



Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project (P118518)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, Ministry of Finance

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 01-May-2012

Effectiveness Date: 20-Sep-2012

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 01-May-2015

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 30-Apr-2015

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2017

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2024

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to enhance the competitiveness of the agro-food sector by supporting the modernization of the food safety management system, facilitating market access for farmers, and mainstreaming agro-environmental and sustainable land management practices.

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

No

Components Table

Name

Enhancing food safety management:(Cost \$29.50 M)

Enhancing market access potential:(Cost \$35.44 M)

Enhancing land productivity through sustainable land management:(Cost \$21.86 M)

Project Management:(Cost \$3.05 M)

Contingencies:(Cost \$0.40 M)

Compensatory Sales Support Grants:(Cost \$6.80 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project has continued to make sustained progress across all remaining components towards achieving its Development Objective. Major results milestones have been achieved on food safety, enhancing market access and sustainable land management activities.



The Government of Moldova, through its pertinent institutions has provided timely and effective support to the implementation of the original project activities which are now fully completed. The bureaucratic processes that have impeded the pace of implementation of the activities funded by the last two Additional Financings have been partially eliminated.

The project is compliant with financial reporting and auditing requirements and there are no overdue audits or any other outstanding financial management issues. The project's safeguards arrangements are compliant with the World Bank.

The project continues to respond properly to its citizens engagement commitments. A grievance resolution mechanism has been established in 2015 and has been updated to correspond to additional rigors related to the implementation of the animal by-products management activities and the additional sustainable land management activities. There have not been any complaints filed under the mechanism in the past 24 months. However, several letters from an agricultural enterprise has been received in 2022 and 2023, alerting the project implementation unit of environmental concerns related to the ABP's proximity to some irrigation ponds. The issue was referred to the World Bank's Grievance Redress Service and has been receiving due consideration by the Moldovan authorities and the World Bank team. The World Bank has closed the case on March 17, 2024. The team will continue to work intently over the remaining implementation period on further promoting citizen engagement strategies and reporting, in close collaboration with dedicated citizen engagement specialists.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Macroeconomic	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Fiduciary	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Environment and Social	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Stakeholders	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Enhance competitiveness through modernization of the food safety system				
► Completion of targeted food safety actions for approximation to EU SPS requirements (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	90.00	115.00	115.00	100.00
Date	01-Jul-2020	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024



Enhance competitiveness through facilitation of market access				
▶ Increased sales (domestic and exports) of high value crops by targeted partnerships that receive investment support grants (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	101.90	101.90	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2021	01-Jun-2021	30-Jun-2019
Comments:	The increase will be measured from a baseline of sales by individual agricultural producers before joining the productive partnership. The indicator will measure value of sales.			
▶ Stabilized levels of production of apples, plums and grapes among beneficiaries of compensatory grants (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	100.00	90.00	90.00	85.00
Date	01-Dec-2014	01-Dec-2015	01-Dec-2015	01-Dec-2015

Enhance the competitiveness of the agro-food sector by mainstreaming agro-environmental and sustaina				
▶ Increased on-farm area benefitting from sustainable land management practices supported by the project (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	57,500.00	65,577.00	65,577.00	100,000.00
Date	01-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	The indicator will measure the farm-level magnitude of SLM investments supported by the project.			
▶ Increased area protected by robust anti-erosion shelterbelts rehabilitated under the project (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	64,382.00	64,382.00	64,382.00	122,000.00
Date	01-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	Measurement of the indicator will be limited to the Southern part of the country.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Enhancing food safety management				
▶ Food safety agency is functional (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	The Food agency is presently not functional	Food safety agency is functional	Food safety agency is functional	Food safety agency is functional



Date	01-Jan-2012	30-Oct-2014	30-Oct-2014	01-Jan-2014
Comments:	Agency staff hired and working; Agency's building rehabilitated; Technical, communication and computing equipment procured and installed; Integrating software developed.			
► Number of laboratories compliant with standards for international accreditation (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2021	01-Jun-2021	30-Jun-2021
Comments:	The project will support the elaboration of laboratory Standard Operating Procedures based on international practice which will guide compliance with international accreditation standards; staff assigned; facilities rehabilitated; equipment supplied and software installed; staff trained;			
► Operational Border Inspection Points (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2022	01-Jun-2022	01-Dec-2021
Comments:	Construction works on the 5th BIP have been completed. Procurement of equipment under way.			
► A functional ABP management system is in place (ad-minimum Category 1) (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No ABP management system in place	No ABP management system in place	No ABP management system in place	System is functional
Date	01-Jul-2020	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024

Enhancing market access potential				
► Capacity for post-harvest handling created in targeted productive partnerships. (Metric ton, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	30,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2022	01-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2019
Comments:	Total throughput capacity for post-harvest handling of primary agricultural produce.			
► Productive partnerships created with project support (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	64.00	64.00	50.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2021	01-Jun-2021	30-Jun-2019



Comments:

Awareness and outreach campaign implemented with a minimum 30% participation rate of economically active women from rural areas; Business development support services provided to emerging productive partnerships.

Enhancing land productivity through sustainable land management

► Analytical solutions for site-specific SLM technologies developed and disseminated (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Limited analytical work exists to date	Analytical solutions ready for application by famrers	Analytical solutions ready for application by famrers	Analytical options ready for application by farmers.
Date	01-Jul-2012	01-Jun-2017	01-Jun-2017	30-Jun-2017

Comments:

Analytical options ready for application by farmers; Awareness and outreach campaign implemented with a minimum 30% participation rate of economically active women from rural areas; Best-practice experience resulting from implementation disseminated.

► Mechanized mobile squads are operational (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Date	01-Jul-2012	15-Mar-2014	15-Mar-2014	30-Jun-2013

Comments:

Formal assignment of the dislocation of the mobile squads to forestry enterprises; Equipment procured; Staff trained.

► Anti-erosion shelterbelts rehabilitated (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2,242.00	2,242.00	2,242.00	4,242.00
Date	01-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024

Comments:

Area measurements are confirmed by communities.

► Number of direct beneficiaries of GEF investments (disaggregated by gender) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	40.00	40.00	5,000.00
Date	01-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024

Project Management

► Grievance mechanism established (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No grievance mechanism	Grievance mechanism established	Grievance mechanism established	Grievance mechanism established



Date	15-Feb-2015	01-Jun-2021	01-Jun-2021	30-Jun-2021
▶ Published report on the functioning of the grievance mechanism, including resolution rates (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No report	Report published	Report published	Report published
Date	15-Feb-2015	01-Dec-2015	01-Dec-2015	01-Dec-2015
▶ Beneficiaries reporting positively on the project's citizens engagement actions (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
Date	01-Jul-2020	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024
▶ Number of women reached with information and gender-based activities (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3,175.00	3,175.00	3,500.00
Date	01-Jul-2020	01-Dec-2023	01-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024

Compensatory Sales Support Grants				
▶ Amount provided as compensatory grants (Amount(USD), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00
Date	15-Feb-2015	26-Jul-2018	26-Jul-2018	01-Dec-2015
▶ Beneficiaries of job-focused interventions (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	4,913.00	4,913.00	5,000.00
Date	15-Feb-2015	01-Jun-2021	01-Jun-2021	01-Dec-2015
□ Beneficiaries of job-focused interventions - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,000.00

Performance-Based Conditions



Data on Financial Performance

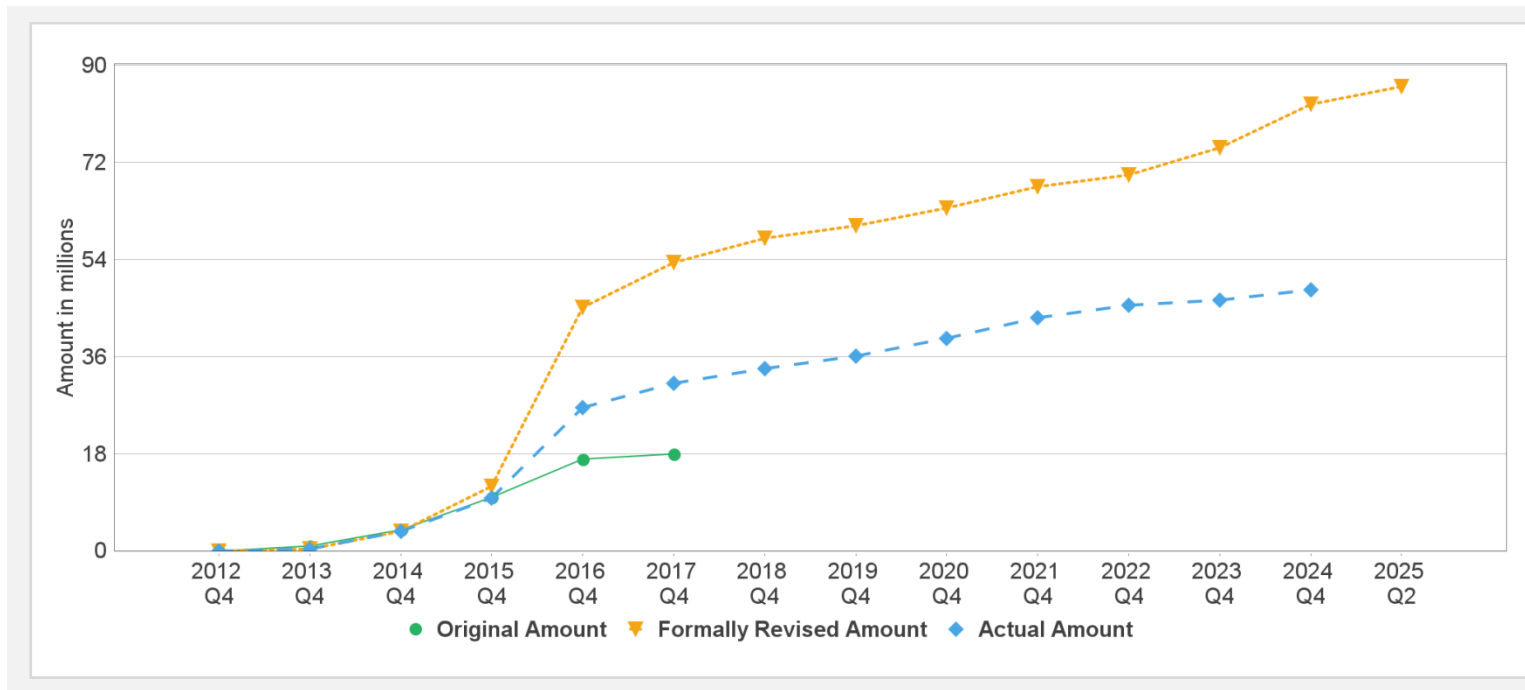
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P118518	IDA-50950	Closed	USD	18.00	17.99	0.01	16.39	0.00	100%
P118518	IDA-56390	Closed	USD	12.00	12.00	0.00	12.11	0.00	100%
P118518	IDA-58580	Closed	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	9.96	0.00	100%
P118518	IDA-67490	Effective	USD	15.00	15.00	0.00	2.52	12.26	17%
P127125	TF-12145	Closed	USD	4.44	4.44	0.00	4.44	0.00	100%
P118518	TF-14946	Closed	USD	2.11	2.11	0.00	2.26	0.00	100%
P127125	TF-B5561	Effective	USD	3.11	3.11	0.00	0.75	2.36	24%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P118518	IDA-50950	Closed	01-May-2012	28-May-2012	20-Sep-2012	30-Jun-2017	31-May-2019
P118518	IDA-56390	Closed	19-May-2015	21-May-2015	07-Jul-2015	30-Jun-2017	30-Nov-2020
P118518	IDA-58580	Closed	07-Jul-2016	08-Jul-2016	20-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2019	30-Jun-2022
P118518	IDA-67490	Effective	30-Jul-2020	01-Oct-2020	25-Jan-2021	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P127125	TF-12145	Closed	28-May-2012	28-May-2012	20-Sep-2012	30-Jun-2017	31-May-2019
P118518	TF-14946	Closed	15-Nov-2013	15-Nov-2013	15-Nov-2013	30-Jun-2015	30-Jun-2016
P127125	TF-B5561	Effective	24-Nov-2021	10-Dec-2021	18-Aug-2022	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 1 Approved on 06-Aug-2014 ,Level 2 Approved on 06-Jun-2017 ,Level 2 Approved on 02-May-2019 ,Level 2 Approved on 18-May-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 27-Mar-2021 ,Level 2 Approved on 08-Nov-2021

Related Project(s)

P127125-MOLDOVA AGRICULTURE COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT (GEF) ,P154238-Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project Additional Financing ,P157765-Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project 2nd Additional Financing ,P169944-MACP AF ,P169946-Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project 3rd Additional Financing ,P171284-Third Additional Financing for the Agriculture Competitiveness Project