

# PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2011 - JUNE 2011

## SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

**PROJECT NAME:** Strengthening of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

Project Number: SU-M1001 - Operation Number: ATN/ME-10539-SU

**Purpose:**

Foster the establishment of an effective competitive market for cellular services.

**Country Administrator**

SURINAME

**Beneficiary Country**

SURINAME

**Group**

MDF - Market Development and Functioning

**Subgroup**

RGRY - Market Regulation

**Executing Agency:**

Telecommunications Authority Suriname

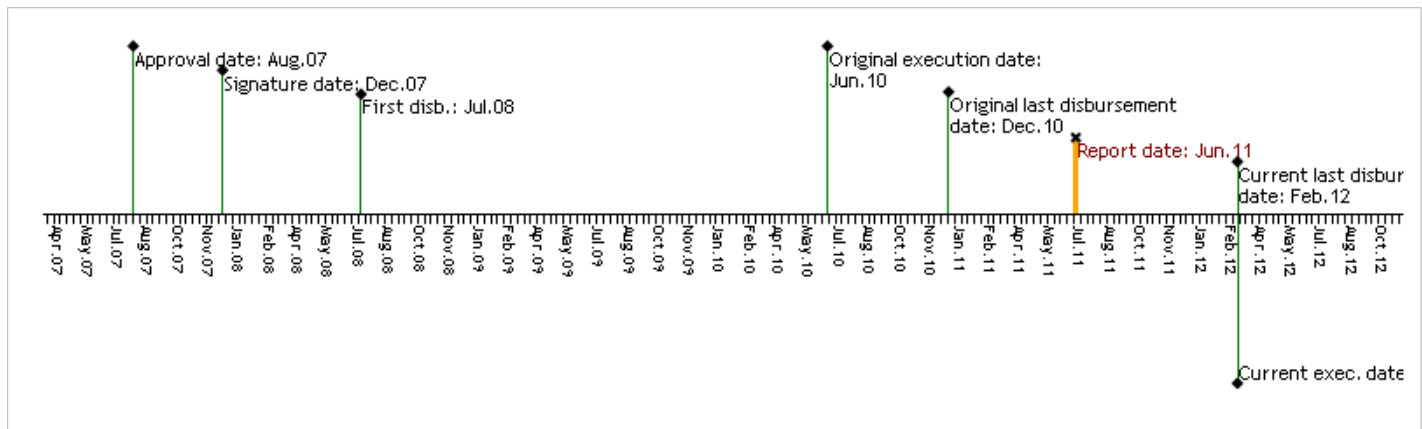
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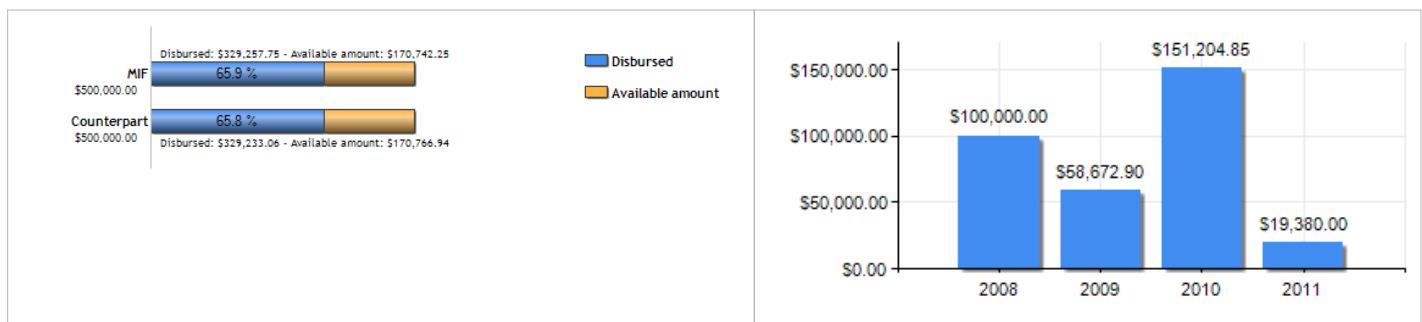
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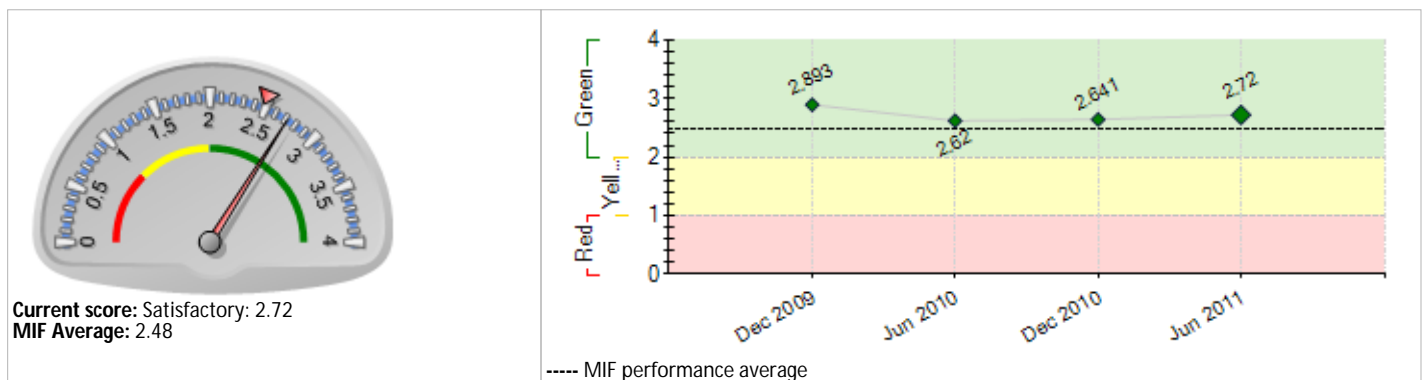
### TIMELINE



### FUNDS



### PERFORMANCE SCORE



### EXTERNAL RISKS

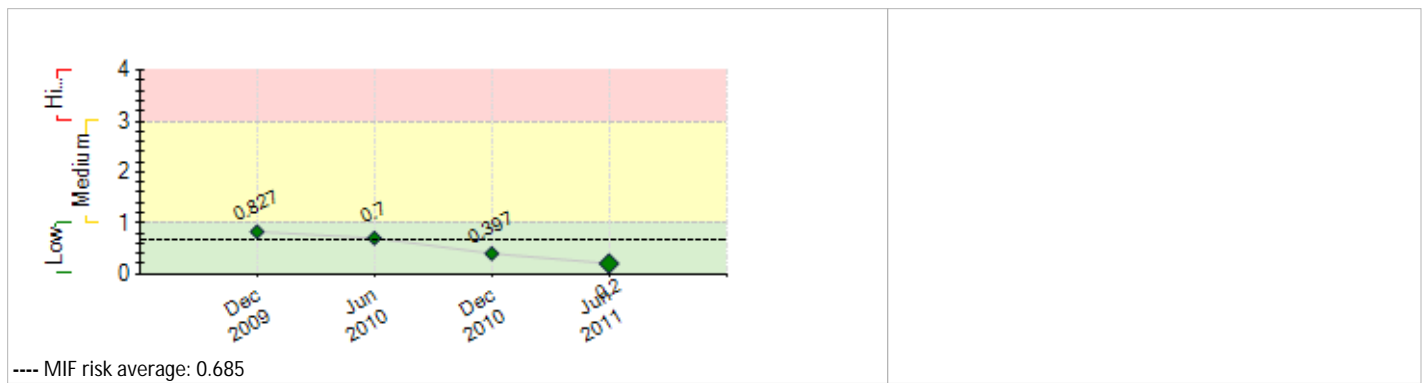
### INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

**Risk**

Financial Management: 0

Procurement: 0

Technical Capacity: 0



## SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

### Summary of project performance since inception

Including the incumbent, there are three mobile operators. An interconnection agreement between all parties has been reached and, although at a later phase, also an SMS interconnection agreement. The service offerings, which started with 2G, is now extended to EDGE and GPRS. Now, 3G networks are being rolling out in the capitol.

The Telecommunications Authority Suriname (TAS) is formulating policies for the introduction of Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting in Suriname. Based on the results of the Replanning of the FM-band study a policy will be formulated for efficient and effective used of this band. Inspection of all broadcasters (radio and TV) in Paramaribo and Nickerie were carried out using the Spectrum Analyzer. The data gathered is needed as input for the Replanning of the FM-band project.

#### Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments  
Agree with the conclusions of the executing agency.

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

The execution of the Internet eXchange Point (IXP) workshop.

In this semester an RFP containing 5 lots was approved and the tender and evaluation process was conducted. These 5 lots objective is for strenghtning of the regulatory framework and are as follows:

LOT 1: A study on replanning the FM-band in Suriname

1

LOT 2: A study on a new organization of country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) names in Suriname

2

LOT 3: A feasibility study on the establishment of a Government Emergency Response Team (GovCert) on Internet threats in Suriname

3

LOT 4: The development of a Universal Access and Service (UAS) policy in Suriname

4

LOT 5: A study on the introduction of IPv6 in Suriname and the migration from IPv4 to IPv6

5

The status of these lots are as follows:

LOT 1: Preparation has begun

1

LOT 2: On-going

2

LOT 3: Preparation has begun

3

LOT 4: Will be executed in October (require a Special Extension)

4

LOT 5: Executed

5

**Comments from the Supervision Team Leader**

Agree with the Executing Agency comments  
 Agree with the executing agencies conclusions.

**SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES**

Indicators		Baseline	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Intermediate 3	Planned	Achieved	Status	
<b>Purpose:</b>  Foster the establishment of an effective competitive market for cellular services.	<b>P.1.1</b>	At least three service providers are operating in the cellular market.	0				3 Jun 2010	3 Dec 2009	
	<b>P.1.2</b>	Telecommunication Authority of Suriname (TAS) has ability to enforce legal and regulatory framework.	0				1 Jun 2010	1 Dec 2009	
<b>Component 1:</b> Strengthening the Regulatory Framework  <b>Weight:</b> 30%  <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	<b>C1.1.1</b>	An interconnection agreement is in place.	0 Dec 2007	1 Dec 2007			1 May 2010	1 Dec 2009	Finished
	<b>C1.1.2</b>	Equipment for effective management of spectrum is in place and operating effectively	0 Dec 2007	0 Jan 2009			3 May 2010	3 Jul 2010	On Course
	<b>C1.1.3</b>	Universal Access Policy, procedures and funding mechanism are approved by the Ministry of Transport, Tourism and Telecommunications	0 Dec 2007	0 Jan 2009			1 May 2010	0 Dec 2009	Delayed
<b>Component 2:</b> Strengthening of the TAS  <b>Weight:</b> 46%  <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	<b>C2.1.1</b>	Qualified staff for TAS for all positions have been hired	0 Dec 2007	1 Jan 2009			5 May 2010	1 Mar 2011	Finished
	<b>C2.1.2</b>	AOPs have been approved and implemented satisfactorily	0 Dec 2007	1 Jan 2009			2 May 2010	1 Dec 2009	Delayed
	<b>C2.1.3</b>	medium-term strategy has been approved and 60% of milestones established by the date of the end of the project have been met	5 Dec 2007				60 May 2010	1 Jul 2010	Finished
<b>Component 3:</b> Spectrum Management Equipment  <b>Weight:</b> 24%  <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	<b>C3.1.1</b>	Technical specification for spectrum management technology are provided by specialized consultants.	0				1 Dec 2008	1 Jul 2010	Finished
	<b>C3.1.2</b>	Spectrum management equipment is purchased and installed.	0				1 Jun 2010	1 Dec 2009	Finished
	<b>C3.1.3</b>	Spectrum management manual is prepared.	0				1 Jun 2010	0 Dec 2009	Delayed
Milestones			Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date achieved	Status		
<b>M0</b>	Previous Conditions		1	Jun 2008	1	Jun 2008	Achieved		

**CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE**

[X] Executing agency institutional capacity  
 [X] Supplier/contractor performance

**SECTION 4: RISKS**

**MOST IMPORTANT RISKS AFFECTING FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

	<b>Level</b>	<b>Mitigation action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1. Change of program manager at the TAS	Low	A personnel has been assigned to the project for whom this is one of his main task. The current project manager is trying to commit all the fund as quickly as possible, before September.	Project Coordinator
2. Difficulties in telecom data gathering	Low	Telecom providers are legally obligated to provide the TAS with information. If one provider were to his obligation the TAS will take legal action.	Project Coordinator

**PROJECT RISK LEVEL:** Low    **TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:** 5    **IN EFFECT RISKS:** 2    **NOT IN EFFECT RISKS:** 3    **MITIGATED RISKS:** 0

**SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY**

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

**CRITICAL ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY**

*[None reported in this period]*

**Actions related to sustainability which will be or have been implemented:**

The Telecommunications Authority Suriname (TAS) is a self sustainable authority. It receives it funds from the sector (telecom and broadcasting). The staff has expanded with engineers for the Spectrum Department.

**SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS**

*[No lessons learned added yet.]*