



FATA Rural Livelihoods and Community Infrastructure Project (RLCIP) (P126833)

SOUTH ASIA | Pakistan | Agriculture and Rural Development Global Practice |
Recipient Executed Activities | Specific Investment Loan | FY 2012 | Seq No: 7 | ARCHIVED on 08-May-2015 | ISR19105 |

Implementing Agencies: FATA Secretariat

Key Dates

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Board Approval date:06-Apr-2012

Effectiveness Date:12-Apr-2012

Planned Mid Term Review Date:31-Jan-2014

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:31-Mar-2014

Original Closing Date:30-Jun-2015

Revised Closing Date:30-Jun-2015

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To improve livelihoods and access to basic service infrastructure in selected Agencies in FATA.

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

No

Components

Name

Component A – Community Development and Social Capital Building:(Cost \$0.60 M)

Component B – Community Infrastructure and Services:(Cost \$8.90 M)

Component C – Livelihoods Support:(Cost \$1.50 M)

Component D – Institutional Strengthening, Monitoring and Evaluation and Project Management:(Cost \$1.00 M)

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | ● Moderately Satisfactory | ● Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | ● Moderately Satisfactory | ● Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | ● High | ● High |



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The progress made by the project since March 6, 2015 appears to put the project back on track. In almost 4-5 months preceding March 2015, the project activities had come to a standstill because of various reasons, especially multiple enquiries launched by the FATA Secretariat. This not only led to dead stoppage of activities; it led to abysmally slow utilization of allocated funds. With the change in PMU management, activities have picked up pace and the project appears to be well on its way to realize more than 80-85% of its End-of-the Project (EoP) targets by the current closing date. As of April 13, 2015 the project had utilized US \$ 5.24 million out of the disbursed US \$ 9.1 m however as per activities planned and signed commitments for the period March-June 2015, another US \$ 3.1 million is likely to be utilized.

During Mid Term Review (MTR) (April 2104) EoP target for forming/ revitalizing CBOs was revised to 281. The project has successfully realized the target in terms of numbers of CBOs as it formed/ revitalized 282 CBOs, of which one disintegrated. The project also formed 166 farmer groups. The CBOs and farmer groups were also provided with training to utilize technical and managerial skills. However, because of inactivity of almost 4-5 months, the communities has resumed perceiving the Social Mobilization Partner (SMP) as provider of services instead of government. The issues was highlighted during the last Implementation Support Mission (ISM) April 13-17, 2015. As a follow-up remedial measures have been reported in the first week of May 2015.

Community Infrastructure Component has an allocation of US\$ 8.9 million (about 74% of total financing) is one of the four components of RLCIP. As of mid-April 2015, the project has initiated 178 schemes costing PKR 512.75 million of which 103 CPIs have been completed while remaining 75 are in different stage of completion. Out of the 178 implemented schemes; DWSS has been the most prioritized scheme (47 (26%)), followed by flood protection wall (29 (22%)); and street pavements (35 (20%)) schemes. In the remaining lot; access road contributes 32 (18%), irrigation channels 14(8%), pedestrian track 04 (2%), causeways 3 (1.9%); retaining wall 2 (1%) and bridges 2-(1%). Actions agreed during ISM i.e. October 2014 have been substantially met. Despite the delay in hiring and mobilization of design and supervision consultant firm "SRSP", RLCIP has showed significant progress in implementing infrastructure component. Against the 281 CPI schemes the project has managed to implement 64% of the overall target. The project has also identified 50 additional CPIs for the period April-June which will bring the target achievement to 82%.

Against the planned targets the project is moving well. Data indicates that the honey bee business has been rewarding. So has also the wheat. It will be good if similar results are presented for the nurseries established. The results for orchards established in terms of yields will come in 2-3 years. The project is looking for re-appropriation of about PkR. 1.432 to fully meet the planned activities for the remaining period. Among the activities, wheat package is distributed the third time and honey bee and nursery package the second time since the start of the project. This is mainly because of the good results e.g. doubling of yields from wheat and PkR. 65,000 net income per hh and hence the demand of the communities.

The achievements to date reveal that the project is well on track to achieving its targets and objectives across all indicators except those relating to community infrastructure (Component B) which is likely to remain around 80% of the EoP target. The PMU based in Peshawar as well as the Agency Implementation Units (AIUs) are fully staffed for M&E. An M&E specialist manages the overall monitoring and evaluation responsibilities for the project while three M&E officers are based in each AIU. In addition, a firm supports the overall M&E function through data collection and verification of field data. The firm has developed a robust MIS, which captures details related to project results as well as implementation details. An MIS officer ensures weekly supervision and management of the MIS.

Given cultural sensitivities in FATA, it is difficult to ensure direct involvement of women in project activities despite proactive efforts by the project team to this end. In the model village of Lakyano, Bajaur Agency (bordering Afghanistan), the project team, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department of FATA Secretariat, organized a training programme for women at the tehsil-level vocational centre. However, this activity was discontinued when the women received threats from the local Taliban. In the village of Hajikor, Mohmand Agency, women refused to accept sewing machines from the project authorities due to security concerns. Nevertheless, a number of initiatives have been undertaken by the project teams to promote female empowerment and youth engagement. All quick-win activities, particularly fuel efficient stoves, solar home solutions and solar lamps are aimed at improving the quality of life within the homestead, particularly for women. The project has supported approximately two female headed businesses through their enterprise development component. A total of 177 youth have been trained and an additional 150 have been identified for skills training through the project.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 43875.00 | 58820.00 | 64630.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 19-Sep-2014 | 10-Apr-2015 | 30-Jun-2015 |



► Community/farmer groups established and/or revitalized (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 184.00 | 282.00 | 281.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 19-Sep-2014 | 10-Apr-2015 | -- |

► Infrastructure schemes completed and O&M transferred to local communities (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 101.00 | 101.00 | 281.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 19-Sep-2014 | 19-Sep-2014 | -- |

Overall Comments

After a slow-down, the project has picked up pace since March 6, 2015

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Component A: Community/farmer organizations trained for technical and managerial skills (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 117.00 | 281.00 | 281.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 19-Sep-2014 | 10-Apr-2015 | -- |

► Component B: Schemes completed within budget, in time and with specified quality (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 91.00 | 103.00 | 281.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 19-Sep-2014 | 19-Sep-2014 | 30-Jun-2015 |



► Component C: Household receiving livelihoods support (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1608.00 | 2516.00 | 2989.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 25-Feb-2014 | 10-Apr-2015 | 30-Jun-2015 |

► Component D: government staff trained (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 8.00 | 43.00 | 213.00 |
| Date | 12-Jul-2012 | 25-Feb-2014 | 10-Apr-2015 | -- |


► Number of households benefiting from quick win activities (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | -- | 3877.00 | 2324.00 |
| Date | -- | -- | 10-Apr-2015 | -- |

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

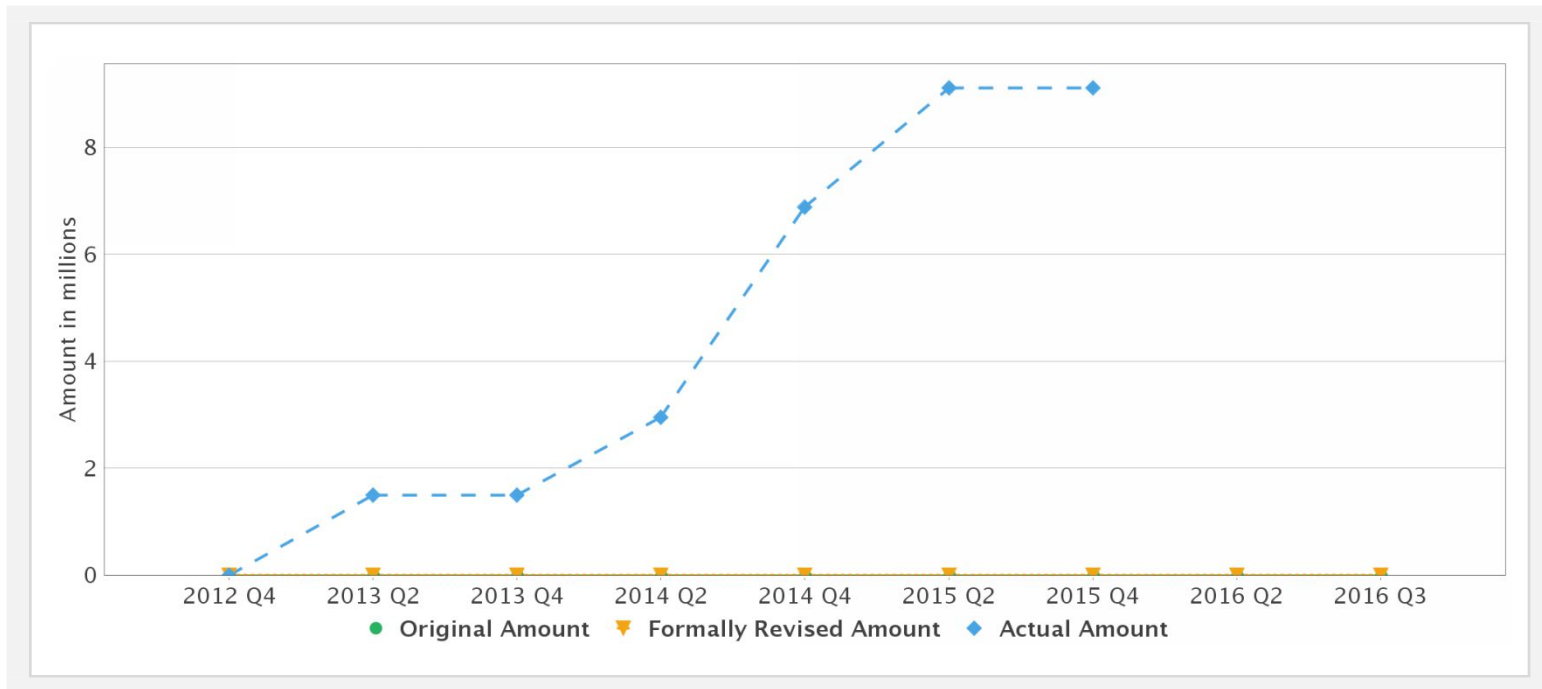
| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---|
| P126833 | TF-11857 | Effective | USD | 12.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 9.12 | 2.88 |  76% |

Key Dates (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Approval Date | Signing Date | Effectiveness Date | Orig. Closing Date | Rev. Closing Date |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| P126833 | TF-11857 | Effective | 12-Apr-2012 | 12-Apr-2012 | 12-Apr-2012 | 30-Jun-2015 | 30-Jun-2015 |



Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P154777-PK: Additional Financing & Restructuring for FATA RLCIP