\$) (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2,000.00	123.00	123.00	200.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
► Geographical reach of mobile services (percentage of population covered) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	25.00	52.00	64.00	50.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000,000.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
□ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component A - Emergence of an Inclusive Digital Economy

► Number of Manpower Trained under the Project (number of people) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	141.00	141.00	100.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021

Component B - Construction, Management and Commercialization of the CAB5 Infrastructure through a PPP Scheme



► Length of Fiber Optic Network Built (km) (Kilometers, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	620.00	620.00	620.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	The construction is completed and of high quality.			
► 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	4.00	4.00	4.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
► Private Capital Mobilized (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000,000.00
Date	24-Feb-2014	10-Dec-2020	27-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2021
Comments:	Negotiations with the PPP operator have not started yet.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

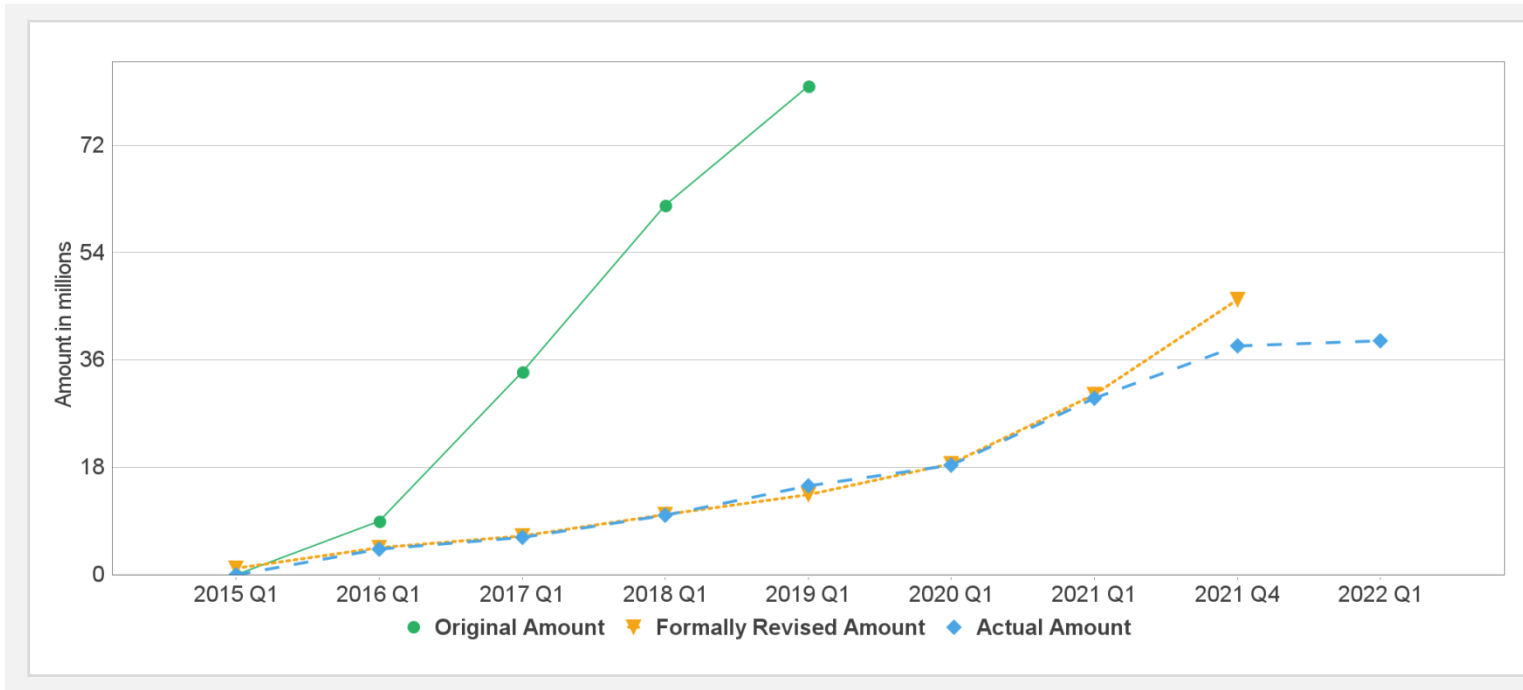
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P132821	IDA-H9810	--	USD	92.10	55.72	36.38	39.21	7.83	83%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P132821	IDA-H9810	--	16-Jul-2014	25-Jul-2014	22-Jan-2015	31-Dec-2019	30-Sep-2021

Cumulative Disbursements



PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC

Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 07-Mar-2019 ,Level 2 Approved on 23-Jul-2020 ,Level Approved on 12-Aug-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 22-Dec-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 15-Jun-2021

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.