



## AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (P122812)

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA | Azerbaijan | Agriculture Global Practice |  
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Implementing Agencies: Government of Azerbaijan/Ministry of Finance, Agrarian Credit and Development Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture

### Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 30-Sep-2013

Effectiveness Date: 27-Aug-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Jan-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 15-Jan-2018

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2018

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2020

### Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to facilitate the access of agricultural producers to markets by strengthening sanitary and phytosanitary services, enhancing selected value chains and providing financial services to agribusiness enterprises.

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

No

### Components

Name

Support for sanitary and phytosanitary services:(Cost \$19.06 M)

Agribusiness value chain development:(Cost \$11.94 M)

Financial services to agribusiness:(Cost \$19.18 M)

Project management:(Cost \$2.98 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	● Moderate	● Moderate

### Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project continues to perform well. The project aims to achieve the following results: increase in marketed output in at least 60 percent of targeted value chains and agribusinesses funded under the project credit line and grant facilities. Good progress continues to be made with implementation of the animal disease control program and upgrading the veterinary education. The project initiating establishment of the Animal Identification and Registration System. The new Food Safety Agency become a beneficiary agency of the project. Priority areas for the project support to the new Agency system have been identified, including lab network, support to inspection and state control functions, and capacity building program. Establishment of productive partnerships along the value chains is progressing well. 12 value chain sub-projects approved and eight are under implementation. Project investments in research and variety development program, and seed production and processing have



already resulted in improving the quality of seeds and overall seed production capacity. Some 50 investment sub-loans in a wide range of agribusiness activities have been issued. Beneficiary agribusinesses report sizeable growth in outputs and the project objective remains achievable.





## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Substantial	● Substantial



Macroeconomic	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Fiduciary	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Environment and Social	--	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Other	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Overall	--	● Moderate	● Moderate

## Results

### PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Facilitate the access of agricultural producers to markets				
▶ Increase in marketed output in at least of 60% of the targeted value chains and agribusinesses funded by the project grant facility and credit line (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	48.00	64.00	20.00
Date	31-Dec-2015	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Financial services to agribusiness				
▶ Number of sub-projects financed by the project credit line (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	51.00	51.00	85.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
▶ Volume of Bank Support: Lines of Credit - SME (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	8.00	8.00	12.96
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020



►Volume of Bank Support: Institutional Development - SME (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	71.80	71.80	565.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Jan-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020

### Support for sanitary and phytosanitary services

#### ►Decreasing of prevalence of brucellosis disease in animals (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.79	0.00	0.00	35.00
Date	10-Mar-2016	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	Baseline prevalence level established per results of countrywide serosurvey completed in January 2016. Vaccination campaigns of 2016 - 2017, including initial full-flock vaccination and subsequent vaccination of young animals were completed on schedule. Vaccination of 2018 is ongoing. The final serosurvey to determine the prevalence will be conducted in 2020 towards the end of the project.			

#### ►SPCS labs upgraded, pest diagnostic and pest risk analysis enhanced (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Labs are not sufficiently equipped, limited pest disease diagnostic capacity, no modern pest risk analysis methods applied.	--	Equipment list prepared and needs assessment conducted for training on pest control. However, lab functions of the SPCS, have been transferred to the Food Safety Agency (FSA). Further details provided in comment section below.	SPCS lab equipped, staff trained in modern pest disease diagnostic and pest risk analysis methods
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	Many functions of the SPCS including pest control and pest rick analysis, which are planned to be supported by ACIP investments, have been transferred to the Food Safety Agency. All SPCS labs have also been transferred to the FSA. This indicator will be changed in accordance with the FSA lab strategy currently being developed. The strategy will include a mapping of phytosanitary labs at national and regional levels.			

### Agribusiness value chain development

#### ►New productive partnerships established and supported by the project . (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6.00	8.00	15.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Apr-2019	30-Jun-2020



►Percentage of women participating in sub-projects funded by the project grant facility. (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	75.00	50.00	20.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
►Volume of quality seeds increased in total production of seeds using modern seed cleaning equipment in the seed farms supported by the project (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	9.00	10.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
►NRICH seed lab upgraded and meet criteria for accreditation (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Targeted lab require additional equipment and training to become ISTA compliant	--	Procurement of analytical equipment for the NRICH grain quality laboratory complete. Equipment is in use. ISTA compliance facilities will be established at SSVRCS.	Equipment and training provided to seed lab at NRICH. Labs meet criteria for accreditation
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	By the project design, it was planned to upgrade the seed quality laboratory of NRICH lab to make it prepared for accreditation. However, with establishing the State Service on Variety Registration and Seed Control (SSVRCS) and changes in lab strategy, it is planned to establish a new International Seed Trading Association (ISTA) compliant seed testing facility under SSVRCS. Therefore, this indicator will be adjusted. The work for ISTA accreditation can only begin when the new seed testing laboratory building has been constructed and the new equipment has been installed and staff trained.			

Project Management				
►Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,133.00	2,419.00	10,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020
Comments:	Direct project beneficiaries include veterinarians (699) and students of Vet Faculty (204) benefited from the project training program on vaccination techniques and participating in the vaccination campaign, and other activities, number of new jobs (510) created in agribusinesses benefited by the project credit line, and lab staff of SSVRSC (21) and SVCS (26), and 51 employees of seed stations and private seed growers, 916 participants (farmers and staff members of scientific research institutes) of IPM training, 66 participants of the value chain sub-projects that have started implementation, 12 employees of regional vet departments, and others. The number of beneficiaries will pick up in coming months with implementation of value chain sub-projects that have been approved and will receive financing from the			



project. In addition, 90,000 livestock owners have been indirectly benefited from the vaccination of their animals under the project animal health control program.

▲Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	30.50	30.50	20.00

▶Client days of training provided (number) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,045.00	2,261.00	1,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020

▲Client days of training provided - Female (number) (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	651.00	651.00	200.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	01-Oct-2018	01-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2020

## Data on Financial Performance

### Disbursements (by loan)

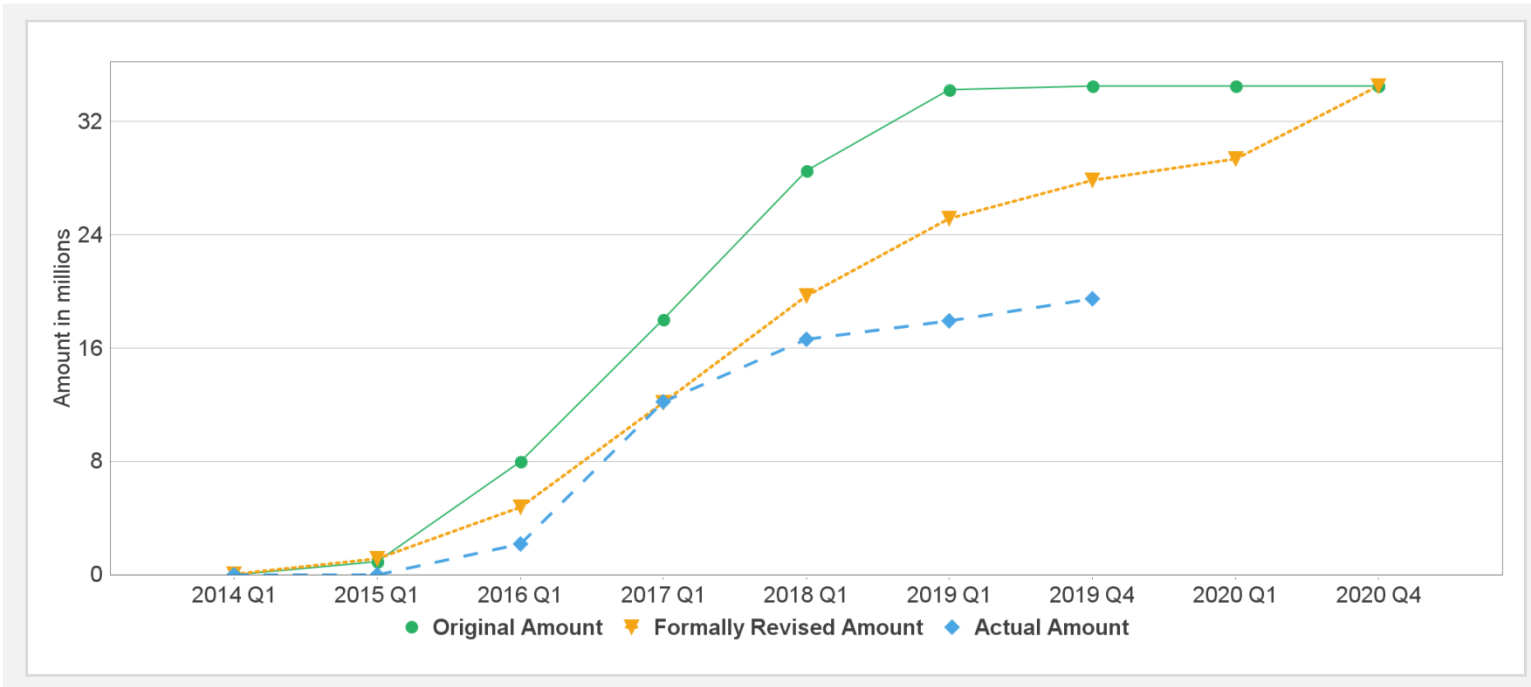
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P122812	IBRD-82860	Effective	USD	34.50	34.50	0.00	19.54	14.96	57%

### Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P122812	IBRD-82860	Effective	30-Sep-2013	12-Jun-2014	27-Aug-2014	31-Dec-2018	30-Jun-2020

### Cumulative Disbursements





## Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 04-May-2018

## Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.