

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

JANUARY 2012 - JUNE 2012

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Implementation of Sustainable Farming Practices by Communities in the Northern R

Project Number: TT-M1017 - Operation Number: ATN/ME-11488-TT

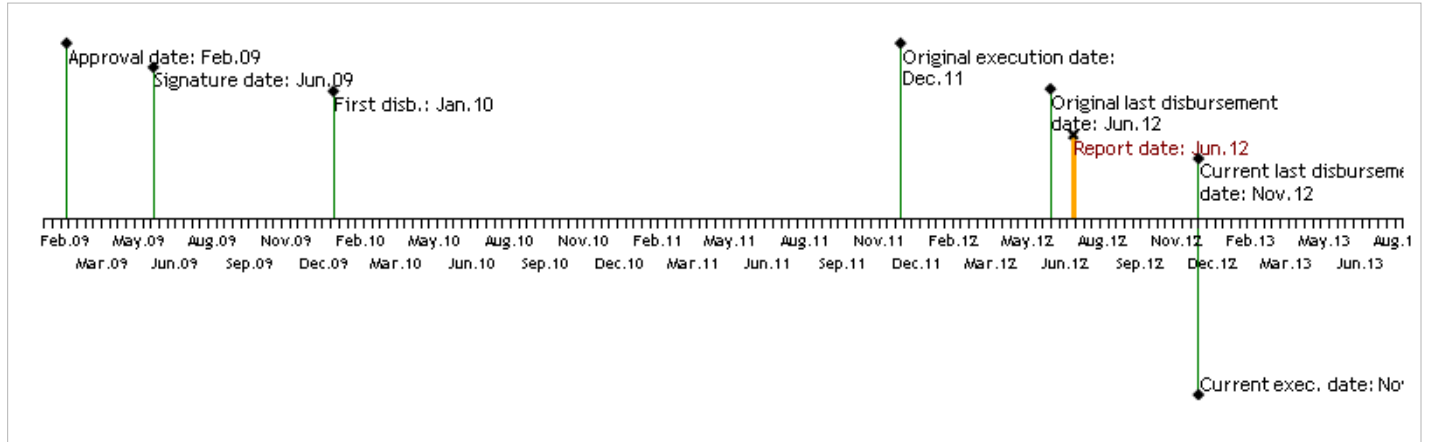
Purpose: Pilot a programme of alternative and sustainable farming practices to selected farmers in 2 selected watershed communities of the Northern Range

Country Administrator	Beneficiary Country	Group	Subgroup
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	ENV - Environment	AGRI - Sustainable Agriculture

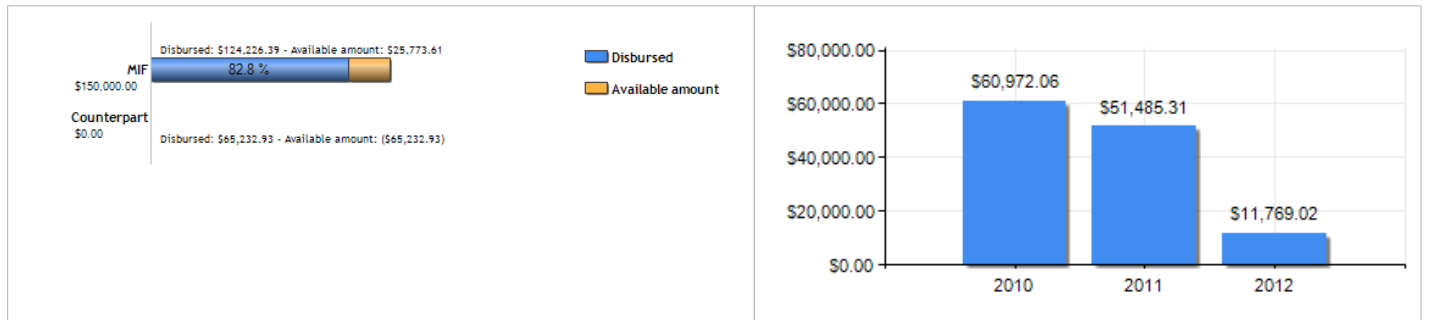
Executing Agency: Cropper Foundation

Design Team Leader: Dookiesingh, Vashtie
Supervision Team Leader: Dookiesingh, Vashtie

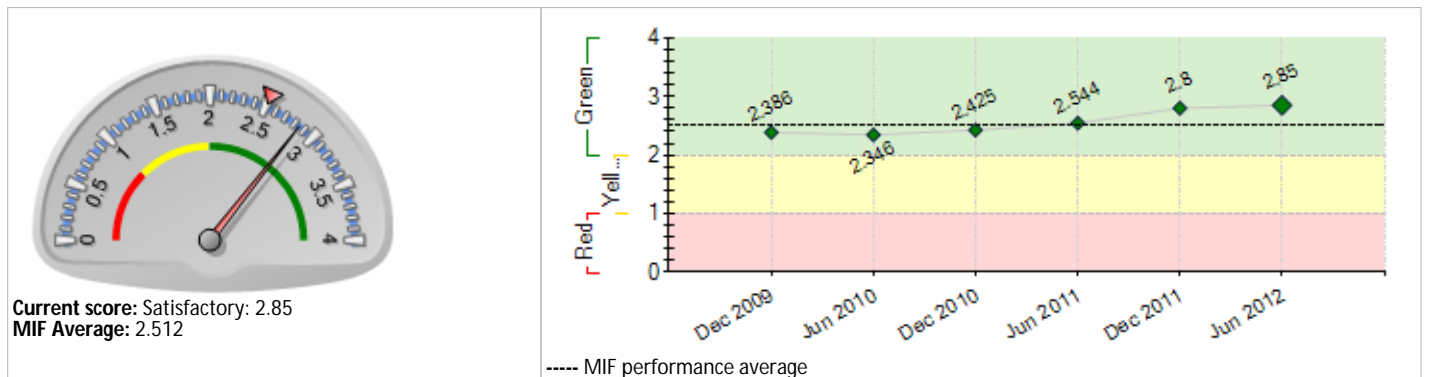
TIMELINE



FUNDS



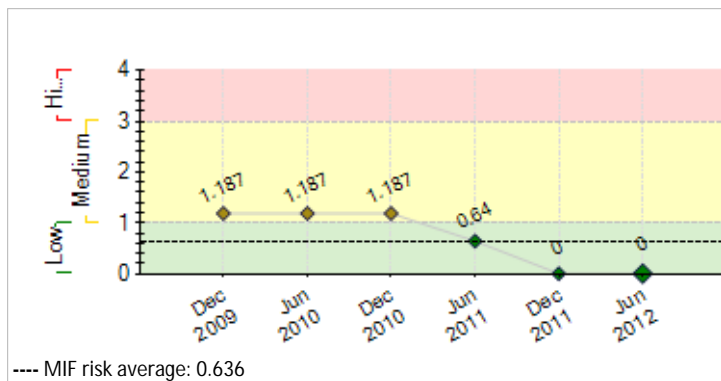
PERFORMANCE SCORE



EXTERNAL RISKS

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

	Risk
Financial Management:	---
Procurement:	---
Technical Capacity:	---



SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE

Summary of project performance since inception

Main Results:

1. Project mobilisation
2. Completion of Baseline Assessment
3. Selection of participating farmers
4. Interventions designed
5. Interventions implemented
6. Development of model and dissemination of information and model

The project is now completed, and all objectives have been met.

Comments from the Supervision Team Leader

Agree with the Executing Agency comments

Summary of project performance in the last six months

The EcoAgriCulture project, in March 2012, successfully achieved all of the targets outlined in the designed plan of activities for June 2009 to June 2012. However, during the course of the project, The Cropper Foundation noted a number of beneficial activities not within the original scope of the project, which would enhance and add considerable value to the ongoing viability of the work.

The project was therefore extended to November 2012, in order to undertake the following specific activities:

- (i) design and implementation of a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework for assessing the impact and sustainability of the farming practices implemented as part of the EcoAgriCulture Project,
- (ii) technical support provided to farmers in the use of sustainable farming practices, and
- (iii) engagement and collaboration with the Extension Department of the Ministry of Food Production to provide better support to farmers.

During the next semester The Cropper Foundation and EcoAgriCulture technical team will focus on:

- (1) Evaluating the impact of introduced sustainable farming practices as part of the EcoAgriCulture Project
- (2) Documenting case studies of farmers' experiences in implementing sustainable farming practices and the challenges faced
- (3) Supporting farmers in mainstreaming the use of sustainable farming practices, through providing technical support to them as is necessary, and building their capacities in the areas of planning and microenterprise development.

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
Purpose: Pilot a programme of alternative and sustainable farming practices to selected farmers in 2 selected watershed communities of the Northern Range	P.11 Percentage increase of farmers in selected communities implementing sustainable agricultural practices	0				20	20	
		Jun 2009				Jun 2011	Dec 2011	
Component 1: Technical Coordination Weight: 34% Classification: Satisfactory	C1.11 Percentage of farmers in selected communities are exposed to sustainable farming practices	0				60	60	Finished
		Jun 2009				Jun 2011	Oct 2011	
Component 2: Baseline Assessment, Research and Documentation of Results Weight: 15% Classification: Satisfactory	C2.11 Completion of Baseline Assessment	0				1	1	Finished
		Jun 2009				Jun 2010	Jul 2010	

Component 4: Implementation of Alternative Farming Practices Weight: 49% Classification: Satisfactory	C4.I1	Percentage of participating farmers adopting sustainable farming practices	0				20 Jun 2011	20 Dec 2011	Finished
Component 5: Seminars/Workshops Weight: 2% Classification: Satisfactory	C5.I1	Public outreach plan to promote project results	0				1 Mar 2011	1 Dec 2011	On Course

Milestones	Planned	Due Date	Achieved	Date achieved	Status
M0 Previous Conditions	5	Dec 2009	5	Dec 2009	Achieved
M1 [*] Completion of baseline research to measure environment and economic impact of current cultivation practices utilised by participating farmers.	1	Jul 2010	1	Jul 2010	Achieved
M2 [*] Selection of participating farmers from selected hillside watershed communities for participation in the pilot programme	1	Aug 2010	1	Dec 2010	Achieved
M3 [*] Design of Interventions at the Community Level	1	Dec 2010	1	Jun 2011	Achieved late
M4 Final Evaluation	1	Dec 2011	1	Dec 2011	Achieved late
M5 Implementation of Technical Support Program for farmers in selected communities	1	Feb 2012	1	Jul 2011	Achieved
M6 Development of a model to facilitate replication of the project and dissemination of information on model and project results	1	Mar 2012	1	Jan 2012	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****PROJECT RISK LEVEL:** Low **TOTAL NUMBER OF RISKS:** 4 **IN EFFECT RISKS:** 0 **NOT IN EFFECT RISKS:** 2 **MITIGATED RISKS:** 2**SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY****Likelihood of project sustainability after project completion:** P - Probable**CRITICAL ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY**

Issue	Comments
[X] A market is not generated for the project's services and/or activities (low payment capacity or low demand for those services)	Farmers will have difficulty paying for additional support
Actions related to sustainability which will be or have been implemented:	
(1) The Cropper Foundation is in discussion with the IDB MIF to design a follow-up project to the EcoAgriCulture project. This project builds on an initiative being led by The Cropper Foundation with several partner institutions to assist farmers in implementing sustainable hillside farming practices throughout Trinidad and Tobago – beginning with the Northern Range (NR). This project seeks to build on the work already undertaken in the Maracas and Caura watersheds, and to establish a baseline and build capacity in three other watersheds in the NR (Santa Cruz, Lopinot and Aripo) in anticipation of the implementation of sustainable hillside farming practices in these three communities. Because the activities being undertaken in this project are part of a larger plan to improve agricultural activities on hillsides, it is expected that results will be used well beyond the project lifespan. (2) The implementation of a monitoring and evaluation exercise to assess the progress and challenges in implementing sustainable farming practices (SFPs), will provide information on the nature of support needed by farming communities to continue the implementation and eventual mainstreaming of SFPs.	

SECTION 6: PRACTICAL LESSONS*[No lessons learned added yet.]*