

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JULY 2018 - DECEMBER 2018

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Technical Support for Improving Livestock Sector Productivity and Climate Resili

Project Number: BL-T1094 - Project Num.: ATN/ME-16402-BL

Country Admin

BELIZE

Country Beneficiary

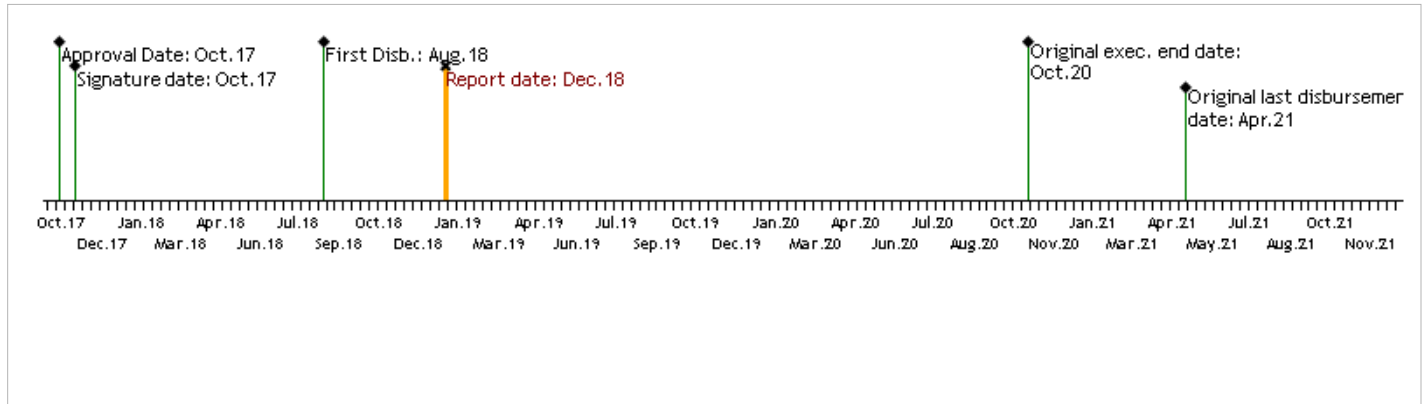
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Executing Agency: Belize Livestock Producers Association

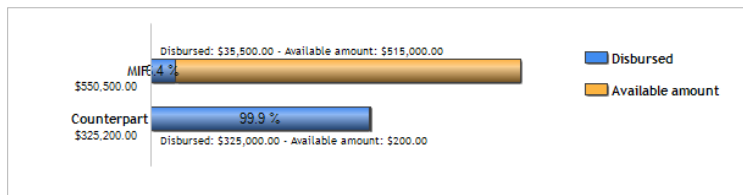
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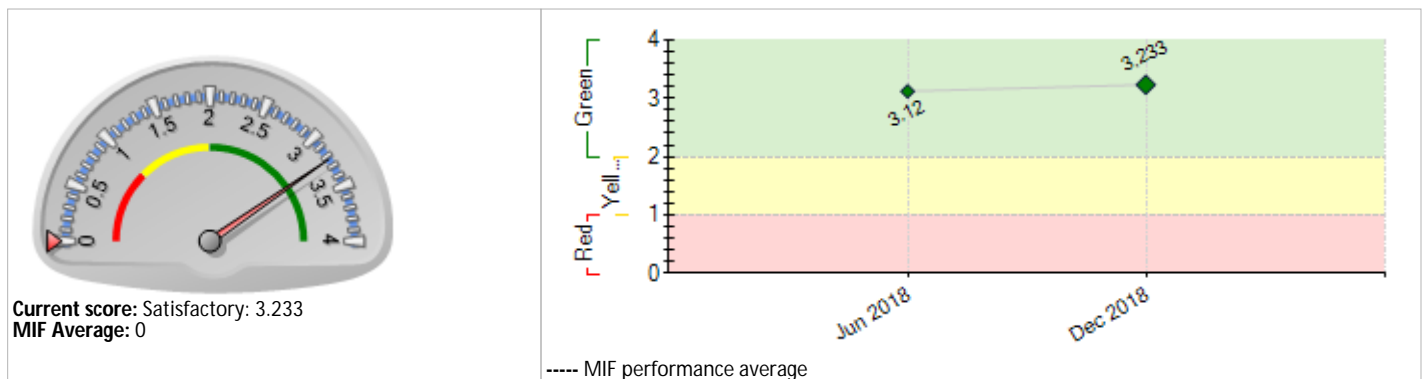
PROJECT CYCLE



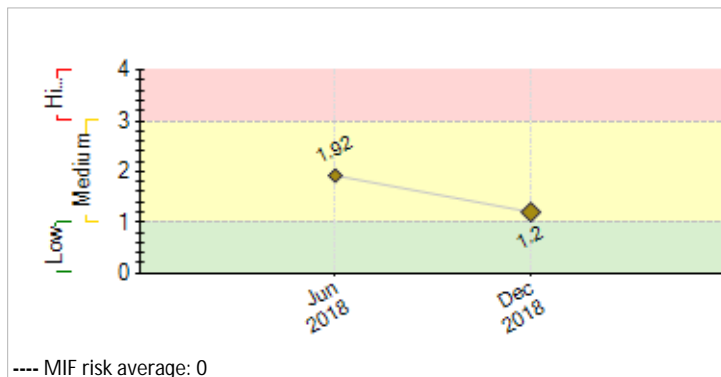
FUNDS



PERFORMANCE SCORE



EXTERNAL RISKS



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Risk

Financial Management: Low

Procurement: Low

Technical Capacity: Low

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance since inception

The main results achieved so far are (i) selection of the 10 model farms and farmers to participate in the project (ii) initial visits and mapping of the 10 selected model farms for the development of improvement plans has been carried out by CATIE.

The project encountered one major difficulty. The first disbursement of funds was delayed due to issues with the banking system. This caused a delay in the signing of the contract with CATIE as well as a delay in starting the farm assessment activities.

One important risk identified is the possible financial constraints the farmers may have in acquiring inputs for the implementation of the improvement plans. To mitigate this risk we will work closely with the credit unions to secure loans for the implementation of the improvement plans.

The prospect of the project in terms of achieving its objective is very optimistic. The reason we believe this is because there is much interest and commitment from the livestock farmers in improving their production and productivity. Through the end of the project, the Executing Unit will give special emphasis in the establishment and implementation of improvement plan for each selected model farm.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

Summary of project performance in the last six months

The main achievements of the semester were (i) hiring of the administrative assistant (ii) Contract with CATIE for carrying out farm assessments and plans have been signed.

We had a delay in the activities due to a delay in the disbursement of funds from the IDB. The banking issue has been solved, however, and work has started. We had no major obstacles as activities are just starting.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

Indicators	Baseline	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Intermediate 3	Planned	Achieved	Status
Goal:							
Purpose:							

Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date of achievement	Status
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CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE

[X] Bank efficiency (response delays)

SECTION 4: RISKS

MOST IMPORTANT RISKS AFFECTING FUTURE PERFORMANCE

	Level	Mitigation action	Responsible
1. the limited experience and capacities of the executing agency and the local partnering organizations	Medium	(i) BLPA's collaboration with CATIE who have over 40 years institutional experience in agriculture, climate change and sustainable livestock farming in Mesoamerica. Through their extensive membership and network CATIE will mobilize relevant technical expertise to support BLPA with project execution; (ii) LICU's will select one of EcoMicro pre-selected Consulting Firms (selected in accordance with the program's methodology detailed in Section 6.6 Procurement) to provide technical support to design and pilot the Green Finance Product;	Project Guest
2. possible financial constraints the farmers may have in acquiring inputs for the implementation of the improvement plans	Low	To mitigate this risk we will work closely with the credit unions to secure loans for the implementation of the improvement plans.	Project Coordinator
PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Medium TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS: 2 IN EFFECT RISKS: 2 NOT IN EFFECT RISKS: 0 MITIGATED RISKS: 0			

SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY

Likelihood of project sustainability after project completion: P - Probable

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

[None reported in this period]

Actions related to sustainability which have been taken in the reporting period:

Actions to ensure sustainability of the project is the development of a training program for farmers and technicians for the duration of the project spearheaded by CATIE. An action plan for the implementation of improvements on each of the 10 model farm linked with capacity building activities will further guarantee its sustainability. So far the mapping exercises for the model farms has been done.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

[No lessons learned found]