

## Implementation Status & Results

### Africa

#### Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Trust Fund (P112600)

Operation Name: Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Trust Fund (P112600)      Project Stage: Implementation      Seq.No: 8      Status: ARCHIVED      Archive Date: 11-Jul-2011

Product Line: Recipient Executed Activities      Country: Africa      Approval FY: 2009  
 Region: AFRICA      Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan  
 Implementing Agency(ies): Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA)

#### Key Dates

Board Approval Date	19-Sep-2008	Original Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Planned Mid Term Review Date	12-Sep-2011	Last Archived ISR Date	11-Jul-2011
Effectiveness Date	04-Nov-2008	Revised Closing Date	31-Dec-2013	Actual Mid Term Review Date	19-Sep-2011		

#### Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

**To support a program of integrated agricultural research for development (IAR4D) as described in ASARECA's Operational Plan. This will contribute to more effective use of resources devoted to agricultural research among the member countries and wider access to the results of research in the regional agricultural systems of Eastern and Central Africa.**

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

Yes       No

#### Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Research for Development	20.83
ASARECA's Governance Structures	0.39
ASARECA's Management & Administration Structures	2.82

#### Overall Ratings

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

#### Implementation Status Overview

The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) continues to register encouraging implementation progress towards achieving its goal of supporting a program of integrated agricultural research for development (IAR4D). ASARECA's Strategic Plan, Operational Plan (OP) (2008-2013) and annual work plans are

the basis for which coordinated support is provided by all donors contributing to the MDTF. ASARECA has made significant progress in supporting ongoing projects (both technically and in terms of financial management), launching new project calls and developing new projects, further improving its M&E and information management systems, and in addressing the priority recommendations emerging from regular reviews. While there is still scope for improvement in many areas, the Bank team concluded that implementation progress of ASARECA's OP is generally satisfactory. Technical and operational support by ASARECA to the implementing institutions has contributed positively to the effective undertakings of the different research, development and up-scaling activities. Accordingly:

- (a) 155 demand driven agricultural technologies have been generated and disseminated, and close to 27,500 target beneficiaries were able to access the technologies,
- (b) A total of 29 policies, laws, regulations and procedures were analyzed, of which 22 were presented for legislation/decreed, and 9 policy options were approved. However, more strategic interventions are needed to ensure effective scaling-up and out of the new technologies.
- (c) ASARECA has commissioned and undertaken a significant number of capacity and institution building activities as part of the plan to strengthen the NARs. Furthermore, important investments were made in laboratories, gene banks, screen houses, nurseries, ripening houses and for biodiversity monitoring equipment. Nevertheless, training and capacity building efforts to NARs should be a continuous process.
- (d) The Board of Directors of ASARECA meetings are regularly conducted, well-prepared and well-attended. However, to increase BoD effectiveness it is necessary to carry out training, particularly for new members in corporate governance, finance, audit, performance assessment, as well as other areas as needs are identified.
- (e) ASARECA has been able to facilitate and forge coordination between scientists in different member countries and in some cases significant achievements were gained from such a regional approach. However, some sub-projects appear to be more 'multi-country' rather than regional. This is an evolutionary process, but champions need to be identified to keep this on the radar screen of the Board and national programs.

**Locations**

No Location data has been entered

**Results**

**Project Development Objective Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Increase in adoption of new varieties, breeds and management practices in selected Development Domains(Text Description) - Custom Indicator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	10.00	25.00	58.00
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013
			Comments	For improved cassava varieties in ECA region	So far, up to 27,505 stakeholders have reportedly accessed new technologies and innovations. ASARECA has planned to undertake detailed evaluation to assess the level of adoption of these technologies and innovations.	
Policy options implemented by stakeholders (Text Description) - Custom Indicator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	3.00	15.00	8.00
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013

			Comments	<p>1. Uganda National Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy, approved by the cabinet in April 2008; 2. Kenya Seed Bill 2008 passed by Cabinet in August 2008 3. Kenya Biosafety Bill passed by parliament in December 2008</p>	<p>1. Seed and Plant Variety Regulations Kenya 2. Burundi Seed Act 3. Guidelines for Commercial Planting of GMO Kenya 4. Guidelines for food aid containing GMO Kenya 5. Business Development Service Pilot Scheme Tanzania 6. The Kenya Seed Policy 7. Uganda Plant Variety Bill presented for final reading before parliament, and approved for enactment</p>	At least 8 policies implemented.
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**Intermediate Results Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
ASARECA gender sensitive governance structure and procedures established and operational.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Governance structure and procedures do not exist.	So far, up to 32 projects have incorporated gender-responsive agricultural innovation systems.	Gender sensitive Governance structure and procedures established and fully operational.
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2009
			Comments			
Improved guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Outdated guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration.	Operational Manual endorsed by the ASARECA Board of Directors in December 2009	Improved guidelines for procurement, human resource, finance and general administration published as a manual and circulated.
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2009
			Comments	Updating of guidelines required.	Achieved. 1. Operational Manual has been developed, and is being finalized (incorporating MTR comments) 2. Internal Auditor is in place	Achieved.
Appropriate policy options recommended to decision makers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	4.00	28.00	20.00
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013

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Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
			Comments	1. Rationalization and harmonization of dairy policies and standards, 2. Harmonization of seed trade regulations 3. Standards for commercialization of root crops 4. Biotechnology and Biosafety regulations	So far, 28 policies have been presented for legislation and dialogue, e.g. 1. Quarantined pest list for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania 2. Guidelines for trade in GM 3. Guidelines for commercial planting of GM 4. Guidelines for food aid containing GM 5. Food price trends analysis 6. Up to 11 cassava and potato standards 7. The COMESA Biosafety guidelines on commercial planting of, and trade in GMO and food aid transit 8. East African Standard for potato 9. Up to 13 additional draft East African Standards for cassava, sweet potatoes and related products	End target to be confirmed by ASARECA for next ISR.
Gender sensitive R4D programs implemented by ASARECA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0	So far, up to 32 projects have incorporated gender-responsive agricultural innovation systems.	At least 1 per program
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013
			Comments			
Packed information/knowledge products delivered through the identified pathways.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	33.00	67.50	90.00
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013

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			Comments	Of the 121 knowledge products (technologies, management practices, etc) available for delivery through different pathways, 40 had been packaged and delivered.	1. So far, 419 different information packages (out of the total 621) have been developed 2. ASARECA has identified information delivery pathways through the indicator will be reviewed and methods of computation described. 3. The packaged information include, among other things: books, peer reviewed journal articles, chapter in books, conference proceedings,	
Research and development portfolio addresses the needs identified during priority setting process.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	100.00	100.00
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013
			Comments	The baseline exists in the form of program priorities as at 2008 for Staples, PAAP and Agrobio. Strategies for NRM&F, Non-staples, Livestock & fisheries and Upscaling and KM will appear in 2009.	Priority setting completed for all the 4 Programs and 4 Units. The projects developed and supported by the programs are drawn from these strategies and priorities.	
Demand-driven (gender responsive) technologies/innovations generated (Text Description) - Custom Indicator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	203.00	
			Date	26-Nov-2008	30-Sep-2011	31-Dec-2013
			Comments	66 technologies & management practices and under research by previous ASARECA networks. Some of these were continued by #New# ASARECA programs. The number is disaggregated by type of technology.	1. So far, 419 different information packages (out of the total 621) have been developed (these are cumulative figures) 2. ASARECA has identified information delivery	ASARECA to provide end target for next ISR.

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**Data on Financial Performance (as of 26-Sep-2011)**

**Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates**

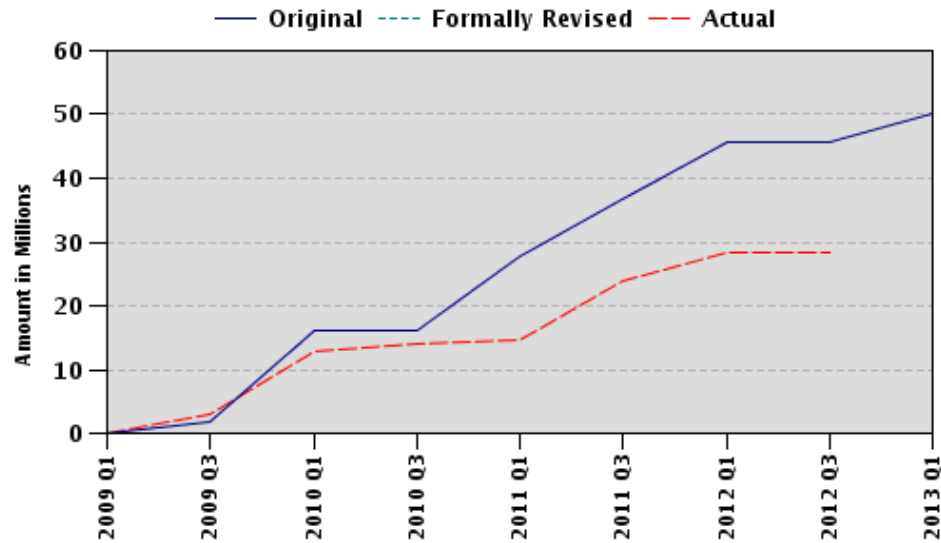
Project	Loan No.	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date
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P112600	TF-93070	Effective	03-Nov-2008	04-Nov-2008	04-Nov-2008	31-Dec-2013

**Disbursements (in Millions)**

Project	Loan No.	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P112600	TF-93070	Effective	USD	28.78	28.78	0.00	28.34	21.69	98.00

**Disbursement Graph**



**Key Decisions Regarding Implementation**

None.

**Restructuring History**

There has been no restructuring to date.

**Related Projects**

There are no related projects.