



AFCC2/RI-Central African Backbone - APL3 - Republic of Congo (P122398)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Charge of ICT

Key Dates

Key Project Dates

Bank Approval Date:25-May-2011

Effectiveness Date:19-Dec-2011

Planned Mid Term Review Date:31-Mar-2014

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:27-Oct-2014

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the proposed project is consistent with the PDO for the CAB Program: to contribute to increase geographical reach and usage of regional broadband network services and reduce their prices, in the Republic of Congo.

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

No

Components

Name

Component 1: Enabling environment at the regional and national levels:(Cost \$3.55 M)

Component 2: Connectivity:(Cost \$9.00 M)

Component 3: Promotion of ICT sector:(Cost \$1.00 M)

Component 4: project Management:(Cost \$1.00 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	● Moderate	● Moderate



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project implementation is still satisfactory. As of November 6, 2015 the disbursement rate is 55 percent and it expected to exceed 70 percent by December 31. The new project management team has been pro active and dynamic and the good management has impuled a positive momentum within the PCU. As a result the civil works and fiber optic laying are progressing staisfactorily and on scheduled time. 212 kilometers out of the 504 kilometers have been completed.

Following his mission to the civil work site in September, the environmental and social specialist submitted his report including several recommendations: (i) the MoU signed between the DGE and the CAB project should be executed, and the DGE should organize a site visit as soon as possible: the company in acharge of civil works had to create several rural access roads along the site. These roads are appreciated by the local population and could be seen as a positive collateral of the project. However, the report underlined the need for a thorough assessment of the consequences of these new roads (e.g. erosion, unstability around the infrastructure and the rails, etc). The DGE mission should also seize this opportunity to proceed with the payment of compensations for the local communities, estimated around 3 million F CFA.

The M&E report attached to this ISR shows that 6 out of 8 DO indicators have already exceeded their final targets. One cannot be measured until the infrastructure is completed. And the indicator pertaining retail costs shows significant progress but has not reached its objective yet. The PIU proposed to add a new series of relevant indicators to better capture the development of backbone infrastructure in Congo.

The creation of the SPN remains an important milestone for the successful implementation of the project. Therefore, the team recommends that the new leadership team at the Ministry of ICT set the effective operationalization of the SPN as a top priority, and allocate suffucient time, resources and expertise to complete this task before the CAB infrastructure is completed.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

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



Environment and Social	--	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	--	● Low	● Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	● Moderate	● Moderate

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Volume of international traffic- International internet bandwidth (bits per second person) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	51.00	930.00	2760.00	500.00
Date	31-Dec-2009	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

► Access to Internet Services (number of subscribers per 100 people) (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6.10	23.00	26.00	15.00
Date	31-Dec-2010	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

► Average monthly price of wholesale international E1 capacity link from capital city to Europe (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3200.00	1076.00	1592.00	800.00
Date	31-Dec-2010	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

Comments

The value of this indicator has slightly increased due to a new measurement methodology.

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Core)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	50000.00	150000.00	1167838.00	800000.00
Date	31-Dec-2010	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	50.00	50.00	23.00	50.00

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

Average cost of mobile call (three minutes, local, peak) (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.50	0.41	0.32	0.10
Date	--	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

Retail price of internet service (per 256kbit/s per month, in USD) (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	300.00	150.00	98.00	80.00
Date	--	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016



► Coverage of mobile network (percentage of population covered) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	89.00	93.00	93.00	95.00
Date	31-Dec-2009	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

► Number of operators and service providers buying capacity from the regional infrastructure deployed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	--	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

► Number of localities with broadband internet access (128kbps) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.00	12.00	8.00	10.00
Date	15-Apr-2011	31-Oct-2014	07-Nov-2015	30-Jun-2016

► Length of Fiber Optic Network Built (km) (Kilometers, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	212.00	520.00
Date	02-Feb-2015	02-Feb-2015	02-Feb-2015	30-Jun-2016




▶ Number of urban zones connected to the national backbone (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	--	--
Date	--	--	--	--

Overall Comments

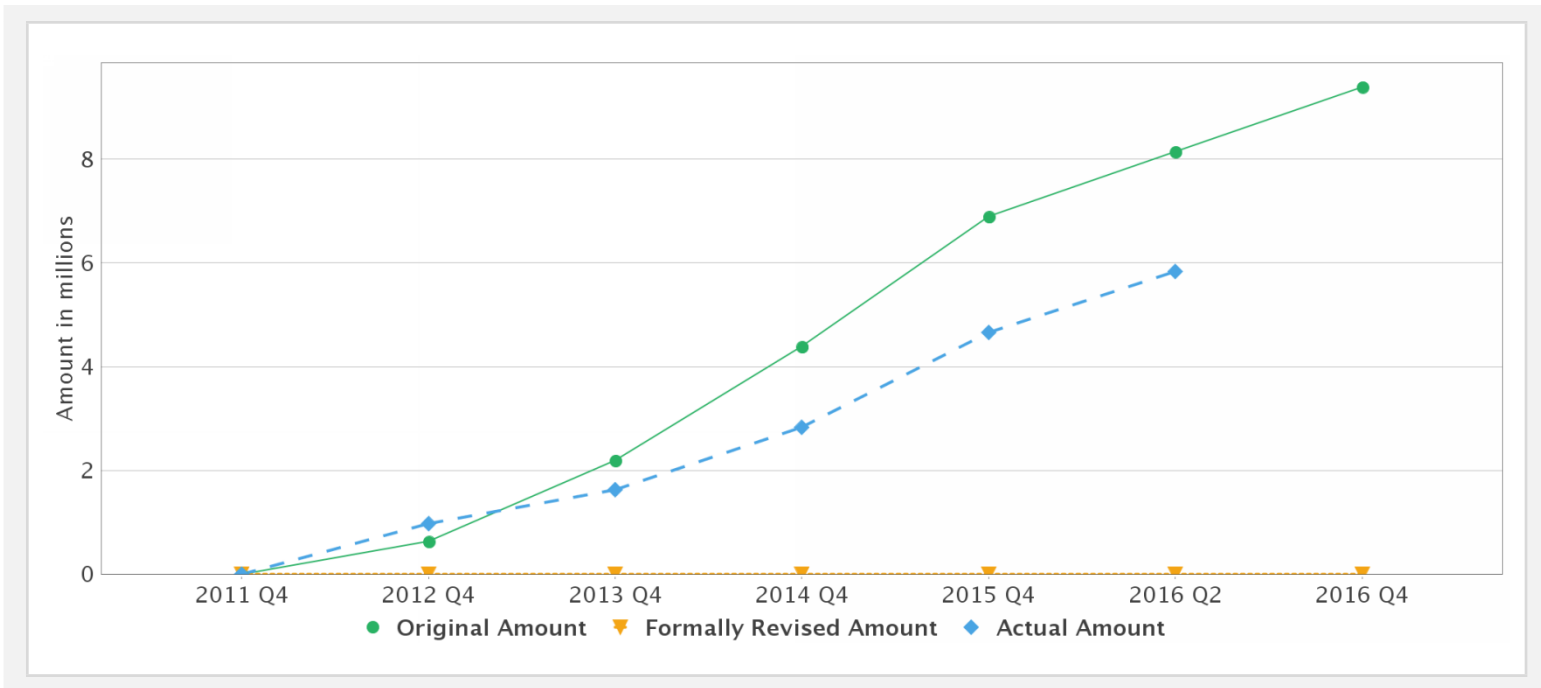
Data on Financial Performance**Disbursements (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P122398	IDA-49740	Effective	XDR	9.40	9.40	0.00	5.83	3.57	 62%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P122398	IDA-49740	Effective	25-May-2011	15-Jul-2011	19-Dec-2011	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 17-Mar-2015

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.