

TERMINAL EVALUATION

Project ID:	9750
Project Name:	Resilient Productive Landscapes in Haiti
Countr(ies):	Haiti
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Resilient Productive Landscapes in Haiti

Country

Haiti

GEF ID

9750

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural
Development, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Economy
and Finance

Trust Fund

LDCF

Project Type

FSP

Objective

To improve the adoption of resilience-enhancing agricultural and landscape management practices in
selected sub-watersheds

B. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

1/8/2018

Agency Approval

3/1/2018

Implementation Start

3/1/2018

First Disbursement

3/22/2019

Expected MTR

MTR Submission

9/15/2025

Actual MTR

5/16/2022

Expected Completion

12/31/2023

Actual Completion

11/30/2024

Actual TE

11/30/2024

TE Submission

9/15/2025

Final Disbursement

C. Disbursements

Project Financing
6,800,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement
5,945,032.00

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Main Terminal Evaluation Findings

The project completed the implementation of activities and the development objectives (DO) indicators have been all achieved and some of them exceeded their targets. The physical execution rates measured by the three Project Development Objective (PDO) indicators are: (i) area under desired soil management reached 2,050.347 ha out of 2,000 planned at the end of the project, or 102.5%; (ii) farmers adopting improved agricultural technology reached the number of 4,267 against 3,000 at the end of the project or 142%; and (iii) proportion of target farmers with improved market access reached 80.85 % against 40 % at the end of the project. The big challenge for the implementation and performance of the project was that the activities were carried out in a particularly difficult political, economic, social and security context in Haiti, such as the deterioration of the security situation including the case of roadblocks, multiple kidnappings, and civil unrests, and fuel shortage, especially in provincial towns. However, the team managed to implement all the activities with success.

B. Stakeholder Engagement

The Project seek to support engagement of stakeholders and beneficiaries through consultative processes, including their engagement in local level planning and feedback mechanisms to elaborate and adjust the integrated landscape management approach and access to economic opportunities, thus contributing to achieving sustainability and project outcomes. Feedback mechanisms were developed to ensure transparency, accountability and learning as well as a continuous dialogue with local level beneficiaries and other stakeholders. In that regard, the Project undertook initiatives aimed at restoring the vegetation cover upstream of the 4 targeted watersheds in the project intervention areas, raising awareness and involving the residents of these communities in the dynamics of their protection: A steering committee with local civil society and local authorities members was created in each watershed area; 26 community meetings were held in localities to support the project in this activity and ensure its sustainability; 9 information sessions were held to providing details on the TRP project and activities; 9 public consultation meetings were held with the Steering Committees, landowners, leaders, locals and other actors to identify the plants that best adapt to each environment. On prevention works: An information meeting was held among locals in Javel and Manyan gullies to inform about the project and the importance of its activities; one public consultation meeting was held with landowners, leaders and local key actors to collect their opinion on the introduction of castor bean, pineapple cays, and sugar cane, which were all very favorable to the introduction of these plants in areas of project implementation (meeting raised the awareness of 63 participants, including 29 women). For the rehabilitation of existing rural roads/tracks: 1 information meeting was held with the Irrigators Association Committee and users of the Charlier perimeter to provide information on the TRP project, the objective of the work and the project's policy in terms of social safeguards. For the rehabilitation and development works on the irrigated perimeters of Charlier, O'Rouck and Baconnois: 3 information meetings were held with the Committees of irrigators, local authorities and users of the perimeters to provide information on the project, the importance of this work for the community and the project's policy in terms of social safeguards.

C. Gender Equality

During project implementation, gender gaps were reduced, providing women with the same set of support

opportunities. The Project encouraged equal engagement of men and women in agriculture activities in each of its components. The Results Framework collected gender-disaggregated data as follows: PDO Indicators: (i) Land area under sustainable landscape management practices: 127 community leaders participated in 12 information and mass awareness sessions, of which 22% were women; and 1,811 farmers participated in 16 information and awareness sessions, of which 34% were women; (ii) Farmers adopting improved agricultural technology: of 4,267 farmers that have adopted an improved agricultural technology, 62% were men and 38% women; and (iii) Share of targeted farmers with improved market access: 80.85% of farmers had improved market access, of which approximately 22% were women. Intermediate Results Indicators: (i) Farmers participating in the FFS: 2,800 farmers (target: 1,000; 280%) benefited from FFS, of which 37.8% (target: 33; 115%) were women; (ii) Sub-projects supported by the RPL Project improving access to markets for products from targeted areas 20, where 1,511 members of the groups benefitted from, of which 47% were female; (iii) Percentage of beneficiaries satisfied with Project interventions: The total target for this indicator was 75%, the proportion of beneficiaries is 85.67%, of which 40% were women; (iv) Farmers receiving urgent production inputs and services under CERC: 137,611 farmers received production inputs and services, of which 82,389 were men and 55,222 women (39.5%).

D. Knowledge Management

The project organized information sessions with beneficiaries and key actors. Among them: 5 orientation sessions for the Steering Committees on occupational health and safety; 1 orientation session to local authorities and community leaders on health and safety, in particular regarding transport and transplantation of seedlings. Moreover, 2,800 farmers were trained (of which 37% female) as a consequence of the establishment of 122 Farmer Field Schools (20 beneficiaries per FFS) Furthermore, one-month training on GIS provided to two executives of National Center for Geo-Spatial Information (CNIGS) for the design of the spatial decision support tool, which was developed (Risk Analysis Tool) and further training was provided to CNIGS personnel on the land parcel identification system (LPIS) and on climate parameters regarding satellites and field measurement sensors to better identify drought areas at land scale. The Project also included additional knowledge activities for beneficiaries of family cisterns on the use of these structures to increase their protection during drought periods. In addition, knowledge activities and technical training were carried out in a regular basis to strengthen MARNDR's staff, the PIU, local authorities and other relevant stakeholders.

III. Core Indicators

EXTRACTED INDICATORS

Please provide culminative total achieved from the inception, if available in the implementation document.

Following the GEF guidance on results and indicators, please provide the whole results from the GEF project, which is made up of GEF financing as well as co-financing.

	LDCF
Total number of direct beneficiaries	144,622

Ha of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change	2,050.35
No. of risk and vulnerability assessments, and other relevant scientific and technical assessments carried out and updated	2
No. of people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	0
No. of regional, national and sub-national institutions with strengthened capacities to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	0
Contribute towards public awareness of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (Tick if relevant)	true
Expand access to improved climate information services	true
Expand access to improved climate related early-warning information	true
No. of regional, national and sector-wide policies, plans and processes developed or strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	2
No. of sub-national plans and processes developed or strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	0

IV: Co Financing

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Co-financing	Investment Mobilized	Anticipated at CEO(\$)	Materialized at MTR(\$)	Materialized at TE(\$)
GEF Agency	IDA	Grant		15,000,000.00		22,332,748.00
Other	J/P HRO	Grant		5,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
Total Co-financing				20,000,000.00	0.00	23,332,748.00

Comments

Other Co-financing - 20% Realized - The project was grant-financed (IDA/GEF - not by credits), not to mobilize private sector financing in the fragile context of Haiti. The project included a combination of cash and in-kind own financing requirement for sub-projects financed under the MSF for more advanced constituted groups of producers or small enterprises, only in-kind contributions were required of groups engaging in small value/basic level investments. The IDA/GEF financing was designed to mobilize US\$5

million in parallel financing by the J/P HRO. The J/P HRO only disbursed around US\$1 million, which played a critical role during the early stages of the project in financing project preparatory activities (provision of technical advice to PIU staff, development of participatory plans in all four sub-watersheds, detailed planning for water management infrastructure construction and rehabilitation, and consolidation of the Operations Manual and preparation of the tripartite agreement for the Haitian Fund for Biodiversity managed by the HNT). However, the NGO informed both ministries (end of December 2019) of the need to suspend its financing due to limited progress in 2019 and cash flow problems.

V: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Overall Project/Program Risk Classification

PIF	CEO Endorsement/Approval	MTR	TE
		High or Substantial	Medium/Moderate

Measures to address identified risks and impacts

Overall ESS: Satisfactory. Measures implemented to address identified risks and impacts: (i) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) designed and validated; (ii) Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PGPP) drafted to minimize the potential negative effects of pesticides; (iii) Environmental and Social Screening (for sub-projects - Matching Grants and activities related to hydro-agricultural infrastructures, such as bank protection, and development of irrigation systems; that allowed to assess impacts (negative or positive) of sub-projects and infrastructures on their immediate environment; and (iv) Summary Environmental and Social Assessment that allowed a tool to seek solutions to mitigate the negative impacts of the implementation (if any). In addition, regular visits were carried out to assess and ensure that measures to mitigate identified environmental and social risks are respected (waste management, dust management, personal protective equipment by workers, availability of first aid kits and nurse on site, quotas of women workers, security perimeter to limit access to children, etc.). Beneficiaries' obligations (matching grant sub-projects): wastewater management, control of noise and olfactory nuisances, use of renewable energy, among others. GRM in place. Different channels used to collect feedback from stakeholders (community feedback boxes, telephone hotlines and accountability meetings).

VI. ANNEX

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