



West Bank and Gaza: Education-to-Work Transition (P129861)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Education and Higher Education

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:15-May-2012

Effectiveness Date:31-Jul-2012

Planned Mid Term Review Date:01-Jun-2015

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:17-Dec-2015

Original Closing Date:31-Jan-2018

Revised Closing Date:31-Jan-2018

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Education to Work Transition Project seeks to improve education to work transition of young Palestinians attending participating tertiary education institutions (TEIs) by: (i) fostering partnerships between TEIs and employers in order to make TEIs' study programs more relevant to the needs of the labor market; and (ii) enhancing the capacity of the MOEHE and TEIs to collect, analyze and disseminate data collected through the TEIs' graduate tracking system to monitor the outcomes of TEIs' study programs, and to inform education policy formulation and implementation.

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

No

Components

Name

Education to Work Transition Innovation Grant Facility:(Cost \$5.00 M)

Higher Education Graduate Tracking System:(Cost \$0.60 M)

Project Management and Coordination:(Cost \$0.90 M)

Overall Ratings

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



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project continues to progress in a satisfactory manner, as observed during the implementation support mission conducted in May/June 2016. **The first batch of graduates benefitting from the Project show comparatively better labor market insertion rates than their counterparts in the same programs the previous year.** This is the first batch of graduates benefitting from the Project for whom it is possible to evaluate labor market insertion and therefore, to generate evidence on progress towards the Project development objective of reducing the graduate unemployment rate. Nine months after graduation in June 2015, 51 percent of the graduates of QIF Cycle One sub-projects are either employed or self-employed. The QIF continues to progress satisfactorily and to show positive impacts in terms of partnerships between tertiary education institutions and private sector companies. Given the success of this project, the World Bank has pursued the preparation of an Additional Financing, which is now well advanced, and is scheduled to be submitted to the Board in December 2016.

Component 2 related to the Graduate Tracking System (GTS), in particular, has achieved notable progress over the past few months: the GTS has been rolled out to the 44 tertiary education institutions in West Bank and Gaza, and has been fully operational since July 12, 2016. This represents a great success for the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, as West Bank and Gaza has now a national public good in the sector of tertiary education that sets the country as a pioneer in the MENA region.





Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Participating TEIs Graduate Unemployment Rate (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	62.00	--	49.00	-10.00
Date	30-Aug-2013	17-Dec-2015	20-Jul-2016	31-Aug-2017

Overall Comments

The value of 49 percent graduate unemployment rate is for the first batch of students who graduated from Cycle 1. PDO indicator will start being monitored by the GTS by the end of 2016

Intermediate Results Indicators



► Use of Graduate Tracking System Information (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Date	19-Apr-2012	17-Dec-2015	20-Jul-2016	31-Aug-2017

Comments

The GTS is operational as of July 2016. Thus, no policy notes have been issued yet.

▲ Use of Graduate Tracking Portal (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00

► Work practice becomes available in participating TEIs (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	5.00	16.00	3.00
Date	23-Feb-2012	17-Dec-2015	20-Jul-2016	31-Aug-2017

Comments

16 out of the 20 Sub-projects have work practice fully embedded into the study programs and under implementation. The outstanding 4 sub-projects are expected to follow suit next academic year.

► Joint Design of Study Programs between Participating TEIs and employers (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	10.00	16.00	5.00
Date	23-Feb-2012	02-Apr-2015	20-Jul-2016	31-Aug-2017

Comments

10 out of 11 sub-projects under Cycle 1 are in the process of upgrading their programs.




8 out of 9 sub-projects under Cycle 2 completed a review of the curriculum and will implement the new program next semester.

Overall Comments

Based on the progress achieved with regard to the implementation of the GTS system, and given that some indicators were already surpassed, it is the Task Team's assessment that the project is on the right track to achieve its intended objectives.

Data on Financial Performance

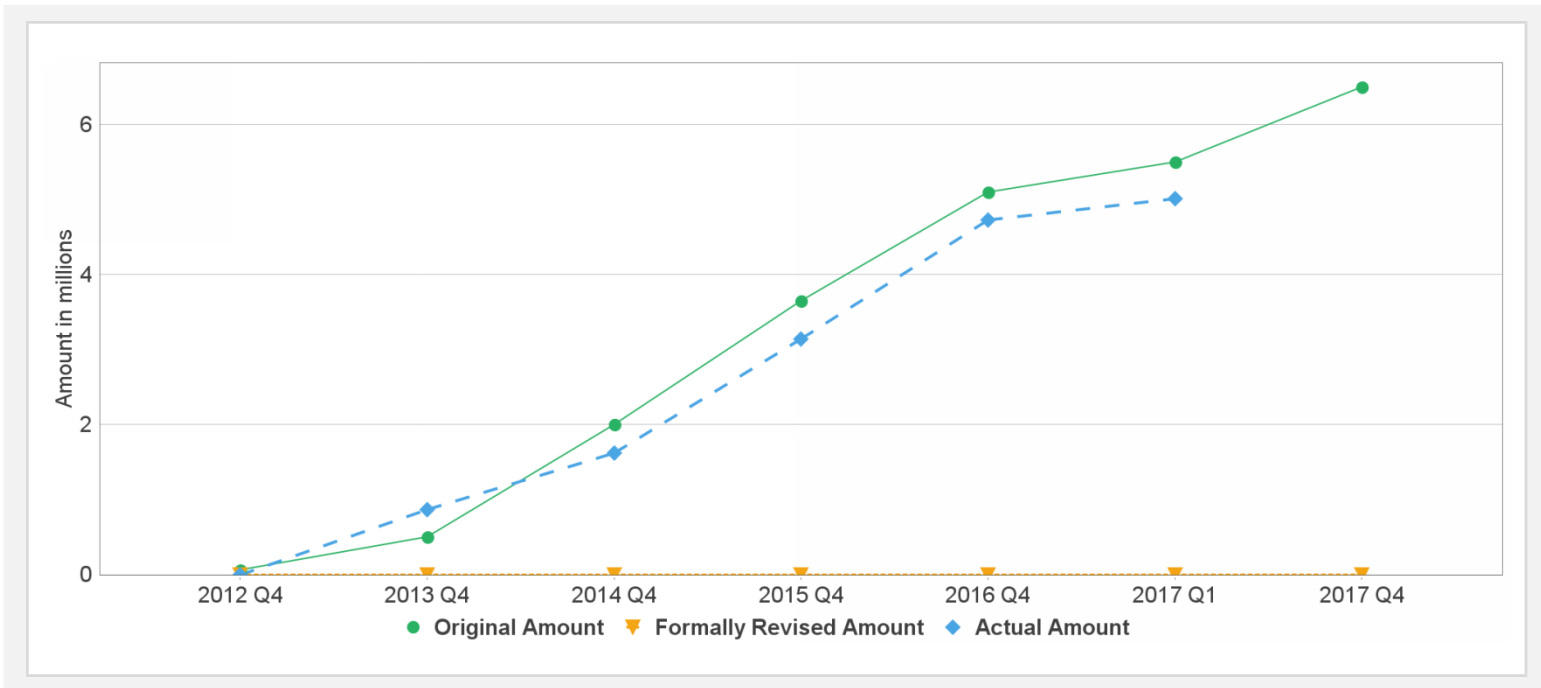
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P129861	TF-12221	Effective	USD	6.50	6.50	0.00	5.01	1.49	 77%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P129861	TF-12221	Effective	02-Jul-2012	02-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012	31-Jan-2018	31-Jan-2018

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P158951-Education to Work Transition Project Additional Financing