



## Fiji Social Protection COVID-19 Response and System Development Project (P175206)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Fiji, Ministry of Economy

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

Bank Approval Date: 09-Feb-2021

Effectiveness Date: 19-Feb-2021

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 29-Jul-2022

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Jul-2024

Revised Closing Date: 31-Jul-2024

**Project Development Objectives**

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the income of the unemployed and underemployed, and to increase efficiency and adaptability of the social protection system.

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

No

**Components Table**

Name

Cash transfers to the unemployed and underemployed affected by COVID-19:(Cost \$45.00 M)  
Institutional Strengthening:(Cost \$5.00 M)

**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"/> Moderate

**Implementation Status and Key Decisions**

The project was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on February 9, 2021 and became effective on February 19, 2021. The project has established the institutional and implementation arrangements, including the steering committee and project management unit with dedicated staff members holding key positions. A project kickoff workshop, jointly organized by the World Bank and Ministry of Economy (MOE) on March 29-30, 2021, was actively participated by representatives from MOE, Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF), Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT), Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations (MEPIR) and Ministry of Women, Children, and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA). The workshop has covered the key operational and fiduciary implementation areas (procurement, financial management, environmental and social management, project management and monitoring and evaluation) as well as the thematic areas – unemployment benefits, adaptive social protection, active labor market programs and supporting information systems – that the technical assistance component of the project will support. Early stage of project implementation is underway and on track, including disbursement of funds under Component 1 as well as procurement activities for technical assistance under Component 2.



**Risks**

**Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool**

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

**Results**

**PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes**

To mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the income of the unemployed and underemployed				
▶ Number of unemployed and underemployed who received cash transfers with the government top-ups from FNPF (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	66,800.00	60,000.00
Date	27-Mar-2020	--	21-May-2021	31-Jul-2021
☐ Number of female unemployed and underemployed who received cash transfers from FNPF (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	28,342.00	24,000.00
Date	27-Mar-2020	--	21-May-2021	31-Jul-2021
☐ Percentage of beneficiaries in the area affected by TC Harold (Number, Custom Breakdown)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	95.00	90.00
Date	27-Mar-2020	--	21-May-2021	31-Jul-2021
□ Gap in General Account balances between female and male beneficiaries (Text, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	(FJD 32)	--	FJD 0	FJD 0

To strengthen the social protection delivery system to be efficient and adaptive				
▶ Adaptive Social Protection Strategy and action plans developed and adopted (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	30-Oct-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
▶ Interoperability among social protection databases or information systems have been established (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	30-Oct-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024

**Intermediate Results Indicators by Components**

Cash transfers to the unemployed and underemployed affected by COVID-19				
▶ Share of unemployed and underemployed whose application were processed and approved in five business days (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	80.50	90.00
Date	26-Mar-2020	--	21-May-2021	31-Jul-2021

Institutional Stengthening				
▶ A feasibility study and an implementation roadmap for the unemployment benefits scheme developed (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Specific operational manual for the Stronger Together Program adopted by the Ministry of Economy (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Number of new and existing SP programs linked to disaster and economic vulnerability data (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	5.00
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Management information system (MIS) to support improved delivery of employment support programs developed at NEC and piloted in selective centers (Text, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Information system with minimum functions which could not provide needed employment services to the jobseekers.	--	same as baseline	MIS has been developed and in operation with defined functionalities in selected localities
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Share of registered jobseekers reporting satisfaction with the employment services received from NEC (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	80.00
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Approval of the design of a GRM for gender-based violence (Yes/No, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<b>► Increased share of awareness of GBV services available (Text, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	Baseline to be established	--	Baseline to be established	Baseline+20%
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Male (Text, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	baseline to be established	--	baseline to be established	Baseline+20%
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	31-Jul-2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Female (Text, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Baseline to be established	--	baseline to be established	Baseline+20%
Date	30-Nov-2020	--	27-May-2021	30-Nov-2020

**Overall Comments**

The baseline for awareness of GBV services will be established through MWCPA beneficiary survey that is part of the work plan.

**Performance-Based Conditions**

**Data on Financial Performance**

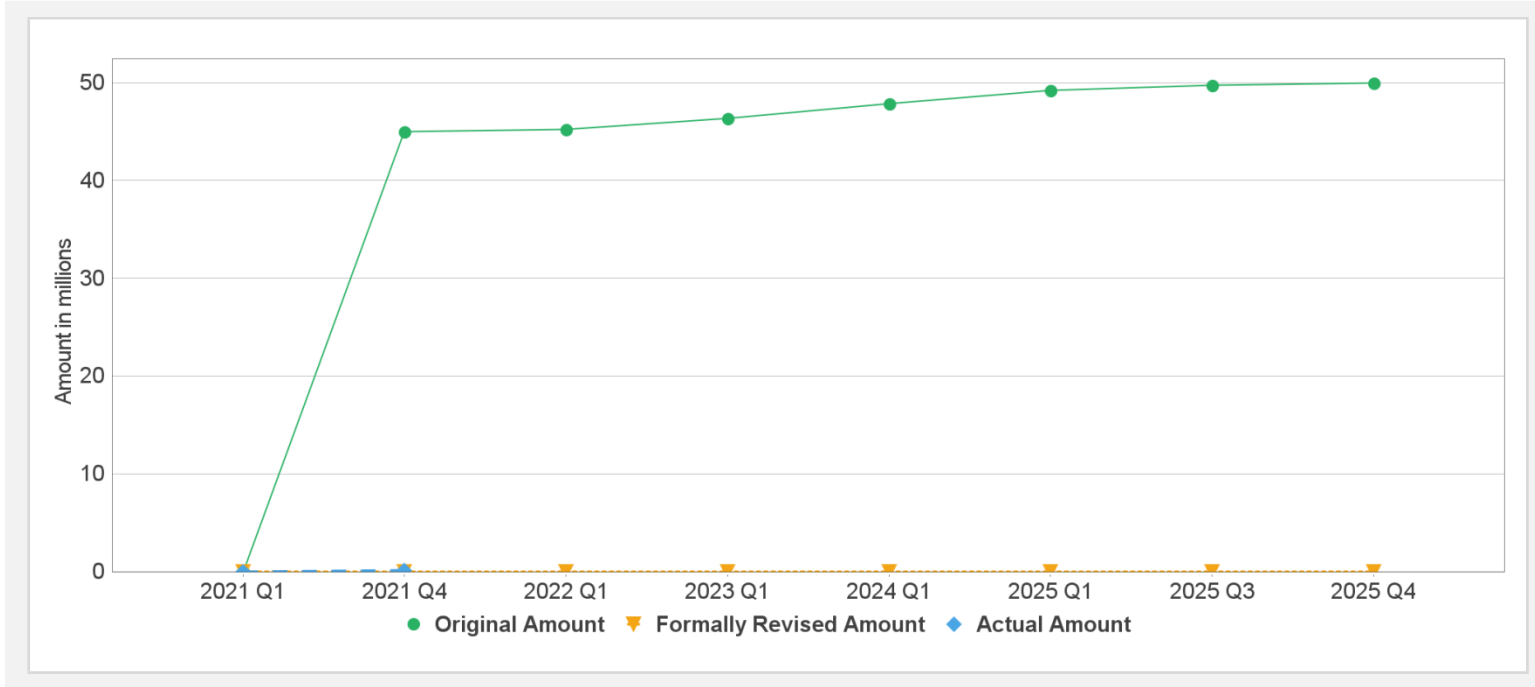
**Disbursements (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P175206	IDA-68280	Effective	USD	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.10	49.76	0.2%

**Key Dates (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P175206	IDA-68280	Effective	09-Feb-2021	15-Feb-2021	19-Feb-2021	31-Jul-2024	31-Jul-2024

**Cumulative Disbursements**



**PBC Disbursement**

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

**Restructuring History**

There has been no restructuring to date.

**Related Project(s)**

There are no related projects.