

# PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2017

## SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

**PROJECT NAME:** Support for indigenous pepper producers.

Project Number: SU-M1021 - Project Num.: ATN/ME-15464-SU

**Purpose:** Develop a collective model for production and sale of hot pepper products for buyers in the capital city, to support sustainable livelihoods of women in three Suriname remote communities

**Country Admin**

SURINAME

**Country Beneficiary**

SURINAME

**Executing Agency:**

Amazon Conservation Team Suriname-  
Paramaribo Office

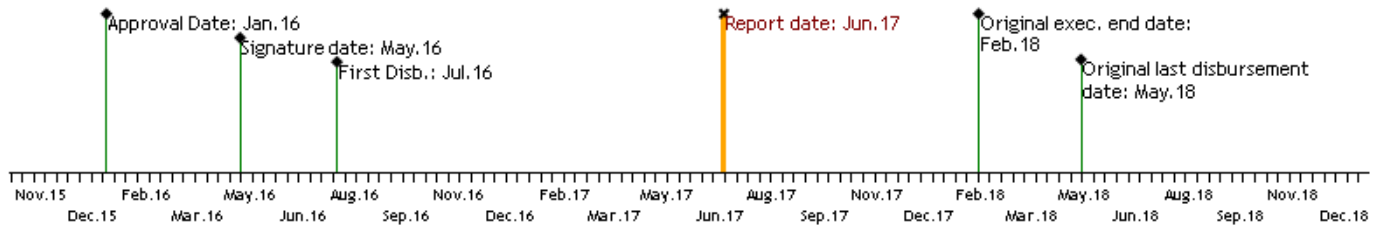
**Design Team Leader:**

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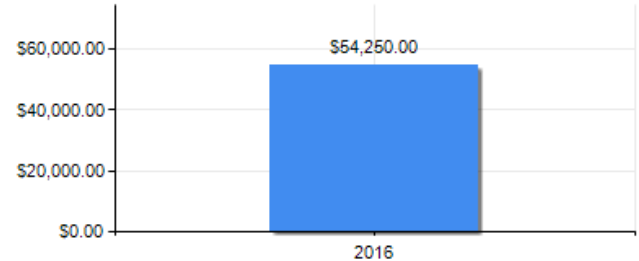
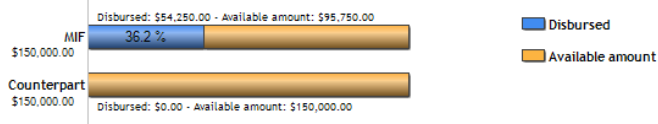
**Supervision Team Leader:**

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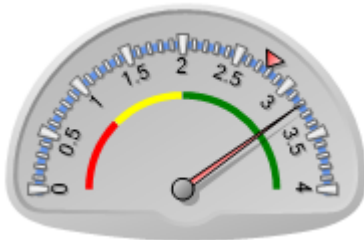
### PROJECT CYCLE



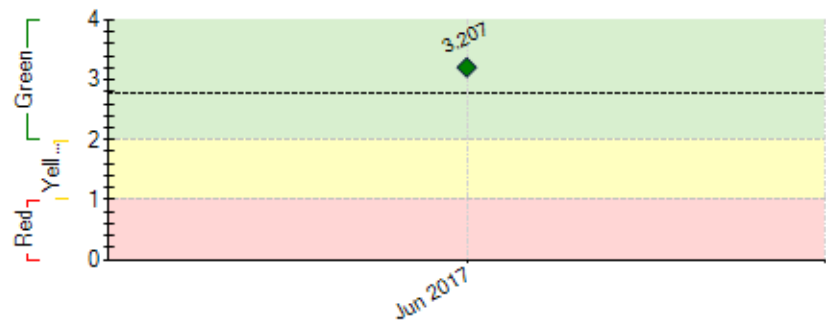
### FUNDS



### PERFORMANCE SCORE



Current score: Satisfactory: 3.207  
MIF Average: 2.773



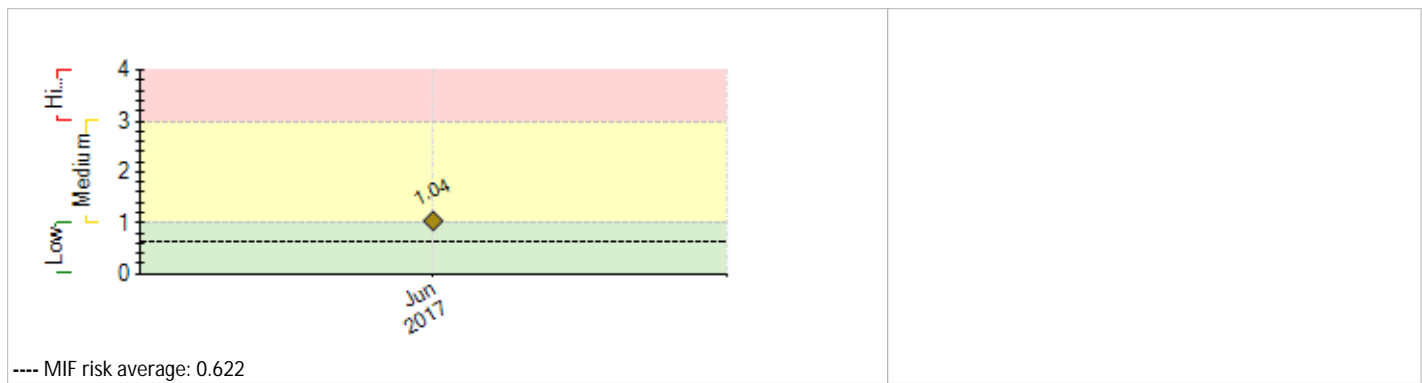
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### EXTERNAL RISKS

#### INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

**Risk**

Financial Management: 0  
Procurement: 0  
Technical Capacity: 0



## SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

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

#### Performance Summary

The Conditions Prior have been completed. For this project the pepper baseline study for the communities have been completed and are being used by the other consultants. The work on improving yields, marketing and branding, label design and packaging have been started. At the moment, in all 3 communities, compost training has been given. The concept pepper labels for the communities have been developed, and should be finalized after the brand key sessions by the marketing and branding consultant. The market research has been done. The next phase will be implementing brand key session to determine the product brand.

#### 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
<b>Goal:</b> Develop a new market for pepper products produced by Suriname's interior communities	I.1 Sustained sale of pepper products from targeted communities in Suriname's interior to buyers within the urban capital				May 2018	No	
	I.2 Number of all individuals employed within the targeted supply chain	0			80	0	
	I.3 Number of households deriving income from sale of pepper products	0	50		80	0	
		May 2016	Nov 2017		May 2018		
<b>Purpose:</b> Develop a collective model for production and sale of hot pepper products for buyers in the capital city, to support sustainable livelihoods of women in three Suriname remote communities	R.1 Number of targeted female-headed farms with links strategic business partners in the pepper value chain	0	50		80	0	
			Nov 2017		May 2018		
	R.2 Number of female-headed farms that have adopted new agricultural practices and related technologies such as soil conservation strategies and food safety.	0	20	50	80	0	
			May 2017	Nov 2017	May 2018		
	R.3 Percentage increase in volume of pepper produced that complies with required quality standards.	0	15	25	50	0	
		May 2016	May 2017	Nov 2017	May 2018		
<b>Component 1:</b> Improving Yield and Standards of Processed Peppers <b>Weight:</b> 30% <b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	R.4 Practical Traceability System implemented to ensure food safety standards				May 2018	No	
	R.5 Collective organizations are established in each targeted community to coordinate and manage quality of supply to buyers, resolve disputes and distribute proceeds to producers				May 2018	No	
	R.6 At least 3 new buyers are included in the supply chain				May 2018	No	
<b>Component 2:</b> Marketing and Branding of Organic Dry Pepper as a Cultural Product	C1.11 Number of female-headed farms trained in agricultural practices to improve soil fertility, pest control and sustainability in cultivation to improve crop yield and quality	0			80		Delayed
	C1.12 Number of persons (producers and community members involved in the value chain) trained in agricultural practices within the targeted communities	0			50		
		May 2016			May 2018		
	C2.11 Marketing and Branding Campaign implemented				May 2017		Delayed
	C2.12 Standardized packaging and labeling requirements defined						On Course

<b>Weight:</b> 20%	<b>C2.I3</b>	and adopted by producers Number of women producers (farms) trained in improving food safety requirements in harvesting, processing, packaging and storage of peppers.	0				Nov 2017	80	Delayed
							May 2016		
<b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory	<b>C3.I1</b>	Number of collective organizations in charge of coordination of production and sale into the supply chain within each of the three targeted communities established.	0				3		
			May 2016				May 2018		
<b>Component 3:</b> Value chain strengthening through Business Skills and Collective model	<b>C3.I2</b>	Number of individuals in beneficiary communities training in business practices	0				100		Delayed
							May 2016		
<b>Weight:</b> 45%									
<b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory									
<b>Component 4:</b> Knowledge: Case Study of Maroon and Indigenous Pepper producers and lessons learned:	<b>C4.I1</b>	Case study documenting experience in working with indigenous communities living in isolated communities	0				1		
							Apr 2018		
<b>Weight:</b> 5%									
<b>Classification:</b> Satisfactory									

Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date of achievement	Status
<b>M1</b> Conditions Prior	1	Nov 2016	6	Jul 2016	Achieved
<b>M2</b> [*] Development of technical training materials for producers and draft schedule for training events	1	Dec 2017			
<b>M4</b> [*] Completion of business skills training for an initial 25 producers	1	Jan 2018			
<b>M5</b> Memorandum of Understanding drafted and agreed in principle by leaders of community based organizations.	1	May 2018			

[\*] Indicate that the milestone has been reformulated

**CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE**

[X] Executing agency institutional capacity

**SECTION 4: RISKS****MOST IMPORTANT RISKS AFFECTING FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

	Level	Mitigation action	Responsible
1. Lack of agreement by producers on the nature and function of the collective organization	Medium	The intervention includes specific activities and associated budget to build consensus on the purpose and rationale for collective organization as well as developing a practical model which builds on traditional structures at the community level.	Project Coordinator
2. Product uptake from buyers in the capital city is not enough to maintain a sustainable income for women producers.	Medium	The existing buyers in the pilot have indicated that existing supply is well below the volume that could be traded, in addition project activities include the identification of 2 additional buyers.	Project Coordinator
3. Producers are unable to comply with quality and quantity standards as defined by buyers.	Medium	Producers will receive training in cultivation and food safety handling systems to facilitate implementation of standards at community levels. Collective organizations as well as individual producers will receive training and capacity building in business management skills required to coordinate production and transportation of required volume of peppers	Project Coordinator
4. There could be some friction if women earn more than men.	Medium	Involve men in supply chain through targeted activities.	Project Coordinator
5. Producers do not adopt required standards	Low	The intervention is structured to demonstrate the link between adoption of new standards and increased economic gains to producers	Project Coordinator
<b>PROJECT RISK LEVEL:</b> Medium <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:</b> 8 <b>IN EFFECT RISKS:</b> 8 <b>NOT IN EFFECT RISKS:</b> 0 <b>MITIGATED RISKS:</b> 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:**

To stimulate further pepper production among the producers, the product was bought up by ACT-S.  
Prior to the marketing and branding consultant, promotion of the pepper product was done on different small platforms.

**SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS**

*[No lessons learned found]*