



RESTRUCTURING PAPER
ON A
PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING
OF
DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS IN CIS REGION
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INTERSTATE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CISSTAT COMMITTEE)

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISSTAT	Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States
ECASTAT	Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries
PDO	Project Development Objective
NSO	National Statistical Offices



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BASIC DATA

Product Information

Project ID P150037	Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing
Original EA Category Not Required (C)	Current EA Category Not Required (C)
Approval Date 26-Feb-2014	Current Closing Date 31-Dec-2018

Organizations

Borrower Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT Committee),	Responsible Agency Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT Committee),
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Financing (in USD Million)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	0.56
Total Financing	0.00
Financing Gap	0.00

DETAILS

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Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

The development objective of the project is to create the framework for national and regional statistical systems which will allow the collection and use of statistical data that are needed in making decisions regarding the development of agriculture in the 21st century. This strategy is based on three pillars which are specific objectives of the Project: o integration of agriculture into the national statistical system in order to meet the users' demand for consistent and compatible data by territories and over time; o improvement of the sustainability of the agricultural statistical system through governance and statistical capacity building; o identifying a minimum set of core data which will be collected by the countries to meet both current and emerging information requirements.

Summary Status of Financing

TF	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net		
					Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
TF-16782	15-Apr-2014	15-Apr-2014	15-Apr-2014	31-Dec-2018	.56	.49	.07

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

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I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING

A. Project Status and Rationale for Restructuring

The Grant Agreement # TF016782 to development of the agricultural and rural statistics in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) region was signed on April 15, 2014. An Amendment to extend the project closing date to December 31, 2018 and to add additional US\$67,000 of grant funds was signed on March 28, 2017.

The project is executed by the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT) Committee.

All activities under the project which amounts now up to US\$557,000 are targeted at the improvement of the capacity of the national statistical offices of the CIS countries in the area of agricultural and rural statistics. At present, out of total project funds US\$416,000 have been disbursed; US\$40,000 have been committed under signed contracts; and the remaining US\$101,000 are planned to be spent in 2019. All objectives such as (i) integration of agriculture into the national statistical system in order to meet the users' demand for consistent and compatible data by territories and over time, (ii) improvement of the sustainability of the agricultural statistical system through governance and statistical capacity building, and (iii) identification of a minimum set of core data which will be collected by the countries to meet



both current and emerging information requirements are close to be met or have already been met. Procurement is satisfactory, and the financial management supervision mission undertaken in October 2018 came up with Satisfactory rating as well.

On October 5, 2018 the CISSTAT Committee requested a no-cost extension of the closing date to December 31, 2019.

The team suggests considering extending at no cost the project till December 31, 2019, taking into account the following:

- Some of remaining and planned project activities are prepared in response to requests of the CIS national statistical offices (NSOs) need to have better coordination with the related activities of the NSOs (conducting the first agricultural census in Belarus in 2019, preparation and compilation of food balances in Tajikistan, etc.) as well as with the work plans of other international organizations and need to be executed in 2019.
- New project implementation schedule will contribute to a more efficient dissemination of the project outputs and their introduction into NSO statistical practices in CIS countries. The latter are the direct beneficiaries of these activities and their active participants.
- One more year of active project life will create a bridge to a new donor supported Data to End Hunger Initiative to improve agricultural data systems until the full fledged implementation of the initiative.

B. Implementation Status

Activities of the fourth year of Project implementation (November 2017 – November 2018) comprise consulting service, meetings and seminars. All reports and materials are placed at the website of CISSTAT Committee (<http://www.cisstat.org>) in the section “Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics”.

1. Consulting services

- (a) A comprehensive proposal and recommendations were prepared on how to improve the agricultural census program for the CIS countries. They were placed on the CISSTAT Committee website in the section “Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics” and were sent out to the NSOs of CIS countries for practical application. The objective of this work was to adapt the World Program for the Census of Agriculture 2020, developed under the leadership of FAO, to agricultural practices in CIS countries and to develop unified approaches to agricultural censuses in the CIS region. The outcome of the work will be an improved quality and coverage of agricultural census data compiled by the national statistical services of the CIS countries, both in terms of the source of the minimum set of key data and in terms of creating a universal sampling frame.
- (b) A work on methodological recommendations for compilation of the system of indicators for assessing the state of food security in the CIS countries is due on December 25, 2018. The results of the assignment will be a systemization of food security indicators and development of methodologies for their compilation to monitor the country's food security in the context of global trends. Keeping in mind that food security has specific dimensions that can vary considerably in different contexts, and that it depends, among other things, on consumption rates, it is advisable to develop different benchmarks for different countries while key parameters are common for the whole world. The outcome of this work should be a significant improvement of quality of food security monitoring conducted by the national statistical offices of CIS countries, and harmonization of these indicators with SDG indicators.
- (c) Work has started on translating the FAO publication “Guidelines for the compilation of Food Balance Sheets”.

2. Meetings and seminars



- (a) Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) in April 9-13, 2018, Vienna, Austria. The CISSTAT Committee experts play an important role in coordinating the work on developing the system of indicators for agricultural and rural statistics. The results of discussion and recommendations on harmonization of the methodology in various sectors of the economy (including agricultural production) to ensure the maximum cross-sector comparability of data during economic analysis along the whole supply chain will contribute to the establishing of a unified database of agricultural and rural statistics for the CIS region.
- (b) Expert meeting of the CIS NSOs on agricultural statistics: current status of work and issues of agricultural censuses in September 18-19, 2018, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia. The meeting participants confirmed that the joint work of the national statistical offices and CISSTAT Committee on the project for the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in the CIS region is a good basis for the development of agricultural and rural statistics in the national statistical offices and it contributes to the implementation of the international standards into agricultural statistics. It was noted that the methodological materials prepared by CISSTAT Committee are disseminated among the CIS national statistical offices contribute to the development of the national methodology for agricultural statistics in accordance with international standards.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

C. Change in Closing Date

The CISSTAT Committee is requesting a no-cost extension of the closing date from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019. This will be the second extension of the closing date of the Grant Agreement # TF016782 "Development of agricultural and rural statistics in the CIS region". The first restructuring, approved on March 28, 2017, included an extension of closing date, a reallocation of grant proceeds and an additional financing in amount of US\$67,000.

The extension will allow the completion of all activities. More specifically:

- Some of remaining and planned project activities are prepared in response to requests of the CIS national statistical offices (NSOs) need to have better coordination with the related activities of the NSOs (conducting the first agricultural census in Belarus in 2019, preparation and compilation of food balances in Tajikistan, etc.) as well as with the work plans of other international organizations and need to be executed in 2019.
- It is envisaged to (i) develop a system of indicators for assessing the state of food security in CIS Countries, (ii) develop proposals for preparation of system of agro-ecological indicators and methodology for their formation in accordance with international standards, and (iii) conduct a seminar on project results dissemination and next steps for development of agricultural statistics.
- The new project implementation schedule will contribute to a more efficient dissemination of the project outputs and their introduction into NSO statistical practices in CIS countries. The latter are the direct beneficiaries of these activities and their active participants.
- One more year of active project life will create a bright to a new donor supported Data to End Hunger initiative to improve agricultural data systems until its full fledged implementation.



There is no change in the PDO, the scope or the nature of project activities or implementation arrangements.

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III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

	Changed	Not Changed
Loan Closing Date(s)	✓	
Implementation Schedule	✓	
Implementing Agency		✓
Project's Development Objectives		✓
Results Framework		✓
Components and Cost		✓
Cancellations Proposed		✓
Additional Financing Proposed		✓
Reallocation between Disbursement Categories		✓
Disbursements Arrangements		✓
Disbursement Estimates		✓
Change in Overall Risk Rating		✓
Safeguard Policies Triggered		✓
EA category		✓
Legal Covenants		✓
Institutional Arrangements		✓
Financial Management		✓
Procurement		✓
Other Change(s)		✓

IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)



LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

TF	Status	Original Closing	Revised Closing(s)	Proposed Closing	Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications
TF-16782	Effective	31-Mar-2017	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2019	30-Apr-2020

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