Implementation Status & Results

Armenia
Social Investment Fund III (P094225)


Country: Armenia  Approval FY: 2007
Product Line: IBRD/IDA  Region: EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA  Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
Implementing Agency(ies): Armenia Social Investment Fund

Key Dates
Board Approval Date: 26-Oct-2006  Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2011  Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-May-2009  Last Archived ISR Date: 09-Feb-2014
Effectiveness Date: 20-Dec-2006  Revised Closing Date: 31-Mar-2015  Actual Mid Term Review Date: 06-May-2010

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the Project is to support the Government’s policy to raise the living standards of the poor and vulnerable groups through: (i) improving the quality and access, and increasing the coverage of community infrastructure and services in poor communities, and for the most vulnerable groups in response to critical needs; (ii) promoting complementary institutional capacity building at the community and municipal level so as to improve the quality and sustainability of community investments and service delivery, increase accountability, and enhance greater stakeholder empowerment at the local level; and (iii) creation of employment associated with the provision of community infrastructure and services.

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

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Component(s)

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Implementation Status Overview

The project remains on track to achieve its development objectives, with PDO targets met or exceeded for all the outcome indicators. By September 2014, 293 micro-projects were completed and another 25 ongoing. All the ongoing micro-projects are expected to be completed by the project closing date. Strong implementation progress is also reflected in the
disbursement figures, with: ASIF III original credit fully disbursed and closed; First Additional Financing fully disbursed and closed; Second Additional Financing fully disbursed and closed; and Third Additional Financing 93% disbursed (84% after the designated account balance is subtracted).

The closing date of the Third Additional Financing has been extended from June 30, 2014 to March 31, 2015 in order to provide additional time for the implementation of several larger micro-projects and reduce the time gap until the expected effectiveness of the follow up project. The Third Additional Financing is expected to be fully disbursed by the new closing date with all the project activities successfully completed. The distribution of the micro-projects under the Third Additional Financing so far is as follows: 42.6% for micro-projects in the most vulnerable communities, 39.2% for micro-projects in vulnerable communities and 18.2% for micro-projects in least vulnerable communities.

The local government financial management training for 201 local community officials of the communities that have implemented ASIF III micro-projects was successfully carried out after a delay and completed in August 2014.

The Government of Armenia approved the ASIF’s evolution/transformation strategy in March 2014. The World Bank and the Government of Armenia initiated the preparation of a new World Bank project, Social Investment and Local Development (SILD) project, to support the implementation of the ASIF’s evolution/transformation strategy with a US$30 million loan. The preparation of the new project is at a pre-appraisal stage and is expected be appraised in November and approved by the World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors in February 2015.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has provided a $303,000 grant to the ASIF to support the preparation of the SILD and to facilitate ASIF’s transition into a Territorial Development Fund, which according to the Government’s current timetable is scheduled for January 2015.

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<td>Increased community infrastructure and services providing higher quality and better access in poor and vulnerable communities targeted under the project.</td>
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<td>Capacity building at the municipal level to train municipal officials in financial management.</td>
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<td>Strengthened social service delivery system through integrated social service centers, specialized centers for vulnerable groups.</td>
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**Date**: 20-Dec-2006 to 10-Sep-2014

**Comments**: Additional 25 MPs are in implementation; end-project target already exceeded. End-project target exceeded.
Empowerment of beneficiary communities through capacity building to effectively plan and manage their investments on a sustainable basis and strengthen partnerships with local government.

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<td>158 beneficiary communities empowered under the ASIF III (including first, second and third Additional Financing)</td>
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Enhancement of Poverty Targeting through a community mapping and profiling exercise designed to identify the neediest communities in Armenia.

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Contribution to Short-term employment and income generation in poor participating communities

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Intermediate Results Indicators

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<td>Number of key stakeholders (i.e. municipal officials, village council members, community leaders, etc.) trained at local government level.</td>
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**Data on Financial Performance (as of 04-Sep-2014)**

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**Disbursement Graph**
Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

All the remaining ongoing micro-projects should be completed. Government’s contribution report to the Implementation Completion Report should be prepared and submitted to the World Bank. The last supervision mission should be carried out and work on the Implementation Completion Report should be initiated. The last beneficiary assessment under the project should be carried out.

Restructuring History

Level two Approved on 01-Jun-2010, Level two Approved on 31-Jan-2011, Level two Approved on 20-May-2011, Level two Approved on 15-Mar-2012, Level 2 CD Decision on 20-Feb-2014

Related Projects