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Forests and Community (P132846)

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Implementing Agencies: Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development (SAyDS), Argentine Republic

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 07-Apr-2015
Effectiveness Date: 13-Nov-2015
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 20-Aug-2018
Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 21-Aug-2018
Original Closing Date: 30-Nov-2020
Revised Closing Date: 30-Nov-2020

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

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

No

Components

Name
Sustainable Livelihoods:(Cost $41.69 M)
Natural Forest Management and Civil Society:(Cost $0.64 M)
Skills and Technology Transfer:(Cost $7.40 M)
Forest Monitoring:(Cost $6.66 M)
Project Management and Impact Monitoring:(Cost $2.22 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Project implementation and PDO. In spite of having a good pipeline of approved Integrated Community Plans (PICs), the implementation of activities has been slowed down by the announcement of limited federal expenditure capacity. This is negatively affecting Project implementation, and the achievement of the PDO is at risk. The technical components are advancing very slowly and showing only minimal measurable progress toward intermediate results. A field visit to Salta, Chaco, and Santiago del Estero during the last implementation support mission showed that the number of PICs approved and at advanced stages of formulation has increased: 29 PICshave already been approved by the provincial

environmental authorities; 28 more have been submitted to them for their review and approval; and 23 more PICs are under preparation. 20 additional PICs have been identified to be prepared jointly by the PIU and the provincial forest agencies, and later on, would be implemented by the latter. However, the actual implementation of the PICs already approved (i.e. those that are under direct control of SAyDS) is moving very slowly; which in some cases increases the anxiety of some of the beneficiary communities.
On the other hand, the activities related to the national forest monitoring at the national level are progressing relatively well. During the mission, and for the first time, the PIU presented a record of timber transported in Jujuy, Salta and Chaco provinces, as evidence of the progress achieved in the roll-out of SacVeFor. The operational status of the Deforestation Early Warning System was also confirmed during the mission by the forest authorities of Santiago del Estero and Chaco provinces. Finally, regarding the National Forest Inventory, the targets expected in terms of sampling plots installed have been overpassed.
Project Restructuring. The Project's expenditure capacity for calendar year 2019 has been capped at around AR$127 million by the Project's budget allocation approved by the National Congress in late 2018. Moreover, even in a better financing scenario, the Mid Term Review conducted in September 2018 confirmed that the Project Development Objective (PDO) indicators' targets set during preparation remain largely out of reach. With these constraints in mind, in June 2019 the Ministry of Finance requested partial cancelation of the loan of US$38 million (65% of its original amount), and the PIU worked on a project restructuring plan to ensure the PDO is achievable and targets are set at appropriate levels.
Key elements of the expected Project restructuring include: (a) focus investments on the 100 communities already identified to date by the project; (b) strengthen dialogue with Provinces in order to integrate the PIC instrument into Provincial level forest law procedures and financing; (c) eliminate or scale down less relevant activities related to communication and training.
Agreed actions to improve project implementation include: (a) to complete the Project restructuring, including a substantial partial cancelation of the loan; (b) to focus Project implementation on the achievement of the results, as included in the operational plan for CY19 recently updated (and to be monitored with the restructured results indicators framework); (c) to develop an operational plan covering the whole lifespan of the Project; including quarterly milestones for all the results indicators; and to clearly distribute responsibilities on those milestones among the PIU members; and (d) to provide a much closer follow up from the Bank side. The timely execution of these actions, including the restructuring, should allow the project to get back on track to achieve its newly defined objectives.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To improve forest management; and increase access to markets and basic services by SFP in north. pro

▸People in forest&adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefit from forest (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

◢People in forest and adjacent community with benefits from forest-female (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

◢People in forest&adj. commy with benefit from forest-Ethnic minority/indigenous (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,500.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸Increased share of Forest Fund resources allocated to small forest producers (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸Share of target households with improved access to basic services (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	4.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸Small forest producers reporting improved access to markets (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	28-Feb-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

1. Sustainable Livelihoods

▸Forest area brought under management plans (Hectare(Ha), Corporate)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	42,710.00	96,987.00	310,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	As of May 3, 2019, 29 Integrated Community Plans are under implementation in Chaco, Salta, and Santiago del Estero. These cover 96,987 ha of forested area.			

▸1.2-Small forest producers trained in sustainable forest management, value addition and marketing (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,407.00	1,715.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.3-Forest area brought under strengthened tenure (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	200,529.00	312,910.00	248,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.4-Small forest producers with improved access to water for consumption and production (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,501.00	1,987.00	6,400.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.5-Small forest producers issued Group Certification Certificates (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	All approved PICs (integrated community plans) have action plans toward forest certification.			

▸1.6-Household wood consumption reduced by 25% with adoption of improved/clean wood stoves (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	45.00	45.00	25.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.7-Improved kilns increase wood to charcoal conversion by 15% (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	14.00	15.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.8-Small forest producers adopt climate resilient practices for agriculture and livestock production (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	21.00	21.00	300.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸1.9-Households with access to electricity from clean energy sources including co-generation plants (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

2. Natural Forest Management and Civil Society

▸2.1-Journalists, public opinion leaders and social communicators trained (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	83.00	83.00	200.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	This activity will no longer be a focus of the restructured project going forward.			

▸2.2-Forest and society dissemination activities completed (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	Graphic material (15); Media products (22)	Graphic material (4); Media products (15)
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸2.3-Community members trained to operate Community Radios (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	26.00	26.00	400.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸2.4-Community broadcasting stations equipped and operating (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target

Value	0.00	3.00	3.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	This type of work will not feature in the restructured project gong forward.			

3. Skills and Technology Transfer

▸3.1-Community members trained in sustainable forest management, climate resilient agriculture/ livestock practices (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,017.00	2,323.00	4,750.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

▸3.2-Service providers trained in climate resilient agriculture and livestock practices (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	622.00	622.00	200.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

4. Forest Monitoring

▸4.1-Deforestation Early Warning System operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	The SAT (Sistema Alerta Temprana de Deforestacion de Bosque Nativo) is up and running in 8 provinces: Salta, Jujuy, Tucuman, Chaco, Santiago del Estero, Formosa and Santa Fe.			

▸4.2-Permanent sample plots installed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,362.00	2,519.00	3,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	As of May 3, 2019, 2519 plots were installed according to the second national inventory (Open Foris Collect - FAO).			

▸4.3 Share of volume of timber transported in participating provinces tracked by SACVEFOR (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	22.64	50.00

Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

5. Project Management and Impact Monitoring

▸Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6,639.00	13,813.00	105,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	03-May-2019	30-Jun-2020

◢Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	36.00	36.00	52,500.00

▸Beneficiaries that feel project investments reflected their needs (percentage) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	01-Jul-2015	01-Mar-2019	01-Mar-2019	30-Jun-2020

◢Total beneficiaries - female (number) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	375.00	0.00	52,500.00

◢Total beneficiaries - male (number) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	664.00	0.00	52,500.00

◢Beneficiaries that feel project inv. reflected their needs - female (number) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,750.00

◢Beneficiaries that feel project inv. reflected their needs - male (number) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,750.00

Data on Financial Performance

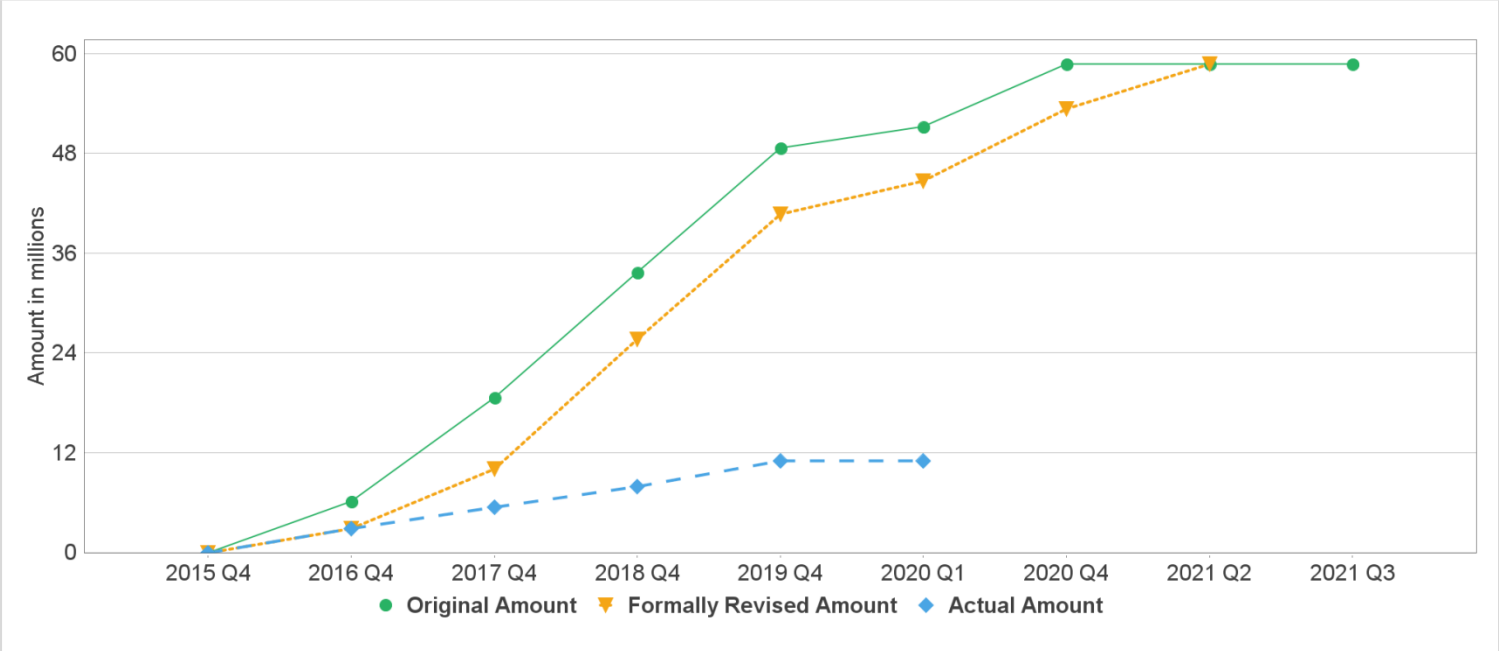
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P132846	IBRD-84930	Effective	USD	58.76	58.76	0.00	11.13	47.63	19%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P132846	IBRD-84930	Effective	07-Apr-2015	21-Sep-2015	13-Nov-2015	30-Nov-2020	30-Nov-2020

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.