

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2018 - JUNE 2018

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Support for indigenous pepper producers.

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

Country Admin

SURINAME

Country Beneficiary

SURINAME

Executing Agency:

Amazon Conservation Team Suriname-
Paramaribo Office

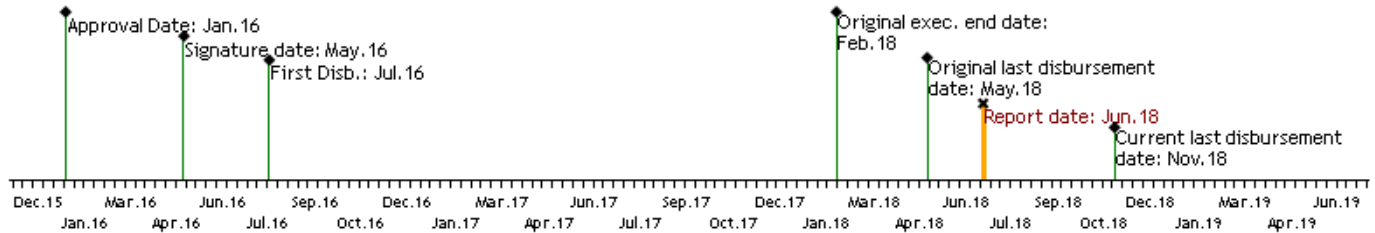
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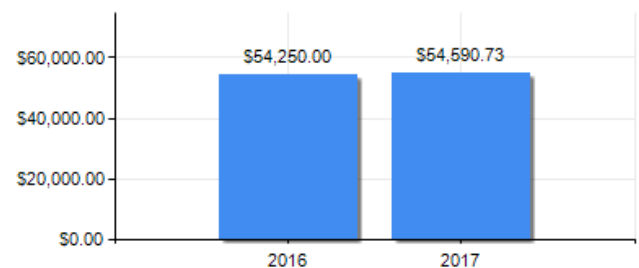
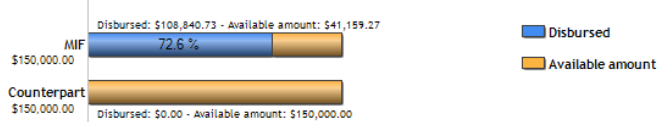
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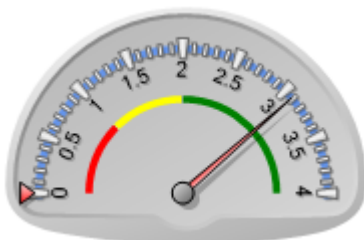
PROJECT CYCLE



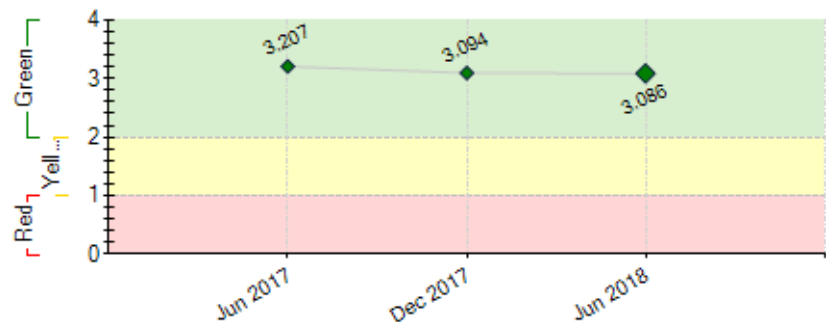
FUNDS



PERFORMANCE SCORE



Current score: Satisfactory: 3.086
MIF Average: 0



----- MIF performance average

EXTERNAL RISKS

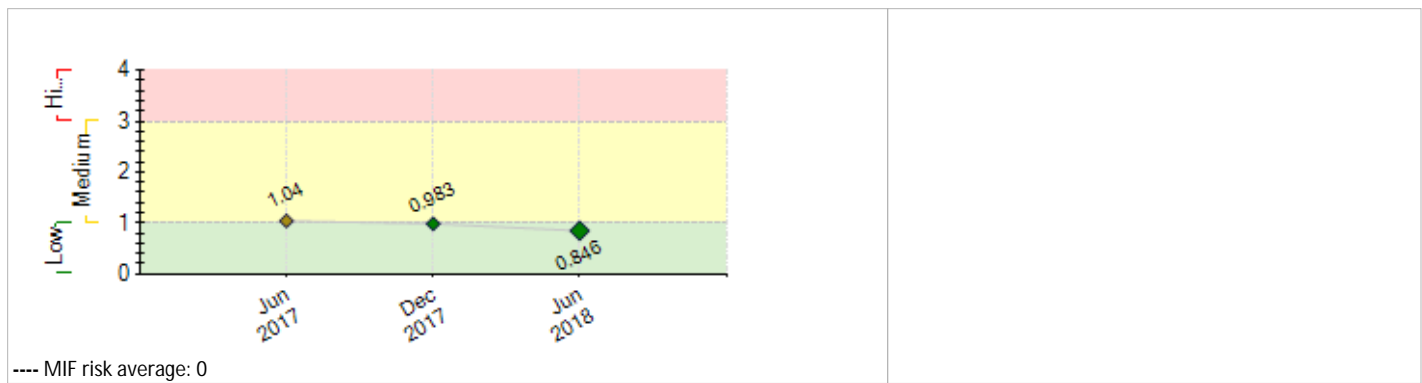
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Risk

Financial Management: 0

Procurement: 0

Technical Capacity: 0



SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance since inception

Cumulative Results:

Component1: Baselines- completed, as well as Technical capacity for producers improved

Component2: Marketing & Branding: Campaign, and retail, as well as pricing done

Component3: Value Chain strenghtened, however, the collective organization not yet completed

Component4: Case study Maroon and IP community in progress.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments
Despite some delays in formalizing the co-operative organization of producers, significant progress has been made in capacity building and organization of producer groups

Summary of project performance in the last six months

This semester:

Ongoing activities under Component 1, 2 and 3 were completed.

Trainings, modifications to existing processing units to have them comply with Food safety regulations were handled. In Apetina and Matawai, two new building were designed. One completed in Apetina, in Matawai to be built.

Buyers were identified, one took the products to a regional level and branded it to Amazon, Wellness for selling abroad. A social Responsibility Plan was developed with ACT to invest again in the communities for an ongoing improvement of this effort. The products were promoted in the Netherlands, through the Kwaku Festivals.

Women and men were trained in organizing themselves, and calculating prices.

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
Goal:							
Purpose:							
Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date of achievement	Status		

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. There could be some friction if women earn more than men.	Medium	Involve men in supply chain through targeted activities.	Project Coordinator
2. 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
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. Producers do not adopt required standards	Low	Farmers are already addressing the quality requirements to improve the entire chain The intervention is structured to demonstrate the link between adoption of new standards and increased economic gains to producers	Project Coordinator
5. Buyers do not demonstrate interest in the product	Low	Two strategic buyers have already been identified and have participated in the initial pilot.	Project Coordinator

PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Medium **TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:** 8 **IN EFFECT RISKS:** 7 **NOT IN EFFECT RISKS:** 0 **MITIGATED RISKS:** 1

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:

- Because the products are known to the local farmers, it's likely that after the project the investments will remain to be useful for the community;
- Because of the seasonality of the products the community have been identifying other products to remain working in the facilities being set up or modified for food safety purposes;
- The organizational process to support the businesses is also thought within the context of setting up a cooperation with members of the community that have equal rights in the saying of the enterprise;
- One of the markets identified will invest in the communities through their Social Responsible Program.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

	Relative to Implementation	Author
1. - Organizing communities takes time, patience and should address successes and failures which they can relate to.		Hanoeman, Niradj
- Having a market or more markets, doesn't necessarily means that farmers will be motivated to increase their produce. Culture and traditional way of living remains important.		

- Animosity between farmers, villages and communities are sensitive issues not spoken about, but may impact the progress of the project
- Farmers are proud of their produce and especially the developed, nicely packaged products.