

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

01/01/2021 - 06/30/2021

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Operation number: ME-T1437

Suboperation number: ATN/GN-18011-ME

Project Name: Ejido Verde: Transforming Degraded Community Lands into Sustainable Jobs, Incomes and Carbon Sinks
Purpose:

Country admin:

MEXICO

Country beneficiary:

Mexico

Group:

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SubGroup:

Executing Agency: Ejido Verde Sapi

Team Leader: DIETERW

Score Image:  - Red Flag

Total Score: 0

Project cycle:

Report Date: 2021-07-01

Approval Date: 2020-04-29

Signature Date: 2020-07-20

First Disbursement Date: 2020-12-17

Original Execution End Date:

Current Execution End Date:

Original Last Disbursement Date: 2023-01-20

Last Current Disbursement Date: 2023-01-20

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Project's performance summary since the beginning

During the first semester of 2021, project execution has mainly advanced in component 1. Increase in productivity. Advances in each of the activities are: • Agroforestry plot plan: In its first phase, agroforestry practices have been implemented and tested with different species: agave, chile perón, beans, coffee and chile serrano. These various species were planted in conjunction with 2 species of pine: *Pinus pseudostrobus* and *Pinus leiophylla*. • Post-harvest plan: diagnostic activities took place, a post-harvest plan workshop was developed by the company NUUP, which is distributed in several stages, but the first was developed in May 2021 in the various communities managed by Ejido Verde: Patamban, Tiríndaro, Buena Vista. • Bioeconometric growth model: Work began on this project, according to the specifications of the Ejido Verde measurement and cartography area, to generate a forest inventory and to control the various parameters of resin pines and their most important characteristics. • Fertilization test: the Australian fertilizer (BioWeed) was purchased, but it has not yet arrived in Mexico. Delays respond to import problems due to the organic/artisan origin of the product. As the fertilizer arrives, tests will begin in the second semester of 2021. • Collection of seeds (*Pinus oocarpa*): The collection of these seeds has not occurred yet, due to climatic factors in the area, but it is expected that at the end of this year such collection will begin.

Supervision Team Leader comments

Agree

Project's performance summary in the last 6 months

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SECTION 3: INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

C1 : Componente 1: aumento de la productividad		Weight 50%		Qualification Satisfactory	
	Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1	Average percentage increase in productivity	-94	7426 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I2	Hectares of climate resilient agroforestry demonstration and experimentation plots established	0	4 (2023-07-20)		In progress
I3	Agroforestry post-harvest plan and training implemented	0	1 (2023-07-20)		In progress
I4	Bioresearch (bio-econometrical and bio-technological) trials completed	0	4 (2023-07-20)		In progress

C2 : Component II: Climate risk mitigation, adaptation and planning		Weight 50%		Qualification Satisfactory	
	Indicators	Baseline	Planned	Achieved	Status
I1	Number of direct beneficiaries (head of land owning households and day laborers)	1290	5105 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I2	Number of direct women beneficiaries	115	295 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I3	Resin purchases from communities / ejidos (USD / year)	6034	18057882 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I4	Number of indirect beneficiaries	40331	45934 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I5	Cumulative area in hectares under sustainable management	4262	5462 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I6	Annual carbon capture (Ton CO2 eq.)	85517	110877 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I7	Number of beneficiaries trained in CSA	2142	6880 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I8	Number of women beneficiaries trained in CSA	137	410 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I9	Cumulative women rural jobs created - full time equivalent	34	193 (2032-07-20)		In progress
I10	Number of ejidos and communities involved in the project	13	19 (2032-07-20)		In progress

C3 : Project Administration, Ex Post reviews, Contingencies		Weight 0%		Qualification Satisfactory		
	Milestones	Planned Value	Achieved Value	Due Date	Achieved Date	Status
	NFORME DE AVANCE DEL PLAN DE POST-COSECHA Y CRONOGRAMA DE CAPACITACIONES	0	1	2021-06-30	2021-07-06	Achieved
	INFORME INTERMEDIO DE AVANCE ACTIVIDADES 1.3-1.7	0	1	2021-06-30	2021-07-06	Achieved
	INFORME INTERMEDIO DE AVANCE ACTIVIDADES	0	0	2021-12-31		Pending
	INFORME DE ACTUALIZACION DEL TABLERO DE RESULTADOS	0	0	2021-12-31		Pending
	PLAN DE NEGOCIOS DE PARCELAS AGROFORESTALES	0	0	2022-06-30		Pending
	NFORME INTERMEDIO DE PLAN DE VULNERABILIDAD CLIMATICA DE LA CADENA DE SUMINISTRO	0	0	2021-12-31		Pending
	Condiciones Previas / Prior Conditions	1	1	2021-01-20	2021-02-11	Achieved
	Informe Final General del Proyecto	1	0	2022-12-30		Pending

Critical facts that have affected project's performance

- Purchase difficulties
- Environmental restrictions

Others, Which?

Acquisitions and contracting are key implementation challenges. Fertilizer acquisition: fertilizer acquired from Australia, called BioWeed has not been able to reach Mexican lands due to problems with its importation procedures. As it is an organic fertilizer, it does not comply with all international measures for its importation, but we are working with a specialized import group to help speed up the process. Climate change consultants contracting: it has been very difficult to find consultants specialized in climate change since there are not many specialists of this type in the area where the project is being developed. But to date, the support of various researchers from prestigious universities has been requested to help us manage this workshop. Execution challenges related pine production cycle: the effects of climate change have generated stress in the pines production cycle. This type of stress causes the pines to not be able to give seeds to date, even when they are old enough to do so. In consequence, collection of seeds has been delayed.

SECTION 4: RISKS

Impact Area	Severity	Prob.	Date	Responsible	Mitigation action
TOTAL RISKS QUANTITY: 0		IN EFFECT RISKS: 0		NOT IN EFFECT RISKS: 0	MITIGATED RISKS: 0

SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY

Indicate likelihood of project sustainability after project completion: HP

Justification:

The project is part of a private business initiative, which has a financial plan and engagement plan with other stakeholders to plan its sustainability.

[There were no aspects reported during this period]

Actions related to sustainability which have been implemented in the project:

To date, no specific actions related to the sustainability of the project have been implemented. However, the project is part of a private business initiative, which has a financial plan to guarantee its sustainability.

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS

[There were no lessons learned reported during this period]