



Early Childhood Education Project (P145544)

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Implementing Agencies:

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:02-Apr-2014

Effectiveness Date:31-Jul-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date:16-Jan-2017

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:16-Jan-2017

Original Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Revised Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the project is to increase coverage and improve the quality of early childhood education services for 3 to 5-year-olds in target districts

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

No

Components

Name

Component 1: Increasing Coverage of Early Childhood Education in Target Districts:(Cost \$6.00 M)

Component 2: Improving Quality of Early Childhood Education Services:(Cost \$13.30 M)

Component 3: Project Management, Capacity Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation:(Cost \$8.70 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions



Implementation of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) project is progressing well. The end targets for access to ECE programs have been fully achieved and exceeded. The construction of the originally planned 250 pre-primary classrooms has been completed on schedule, and 73 community child development groups (CCDG) shelters have been built, exceeding the original target of 48. The national school meals program is underway with no delays. The multi-age teaching training of pre-primary teachers is completed. The Project trained and recruited twice the original number of caregivers to deliver non-formal early childhood programs in remote villages in Northern Laos. The community awareness campaign has been launched in all 270 target communities.

In line with the recommendations of the Project's Mid Term Review, the Government of Laos has requested, and the Bank has approved, a number of changes to the scope and coverage of the key ECE activities, including, inter alia, an additional 300 pre-primary classroom constructions that would maximize the contribution of the project to the accomplishment of Lao PDR's sustainable development goals SDG 4.2 (universal access to quality early childhood development programs).

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Fiduciary	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Environment and Social	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Stakeholders	--	● Low	● Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	● Moderate	● Moderate

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

- ▶ Net enrollment rate of 3 and 4 years olds in target districts (disaggregated by gender) (Percentage, Custom)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	11.40	21.30	21.30	23.70
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Net enrollment rate of 5 year olds in target districts (disaggregated by gender) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	42.60	62.40	62.40	74.90
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► ECE Education Quality Standards design tested and endorsed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2018

► Number of classroom observation reports submitted by the ECE officers to the school principals (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

Overall Comments

The intermediate targets are overachieved for two of the four PDO level indicators, and not yet due for the other two indicators.

Intermediate Results Indicators



► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	27,590.00	41,320.00	30,700.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	44.00	47.00	50.00

► Number of VEDC members trained in Community Awareness Campaign (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	810.00	3,600.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Number of VHVs trained in Community Awareness Campaign (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	270.00	520.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019



► Number of additional pre-primary classrooms constructed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Number of pre-primary teachers receiving pre--service training (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Number of pre-primary teacher receiving in-service training (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	64.00	62.00	500.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Number of caregivers trained (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	146.00	96.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019



► Number of children aged 3 to 5 years received medical screening (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
Date	31-Jul-2013	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2019

► Number of school gardens established (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
Date	31-Jul-2014	08-Nov-2016	18-May-2017	31-Jul-2014

Overall Comments

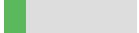

Measurement of Indicator "Number of school gardens established" for 2016/2017 academic year not yet due.

Current measurement of the indicator "Number of pre-primary teacher receiving in-service training" - 62, reflects the correct number of teachers trained, previous measurement value was erroneously entered as 64.

The intermediate and end-line targets for the indicators measuring the number of beneficiaries of specific interventions (for example, DESB and VHV members trained, children benefitting from medical screening, teachers receiving in-service training, CCDG caregivers trained) are not based on the *actual* number of beneficiaries in the villages assigned to the different project interventions. As a result, in some cases the intermediate targets appear as missed, while in reality all beneficiaries in project communities have been reached, but their total number is lower than the originally set targets. Likewise, for other indicators the end targets are already overachieved at midpoint of implementation, revealing issues of target setting and suboptimal measurement precision. These issues are addressed through the Project restructuring.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

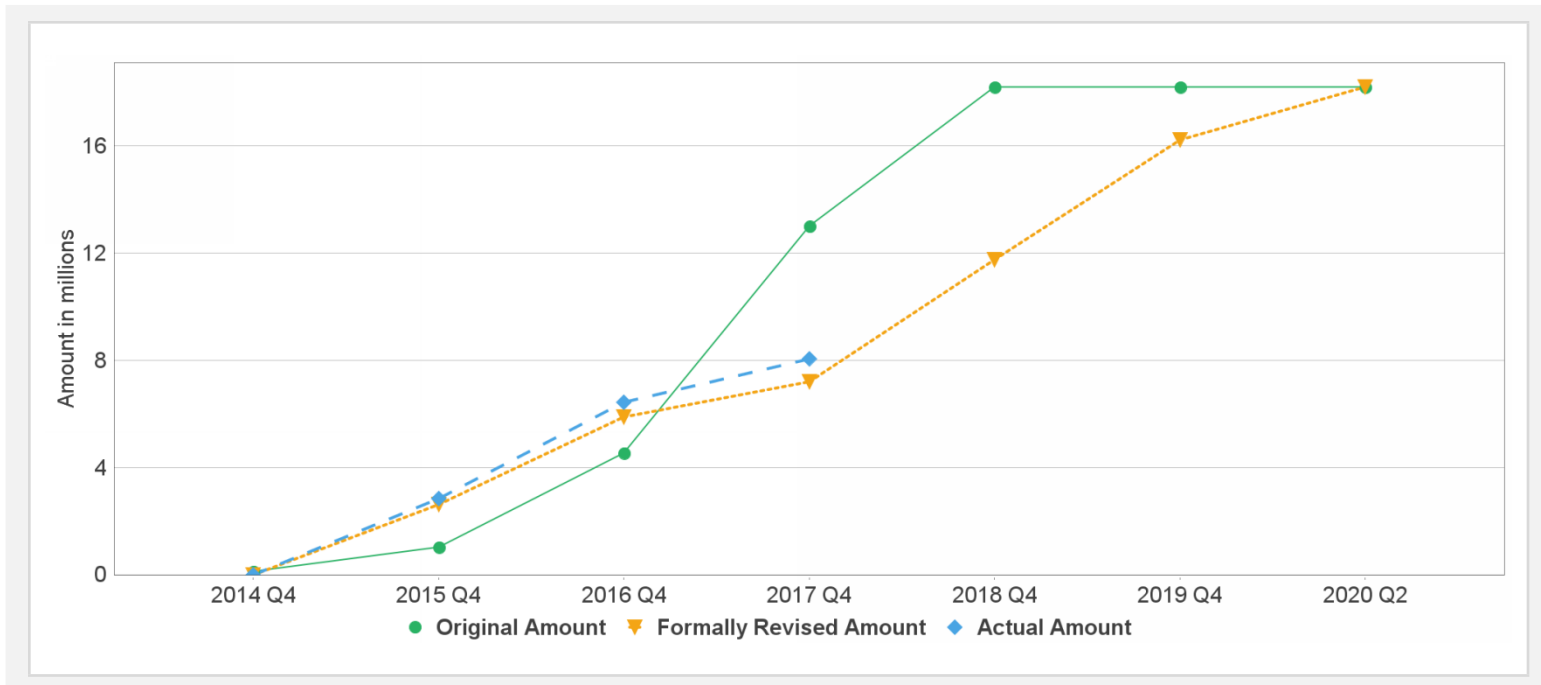
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P145544	IDA-53700	Effective	XDR	9.10	9.10	0.00	1.54	7.56	 17%
P145544	IDA-H9100	Effective	XDR	9.10	9.10	0.00	6.53	2.57	 72%

Key Dates (by loan)



Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P145544	IDA-53700	Effective	02-Apr-2014	14-May-2014	31-Jul-2014	31-Jul-2019	31-Jul-2019
P145544	IDA-H9100	Effective	02-Apr-2014	14-May-2014	31-Jul-2014	31-Jul-2019	31-Jul-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.