

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JULY 2010 - DECEMBER 2010

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Kwakwani Wood Processing Facility Management and Operations Training Programme

Project Number: GY-M1008 - Operation Number: ATN/ME-10804-GY

Purpose: To provide the UBFP Wood Processing Facility with a critical mass of trained personnel to run it in a sustainable and efficient manner.

Country Administrator
GUYANA

Beneficiary Country
GUYANA

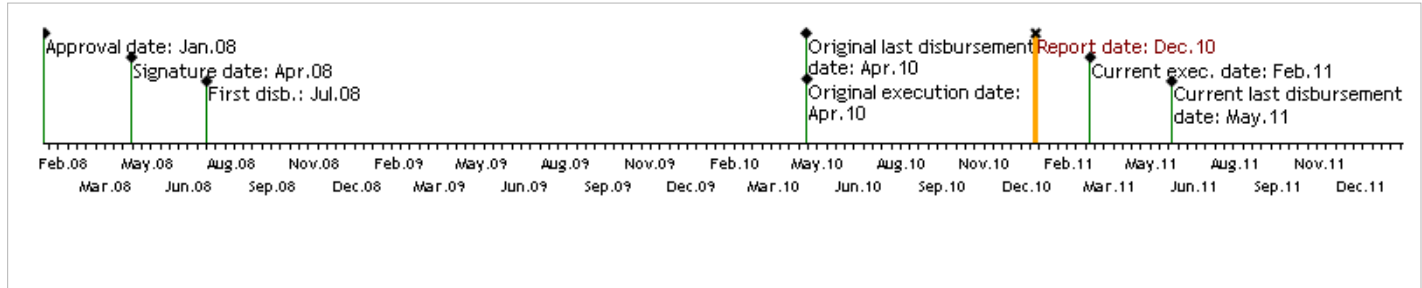
Group
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Subgroup
LTRP - Labor Training Programs

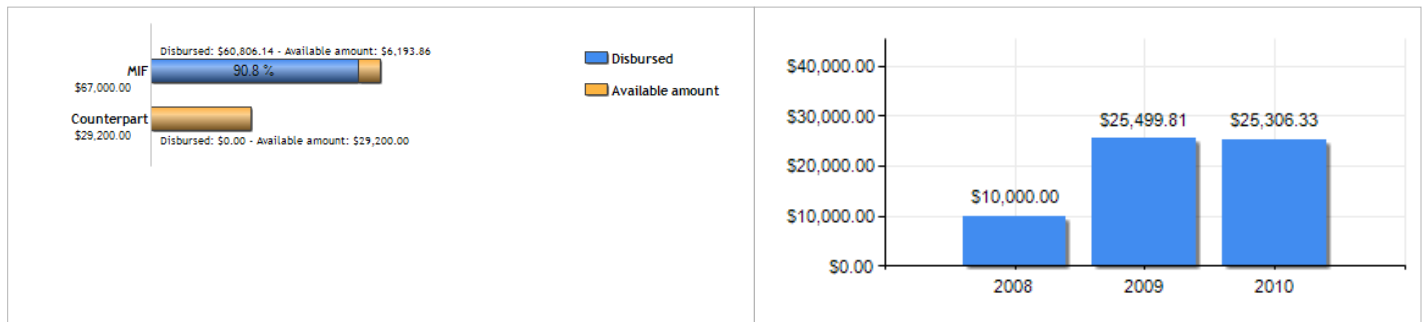
Executing Agency: Upper Berbice Forest Producers Association

Design Team Leader:
Supervision Team Leader: Leitch, Janelle

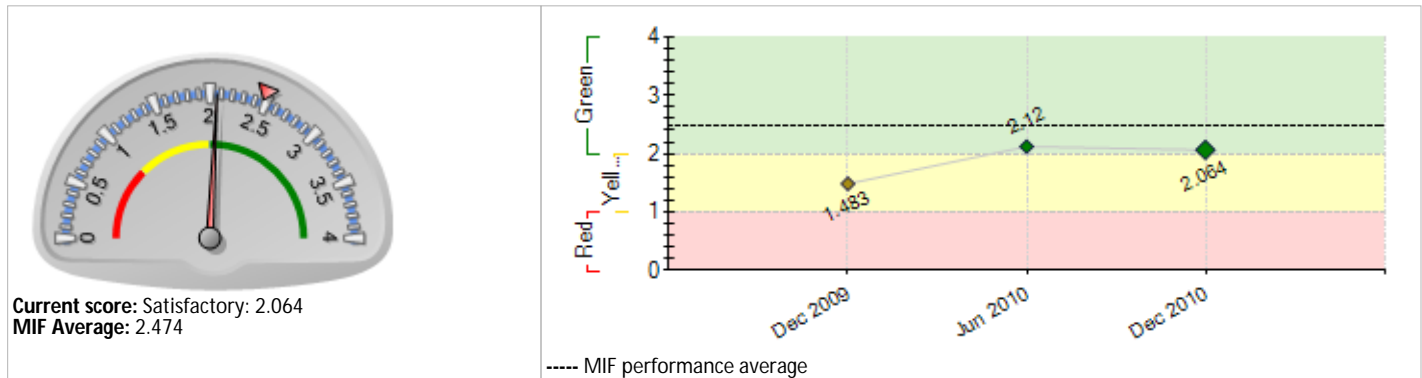
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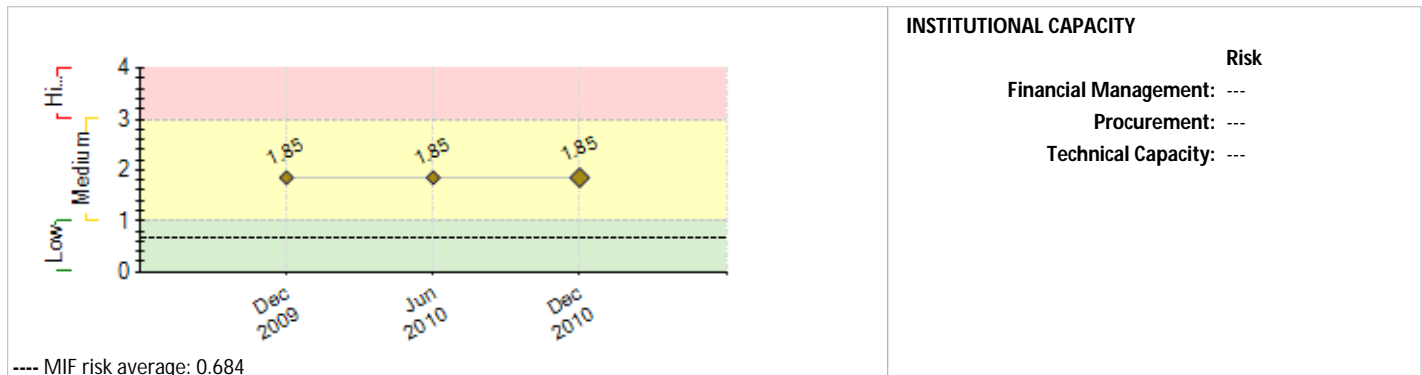
FUNDS



PERFORMANCE SCORE



EXTERNAL RISKS



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Risk

Financial Management: ---

Procurement: ---

Technical Capacity: ---

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance since inception

Persons were trained in various training in order to manage the Wood Processing Facility. These include Business Management, Accounting, Marketing, Office Procedures, Forest Management, Forest Inventory, Reduced Impact Logging, Quality Control, Shingle Making, Saw Doctoring and Maintenance. This project has maintained the involvement of a significant number of women. This project has been delayed several months and requested an extension to be completed. The Executing Unit experienced difficulty in getting approval for the land to erect structure for the mill. Thereafter, permission was granted by the Guyana Forestry Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency and later, the Government. Trainees were asked to sign a contract (to give back service to the Executing Unit) to mitigate the risk of migration. The Executing Unit took all possible actions to complete this project.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

Summary of project performance in the last six months

Ten persons were trained in Reduced Impact Logging. A total of twenty persons were trained in Shingle Making, Quality control and Saw Doctoring. Participants learnt not only how to make shingles, but also how to utilize the mill for cutting specified lumber, maintenance of mill and saw blades and marketing. Occupational Health and Safety was also done and involved the participation of twenty persons. This course allowed the participants to realise their lack of safety and recognise the importance of safety in the workplace. These courses completed the training schedule of the project. There was difficulty in procuring a consultant for shingle training. This was because consultants found could not avail themselves for the said training. However, an extensive search was done and one was found. The Executing Unit will focus on reporting during the next semester and expanding production at the mill.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments
Operation is fully executed.

SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

Indicators		Baseline	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Intermediate 3	Planned	Achieved	Status
Purpose: To provide the UBFPFA Wood Processing Facility with a critical mass of trained personnel to run it in a sustainable and efficient manner.	P.11 Staff working at the Facility	0				80	50	
		Apr 2008				Apr 2010	Nov 2010	
	P.12 Percentage increase in profits earned by the Facility	0				50	0	
		Apr 2008				Apr 2010		
Component 1: Procurement of equipment and supplies Weight: 32% Classification: Satisfactory	C1.11 US\$ Invested in new wquipment, including a compass, GPS device, chainsaw and accessories, sawmilling tools, computers and accessories, fuel & oil, stationery and safety gear	0 Apr 2008				31000 Apr 2010	21710 Nov 2010	Delayed
Component 2: Development of Training Modules Weight: 10% Classification: Satisfactory	C2.11 Training requirements identified: Forest management, Sawmill Operations Management, Marketing (with emphasis on Forestry), Financial Management and Accountancy, Mechanics, Electrics, Occupational Health & Safety, Saw Doctoring, Construction, Joinery & Manufacture of Value Added Products, ICT, Environmental Best Practices & Project Management Training.	0				1 Apr 2009		Delayed
Component 4: Delivery of Training Weight: 47% Classification: Satisfactory	C4.11 Persons trained in various disciplines related to forestry management (including 40% women)	0 Apr 2008				40 Apr 2010	40 Nov 2010	Finished
	C4.12 Trainers will deliver core training and other disciplines with view of teaching residents of Kwakwani area to operate a fully function Shingle Milling Facility.	0				1 Apr 2009	1 Nov 2010	Finished
Component 5: Project Administration Weight: 11% Classification: Satisfactory	C5.11 Candidates from UBFPFA attending Project Management Training administered by DFLSA in Georgetown (candidates will be the Project Coordinator and Assistant Project Coordinator)	0				2 Apr 2009	7267 Mar 2010	Finished
Milestones		Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date achieved	Status		
M0	Previous Conditions	4	Oct 2008	4	Jun 2008	Achieved		

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED PERFORMANCE

- [X] Design of project/Components
[X] Lack of resources for the counterpart

SECTION 4: RISKS

MOST IMPORTANT RISKS AFFECTING FUTURE PERFORMANCE

	Level	Mitigation action	Responsible
1. Financial constraints result in the WPF not being completed in the anticipated timeframe	High	Executing agency to provide a report to the Bank showing progress towards completing the WPF along with financial tables showing source of funds and letters of commitment for any future funds,	Project Coordinator

2. Persons trained may migrate from the area thereby negating the positive effects of the project on the community	Medium	Contracts drawn up binding trainees to work in the WPF for a specified time period to be agreed upon by the UBFPA and the Bank,	Project Coordinator
3. Adverse weather conditions may cause accessibility issues which can affect the monitoring of the project	Medium	This risk will can be mitigated by the road rehabilitation and infrastructure projects that the Bank is currently financing or that are in the pipeline,	Project Coordinator
4. Volatility of market demand for lumber and wood products may result in less profitability than anticipated	Medium	The training, particularly in terms of producing value added outputs, is expected to produce a higher quality of output, which should find favor in the niche markets for wood products,	Project Coordinator
PROJECT RISK LEVEL: Medium 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

Issue	Comments
[X] Lack of organizational, managerial and financial management capacity to continue and sustain the program once the execution phase is finalized.	There are limited livelihood activities within the community, skilled persons leave the community to find suitable jobs.

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

The Executing Unit has initiated production at the Wood Processing Facility and trainees are working. Contacts were made with several markets for both shingle and lumber. Systems of management and operations were put in place. Members have produced both Logs and lumbers to supply the mill. This cycle of production will sustain operations as the wood processing facility will have a constant supply of logs and lumber from it numerous members.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

[No Lessons learned records to Display]