Implementation Status & Results
Dominican Republic
DR living standards measurement (P115175)

Operation Name: DR living standards measurement (P115175)
Project Stage: Implementation
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Archive Date: 20-Feb-2013
Country: Dominican Republic
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Product Line: Institutional Development Fund
Region: LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN
Implementing Agency(ies): Oficina Nacional de Estadística

Key Dates
- Board Approval Date: 17-Mar-2009
- Original Closing Date: 29-Jan-2013
- Planned Mid Term Review Date
- Last Archived ISR Date: 24-Jan-2012
- Effectiveness Date: 29-Jan-2010
- Revised Closing Date: 29-Jan-2013
- Actual Mid Term Review Date

Project Development Objectives
Project Development Objective (from IDF Proposal)
The development objective of this grant is to build capacity of the National Statistical Office (Oficina Nacional de Estadísticas - ONE), the Secretary of Economy, Planning and Development # SEEPyD, and the Inter-institutional Technical Committee for the Income and Expenditures Survey (made up of ONE, the Central Bank and the SEEPyD) to coordinate, manage and implement updated official poverty measures and welfare studies. This should increase the effectiveness of social policies via improved monitoring and evaluation systems. More specifically, the Grant will support the creation of formal institutional arrangements that provide reliable, comprehensive and regular measures of living standards, particularly for gauging poverty, inequality and welfare.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Component(s)
Component Name |
Creation of an inter-institutional committee for oversight of poverty measurement | 0.00
Supporting the process to establish poverty lines and poverty measures | 0.00
Developing analytical capacity for assessing poverty trends and the impacts of structural and macroeconomic policies | 0.00

Overall Ratings

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<td>Progress towards achievement of PDO</td>
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<td>Overall Implementation Progress (IP)</td>
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<td>Overall Risk Rating</td>
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Implementation Status Overview
In 2012, the DR Living Standards Measurement project has achieved substantive progress towards reaching the development objectives of the project: (a) the Poverty Committee
approved the new poverty measurement methodology for the DR, (b) the new methodology has been endorsed by high-level representatives (at the Minister level), (c) new poverty methodology and derived poverty figures have been disseminated in two public events, (d) open capacity building trainings on the new methodology, monetary poverty measurement, poverty profiles and microsimulations have been held. The main pending activities are on component 3, which suffered from a very delayed start; consultants have been hired to elaborate the microsimulation case studies, but it is not clear whether they will be able to have the products ready before the project closing date.

Locations
No Location data has been entered

Results

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<th>Indicator Name</th>
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<td>Oversight Committee has first meeting.</td>
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<td>Text</td>
<td>Committee not yet established.</td>
<td>Achieved as of September 2010. The DR Poverty Committee is comprised of nine national and international institutions, and held its first meeting on September 2010. In May 2011 ECLAC joined the Committee. The Committee has met approximately six times a year to discuss on the developments of the new Poverty Measurement methodology and agree on the different assumptions of the process</td>
<td>The Oversight Committee has been established and has had its first meeting.</td>
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<td>Poverty lines are applied and poverty rate calculated using the latest survey after approval of the poverty lines:</td>
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<td>Text</td>
<td>No agreement</td>
<td>Partially achieved as of August 2012. The spatial deflator, caloric tables and other inputs needed to calculate the poverty lines were discussed within the Inter-Institutional Committee on the first half of the year. Agreement was finally reached on July 2012, and the new consensus poverty measurement methodology</td>
<td>The Secretary of the SEEPyD and the Governor of the Central Bank agree on the poverty lines and the lines are applied and poverty rate calculated using the latest survey.</td>
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Date
01-Dec-2009
23-Jan-2012
01-Sep-2010

Comments
for the DR as well as the new poverty lines were publicly disseminated in two events: (i) a workshop with academicians and poverty experts, on July 30th, and (ii) at the National Palace, on July 31st. The new poverty measurement methodology has been also endorsed by high level representatives of the different institutions, including the Minister of Economy and the Governor of the DR Central Bank, who signed a letter as of August 8th. Capacity building sessions on the new methodology, as well as on general poverty analysis were held the last week of September, 2012, in Santo Domingo. The only pending product within component 2 is the Poverty Profiles document, which is expected to be ready before the project closing date.

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<td>01-Dec-2009</td>
<td>To date, there has been one case study on running comparators.</td>
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<td>Insufficient progress to date, as the component started in the last quarter of 2012 due to delays the elaboration and agreement of the new poverty measurement methodology (component 2). A change in the cabinet (August 2012) and the elaboration of an urgent tax reform to mitigate surging deficit (November 2012) has made more difficult the full involvement of counterparts at MEPyD.</td>
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<td>By the end of the project, staff should be able to run at least two additional case studies.</td>
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In the first week of October 2012, a training on microsimulation techniques was held, building capacity in both the implementation unit and members of other DR government institutions and academia to conduct the analysis required under this project component. As of December 2012, a senior national consultant and a junior international consultant have been hired to work in the elaboration of the case studies, which are expected to be completed by the project closing date.

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**Data on Financial Performance (as of 20-Jul-2012)**

**Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates**

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**Disbursements**

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**Disbursement Graph**
Key Decisions Regarding Implementation
Given the recent changes in financial management staff (October 2012), and the fast approaching project closing date, the WB team has to continue providing guidance on financial management measures to strengthen some areas, so as to have an orderly closure of operations, as it has done over the last three months.

Restructuring History
There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects
There are no related projects.