

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2017

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Making Agriculture Profitable and Sustainable

Project Number: TT-T1067 - Project Num.: ATN/ME-15827-TT

Purpose: Promote the adoption of climate smart agricultural practices amongst 500 farmers

Country Admin

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Country Beneficiary

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Executing Agency:

The Cropper Foundation

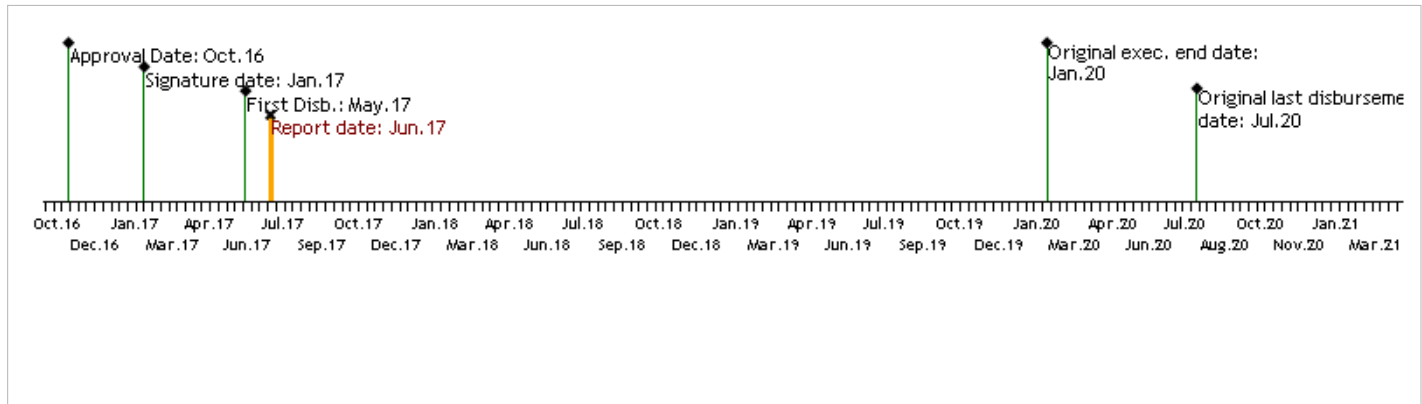
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KAVITA MAHARAJ

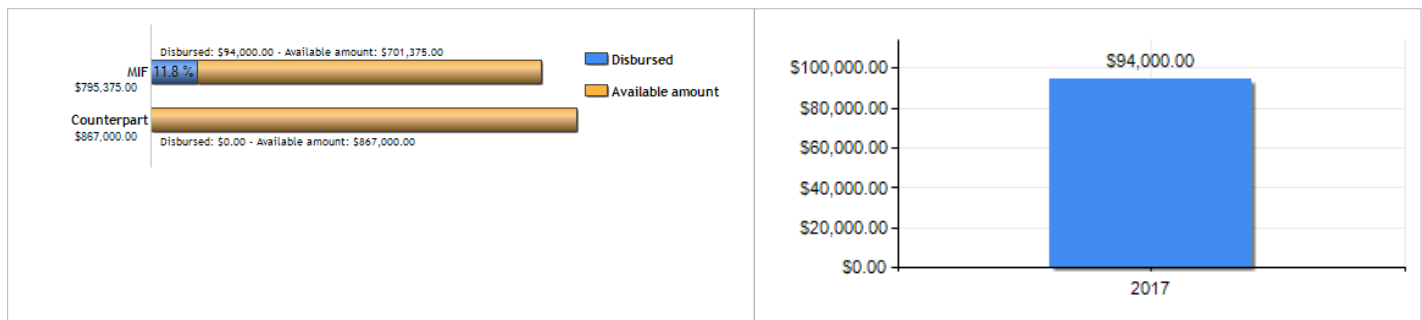
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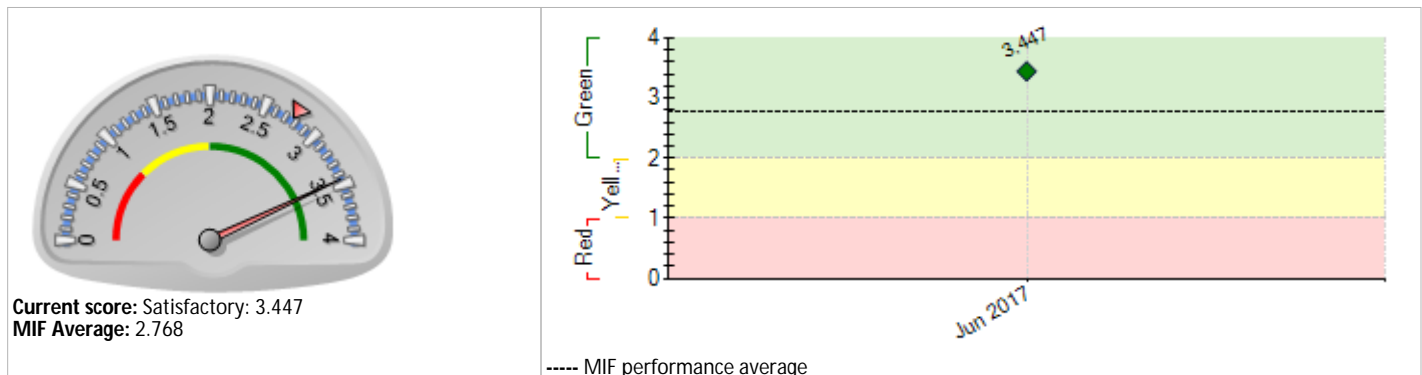
PROJECT CYCLE



FUNDS



PERFORMANCE SCORE



EXTERNAL RISKS

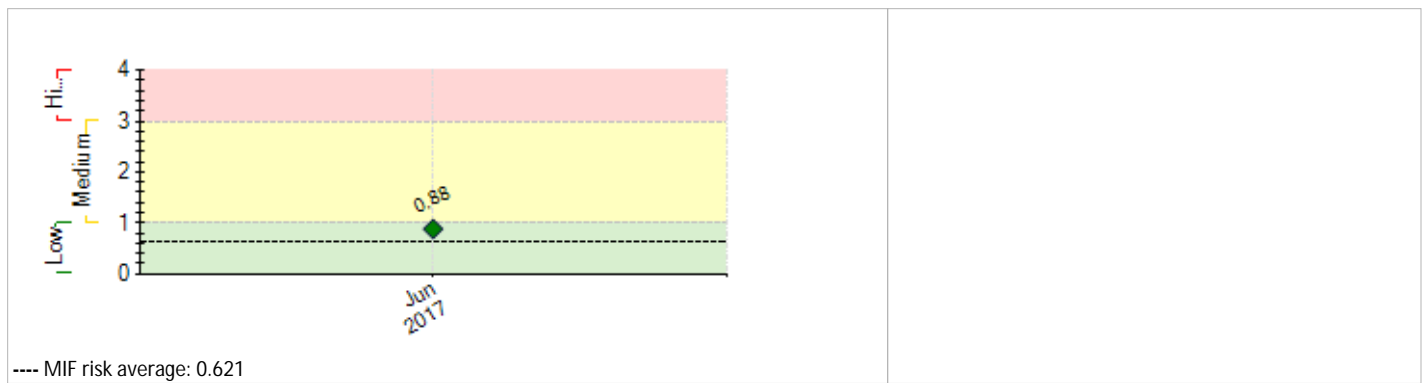
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Risk

Financial Management: Low

Procurement: Low

Technical Capacity: Low



SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance in the last six months

The main achievements of the semester were:

Component 1: Supporting Adoption of Climate Smart Agriculture Practices. The procurement process, by SSS, for the Climate Smart Agriculture Training Consultant was begun with UWI's Department of Food Production. A TOR was developed, 2 face-to-face meetings held, UWI then submitted technical and financial proposals. In the next semester, the contract with UWI will be signed and the training begun.

Component 2: Independent Testing. The procurement process for the Independent Testing with CARIRI was begun. A TOR was developed, 3 face-to-face meetings held, CARIRI submitted technical and financial proposals, and a contract is now being drafted by TCF. In the next semester, the contract with CARIRI will be signed, the testing for background levels of chemicals and of produce begun.

Component 3: Positioning Sustainable Produce in High Value Markets. Massey Stores agreed to host the classroom components of the training at their Headquarters in Port of Spain, thus increasing the credibility of the project with farmers. These training sessions will be held in the next semester.

Execution Mechanism and Corporate Governance. The following 6 organizations have been invited to nominate a representative to the Steering Committee for the project: Ministry of Agriculture; IICA; Massey Stores; Ministry of Health - Chemistry, Food and Drug Division; EMA; FAO. In the next semester, the first Steering Committee meeting will be held.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

The first half of the year was focused on project mobilization with the executing agency achieving conditions prior to first disbursement as well as selection of technical and administrative support.

SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

Indicators		Baseline	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Intermediate 3	Planned	Achieved	Status
Goal: The objective of this project is to mitigate the environmental degradation of watersheds in the Northern Range of Trinidad and Tobago by demonstrating the technical and commercial viability of climate smart agricultural practices.	I.1 The objective of this project is to mitigate the environmental degradation of watersheds in the Northern Range of Trinidad and Tobago by demonstrating the technical and commercial viability of climate smart agricultural practices.					Jan 2020	No	
	R.1 Number of actors that have new adopted new technologies or practices	0				300 Jan 2020	0	
	R.2 By project completion 6000 tonnes of CO2 will be sequestered	0				6000 Jan 2020	0	
	R.3 Number of agricultural producers with 5% average annual sales growth	0				250 Jan 2020	0	
	R.4 Hectares of Land sustainable managed	0				500 Jan 2020	0	
Component 1: Supporting Adoption of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices Weight: 33% Classification: Satisfactory	C1.I1 Number of Farmers trained	0	100 Jul 2018	250 Jul 2019		500 Jan 2020		
	C1.I2 Number of farmers that have adopted new technologies and farming practices	0	75 Jun 2018	150 May 2019		300 Jan 2020		
Component 2: Developing Independent	C2.I1 Number of Farmers whose produce is tested and certified as	0	50	150		250		

Testing	chemical free		Jun 2018	Jun 2019		Jan 2020	
Weight: 33%							
Classification: Satisfactory							
Component 3: Positioning Sustainable Produce in High Value Markets	C3.I1	Number of farmers linked to new strategic business partners	0	50	150		250
				May 2018	Apr 2019		Jan 2020
Weight: 34%							
Classification: Satisfactory							

Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date of achievement	Status
M1 Conditions Prior	7	Jul 2017	7	May 2017	Achieved
M1 training of 10 extension officers	10	Mar 2018			
M2 development of standards and protocols, and tests to detect the presence of chemicals in produce	1	Jul 2018			
M3 chemical free produce available for sale in 4 Massy stores	4	Jan 2019			
M4 completion of training of 250 farmers in climate smart agricultural practices	250	Jul 2019			
M5 seminar on adoption of climate smart agricultural practices and uptake of chemical free produce by the T&T market	1	Jan 2020			

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE*[None reported in this period]***SECTION 4: RISKS****MOST IMPORTANT RISKS AFFECTING FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

	Level	Mitigation action	Responsible
1. Farmers do not adhere to operational and quality standards required by the buyers	Medium	work with farmers that are currently working with the buyers and demonstrated the commitment required to implemented the practices developed by the project.	Project Guest
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3. farmers do not understand the business case to participate in this niche market	Medium	The Cropper Foundation has partnered directly with a buyer to demonstrate that commitment of the firm to buying farmers products. This partnership from inception will demonstrate the market access potential of farmers products.	Project Guest
4. farmers cannot afford testing post project execution	Low	the executing agency is partnering with a local standards firm to develop an inexpensive testing protocol	Project Guest

PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Medium **TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:** 4 **IN EFFECT RISKS:** 4 **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:**

On 30 November 2016, The Cropper Foundation signed an MOU with Massey Integrated Retail Ltd (Massey Stores Division) for the purpose of "cooperation on joint initiatives that enhance Trinidad and Tobago's technical skills and material capacity for sustainable development...". The MOU is for a period of 5 years, extending 2 years beyond the projected life of the project, thus helping to ensure the sustainability of the project outcomes beyond the life of the project.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

	Relative to Implementation	Author
1. THE IMPACT OF BACKGROUND CHEMICAL LEVELS.		Thomas, Mark
In collaborating with CARIRI on developing the chemical testing protocol we have learned that the background levels of chemicals (in particular pesticides) in the environment are so high that it is not meaningful to focus our testing only on participating farmers. We must include adjacent farmers and water sources in our testing protocols as it is possible that the crops of our participating farmers, who do not use added chemicals, may be contaminated by adjacent and background sources of chemicals and we need to be able to detect this.		