

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JULY 2011 - DECEMBER 2011

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: "Learning by doing" to build back a better Haiti

Project Number: HA-M1032 - Operation Number: ATN/ME-12134-HA

Purpose: Provide training for 500 families that are below the poverty line, using the "learning by doing" methodology to build their dwellings and gain a sustainable income source.

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HAITI

Beneficiary Country
HAITI

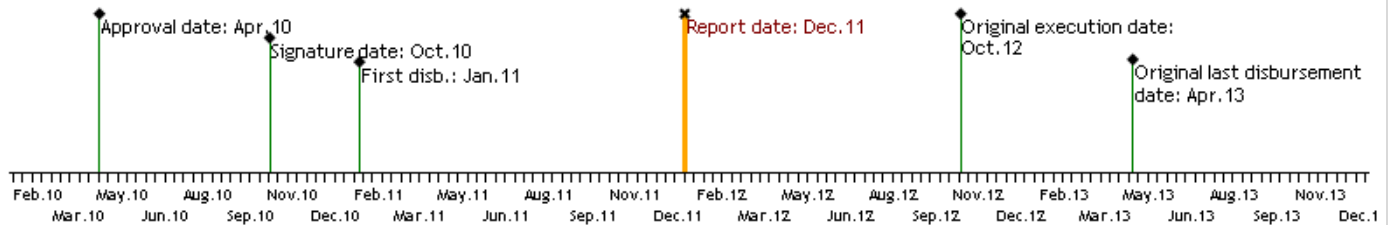
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Development

Subgroup
HMKT - Housing Markets

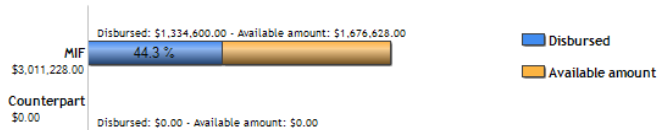
Executing Agency: Habitat for Humanity Haiti

Design Team Leader: Saenz-Samper, Maria Victoria
Supervision Team Leader: Fils-Aimé, Jempsey

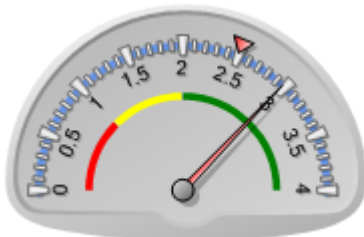
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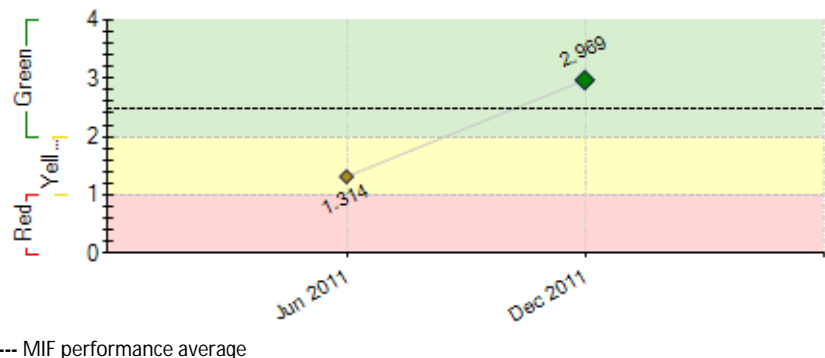
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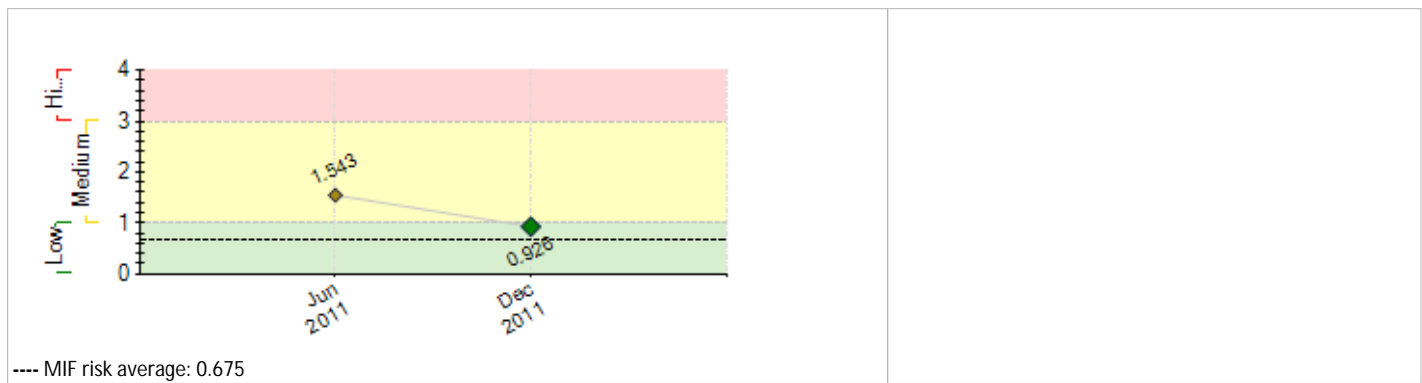
Current score: Satisfactory: 2.969
MIF Average: 2.493



EXTERNAL RISKS

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Risk
Financial Management: Low
Procurement: Low
Technical Capacity: Low



SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance since inception

1. HRC - Milestone 4, 155 family members trained & construct homes-Milestones 5 & 6, 58 workers trained; > 300 people have jobs -Milestone 7, 15 water points & sanitation almost done.

2. Challenges: High underestimation of operational costs. **Actions:** use matching funds Process on land results in civil unrest, pressure for jobs & project delays. **Actions:** More security, jobs for > 300 people & re-locate technical staff Home design inadequate. **Actions:** Upgraded to be earthquake-resistant & with local input but higher cost. Sanitation not adequate in the project. **Actions:** 15 water points & latrines built & work with the community to maintain. Squatters. **Actions:** official Haitian surveyor injured by resident in process; land conflicts require high-level solutions.

3. Risks High costs. **Actions:** Consolidate resources, realign budget. Unrest. **Actions:** more security and community engagement. Squatters. **Actions:** realign project.

4. Project will achieve its **goal** to support families & **purpose** to provide training. To create a sustainable community, more engagement and support will take place in Phase II to build 100 homes by late 2012. With a revised budget, a final number of homes can be determined.

5.a) Hold Lessons Learned workshop, **b)** community engagement and training for Phase I & II families **c)** select & train 100 families **d)** train 142 workers **e)** security **f)** prepare site for water/sanitation and homes **g)** build 10 water points **h)** build 5 test homes

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

In overall the project is going well. However, in order to achieve the objective and sustain the project, the executing agency should:

1. Increase the speed of execution;
2. address the risk identified by the ESG mission;
3. design and implement a livelihood strategy.

Summary of project performance in the last six months

1. HRC - Indicator & Milestone 4, 155 family members trained and built home-Indicator & Milestones 5 & 6, 58 workers trained in construction; > 300 people from the community hired-Milestone 7 & Indicator, As of 30 January, 15 protected water points & 155 latrines are nearly complete. On 14 February, beneficiaries will begin to move into homes.

2. Challenges: a) Underestimation of operational costs. **Actions:** Use of matching funds. b) Official process to claim land results in civil unrest, pressure for jobs & project delays. **Actions:** more security, jobs for > 300 people & re-location of technical staff c) Home design inadequate. **Actions:** Upgraded to be earthquake-resistant & with community input but with high costs. d) Sanitation not adequate in the project. **Actions:** 15 water points, latrines built to serve families and engagement with the community on maintenance. e) Squatters. **Actions:** official Haitian surveyor injured by resident during process; land conflicts require government-level solutions.

3. Next Steps:a) Hold Lessons Learned Workshop **b)** Community engagement & training for Phase I & II beneficiaries for creation of by-laws, proper sanitation, & waste management **c)** Select 100 families **d)** Train 100 family members **e)** Hire & train 142 workers in construction **f)** Security & community engagement to mitigate conflicts **g)** Site preparation, excavation & infrastructure for water / sanitation and homes **h)** Build 10 water points and sanitation **i)** Build 5 test homes

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

During this Semester, particular attention will put on (1) the monitoring of the risk identified by the ESG mission; (2) design and implement a livelihood strategy.

SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

Indicators

Baseline

Intermediate

Intermediate

Planned

Achieved

Status

Purpose: Provide training for 500 families that are below the poverty line, using the "learning by doing" methodology to build their dwellings and gain a sustainable income source.

P.11	Twelve months into the project: At least one hundred fifty families have built their own houses through assisted training.	0				150	155	
						Oct 2011	Nov 2011	
P.12	Eighteen months into the project: At least three hundred families built their own houses through assisted living.	0				300	155	
						Apr 2012	Nov 2011	
P.13	By the end of the program implementation: At least five hundred families have built their own houses and have acquired risk management skills, thereby improving their quality of life.	0				500	155	
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	
P.14	At least one hundred people have developed the skills needed to obtain jobs in the construction sector.	0				100	58	
						Oct 2012	Dec 2011	
P.15	At least one hundred microenterprises or people from the community have had income-generating opportunities in the construction sector as a direct result of the project.	0				100	300	
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	

Component 1: Emergency Support

Weight: 7%

Classification: Satisfactory

C1.11	Three months into the project: At least one thousand families used emergency kits properly, benefiting five thousand people indirectly.	1000				5000	5000	Finished
		Jan 2011				Jan 2011	Nov 2010	

Component 2: Strengthening of the low-income housing sector

Weight: 23%

Classification: Satisfactory

C2.11	Three months into the project: One HRC set up in Caberet and operating for the benefit of all families receiving training and other stakeholders.	0				1	2	Finished
						Jan 2011	Oct 2010	
C2.12	Twelve months into the project: At least two hundred fifty beneficiary family members have received basic training in construction, risk reduction, and environmental protection.	0				250	155	Delayed
						Oct 2011	Nov 2011	
C2.13	At least forty people from the community have been hired as workers, foremen, carpenters, works supervisors, and other jobs related to the construction sector.	0				40	300	On Course
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	
C2.14	At least eighty construction sector workers have been retrained in best construction practices, construction techniques, and provision of materials that involve environmental and disaster risk reduction.	0				80	58	On Course
						Oct 2012	Oct 2011	
C2.15	By the end of the project: At least five hundred beneficiary family members have received basic training in construction, risk reduction, environmental protection, and financial education.	0				500	155	On Course
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	
C2.16	At least one hundred people from the community have been hired as workers, foremen, carpenters, works supervisors, and other jobs related to the construction sector.	0				100	300	On Course
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	
C2.17	At least two hundred construction sector workers have been retrained in best construction practices, construction techniques, and provision of materials that involve disaster risk reduction.	0				200	58	On Course
						Oct 2012	Oct 2011	

Component 3: Community construction

Weight: 68%

Classification: Satisfactory

C3.11	Twelve months into the project: At least one hundred fifty families have built their own houses, benefiting seven hundred fifty persons.	0				150	155	Finished
		Oct 2011				Oct 2011	Nov 2011	
C3.12	By the end of the project: At least three hundred fifty additional families have built their own houses, benefiting one thousand seven hundred fifty persons.	0				350		
		Oct 2012				Oct 2012		
C3.13	The five hundred beneficiary families have learned: a. Basic construction techniques b. Techniques to reduce disaster risk c. Management of community affairs d. Environmental protection e. Use of elements to protect workers and beneficiaries during construction	0				500	155	On Course
						Oct 2012	Nov 2011	

Component 4: Knowledge management

Weight: 2%

Classification: Satisfactory

C4.11	By the end of the project: The lessons learned have been disseminated in Haitian and in the region through workshops with the beneficiaries, using participatory methodologies.	0				1		On Course
						Oct 2012		

Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date achieved	Status
M0 [*] Present the environmental and social assessment and the Analysis of deficiencies in the Cabaret construction value chain	1	Feb 2011	1	Apr 2011	Achieved late
M1 Previous Conditions	1	Apr 2011	0	Apr 2011	Not Achieved
M2 Launch and operate Habitat Resource Centers (HRCs)	1	Oct 2011	1	Jul 2010	Achieved
M3 First batch of 125 beneficiaries trained and building a house	1	Nov 2011	1	Nov 2011	Achieved
M4 [*] Second batch of 125 beneficiaries trained and building their houses	1	Mar 2012			
M5 Fourth batch of 125 beneficiaries trained and building their houses	1	Jul 2012			
M6 [*] Third batch of 125 beneficiaries trained and building their houses plus first group pf beneficiaries visiting other similar programs	1	Sep 2012			
M7 Cumulative number of People from the community hired by the project as workers, foremen, carpenters, works supervisors, and other jobs related to the construction sector	100	Oct 2012	300	Nov 2011	Achieved

[*] 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. The risk of new natural disasters of different magnitudes and types	High	The solutions to be delivered are going to be hurricane and earthquake resistant. They are not temporal solutions, they are definite housing solutions. Besides, the HRC will provide training and awareness raising on issues such as prevention and management of	Project Coordinator and technical team

		natural disasters and risks.	
2. The beneficiaries are not able to get microloans for productive activities and housing microfinance	Medium	HFH will develop an awareness plan of their program to let the microfinance community get a good knowledge of their training and the payment ability of their beneficiaries. The house they are building could become a real guarantee. The HRC will train the beneficiaries in construction activities so that they are certified workers and have a real possibility of an income generating activity, either as an independent enterprise or a salaried person.	Project Coordinator
3. Lack of support by relevant public sector entities	Medium	HFH will work with the entities associated by the UN in the Housing Cluster.	Project Coordinator
4. Lack of demand from project beneficiaries	Medium	The project will be acting in a minor city where HFH is well known and where there is a small Habitat Resource Center and knows the community. Besides, technical staff will be implementing awareness programs in order to tell the community about HFH solutions and the intended participation of the beneficiaries.	Project Coordinator and HFH Haiti Director
5. Unstable economic conditions	Low	HFH has experience working under extreme conditions, which means that they have organizational skills apt for these circumstances. The unstable economic conditions affect the prices, and the budget has increased prices in order to foresee this contingency. Finally, community working always helps to sort out this kind of risk.	Project Coordinator
PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Medium TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS: 7 IN EFFECT RISKS: 7 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 will be or have been implemented:

As witnessed in the pilot Phase I of this project, the displaced families must learn skills associated not only with owning a home but also with becoming part of a community. HFH Haiti made the additional investment of financial resources, time and staff to ensure a high level of ongoing community engagement and capacity building, conflict mitigation and local ownership of the program. HFH Haiti has also allocated funds for post-Phase I governance and capacity building particularly the establishment of community decision making bodies, by-laws and policies regarding sanitation and solid waste management.

As a result of the earthquake, Léogâne remains a very devastated town, with more than 75% of homes damaged or destroyed. Unrest across Haiti in the wake of elections combined with protests focused on NGOs in the Léogâne area dictated the need for increased vigilance and outreach. Due to the poverty of residents, HFH Haiti used matching funds to hire local workers and laborers – 300 in Phase I of the IDB project and 1500 in all programs in Léogâne. To further mitigate conflict, HFH Haiti used matching funds to double security at all IDB-related sites.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

[No lessons learned added yet.]