



## Republic of Congo Lisungi Emergency COVID-19 Response project (P174178)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Congo, Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action

**Key Dates****Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 24-Jun-2020

Effectiveness Date: 09-Oct-2020

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Jun-2021

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)

To provide emergency income support to households affected by the COVID-19 health and economic crisis and increase access to safety net for recovery for poor and vulnerable in participating areas of the Beneficiary.

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

No

**Components Table**

Name

Emergency cash transfers for COVID-19 response:(Cost \$20.00 M)

Scaling up Lisungi program for recovery:(Cost \$24.50 M)

Strengthening the social protection system:(Cost \$2.50 M)

Project management, monitoring and evaluation:(Cost \$3.00 M)

Contingency Emergency Response Component - CERC

**Overall Ratings**

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

**Implementation Status and Key Decisions**

This is the first Implementation Status Report. The project was approved by the World Bank on June 24, 2020 and has been declared effective as of October 9, 2020. The Implementing Agency (Ministry of Social Affairs and the Humanitarian Action - MASAH) and the Project Implementation Unit have been working to advance project activities as outlined below.

The project has made a lot of progress in terms of targeting households for the emergency cash transfers in the context of the government's response to the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of 707,666 households that applied for the emergency transfer over 556,000 had their socio-economic data collected for the purpose of determining eligibility. The Unique Social Registry now has information on more than 800,000 households (there is an estimated 1.2 million households in the Republic of Congo). The project has contracted four payment agencies to facilitate emergency payments mostly relying on digital payments. 15,700 households have already received their payments (paid by government funding



and to be reimbursed in the framework of retroactive financing) and the process is underway for almost 105,000 more households. Thus the project is well on track to cover 200,000 households with emergency payments as planned. In fact, the current estimate is that out of 707,666 that applied for the emergency support, about 335,000 would likely be considered eligible once the targeting exercise draws to a close. In this case the government may use the flexibility built into the project to reallocate additional resources to emergency cash transfers.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

## Results

### PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Provide income support to households affected by the COVID-19 crisis				
▶ Number of households benefiting from emergency cash transfers (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	15,700.00	200,000.00
Date	22-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Emergency cash transfers: number of beneficiary households			

Provide social safety net for recovery				



▶ Number of households benefiting from recovery program (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	20,000.00
Date	22-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Regular cash transfers: number of beneficiary households			

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Emergency cash transfers for COVID-19 response				
▶ Beneficiaries of social safety net programs (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	58,000.00	800,000.00
Date	22-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
□ Beneficiaries of social safety net programs - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	29,000.00	400,000.00

Cash transfer program for recovery				
▶ Percentage of beneficiary households participating in income-generating activities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	80.00
Date	07-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Beneficiary households participating in income-generating activities/ beneficiary households			
▶ Percentage of women participating in income generating activities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	70.00
Date	07-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	20-Dec-2022
Comments:	Percentage of female beneficiaries of income-generating activities			



Strengthening the social protection system				
<b>► Elaboration and adoption of a Social Protection Strategy responsive to shocks (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	02-Jun-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	The Ministry of Social Affaires and Humanitarian Action (MASAH) will draft and adopt a Social Protection Strategy.			
<b>► Number of households registered in the social registry (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	120,417.00	--	646,729.00	300,000.00
Date	22-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	This indicator measures the use of the RSU to assess households' socio-economic conditions and to determine their potential eligibility for social programs.			
<b>► Percentage of transfers delivered through digital payments (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	60.00
Date	07-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	No data available yet. Transfers delivered through digital payments / total transfers.			
<b>► Timely payment of cash transfers (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	80.00
Date	22-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	No data yet. Timeliness of payments as defined by the Operations Manual			
<b>► Percentage of grievances documented, processed and resolved within 20 days (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	80.00
Date	07-May-2020	--	15-Sep-2020	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	Data is in the process of submission. Average time taken to record, process and resolve grievances related to targeting			



**Performance-Based Conditions**

**Data on Financial Performance**

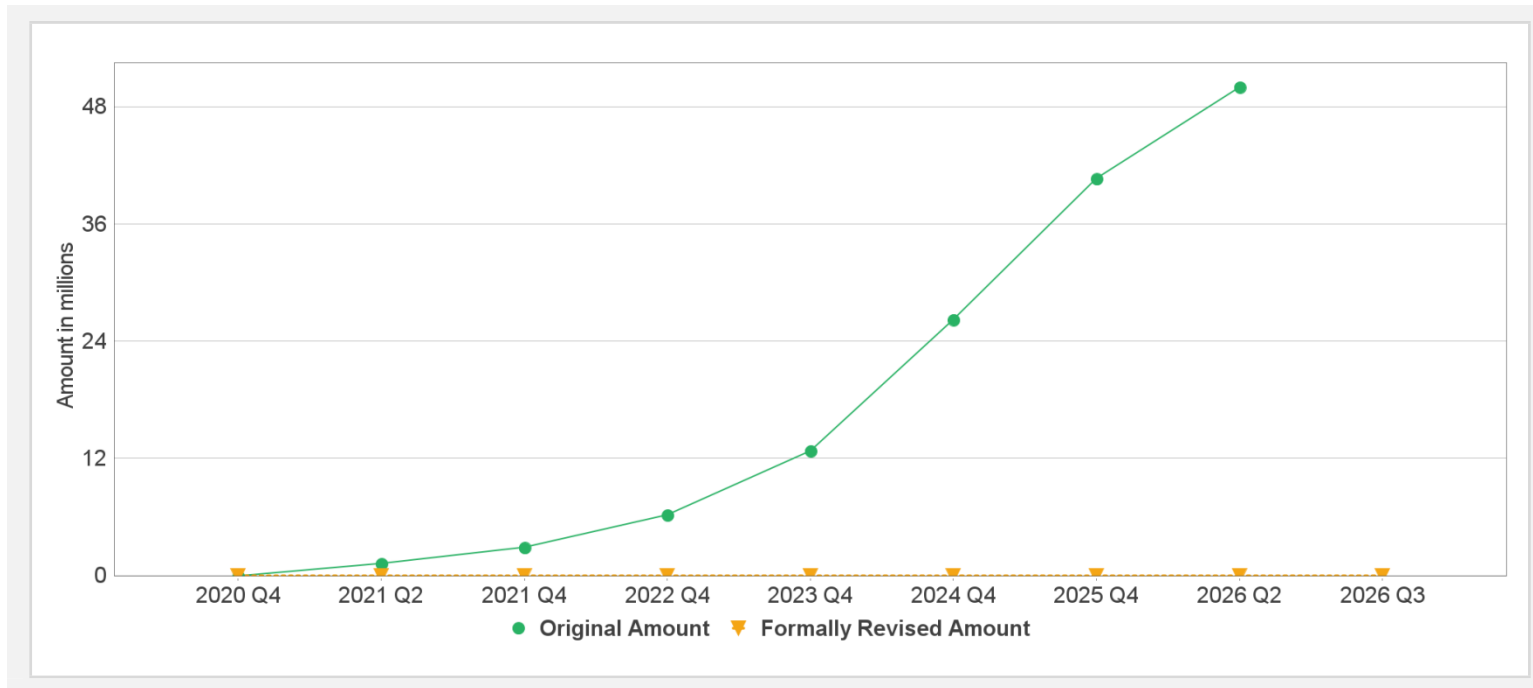
**Disbursements (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P174178	IDA-67180	Effective	USD	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	53.12	0%

**Key Dates (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P174178	IDA-67180	Effective	24-Jun-2020	13-Jul-2020	09-Oct-2020	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022

**Cumulative Disbursements**





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**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**

There has been no restructuring to date.

**Related Project(s)**

There are no related projects.

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