

Implementation Status & Results
Bangladesh
Bangladesh - Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (P106216)

Operation Name: Bangladesh - Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (P106216) Project Stage: Implementation Seq.No: 8 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 23-Sep-2012

Country: Bangladesh Approval FY: 2009
 Product Line: IBRD/IDA Region: SOUTH ASIA Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
 Implementing Agency(ies): Government of Bangladesh

Key Dates

Board Approval Date	17-Mar-2009	Original Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Planned Mid Term Review Date	31-Jul-2011	Last Archived ISR Date	28-Apr-2012
Effectiveness Date	13-May-2009	Revised Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Actual Mid Term Review Date	08-Jan-2012		

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The main objective of the project is to improve the quality and relevance of the teaching and research environment in higher education institutions through encouraging both innovation and accountability within universities and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector.

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

Yes No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Promoting Academic Innovation	50.20
Building Institutional Capacity	4.40
Raising the Connectivity Capacity of the Higher Education Sector	34.00
Project Management	3.20

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status Overview

The progress towards achievement of Project Development Objective is rated Moderately Satisfactory as there is evidence of: (i) growing support for the AIF from the academic community as seen in increased participation of public and private universities (27 universities under the first round and 29 under the second round); (ii) institutionalization of the new competitive approach to research grant funding with selection of second round of the AIF completed in April 2012; and (iii) increased use of BdREN with 12 percent of students and 18

percent of faculty members having access as of June 2012 (compared to 0% a year ago).

Overall implementation progress has been upgraded to Moderately Satisfactory from Moderately Unsatisfactory based on: (i) the improved pace of implementation which has significantly picked up since October 2011 – with disbursements rising from 18% to 44% (US\$ 36.0 million) during this time period; (ii) satisfactory progress of 90 sub-projects under the first round of AIF (77% disbursement). The second round AIF was awarded to 106 sub-projects in April 2012, and the initial disbursement of 25% has been completed; (iii) procurement of 3,200 kilometer-long fiber optic, and operationalization of Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) at four universities; and (iv) establishment of Digital Library.

Locations

Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Bangladesh	Rajshahi Division	Rajshahi Division		✓
Bangladesh	Dhaka Division	Dhaka Division		✓
Bangladesh	Chittagong	Chittagong		✓
Bangladesh	Khulna Division	Khulna Division		✓
Bangladesh	Borishal	Borishal		✓
Bangladesh	Sylhet Division	Sylhet Division		✓
Bangladesh	Rangpur Division	Rangpur Division		✓

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Increased level of satisfaction of students and faculty staff regarding the quality of teaching and research environment, and of employers regarding the relevance of teaching and research programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Students: 3.3 Faculty: 2.9 Employer: 3.04 (5 point scale)	N/A	20% increase over baseline
			Date	01-Oct-2010	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments	These are the results of pilot/baseline survey (completed in October 2011).	Three Satisfaction Surveys will be implemented during the project period (baseline, Mid-Term and end of project). With an extension of project for 2 years, the next survey (mid-term) is now scheduled for 2013.	

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Institutionalization of a competitive funding mechanism for teaching and research through an increased allocation in the Medium Term Budgetary Framework (MTBF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0.82%	0.96%	20% increase over baseline (allocation for the competitive funding mechanism in MTBF)
			Date	31-Dec-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		The MTBF does not have a budget head for competitive funding. The share of competitive funding for the total allocation of GOB fundto UGC is used as a proxy (does not include AIF). The share has gradually increased. This indicator is being revised through restructuring.	
Proportion of students and faculty staff with access to advanced internet connectivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0%	15%	50%
			Date	31-Mar-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		After the considering delays, UGC/HEQEPU are accelerating implementation of BdREN activities.	

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Proportion of sub-projects implemented according to the plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0%	54%	85%
			Date	31-Mar-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		Utilization rate of total allocation for the first round AIF sub-projects.	
Higher Education Management Information System established and operational at UGC and pilot in selected universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	0	1
			Date	31-Mar-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		Shortlist and RFP for the deployment of HEMIS are being finalized.	
BdREN created	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	0	1
			Date	31-Mar-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments		Pilot BdREN connectivity has been established in six universities out of which four are operational.	

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Digital library created	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	1	1 Digital Library Network for all HEIs
			Date	31-Mar-2009	15-Jul-2012	31-Dec-2013
			Comments	A fully functional UGC Digital Library has been established.		

Data on Financial Performance (as of 13-Jul-2012)

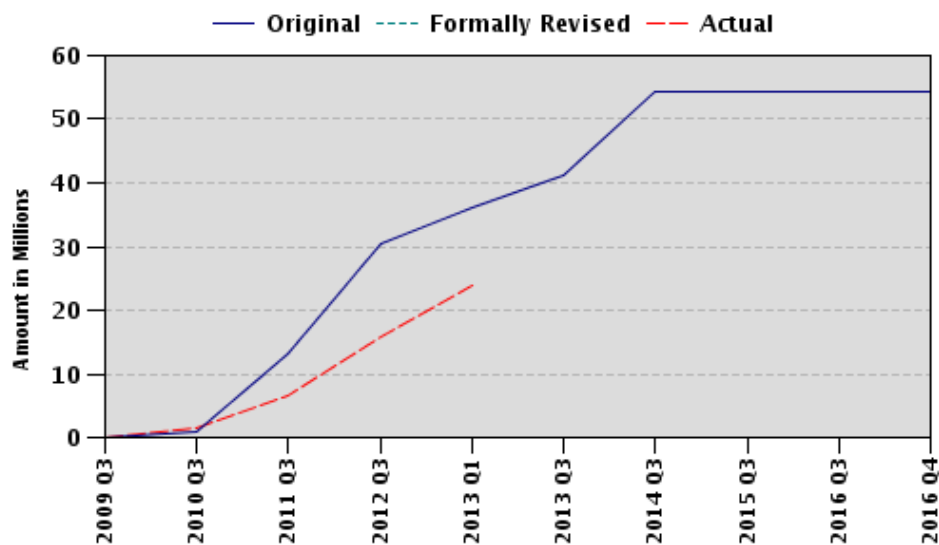
Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P106216	IDA-45440	Effective	17-Mar-2009	05-Apr-2009	13-May-2009	31-Dec-2013	31-Dec-2013

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P106216	IDA-45440	Effective	XDR	54.40	54.40	0.00	23.85	30.55	44.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

A formal request for an extension, fund reallocation and changes in results framework is expected to be sent shortly from GOB for IDA's consideration.

Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects

There are no related projects.