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West Bank and Gaza: Education-to-Work Transition (P129861)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Finance

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 15-May-2012
Effectiveness Date: 31-Jul-2012
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 01-Jun-2015
Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 17-Dec-2015
Original Closing Date: 31-Jan-2022
Revised Closing Date: 31-Jan-2022

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Education to Work Transition Project seeks to improve education to work transition of young Palestinians attending participating tertiary education institutions (TEIs) by: (i) fostering partnerships between TEIs and employers in order to make TEIs' study programs more relevant to the needs of the labor market; and (ii) enhancing the capacity of the MOEHE and TEIs to collect, analyze and disseminate data collected through the TEIs' graduate tracking system to monitor the outcomes of TEIs' study programs, and to informeducation policy formulation and implementation.

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

No

Components

Name
Education to Work Transition Innovation Grant Facility:(Cost $4.26 M)
Higher Education Graduate Tracking System:(Cost $0.11 M)
Project Management and Coordination:(Cost $0.63 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The additional financing phase of the Education-to-Work Transition Project (E2WTP) was launched in January 2017, marking the second phase of the Project in which Cycles 3 and 4 of the program would be financed. The parent project closed on January 31, 2018, while the additional financing phase closes on January 31, 2022.
In Component 1, the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF), all projects under cycle 3 are progressing well and the winning Cycle 4 programs have now been chosen (as of October 2018). With six out of 14 sub-projects awarded to TEIs in Gaza, this cycle has achieved the highest Gaza representation of all cycles so far. The sub-projects target a broad range of programs in 6 occupational areas, including media, engineering,

business administration, health, IT and visual arts. Half of all sub-projects are related to diploma programs, the other half to bachelor programs. At this juncture, the QIF Board will work on a proposal for the future of QIF in order to sustain this crucial financing instrument for innovation and successful education to work transition in Palestine.
There has been a renewed push in Component 2, the Graduate Tracking System, to develop the tracking instrument after changes in the development team and its reporting lines to the MOEHE were made. cycle 4 contracts with beneficiary institutions have now included a clause enforcing the use of the GTS to ensure a uniform and consistent methodology in tracking graduates, a move that had not been possible before because the tool was just not ready at the time. All these recent developments clearly point to increased ownership of the GTS by MOEHE and to a new step forward in the level of use of the tool by TEIs.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	High	High
Macroeconomic	--	Substantial	Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	Moderate	Moderate
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	--	--	--
Overall	--	Moderate	Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improved relevance of TEI study programs to needs of the Labor Market

▸Participating TEIs Graduate Unemployment Rate (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	C1: 62% C2: 67%	Cycle 1: tbd Cycle 2: unavailable	Cycle 1: 59.81 percent Cycle 2: 39.55 percent 52.76 percent combined for both Cycle 1 and 2	Reduction by 10 percentage points
Date	30-Aug-2013	06-May-2018	16-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022
Comments:				

Overall Comments

The calculation of the baseline figures and results is explained in the AF project paper on page 4. Tertiary Education Institutions receiving funding are committed to producing bi-annual reports that include tracking the labor market insertion of their graduates. Unemployment rates for E2WTP beneficiary program graduates and non-program graduates (those in the same degree but from a year earlier, i.e., the baseline) are compared in this way. Figures from all participating TEIs and specific programs are then compiled and averaged and the results given in this indicator. These results were expected to be tracked under the Graduate Tracking System, and increasingly more participating TEIs are using the tool as it has been made available.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Education to Work Transition Innovation Grant Facility

▸Share of subprojects that make work practice available to students (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	94.00	94.00	80.00
Date	23-Feb-2012	06-May-2018	07-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022
Comments:	C1 & 2: 34 out of 36 study programs have made work practice available.= 94% C3 &C4 results will be communicated in later ISRs.(For C3: 13 projects out of 13 plan to make work practice part of the study plan- but C3 is not implemented; for C4: 14 projects plan to include work practice, but C4 is at inception phase)			

▸Percentage of subprojects with joint design of study programs between participating TEIs and employers (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	72.00	72.00	80.00
Date	23-Feb-2012	06-May-2018	07-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022
Comments:	No change. In C1 & 2, 26 out of 36 study programs (72%) were jointly designed. C3 & C4 results will be reported in later ISRs, as these cohorts are at initial stages of implementation.			

▸Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4,000.00	6,380.00	8,563.00	7,000.00
Date	27-Jun-2016	06-May-2018	07-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022

◢Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	51.80	49.00	46.00	50.00

▸Beneficiaries who feel project investments reflected their needs (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	27-Jun-2016	06-May-2018	07-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022
Comments:	This assessment has not yet been established.			

Higher Education Graduate Tracking System

▸Use of Graduate Tracking Sytem Information (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	19-Apr-2012	06-May-2018	07-Dec-2018	31-Jan-2022

◢Use of Graduate Tracking Portal (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	11,720.00	280,323.00	50,000.00

Data on Financial Performance

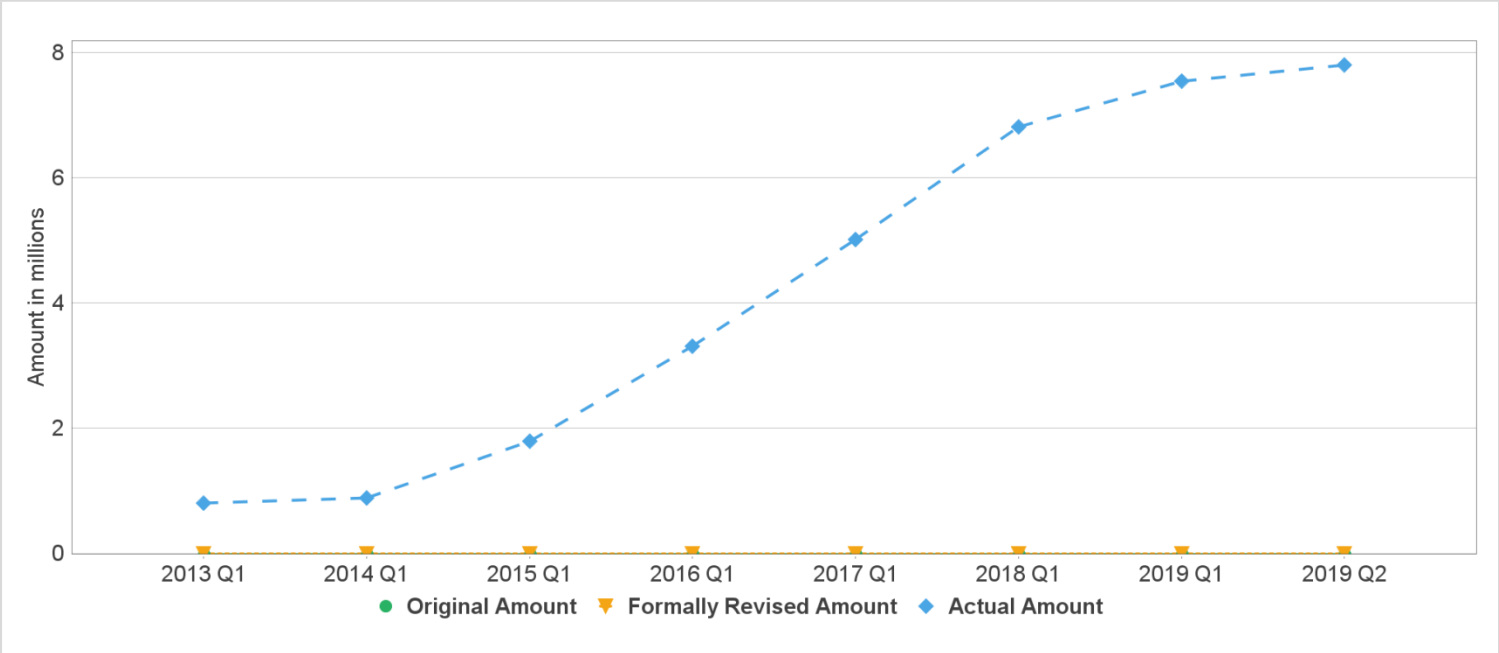
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P129861	TF-12221	Closed	USD	6.50	6.50	0.00	6.50	0.00	100%
P129861	TF-A3519	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	1.30	3.70	26%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P129861	TF-12221	Closed	02-Jul-2012	02-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012	31-Jan-2018	31-Jan-2018
P129861	TF-A3519	Effective	21-Dec-2016	21-Dec-2016	03-Feb-2017	31-Jan-2022	31-Jan-2022

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P158951-Education to Work Transition Project Additional Financing