

# PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2018 - JUNE 2018

## SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

**PROJECT NAME:** Creative industries and technology Hub & Urban Center of Paramaribo

Project Number: SU-T1095 - Project Num.: ATN/ME-16310-SU

**Purpose:** To catalyze employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth in nontraditional sectors

**Country Admin**

SURINAME

**Country Beneficiary**

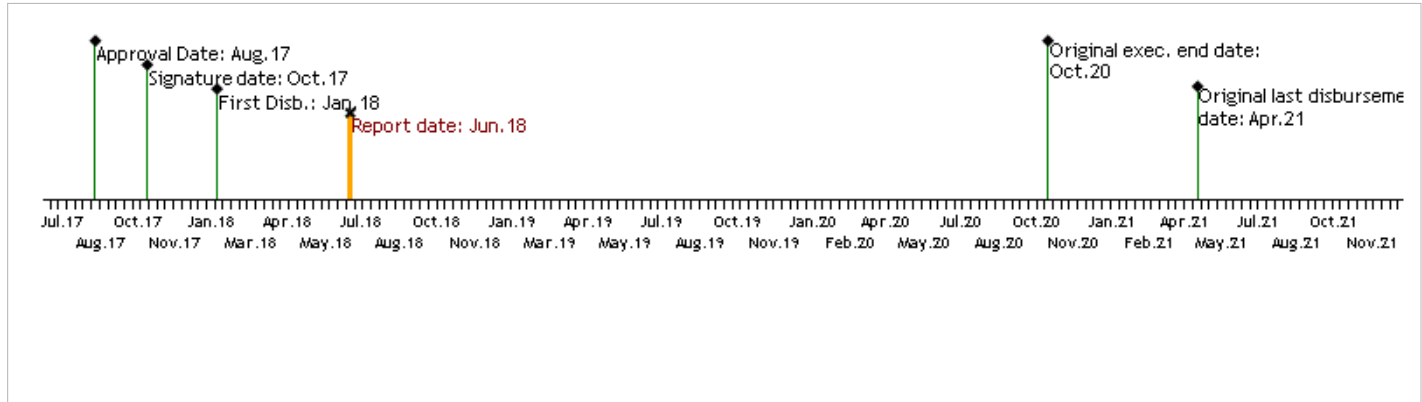
SURINAME

**Executing Agency:** THE BACK LOT

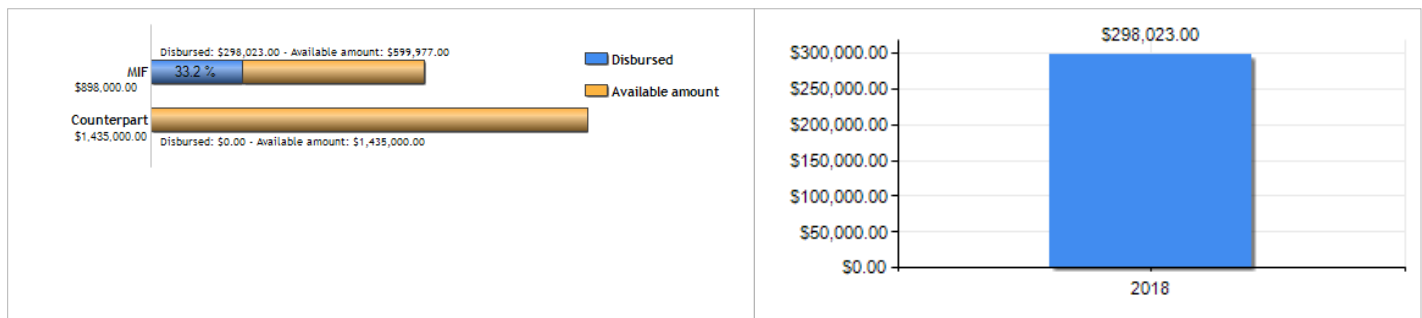
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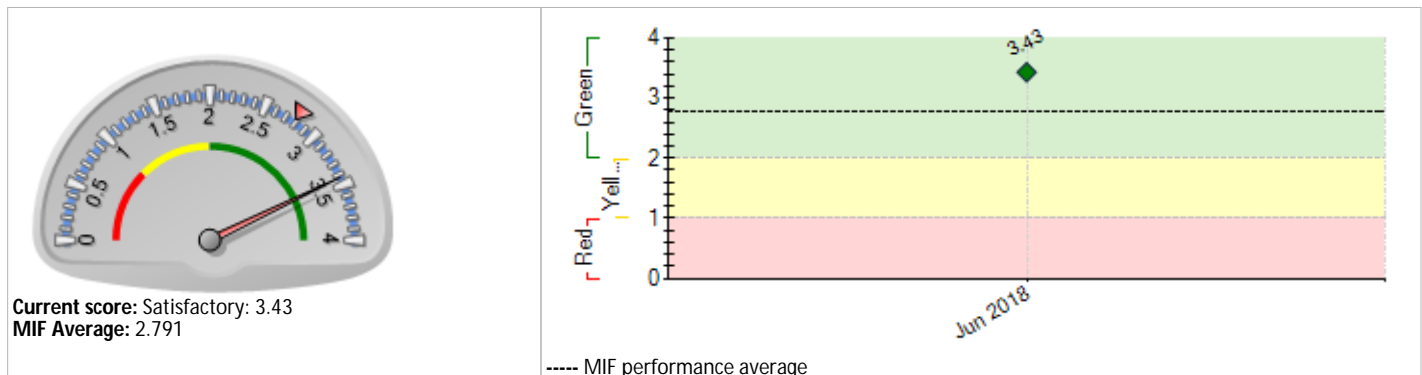
### PROJECT CYCLE



### FUNDS



### PERFORMANCE SCORE



### EXTERNAL RISKS

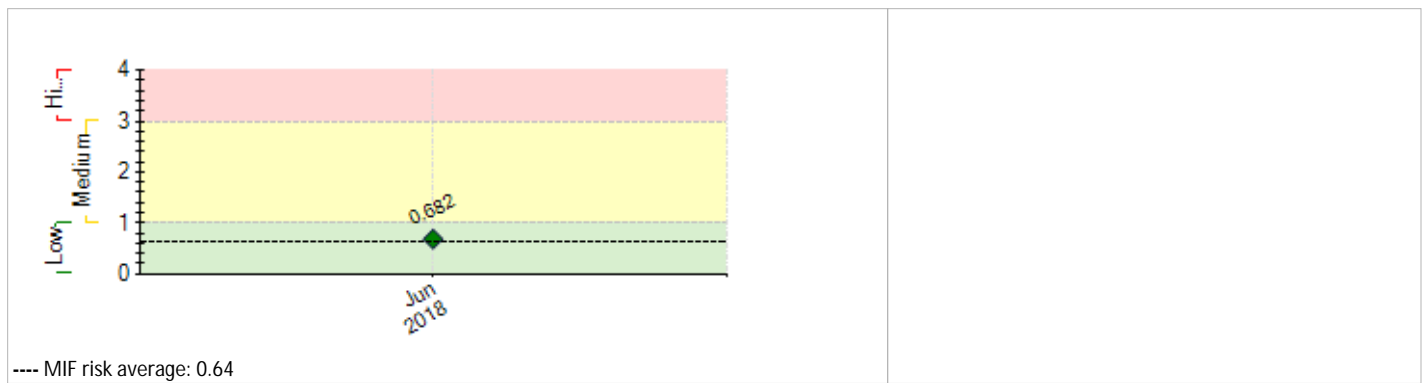
### INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

**Risk**

**Financial Management:** Low

**Procurement:** Low

**Technical Capacity:** Low



## SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

### Summary of project performance in the last six months

#### Achievements

- design of curricula of 3 training programs, feedback of lecturers is pending approval
- design business plan
- youth media equipment bought
- rent building in the historical center of Paramaribo

#### Adjustments

- new deadline curricula in September 2018

#### Next 6 months

- outfitting Hot Spot
- contract facilitators and trainers
- start training programs

#### Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

Executing Agency has made good progress in advancing the project despite delays due to change in planned location

## SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

	Indicators	Baseline	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Intermediate 3	Planned	Achieved	Status
<b>Goal:</b> To develop an innovative approach to support employment and grow creative, technology-based businesses in Suriname by building the skills base of youth	I.1 Number of youth employed	0				200 Oct 2020	0	
<b>Purpose:</b> To catalyze employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth in nontraditional sectors	R.1 Number of youth employed	0				200 Oct 2020	0	
	R.2 Number of startups in Incubator	0				10 Oct 2020	0	
	R.3 50% (200) of total beneficiaries find employment	0				200 Oct 2020	0	
<b>Component 1:</b> Building an Enabling Framework <b>Weight:</b> 30% <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	C1.1 Number of public and private partnerships engaged in the delivery of the model	3 Oct 2017	2 Oct 2018	3 Oct 2019	4 Oct 2020	12 Oct 2020		
	C1.2 Number of public and private partnerships to provide employment opportunities	0 Oct 2017	20 Oct 2019	15 Oct 2020	5 Oct 2022	40 Oct 2020		
<b>Component 2:</b> Skills Development <b>Weight:</b> 40% <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	C2.1 Youth trained who complete training in soft skills, junior media technician, cultural events producer and social media architect	0	70 Oct 2018	180 Oct 2019	150 Oct 2020	400 Oct 2020		
	C2.12 Percentage of youth provided with labor intermediation support	0	50 Oct 2018	120 Oct 2019	125 Oct 2020	290 Oct 2020		
	C2.13 Number of youth trained in entrepreneurship (legal & financing advice, coaching, mentoring)	0	15 Oct 2019	15 Oct 2020		30 Oct 2020		
	C2.14 Number of youth receiving support in business development and pitching in ideathons	0	25 Oct 2018	50 Oct 2019	75 Oct 2020	100 Oct 2020		
<b>Component 3:</b> Strategic Communication <b>Weight:</b> 30%	C3.1 TBL new business model					Oct 2019		
	C3.12 Communication tools (media campaign: videos, social media, adds)	0	1 Oct 2018	2 Oct 2019	1 Oct 2020	4 Oct 2020		

<b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	<b>C3.I3</b> Story telling case study					Oct 2020	
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Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date of achievement	Status
<b>M1</b> Conditions Prior	8	Apr 2018	8	Dec 2017	Achieved
<b>M1</b> [*] Media and social architect technicians' curriculum completed	2	Sep 2018			
<b>M2</b> Facilitators hired for 3 training programs	3	Oct 2018			
<b>M3</b> 50 Youth Trained	50	Apr 2019			
<b>M4</b> First intake of entrepreneurs in incubator	1	Oct 2019			
<b>M5</b> Business Plan for sustainability of the Creative Hub completed and approved by TBL	1	Apr 2020			
<b>M6</b> Sourcing of seed capital for the business incubator	1	Aug 2020			

[\*] Indicate that the milestone has been reformulated

**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. Delays in building rehabilitation - building that will house the hot spot could take more time than planned to rehabilitate and project activities could be delayed	Medium	This risk will be mitigated in part by initiating the training activities in the premises currently occupied by TBL. The incubator and the studio will be set up at a later stage; therefore, any temporary delays in the readiness of the building will not have an immediate impact on project execution.	Project Guest
2. The country's economic situation does not improve in the short run, negatively impacting the commercialization as well as the consumption of products and services offered by the cultural events that will take place in the city center.	Low	Although not an ideal situation, this risk will be mitigated by leveraging commercial channels in the Netherlands. In addition, funds for seed capital will be raised through sponsors and crowdfunding efforts for the start-ups housed in the incubator.	Project Guest
3. Project financing is dependent on a diverse range of stakeholders. The risk is that there is inadequate coordination between partners and lack of synchronization between activities, funding and partners.	Low	The key mitigation of this risk is the programming of specific activities and resources in the proposed project to manage and coordinate the various activities/partners throughout the life of the intervention allowing TBL to ensure that these critical partners, resources and activities are coordinated and synchronized.	Project Guest
4. NA	Low	NA	Project Guest

**PROJECT RISK LEVEL:** Low **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:**

- We entered into negotiations with IIED, a higher education institute for ICT education. This to provide our students with possibilities for further study after finishing our training programs.
- We partnered with Grafisch Lyceum Rotterdam for the development of the curricula of the 3 training programs. This partnership gives our curricula quality assurance and sustainability.
- Como No provided The Back Lot Staff training in event management to better prepare for the planned event callender to be executed in the historical center of Paramaribo.
- We are currently moving to the historical center of Paramaribo where the training programs will start in October 2018

**SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS***[No lessons learned found]*