

PROJECT STATUS REPORT (FINAL)

JULY 2010 - DECEMBER 2010

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening Supply-chain Activities in the Eco-tourism Industry in Suriname

Project Number: SU-M1008 - Operation Number: ATN/ME-10564-SU

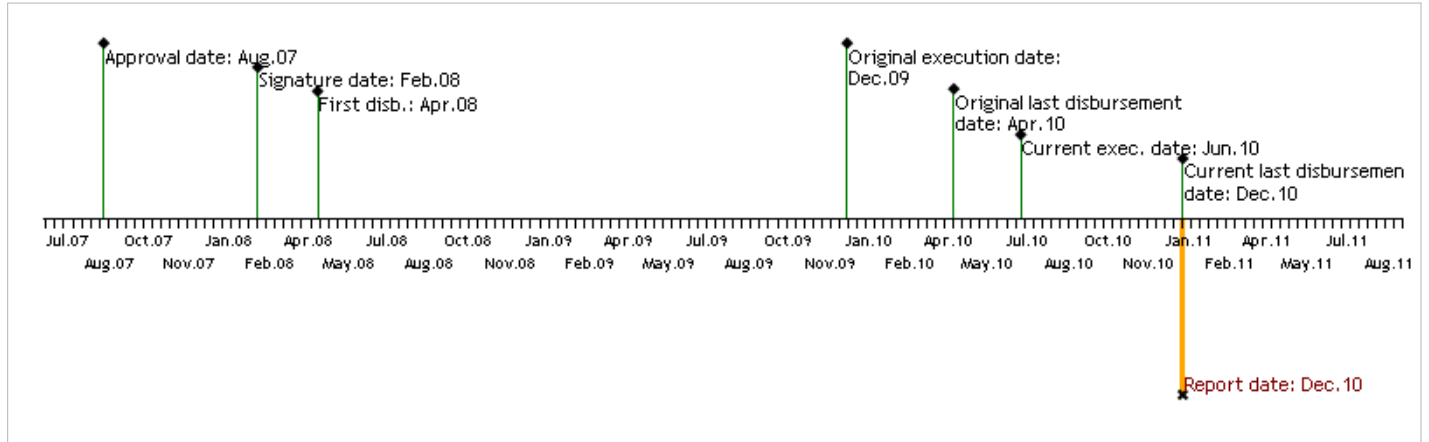
Purpose: To enhance the skills of persons in Berg and Dal and other districts.

Country Administrator SURINAME	Beneficiary Country SURINAME	Group ENV - Environment	Subgroup TOUR - Sustainable Tourism
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Executing Agency: Kersten Tourism Foundation

Design Team Leader:
Supervision Team Leader: Hofwijks, Steven Romeo

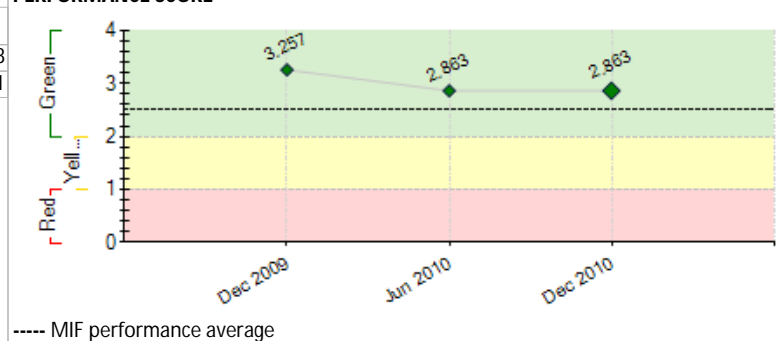
TIMELINE



FUNDS

	Approved	Cancelled	Disbursed
FOMIN	\$100,000.00	\$11,303.00	\$88,696.68
Counterpart	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$62,933.91

PERFORMANCE SCORE



SECTION 2: RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Performance once project is completed

Achievement of purpose

1) In total 16 training courses were conducted, including bus drivers training and security training. 2) Out of 1351 registered persons 554 persons registered for skills training courses, excluding Tourism Awareness course. For Tourism Awareness course 96 adults and 701 children were registered. 3) Completion rate to skills training courses excluding Tourism Awareness course varied between 65% for Tourism and Environmental training in villages, 80% for Horeca/Food & Beverages course, 91% for Practical training and 100% for Housekeeping training. All 797 persons completed Tourism Awareness course at schools.

Activities and outputs

1. The contracted research consultant submitted three documents in fulfillment of the requested design of a supply chain model for the eco-resort, i.e. (1) Supply of employees from the surrounding villages; (2) Action Plan for Kersten Tourism Foundation. The Action Plan contained the Skills Training Plan albeit created through a different (action) approach than logical framework analysis. 2. The contracted trainer for the subcomponent Info Awareness material and sensitizing of community groups submitted booklets and card games for training purposes and organized info sessions in selected communities. 3. The Skills Training Plan delivered by the research consultant was implemented in first instance by the Board of KTF, who organized the security training one of identified key service areas. 4. The quality of all delivered skills training activities was evaluated as satisfactory by the Program Manager. (the quality of training of the housekeeping training, the environmental awareness training, the bus drivers training and the guides training). 5. Technical guidance to micro and small entrepreneurs in the Berg & Dal/Brokondo area was organized through an extensive small business training course, craft and handicraft skills training and the stimulation of grassroots support networks among trainees. Credit assistance to micro and small entrepreneurs was initiated but discontinued.

Risks:

Lack of interest from local community: With the incentive of a job offer at the Eco-resort the training sessions had a high participation.

Sustainability: Building the Berg en Dal Eco- resort provides project sustainability on all levels.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Format was kept. Information is consistent with Evaluation report.

Final evaluation

No Comments

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Evaluators comments

[Final evaluation](#)

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SECTION 3: INDICATORS

	Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Percentage
Purpose: To enhance the skills of persons in Berg and Dal and other districts. Classification: High Satisfactory	P.I1 New bussines start-ups supported through technical guidance of the project	0	5	4	80 %
	P.I2 100 of individuals trained in the program employed at Berg en Dal	0	100	110	110 %
Component 1: Research Study to develop a supply chain model for the Berg & Dal eco-resort Weight: 5% Classification: High Satisfactory	C1.I1 Submission of a research product	0	1	1	100 %
Component 2: Organization of community information awareness sessions on eco-tourism development Weight: 20% Classification: High Satisfactory	C2.I1 Organization of info. sessions & submission of copies of info. material	0	1	1	100 %
Component 3: Organization of skills training courses for service workers for the Berg & Dal eco-resort Weight: 36% Classification: High Satisfactory	C3.I1 100 persons trained in skills training courses	0	100	122	122 %
Component 4: Entrepreneurial support for the establishment and development of micro and small enterprises in key supply chain areas Weight: 39% Classification: Satisfactory	C4.I1 5 startups received funding from credit unions	0	5		0 %
	C4.I2 Entrepreneurial trainings for the development of SME's in key supply chain areas	0	200	0	70 %

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE

[X] Bank efficiency (responde delays)

[X] Design of project/Components

SECTION 4: RISKS**CRITICAL RISKS MANAGED DURING IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Unwillingness of financial institutions to provide credit facility to target group99

Level: Low

Responsible: Project Coordinator

Status: In effect

Comments: The risk is higher because financial institutions are not willing to work with the facility if the money was not deposited on theid bank account.Besides that other big programs were already running.

PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Low **TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:** 5 **IN EFFECT RISKS:** 1 **NOT IN EFFECT RISKS:** 0 **MITIGATED RISKS:** 4

SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY

Likelihood of project sustainability after project completion: HP - Highly Probable

Berg en dal Eco resort ensures continuation of Project activities regarding skills development and supply chain activities. also the kersten company has started construction on a vocational training center in Brokopondo.

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

[None reported in this period]

Actions related to sustainability which have been implemented:

The Establishment of the Berg endal Eco resort provides this MIF program with sufficient proof of sustainability.

This program has proven to Investors that local communities are very much capable to function within their organization given the proper training and skills development. the Eco- Resort provides jobs for over 90 people from the area and has trained over 500 individuals in various Horeca skills.

With the Resort running it will continue to keep on training its employees from the surrounding areas and elsewhere as well as continue to initiate supply chain activities in Brokopondo.

Moving forward the resort will engage more in agriculture, animal husbandry and on other types of businesses familiar to the local communities.

[Sustainability Plan](#)

SECTION 6: KNOWLEDGE

Lessons Learned

1. Logistics budget was separated from Program administration. Administratively did not work very well
2. Linking a mini MIF with large companies or corporates proves to amplify the effect of a small program. In countries like Suriname the Mini MIF's are best implemented in such a manner.
3. Too many training activities undertaken for a relatively small project.
4. •Objectives and goals for both the establishment of a local project like the Eco Resort Berg & Dal and of the training project seems to loosely defined or too broad in scope, exemplified by the statement "strengthening supply chain activities in the eco-tourism industry in Suriname".

Relative to

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Author

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Sostenibilidad

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Implementación

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Diseño

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Indicate which are the main products of the project, where they can be found, and how they could be "shared" with other entities or similar projects.

Knowledge products can be found in IDB filing system. also Infometary on impact of program at the Country Office Suriname.

Main products of the project

[No related products to display]

SECTION 7: DOCUMENTS

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