Climate Smart Agriculture Support Project (P153420)

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Implementing Agencies: Government of Niger, Ministry of Agriculture

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:26-May-2016
Planned Mid Term Review Date:18-Nov-2019

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2022 Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objectives of the Project are: (i) to enhance adaptation to climate risks, (ii) to improve agricultural productivity among the Targeted Communities and (iii) in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency.

Effectiveness Date:30-Nov-2016

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: --

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

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

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Components

Name

Public Disclosure Authorized

Investments for Scaling up Climate Smart Agriculture:(Cost \$68.00 M)

Innovative practices and improved service delivery for mainstreaming CSA:(Cost \$33.00 M)

Contingency Emergency Response

Project Coordination and Management:(Cost \$10.00 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Moderately Satisfactory	 Moderately Satisfactory

Overall Risk Rating Substantial Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project (PASEC) is effective since November 30, 2016.

The project has implemented the key following actions:

- Preparation of 15 pilot Climate Smart Plans and Integrated Sub-Projects includes integrated activities targeting the three CSA outcomes (productivity, resilience and mitigation). The total amount of these 15 sub-projects is US\$7 million;
- The first five integrated sub-projects have been submitted to the Bank and are under review for no objection. The remaining 10 others integrated sub-projects are under approval with the local and approval committees will be soon submitted to the Bank;
- Preparation and Finalization of contract agreements with national bodies (DGA, DPIA, RECA, Meteorology Department, INRAN) and contracts with international organizations (ICRISAT and FAO) have been submitted to the Bank for clearance. The Project has started the implementation
- Support to 123,000 farmers to access to drought tolerant improved seeds (1,000 tons of drought tolerant seeds);
- Implementation at RECA of a call center (in haoussa and zarma) targeting farmers access on agriculture best practices, market information and on climate information. During its first three months (pilot phase), the call center has provided agricultural advice to 7,800 farmers;
- Training of the 60 communes mayors on CSA Plan and Integrated Sub-Project preparation and implementation procedures;
- The Project has launched the first call for proposal for the matching grant mechanism. The selection process is still ongoing and 137 sub-projects (amounting US\$ 1,2 million)
- · Procurement of basic equipment for the PIU (office and IT equipment, cars).
- · The recruitment of CSA operators is also on ongoing and has experienced important delays.

Partnership with the MCC/MCA. As the compact is not yet effective et the PASEC was not fully operational, the start up of the partnership between PASEC and MCA focused on toolkits, manual and guidelines exchange. To implement the partnership on the ground (Maradi, Tilaberi, Dosso and Tahoua), it has been agreed to keep together in the same premises the IDA and MCC funded teams. Each of the financing will cover the operational cost of two regions (office rental, utilities, Internet, Telephone, Generator, guards, secretariat,...). It has been agreed that the MCA and the PASEC Coordination Unit will meet each month and a joint IDA/MCC supervision mission will be undertaken in 2018.

Since the Government has almost completed the recruitment of the Project team, the priority has now to be put on moving the project disbursement by (i) financing 15 integrated sub-projects before June 30, 2018; (ii) financing the matching grant sub-projects before end of April 2018; (iii) starting the implementation of the contracts signed with national and international entities; (iv) focusing on the contract with high disbursement such as the acquisition of the meteorological equipment and (v) finalize the recruitment of the operators.

The April Implementation Support Mission will come up with a detailed action plan for the next three months to ensure to boost project implementation and bring disbursements back on track with forecast. The progress on this action plan shall be discussed every month with the PIU and the Ministry of agriculture.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Macroeconomic	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	Moderate	Substantial	Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

•	Increased adoption	on of new	agricultural and	d management	practices	promoted by	the i	project (Percentage.	Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		5.00	25.00
Date	01-Jul-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Percentage of adoption of drought tolerant seeds.

▶ Agricultural productivity increase in the project's areas (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		20.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	30-Jun-2022

Comments

 $20\% \ of increase \ compared \ to \ baseline \ figures \ on \ agricultural \ yields \ (source: bilan \ de \ champagne \ agricole \ 2017).$

▶ Reduced net GHG emissions per unit of food (energy and protein equivalent) (Percentage, Custom)

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Baseline	Actual (Prev	vious) A	ctual (Curren	it)	End Target

Value	0.00		0.00	30.00
Date	01-Jul-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	30-Jun-2022

Indicator not yet measured

▶ Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		130,000.00	500,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2016		29-Mar-2018	30-Jun-2022

Comments

Beneficiaries' of the seed program and those reached by the call center.

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		25.00	40.00

Overall Comments

The Project would have to better target women groups. The project is receiving support from UN-Women to better intervene in women empowerment inagriculture

Intermediate Results Indicators

▶ A remote sensing, application for monitoring crop performance is established and operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N		N	Υ
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The Project has established partnership with the National Ecological Center Center ang Agrhymet Center to establish the remote sensing application.

▶ Number of vulnerable farmers receiving subsidies from the e-voucher agricultural input subsidy platform (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		517.00	20,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The Project will implement before July 2018 a new seed e-voucher campaign.

▶ An e-voucher agricultural input subsidy platform is established and operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	Υ	Υ
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Te-voucher platform has been established and tested in 4 communes.

▶ Number of annual audit reports submitted on time with no major qualifications (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	5.00
Date	01-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

The Project Auditor has been recruited. The firs audit report is due January 30, 2018.

▶ Percentage of procurement activities executed in conformity with the procurement plan, the implementation manual, and IDA procedures (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		100.00	100.00
Date	01-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

▶ Time taken to make funds available as requested by GoN for an eligible crisis or emergency (Weeks, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00			4.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

IRM mechanism not yet triggered.

▶ Area provided with irrigation and drainage services (Hectare(Ha), Custo	om)
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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	6.00	3,400.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Irrigation sub-projects are included in the first sub-projects that are expected by April 15. The indicator shall increase in the next reporting.

▶ A national M&E system is established and operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N		Υ	Υ
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The M&E system has been established and is fully operational.

▶ Percentage of management reports (M&E, safeguards, procurement, FM) presented within 45 days of the end of the relevant period (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

All projects reports are submitted on due time.

▶ Number of facilitators trained (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	180.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Actitivity included in the FAO contract agreement under review by the Bank

▶ Number of farmers field school implemented (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	180.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Actitivity included in the FAO contract agreement under review by the Bank

▶ Grievance Redress Mechanism established and operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	Υ	Υ	Υ
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The Grievance Redress Mechanism has been established. However, any complaint has not been received so far.

▶ Percentage of farmers using climate information for agricultural production (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	25.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		29-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Activity to start with the coming rainy season. project will undertake a survey to determine the value.

■ percentage of women (Percent	age, Custom Breakdown)			
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	40.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

▶ Number of matching grant imple	emented (Number, Custom)			
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00			2,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The first call for proposal have been launched. The first matching grant will be awarded before April 15.

■ percentage of female (Nu	ımber, Custom Breakdown)			
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	800.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

▶ Targeted Beneficiaries are satisfied with specific project interventions (e.g. improved service delivery, farmer field school, trainings etc.), (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	80.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Survey not yet executed.

▲ Percentage of women (Percen	tage, Custom Breakdown)			
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	80.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

▶ Pecentage of farmers receiving agricultural information through community rural radios (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00			60.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Combined to the call center, the project has started the use of community based radio to disseminate agricultural best practices.

▶ Land area under sustainable l	andscape management prac	ctices (Hectare(Ha), Cor	porate)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	100,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	29-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Starting April 15, the project will implement 5 sustainable land management sub-projects on 7,500 ha.

▶ Number of communes that have developed Integrated Climate-Smart Investment Plans (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		15.00	44.00
Date	30-Jun-2016		23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

The project has supported 15 commune to prepare their CSA investment plan

▶ Number of commune officia	Is and technical staff train	ed (Number, Custom)		
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	60.00	60.00	440.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Project is planning to organize fiduciary training for cmmune officials before june 30, 2018.

▶ Percentage of targeted commune that have constructed pastoral infrastructure to support CSA (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		0.00	60.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

Pastoral infrastructure included in the first 15 CSA plan under approval/finalization.

▶ Number of communal sub-projected granted with environmental and social management plan that have been implemented (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		5.00	88.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

Comments

These are the first five CSA sub-projects.

3	whose approved sub-project	ts integrate gender equity (P	ercentage, Custom)	
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00		100.00	100.00
Date	30-Jun-2016	19-Sep-2017	23-Mar-2018	01-Jul-2022

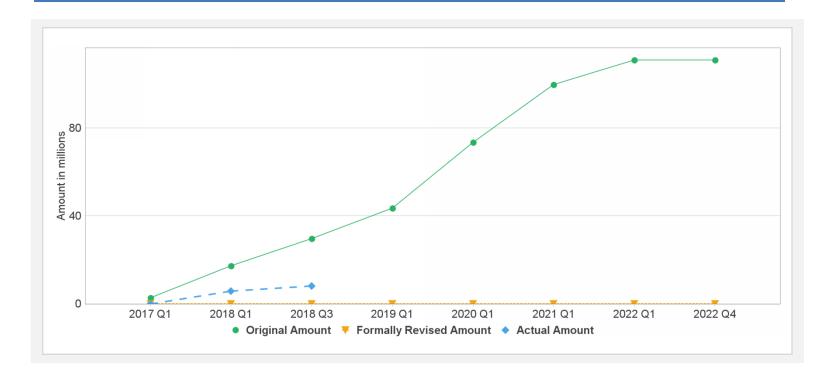
Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Di	isbursed
P153420	IDA-58300	Effective	USD	111.00	111.00	0.00	8.08	105.96		7.1%
Key Dates (by Ioan)										
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Dat	e Signir	ng Date I	Effectiveness D	Date Orig. (Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date	
P153420	IDA-58300	Effective	26-May-2016	21-Ju	n-2016 3	30-Nov-2016	31-De	c-2022	31-Dec-2022	

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.