



Oromia National Regional State Forested Landscape Program (P156475)

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 Recipient Executed Activities | Investment Project Financing | FY 2017 | Seq No: 3 | SUBMITTED | ISR32479 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:17-Mar-2017

Effectiveness Date:28-Apr-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date:30-Sep-2019

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2022

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Development Objective is to improve the enabling environment for sustainable forest management and investment in Oromia.

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

No

Components

Name

Enabling investments:(Cost \$11.54 M)

Enabling environment:(Cost \$6.46 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The first tranche of the budget US\$2 million and the second tranche of the budget US\$0.33 million were transferred to Government on June 29, 2017



following the project launch workshop on May 1-5, 2017 and on March 07, 2018. This ISR is informed by progress achieved from December 1, to May 18, 2018; and findings of the OFLP Implementation Support Mission, conducted from May 7 to 11, 2018.

Overall the 1st year project implementation progress is slow as compared to the work plan, particularly on preparatory activities for afforestation/reforestation and participatory forest management; recruitment of consultants; preparation of safeguards management plan before commencing ground investment; preparation of the Emission Reduction Program Document, and preparation of the Benefit Sharing Plan.

Given the many delayed activities, the overall project implementation progress (IP) is downgraded to **moderately unsatisfactory**.

1. Disbursement has been low (13%) and the overall project implementation progress is slower than planned for Y1. The task team is holding monthly meetings with the client, and the Addis team is following up on a daily basis to help things move forward. In order to increase disbursement and to expedite the implementation of the activities, the project needs to:

2. Finalize the preparatory activities for physical investment in specific sites for Participatory Forest Management and Afforestation/Reforestation before commencing of ground investment:

- a). prepare the site-specific safeguards management plan;
- b). sensitize and mobilize communities for such identified activities,
- c). rectify the boundaries inconsistencies of those sites proposed for afforestation and send the shapefiles to the World Bank before actual planting starts on the ground in June/July.

3. Implement the technical consultancies:

- a). finalize the recruitment of the M&E specialist;
- b). hire a firm that will implement the Land Use Plan;
- c). finalize the strategic action plan for engaging private sector;
- d). finalize the consultancy for Forest Tenure Assessment & Facilitation of dialogue;
- e). hire consultant for Kit preparation and communication need assessment; and
- f). finalize the Emission Reduction Program Document.

4. Progress towards the Emission Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) negotiation is also delayed. Three critical elements are needed before the ERPA is signed:

- a). Finalization of the Emission Reduction Program Document (government has hired a consultant to support the preparation of this document, and first draft is expected by June);
- b). preparation of the Benefit Sharing Mechanism (a report was prepared by the consultant, but significant work on the Benefit Sharing Plan is still needed. The task team will work closely with the client and the consultant on the preparation of this document and receive the advanced version);
- c). legal clarity/opinion on who owns the Emission Reductions in Ethiopia and which institution has the capacity to transfer those titles to the BioCarbon Fund ISFL is needed. It was agreed that this would be clarified through a legal opinion by the Federal Attorney General and it is expected to be received in June 2018.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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



Environment and Social	● High	● High	● High
Stakeholders	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	● High	● High	● High

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

▶ Score on composite index for tracking changes in the enabling environment for reducing deforestation and forest degradation (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.55
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▲ Incentives (policy, laws, regulations, markets) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.57

▲ Information (generation and dissemination of information) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.55

▲ Institutions (capacity to implement & coordinate) (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.54



► Area reforested (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Sep-2021

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1,648.00	25,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	8.00	30.00

Overall Comments

Among the three core development indicators on enabling environment, area reforested and direct beneficiary, result is achieved only on indicator 3, direct beneficiary. In the next ISR, it is expected some results to be achieved on indicator 1, enabling environment given that M&E consultant supporting the project management unit on setting the M&E system including monitoring on composite index is selected to be contracted within the next two weeks; and also on indicator 2, area reforested, since planting will be carried out in the months of June/July 2018

Intermediate Results Indicators



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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

► Forest users trained (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1,648.00	25,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▲ Forest users trained - Female (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	126.00	7,500.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

► Land users adopting sustainable land mgt. practices as a result of the project (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022



▲ Land users adopting sustainable land management practices as a result of the project - Female (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00

▶ 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	90.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▲ 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	6,750.00

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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00



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

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00

▲ 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	14,000.00

► Reforms in forest policy, legislation or other regulations supported (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	Y	Y
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

► Grievances registered related to delivery of project benefits addressed (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022



▶ MRV system established and maintained at national and Oromia levels (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▶ Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM) established and maintained (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

▶ Safeguards system established and maintained (Yes/No, Custom)

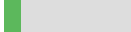
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	31-Mar-2017	29-May-2017	16-May-2018	30-Jun-2022

Overall Comments

In the next ISR, results are expected to be achieved in most of the intermediate indicators above, since there are some activities initiated already and M&E specialist supporting the project management unit is selected to be contracted with in the next two weeks' time.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

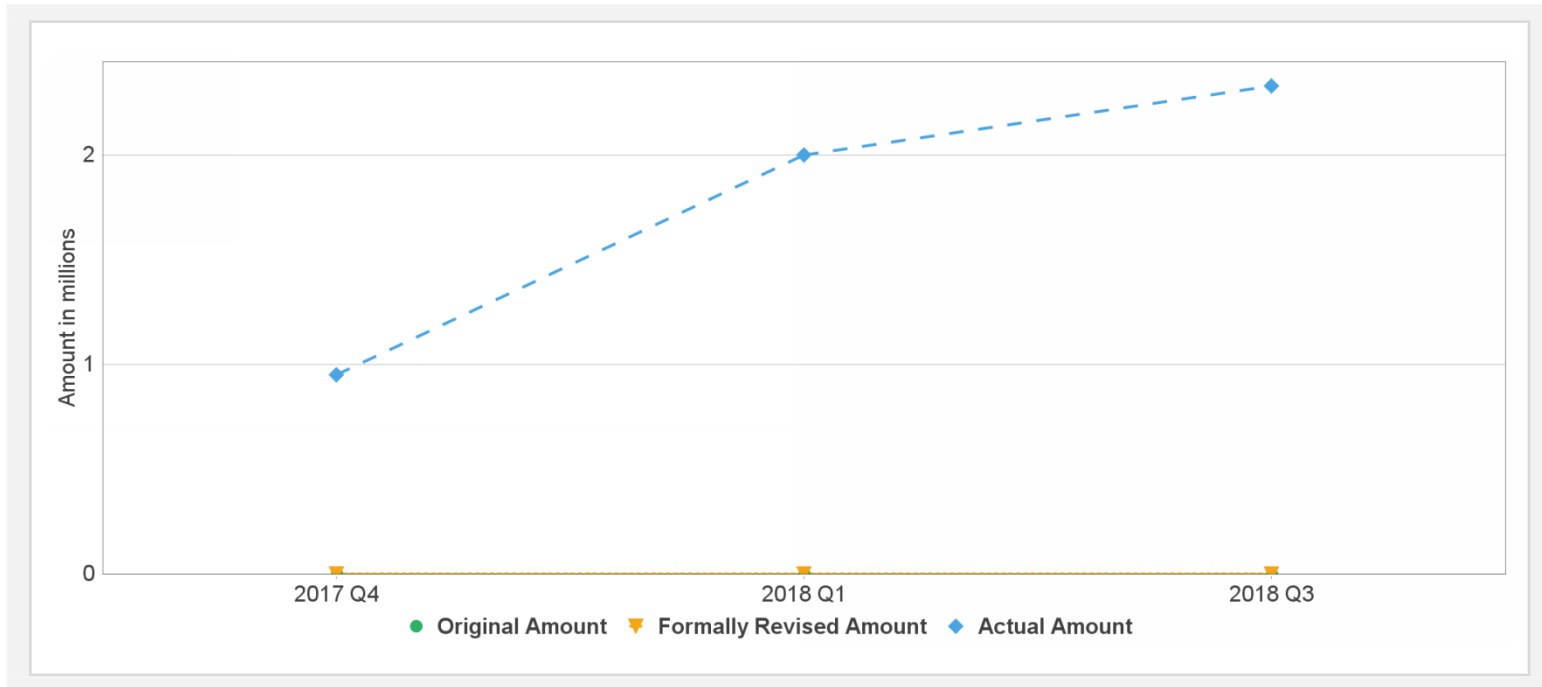
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P156475	TF-A4442	Effective	USD	8.55	8.55	0.00	1.11	7.44	 13%
P156475	TF-A4467	Effective	USD	9.45	9.45	0.00	1.22	8.23	 13%



Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P156475	TF-A4442	Effective	23-Mar-2017	23-Mar-2017	28-Apr-2017	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022
P156475	TF-A4467	Effective	23-Mar-2017	23-Mar-2017	28-Apr-2017	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.