



Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)

Compact: OFSP Project

Quarter 2 Project Performance Report (May–July 2020)

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A. Report summary and proposed actions

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| Compact/Unit | Orange-fleshed Sweetpotato (OFSP) | | |
| Reporting Period | May–July 2020 | | |
| Countries Covered | Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Uganda | | |
| Responsible Project Staff | Joyce Maru, Program Coordinator (Sweetpotato) Paul Demo, Regional Director for Africa (SSA) Simon Heck, Program Director (Sweetpotato) Nancy Ajima, Contracts and Grants Manager Jemimah Njenga-Kimata, Project Management Officer | | |
| Commodities and Enablers | None | | |
| Project Development Objective | The project executes a bold plan to achieve rapid agricultural transformation across Africa by raising agricultural productivity to eliminate extreme poverty, end hunger and malnutrition, turn Africa into a net food exporter, and position Africa at the top of agricultural value chains where it has a comparative advantage. | | |
| Project Components | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of an enabling environment for technology adoption • Regional technology delivery infrastructure • Deployment of appropriate technology • Program management | | |
| Expected Date for Progress Report Submission | | Actual date for Progress Report Submission | |
| 7 July 2020 | | 31 October 2020 | |
| Current Closing Date | | Current Disbursement Deadline | |
| 17 July 2020 | | 31 January 2021 | |
| Cumulative Funds Received to Date (\$) | Cumulative Funds Utilized as per the Latest Financial Report (\$) | Estimated Date of Next Replenishment Request and Amount (\$) | Disbursed to Date (%) |
| 775,000 | 534,982 | 1,055,063 | 69 |
| Category | Total Approved Amount (\$) | Disbursed to Date (\$) | Disbursed to Date (%) |
| Goods | 27,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Services | 90,874 | 5,874 | 6 |
| Services Personnel | 9581,275 | 348,122 | 60 |
| Recurrent/Operating | 1,130,414 | 180,986 | 16 |
| Total | 1,830,063 | 534,982 | 29 |

A.1 Project data

A.2 Executive summary on project implementation during the reporting period

In Quarter 2 of 2020, activities focused mainly on planning and communication with Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation's (TAAT) project management unit (PMU). This was a result of the decision by CIP management to stop operational expenses for the Orange-fleshed

sweetpotato Compact due to two specific factors. One was the delayed/lack of approvals on key documents; the second was the lack of clarification about the operationalization of payment of indirect costs from the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). This decision was officially communicated to the PMU through formal letters submitted by the International Potato Center (CIP) in December 2019 and February 2020.

The TAAT budget code was closed during this period, and therefore no expenses were incurred during this period. CIP management continued to coordinate with the PMU about the outstanding approvals and clarifications related to the work plans, procurement plans, and formal amendment of the contract between CIP and IITA-TAAT PMU. In March 2020, IITA confirmed the approval of 2020 procurement plan, but separate no-objection transactions were still pending formal approvals.

B. Project implementation performance progress reporting

B.1 Progress toward project development objective

Component 1: Creation of an enabling environment for technology adoption

Component 2: Regional technology delivery infrastructure

Component 3: Deployment of appropriate technology

Component 4: Program management

B.2 Leveraging TAAT program investments (cash and/or in-kind contribution)

N/A

B.3 Outcome reporting: Outcome case study reports using the standard template

| Outcome Indicators (as specified in the RLF) | Baseline Values | End Target (expected value at project completion) | Annual Target | Actual | | Progress Assessment toward End Target (% realized) | Status Assessment (to Reach Annual and End Targets) 1=Completed 2= On track 3= Outstanding 4=Suspended | Comments (if any) |
|---|-----------------|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|-------------------|
| | | | | Attribution | Contribution | | | |
| % increase household income | | | | | | | | |
| % increase crop productivity | | | | | | | | |
| % increase livestock productivity | | | | | | | | |
| % increase fish productivity | | | | | | | | |
| No. of jobs created (of which women & youth) | | | | | | | | |
| Tons of food (additional) | | | | | | | | |
| Household dietary diversity | | | | | | | | |
| Value of additional production | | | | | | | | |

No data have been collected to inform outcome reporting.

B.4 Output reporting: Attribution to TAAT versus contribution

| Output Indicators (by components) | Baseline Values (a) | End Target (expected value at project completion) (c) | Annual Target (d) | Actual (b) | | Progress Assessment to Reach End Target (% realized) 1=Completed (≥100%) 2= On track (50-99%) 3= In progress (25-49%) 4= Outstanding (0-24%) 5=Dropped off/Suspended (b/c) | Status Assessment (to reach annual and end targets) 1=Completed (≥100%) 2= On track (50-99%) 3= In progress (25-49%) 4= Outstanding (0-24%) 5=Dropped off/Suspended (b/d) | Comments (if any) |
|---|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---|--|-------------------|
| | | | | Attribution | Contribution | | | |
| Component 1: Creation of an enabling environment for technology adoption | | | | | | | | |
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| Component 2: Regional technology delivery infrastructure | | | | | | | | |
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| Component 3: Deployment of appropriate technology | | | | | | | | |
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| Component 4: Program management | | | | | | | | |
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Output reporting—general comments

Follow-up communications were made between CIP and TAAT PMU on the procurement plan and the work plan that had been submitted to the PMU. (The work plan was approved during this period.) CIP management communicated with the PMU about pending requests for clarifications related to the contract between CIP and IITA–TAAT PMU.

B.5 Highlights of other achievements: training, workshop, field visit, field day, promotional campaigns, and others

| Type | Country/ Location | Objective | No. of Participants (male/female) | Outcome of the Event | Enablers/Partners (name and contact of the enablers/partner) |
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B.6 Unanticipated (unexpected) or additional results

| Type | Assessment |
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C. Project compliance progress reporting

C.1.1 Performance of stakeholders: performance and challenges

| Stakeholder category | | General Assessment |
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| Bank Performance | | Assessment of bank performance with regard to the operation during the reporting period, including timely responsiveness to requests, technical assistance provided, etc. |
| Compact Performance | | Self-assessment of the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation system, responsiveness to supervision recommendations, timeliness of preparing requests, etc. |
| Other Stakeholders | Stakeholder 1 | Assessment of the functioning of collaborative arrangements and responsiveness to client demands. |
| | Stakeholder 2 | Assessment of the functioning of collaborative arrangements and responsiveness to client demands. |

C.1.2 Gender mainstreaming activities during the reporting period

C.1.3 Compliance with environmental and social safeguards during the reporting period

| Measure | Type | Deadline | Status (pending initiation, in progress, finalized) | Comments |
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C.1.4 Audit compliance during the reporting period

| Outstanding Audit Report(s) (by year) | Status (completed, in progress, initiation, initiation, suspended) | Comments |
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| Key Issue | Corrective Measures | Status (completed, in progress, initiation, initiation, suspended) | Comments |
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C.1.5 Challenges (difficulties) encountered and actions taken during the reporting period

| Challenges (difficulties) | Actions Taken | Comments |
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| Pending clarifications related to the contract formal amendment, the application of the indirect costs and the work plan/procurement plan had led to a suspension of expenses on the TAAT OFSP budget. | Communication with TAAT- PMU. | Several issues were still pending, notably the request for clarity on allowed indirect costs to be charged to TAAT |

C.1.6 Risks (beyond control) and mitigation measures during the reporting period

| Risks | Mitigation Measures | Comment |
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| COVID-19 pandemic and outbreak in | Only essential activities identified by CIP. These are (1) maintenance and multiplication of germplasm and (2) any activities related to | Approved essential activities continued; all |

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| TAAT OFSP countries. | food production (multiplication and distribution of planting material and inputs). | other activities were suspended. |
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C.1.7 Assumptions and actions taken during the reporting period

| Assumptions | Actions Taken | Comment |
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C.2 Procurement performance during the reporting period

C.2.1 Procurement plan implementation

| Goods, Works, or Services to Be Procured (Under procurement process during the reporting period) | Status As Compared to Procurement Plan (on track, delayed, significantly delayed) | If Contract Signed | Comments |
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Note: Updated procurement plan on goods, works and services to be incorporated as an annex.

| Average Time between Key Procurement Processes Finalized during the Reporting Period | | | |
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| Responsibility | Process | Target # Days (as per ORPF guidelines) | Actual # Days |
| Bank | Transmission of bids to no-objection | | |
| | Bid evaluation report to no-objection | | |
| Compact | Bid closing to submission of evaluation report | | |
| | No-objection of evaluation report to contract signature date | | |

C.2.2 Management of ongoing contracts during the reporting period

| Method of Payment (DP,RF) | Category (goods, works or services) | Contract Title | Contract Amount (specify the currency) | Amount Paid | % | Contract End Date | Comments |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|---|-------------------|----------|
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C.3 Project execution and financing during the reporting period

C.3.1 Financial progress

| Criteria | Total Amount (a) | Cumulative Amount to Date (b) | Cumulative Amount at Beginning of the Fiscal Year (c) | Annual Projection (expected cumulative amount) (d) | Progress toward Annual Projection (% realized) (b-c)/(d-c) | Progress toward Total (% realized) (b/a) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Disbursement (Bank | Financing source/inst.1 | | | | | |

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| approved financing only) | Financing source/inst.2 | | | | | | |
| | Financing source/inst.3 | | | | | | |
| Budget Commitments (Bank approved financing only) | | | | | | | |
| Counterpart Funding Disbursement | | | | | | | |
| Co-financing disbursement | Co-Fin1 | | | | | | |
| | Co-Fin2 | | | | | | |

| Criteria | Assessment |
|---|-------------------|
| Disbursement by source (Bank approved financing only) | \$775,000 |
| Budget commitments (Bank approved financing only) | \$1,830,063 |
| Counterpart funding disbursement | N/A |
| Co-financing disbursements | N/A |

C.3.2 Status of revolving fund justification during the reporting period

| RF Number | Actual Lapsed Time Since Disbursement | % of RF Justified | Comments |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | |

D. Success story during the reporting period

Nothing to report at this reporting period.

E. Key lessons learned during the reporting cycle

Nothing to report at this reporting period.

F. Plan of work for the next reporting period, as per the approved work plan (AWP) for 2020 with target, milestones, and timelines

F.1.1 Status of key activities to be undertaken

| Component | Activity | Deadline | Status (completed, in progress, initiation, initiation, suspended) | Comments (include a % of achievement for activity) |
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F.1.2 Planned key activities for next implementation period (as per AWP)¹

| Component | Activity | KPI (from the list of TAAT common KPIs) or Specific Compact Custom KPIs | Partner and Enablers for Commodities or Commodities for Enablers | Deadline |
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¹ Include any pending/delayed/suspended activity from previous reports.