

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

01/01/2020 - 06/30/2020

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Operation number: BL-T1094

Suboperation number: ATN/ME-16402-BL

Project Name: Improving Livestock Sector Productivity and Climate Resilience in Belize

Purpose: To foster the adoption of climate resilient practices and green financial product

Country admin

BELIZE

Country beneficiary:

BELIZE

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SubGroup:

Executing Agency: Belize Livestock Producers Association

Team Leader: TERRYANNS

Project cycle:

Report Date: 2020 - 07 - 01

Approval Date: 2017 - 10 - 13

Signature Date: 2017 - 10 - 31

First disbursement date: 2018 - 08 - 13

Original Execution End Date: 2020 - 10 - 31

Current Execution End Date: 2020 - 10 - 31

Original Last Disbursement Date: 2021 - 04 - 30

Last Current Disbursement date: 2021 - 04 - 30

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Project's performance summary since the beginning

Supervision Team Leader comments

The EA is working with newly acquired consulting firm DAI Consulting, a pre-qualified EcoMicro Consulting Partner, to ensure the timely and effective execution of component 3.1: Design & Pilot Green Finance, Train Staff, Develop Loan Portfolio Vulnerability Risk Assessment Tool, in collaboration with BCUL and LICU. The EA is monitoring project to engage in discussions for possible extension based on the impact of COVID-19 and drought experienced in 2019. The main consultant on the livestock assessment is CATIE whose travel has been impacted due to COVID-19. A virtual plan is being developed.

Project's performance summary in the last 6 months

Supervision Team Leader comments

SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

C1 : Test and validate improved practices **Weight** 48% **Qualification** ~not selected~

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Start of average reproductive age measured in months	25	20 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I2 Percentage increase in stocking rate (head of cattle per acre)	0	10 (2018 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Delayed
I3 Number of climate resilient improvement plans developed for model farms selected	0	10 (2018 - 10 - 31)	10 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Finished
I4 In-depth analysis of results of improvement plan implementation (economic performance, productivity, investments, costs, sales, GHG emissions)	0	1 (2019 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Delayed
I5 Mobile app for on/farm/off-line data collection enhanced with relevant technology solutions	0	1 (2019 - 10 - 31)	1 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Finished

C2 : Out reach and capacity building **Weight** 14% **Qualification** ~not selected~

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Number of livestock farmers trained in Climate Smart Livestock Management (CRF 110100)	0	250 (2020 - 10 - 31)	41 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I2 Number of livestock extension officers and tertiary-level agriculture teachers received enhanced technical training, curriculum development and protocols for data collection and analysis (CRF 110100).	0	24 (2019 - 10 - 31)	47 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Finished

I3	Number of farms receiving technical assistance	0	150 (2020 - 10 - 31)	41 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I4	Standard Operating Procedures (manuals and protocols) developed by CATIE experts for training purposes.	0	1 (2018 - 10 - 31)	1 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Finished
I5	Number of copies of bi-lingual collateral materials for stakeholder communication produced.	0	400 (2019 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Delayed
I6	Cow-Calf Rate	0	0 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I7	Start of average reproductive age measured in months	25	20 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I8	Percentage increase in stocking rate (head of cattle per acre)	0	0 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I9	Number of months for young bulls to reach 500lbs.	24	18 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I10	Communication strategy developed	0	1 (2018 - 10 - 31)	1 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Finished

C3 : Development of a Green Finance Product to build climate resilience of the livestock **Weight** 30% **Qualification** ~not selected~

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Number of LICU loan officers, staff and extension service providers trained in the green financial product (CRF 110100)	0	15 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I2 Methodology to measure institutional carbon footprint (GHG account methodology and GHG baseline) developed (CRF 160100)	0	1 (2019 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	Delayed
I3 Climate risk monitoring tool to assess LICU's portfolio and its vulnerability to climate change developed (CRF 160100)	0	1 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress

C4 : Strategic Knowledge for Public Policies and Private-sector Scalability **Weight** 8% **Qualification** ~not selected~

Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1 Study on climate-smart livestock intensification and public-private cooperation and synergies.	0	1 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I2 Study on Lessons Learned and Best Practices	0	1 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress
I3 Number of key public and private stakeholders who participate at regional workshop on scalability	0	30 (2020 - 10 - 13)	0 (2019 - 10 - 16)	In progress

Milestones	Planned Value	Achieved Value	Due Date	Achieved Date	Status
Consultant contracted to design the Monitoring and Evaluation system and to coll	1	1	2018 - 10 - 31	2019 - 10 - 15	Achieved
Conditions Prior	9	9	2018 - 07 - 31	2020 - 03 - 31	Achieved
Training for technicians and teachers designed and implemented	1	1	2019 - 03 - 25	2019 - 10 - 15	Achieved
green finance product designed and implemented	1	1	2019 - 12 - 27	2020 - 06 - 17	Achieved
green finance product designed and implemented	1	0	2019 - 12 - 27		Overdue
At least 15 farms participate in Farmer Training and Outreach sessions	15	41	2020 - 03 - 19	2020 - 05 - 12	Achieved
Study on climate-smart livestock intensification completed and disseminated	1	0	2020 - 09 - 22		Pending

CRITICAL FACTS THAT HAVE AFFECTED PROJECT'S PERFORMANCE

[There were no aspects reported during this period]

SECTION 4: RISKS

	Impact Area	Severity	Prob.	Date	Responsible	Mitigation action
possible financial constraints the farmers may have in acquiring inputs for the	Test and validate improved practices	(2) Low	Low 40%	2020 - 02 - 14	Project Coordinator	To mitigate this risk we will work closely with the credit unions to secure loans for the implementation of the improvement plans.
the limited experience and capacities of the executing agency and the local part	Intermediary Outcome	(4) High	Medium 60%	2020 - 02 - 14	Project Coordinator	(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;
COVID Pandemic	Final Outcome, Outreach and capacity building, Test and validate	(4) High	High 80%	2020 - 07 - 30	Project Coordinator	

improved
practices

With travel restrictions a high possibility, respecting social distancing, and the use of electronic means of communication such as whats app and Zoom webinars with modol farmers and target beneficiaries especially for capacity building activities.

TOTAL RISKS QUANTITY: 3 IN EFFECT RISKS: 3 NOT IN EFFECT RISKS: 0 MITIGATED RISKS: 0

SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY

Indicate likelihood of project sustainability after project completion:

ASPECTS THAT PUT THE PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AT RISK

[There were no aspects reported during this period]

Actions related to sustainability which have been implemented in the project:

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

[There were no lessons learned reported during this period]