

Implementation Status & Results
Bangladesh
Northern Areas Reduction-of-Poverty Initiative Project -- Women's Economic Empowerment Project (P114841)

Operation Name: Northern Areas Reduction-of-Poverty Initiative Project -- Women's Economic Empowerment Project (P114841) Project Stage: Implementation Seq.No: 2 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 23-Nov-2012

Country: Bangladesh Approval FY: 2012
 Product Line: IBRD/IDA Region: SOUTH ASIA Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
 Implementing Agency(ies):

Key Dates

Board Approval Date 27-Oct-2011 Original Closing Date 31-Dec-2015 Planned Mid Term Review Date 01-Apr-2014 Last Archived ISR Date 29-May-2012
 Effectiveness Date 25-Mar-2012 Revised Closing Date 31-Dec-2015 Actual Mid Term Review Date

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the project is to facilitate access to employment opportunities in the garment sector for poor and vulnerable women from lagging areas of Bangladesh by providing information, technical and life skills training, transitional housing, and other support to adjust to urban life and formal sector employment.

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

Yes No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Component 1: Raising awareness and selecting candidates in the lagging region of northern Bangladesh.	0.92
Component 2: Establishing training centers with dormitories in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) located in Dhaka, Ishwardi, and Ka rnaphuli.	32.53
Component 3: Providing initial training and on-going support to beneficiaries.	2.04
Component 4: Supporting coordination, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and expansion.	4.30

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status Overview

The project became effective on March 26, 2012; but the revised DPP was approved by GOB in May 2012. The EOIs for all major packages were advertised only after the approval of

the revised DPP. Implementation progress subsequently has been satisfactory. Two out of three construction packages (for Dhaka and Ishwardi EPZs) have been approved by the Ministry of Labor and Employment and the contracts have been signed for these. The third package (for Karnaphuli EPZ) has been submitted to the Purchase Committee for approval (since it was slightly over the threshold amount that can be cleared at the Ministry level. Construction at all three sites is expected to commence in December 2012. This however means that a year has been lost for the start of the construction due to delays in getting the DPP approved (originally the construction was slated to start in February 2012). Since all the subsequent project activities are dependent upon the readiness of the hostels and dormitories, for e.g. the recruitment of the girls from the sending areas, these too will be delayed.

All major recruitments of key project staff at the PIU and PCU are either completed or are in the final stage of completion, though it has to be noted that the process has been delayed in some cases. The detailed project implementation plan has been updated. A formal monthly Implementation Progress meeting is organized between MOLE, BEPZA, and the Bank task team to assess progress and agree on next steps.

Locations

No Location data has been entered

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Number of women who receive training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	3600.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015
			Comments	Too early to report		
Percentage of graduates who are formally employed for at least 10 months of the year following completion of their training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	90.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015
			Comments	Too early to report		
Difference in average level of net monthly income of graduates, before and 1 year after completion of their training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	50.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015
			Comments	Too early to report		
Level of satisfaction with the project among graduates (% who rank their satisfaction level as three or higher on a five point scale)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	90.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2014
			Comments	Too early to report		

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Raising awareness and selecting training program candidates from the lagging region of northern Bangladesh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value			
			Date			
			Comments			
Number of eligible applicants who apply for the training program	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number Sub Type	Value	0.00	0.00	10800.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015

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		Breakdown	Comments	Value		
			Too early to report. 350 every three months			
Percentage of beneficiaries who complete the three-month training offered by the program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Supplemental	Value	0.00	0.00	95.00
Establishing training centers with dormitories in the EPZs located in Dhaka, Ishwardi, and Karnaphuli.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	90.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015
			Comments	Too early to report		
Percentage of graduates who stay in the project accommodation after completion of their training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00	0.00	95.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2012
			Comments	Too early to report		
Percentage of project beneficiaries who are satisfied with the services offered by the facilities (% who rank their satisfaction as three or higher on a five point scale)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00		80.00
			Date			31-Dec-2015
			Comments			
Percentage of graduates who opt to pay for the meal service provided by the project facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00	0.00	95.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Dec-2015
			Comments			
Providing initial training and on-going support to beneficiaries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value			
			Date			
			Comments			
Percentage of project graduates who are offered formal employment within one month of graduation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00	0.00	100.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Mar-2014
			Comments	Too early to report		
Percentage of graduates who are satisfied with the training program (% who rank their satisfaction as three or higher on a five point scale)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00	0.00	90.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		31-Mar-2014
			Comments	Too early to report		
Percentage of graduates who are employed at the senior operator level 18 months after graduating (i.e., they get promoted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Breakdown	Value	0.00		80.00
			Date	26-Mar-2012		29-Dec-2017
			Comments	Too early to report		

Data on Financial Performance (as of 11-Sep-2012)

Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
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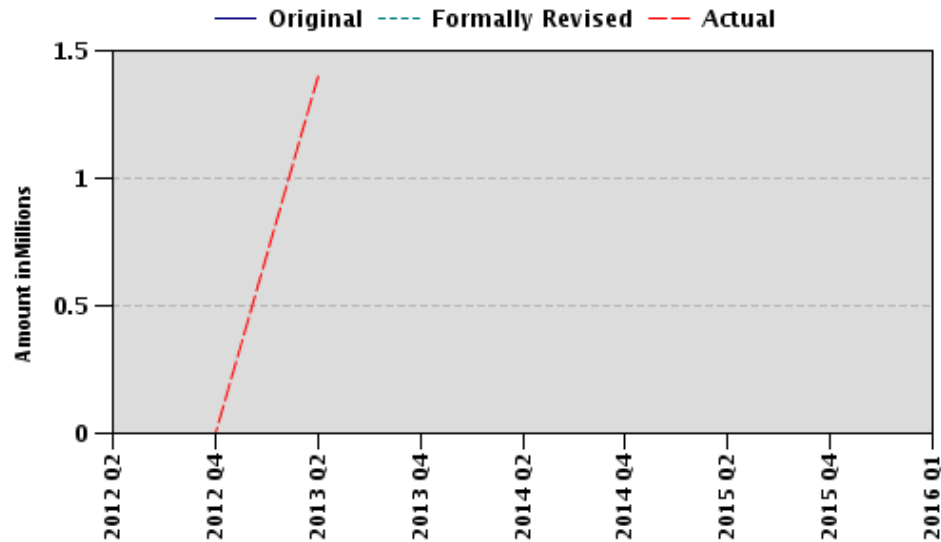
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Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P114841	IDA-50150	Effective	27-Oct-2011	04-Dec-2011	25-Mar-2012	31-Dec-2015	31-Dec-2015

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P114841	IDA-50150	Effective	XDR	18.20	18.20	0.00	1.40	16.80	8.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects

There are no related projects.