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CG-Statistics Capacity Building Project (P133731)

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Implementing Agencies: National institute of Statistics, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 09-Jun-2014
Effectiveness Date: 08-Apr-2015
Planned Mid Term Review Date: 26-Feb-2018
Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 24-Sep-2018
Original Closing Date: 15-Jun-2019
Revised Closing Date: 30-Apr-2021

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objectives of the project are to (i) strengthen the National Statistical System in the production and, dissemination of timely and robust statistics relevant for policies and decision making, and (ii) promote the demand for statistical information.

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

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

The objectives of the project are to: (i) strengthen the NSS in the production and dissemination of quality statistics relevant for policies and decision making; and, (ii) promote the demand for statistical information.

Components

Name
Component 1: Improving the Institutional and Organizational Framework of the NSS:(Cost $8.90 M)
Component 2: Improving the Production, Dissemination, and Use of Statistics:(Cost $19.50 M)
Component 3: Project Management:(Cost $5.00 M)

Overall Ratings

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

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project has been declared effective on May 09, 2019 after the government fulfilled the necessary requirements. For example, a projects operation manual and a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) have been developed by the government and validated by the World Bank.

Component 1: Improving the Institutional and Organizational Framework of the NSS

The Government has obtained a site for constructing the INS-CASP complex. A design and supervision architectural firm is being recruited. The PIU has also selected social and environmental safeguard specialists and infrastructure engineer to support the works but haven't been recruited yet.
The project is helping improve the National Statistical System functions. After a series of evaluations on the NSS's institutional, organizational and functional capacity, fourteen procedural manuals on data production and dissemination standards have been developed and validated for the different National Statistical System members including education, health and gender ministries.
Two consultants are under recruitment process to support the reform and trainings of the modernization of the CASP. The project has also continued supporting 24 students to study statistics in regional statistical schools. Thirteen are in Yaoundes Insitut Sous-regionale de Statistique et d'economi Appliquee (ISSEA); six in Yaoundes Institut de Formation et De Recherche Demographique (IFORD); two in Abidjan's Ecole Nationale Superieure de statistique et d'economie appliquee (ENSEA); two in Dakar's Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Economique (ENSAE); and one student at the Ecole Polytechnique Houphouet Boigny.
Component 2 : Improving the Production, Dissemination and Use of Statistics
PSTAT has continued supporting: the collection of Consumer Price Index in the cities of Brazzaville, pointe-Noire, Dolisie, Ouesso and Owando to extend the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) to a national level; a permanent system of collecting and publishing external trade statistics; and the start of workshop preparation to finalize nomenclature of activities and products of Congo.
Dissemination activities are ongoing but with a slower pace. Even though communication activities remain a challenge for the Enterprise Census activities, they have progressed. A communications consulting firm has been hired and is working with INS staff on the field. The website development is ongoing with plans to finalize and launch it by July 2019.
5th Population and Housing Census: Preparatory activities for the 5th Population and Housing Census are ongoing. The project supported the evaluation of the pilot Census along with three UNFPA recruited international consultants. The evaluation focused on: the benefits and constraints of Census digitization; and the quality assurance of the overall process of the project. There is strong support by the consultants and the Project to quality assurance of the Census.
Enterprise Census: The project supported the training of enumerators throughout the country and data collection has already started. Activities are ongoing even though issues compromising quality have been observed. These included weak monitoring and evaluation, inconsistencies in data collection, weak implementation of communication strategy and weak project financial management. A supervision team has been assigned to identify these challenges so as to make the process better.
Agricultural Survey: PSTAT organized a meeting with all agricultural statistics producers in the RoC. These included the Ministry of Agriculture, livestock and fishery (Ministere de l'agriculture, de l'elevage et de la peche); Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); and the World Bank's Agricultural Development Project (PDAC) project. The meeting aimed to: consolidate and streamline agricultural survey methodologies; define the organization and financing of agricultural surveys in the future and furthermore, it highlighted the works done by PSTAT , PDAC and FAO who are all supporting the Ministry of Agriculture in its statistical production.
In this meeting it has been agreed that FAO's Permanent Integrated System of Agricultural Statistics (SPISA) Project, a continuation of activities under RGA, will be supported by the World Bank's PSTAT and the Agricultural Development Project (Projet d'Appui au Développement de l'Agriculture Commerciale (PDAC)). A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted for this support and the World Banks team from PSTAT and PDAC will be discussing on the technical role PSTAT will undertake for this activity.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Overall	--	Substantial	Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Strengthen the NSS in the production and, dissemination of quality statistics

▸Statistical Capacity Score (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	47.80	48.89	55.56	60.00
Date	31-Dec-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Number of NSS staff with formal degree in statistics, informatics or demography (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	40.00	--	44.00	60.00
Date	22-Jan-2018	--	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Share of statistical products completed and published by the INS following international standards. (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	25.00	25.00	25.00	70.00
Date	01-Oct-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

Promote the demand for statistical information.

▸Share of statistical output available to users through the open data portal (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸User Satisfaction Index (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	50.00	75.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Annual growth rate of the number of hits on INS website (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	8.00
Date	22-Jan-2018	--	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Improving the institutional and organizational framework of the NSS

▸Institutional capacity assessment is completed for INS staff and 14 identified DEPs (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2018

▸Share of sectorial statistical agencies that produce statistical information endorsed as official statistics by the INS (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	30.00	30.00	50.00	80.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸African chart of statistics and code of conduct are disseminated widely to the public. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Execution rate of the activities under the responsibility of the Project in the strategic HR plan (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸The INS-CASP complex is built and operational (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	No	Yes
Date	22-Jan-2018	--	06-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2019

▸The new INS-CASP complex is furnished, has a data center, computers and operational internet links (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	31-Mar-2020

▸Number of trained students that pass the exam to get into regional statistics schools, with at least 10% women (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	24.00	15.00
Date	22-Jan-2018	--	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

Improving the production, dissemination, and use of statistics

▸A functional web-based data portal enabling access to the NSS data is developed and deployed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2018

▸Number of outreach thematic activities to key stakeholders such as media, politicians, policy makers and academia (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2.00	2.00	4.00	10.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Number of knowledge products on economic development issues produced with NSS data and disseminated to large audiences (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2.00	2.00	4.00	10.00
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

Project management

▸The PIU makes biannual progress reports available to the Project Steering Committee (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸The Project Steering Committee meets semi-annually to assess project performance, intermediate results and outcomes (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Annual budgeted work plan of the PIU is reviewed by the steering committee and submitted to the World Bank for no objection (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸The results based monitoring framework of the projet is defined, updated and validated by the Project Steering Committee (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

▸Operational M&E workshops with INS and all beneficiaries of the project are organized 3 times a year to assess the progress of planned activities (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2014	22-Jan-2018	22-Jan-2018	30-Jun-2021

▸Number of annual reports on the implementation of the ESMF and the RPF produced and discussed in the Project Steering Committee (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	6.00
Date	22-Jan-2018	--	06-Jun-2019	30-Apr-2021

Data on Financial Performance

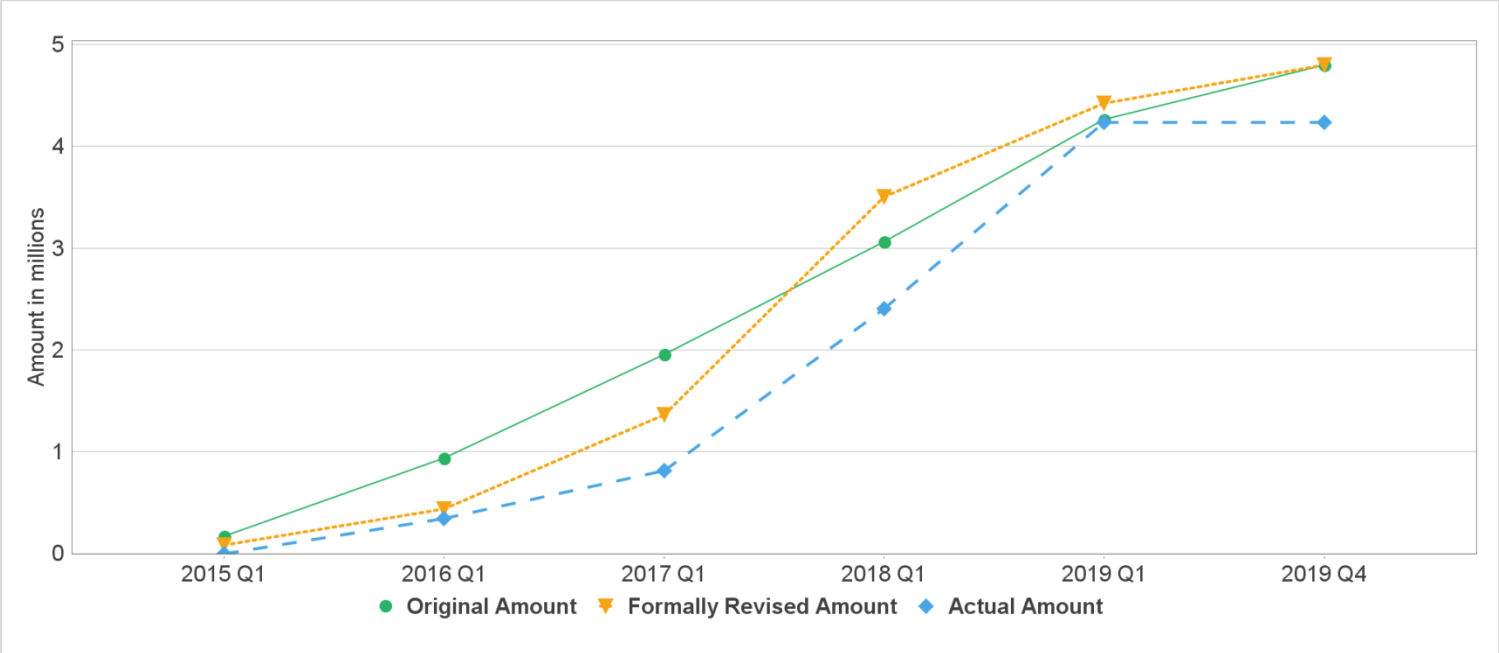
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P133731	IBRD-88510	Effective	USD	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.06	24.94	0.2%
P133731	IDA-55000	Effective	USD	4.80	4.80	0.00	4.24	0.13	97%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P133731	IBRD-88510	Effective	05-Apr-2018	21-Jun-2018	09-May-2019	30-Apr-2021	30-Apr-2021
P133731	IDA-55000	Effective	09-Jun-2014	07-Jul-2014	08-Apr-2015	15-Jun-2019	15-Jun-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 03-Feb-2017

Related Project(s)

P162345-Additional Financing - RoC - Statistics Capacity Building Project