

Implementation Stage Quality Assurance Report

Form Status: Approved

Overall Rating:	Highly Satisfactory
Decision:	Continue as planned: The project is of sufficient quality to continue as planned. All management actions must be addressed in a timely manner.
Portfolio/Project Number:	00096620
Portfolio/Project Title:	Resource Efficiency in Agriculture & Agrobased Ind.GAP
Portfolio/Project Date:	2017-01-20 / 2022-12-31

Strategic

Quality Rating: Exemplary

1. Is the project pro-actively identifying changes to the external environment and incorporating them into the project strategy?

- 3: *The project team has identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives and the assumptions have been tested to determine if the project's strategy is still valid. There is evidence that the project board has considered the implications, and documented any changes needed to the project in response. (all must be true)*
- 2: The project team has identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives. There is some evidence that the project board discussed this, but relevant changes may not have been fully integrated in the project. (both must be true)
- 1: The project team may have considered relevant changes in the external environment since implementation began, but there is no evidence that the project team has considered changes to the project as a result.

Evidence:

Due to the Outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic which was declared as a global pandemic by WHO on March 11, 2020, the project team has immediately identified this external factor as an environmental risk which could impair the project's ability to achieve its objectives and realized "Project Activities and Sub-Project Design Meeting" among team members periodically (on 15.04.2020/16.10.2020) in order to debate on the actions should be taken to ensure the smooth implementation of the project flow despite the global crisis. The related meeting covered significant discussions on the Project Activities planned to be held in the next stages by the UNDP Project team and the relevant/immediate updates; on the exchange of ideas regarding the change of techniques of the upcoming activities due to the Covid-19 and the restraints it provokes, and the design of sub-projects in response to the COVID-19 crisis within the framework of the IRE Project. As the final output of the related meeting, it should be mentioned that several webinars, namely "Resource Efficiency in Industrial Enterprises-Model Factory Concept" (22.05.2020), "The Digital Adventure of Cotton - 'The Application of Precision Agricultural Technologies to the Turkish Agricultural Sector via the Internet of Food'" (23.06.2020) and various trainings under the IPUD partnership have been realized virtually (which were initially planned to be held physically) with a huge participation of the stakeholders and target groups which displays the project's immediate action on its adaptation to the emerged changes and alteration of the strategy to prevent any retardation. In addition, the project team has also turned the crisis into opportunity by developing several sub-project ideas and concepts in order to transcribe the occasions and resources into the Covid-19 circumstances under the scope of IRE Project through maintaining its overall strategy.

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2. Is the project aligned with the UNDP Strategic Plan?

- 3: The project responds at least one of the **development settings**³ as specified in the Strategic Plan (SP) and adopts at least one **Signature Solution**⁴ and the project's RRF includes at all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project responds to one of the three areas of development work¹ as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF includes at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)*
- 1: While the project may respond to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

Evidence:

The project contributes to the following development setting: eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions
Signature solution is :promote nature based solutions for a sustainable planet. The specific strategic plan output this project contributes to is 1.4.1 Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, including sustainable commodities and value chains.
CPD output 2.2 and indicator of" 2.2.2 Number of enterprises and initiatives promoting sustainable value chains and climate resilient development" reports against this SP output at the same time.

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Relevant

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3. Are the project's targeted groups being systematically engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remains relevant for them?

- 3: Systematic and structured feedback has been collected over the past two years from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups are active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)
- 2: *Targeted groups have been engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, has been collected over the past year to ensure the project is addressing local priorities. This information has been used to inform project decision making. (all must be true)*
- 1: Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected over the past year, but this information has not been used to inform project decision making. This option is also selected if no beneficiary feedback has been collected.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

Engagement of the target groups is one of the priorities of the project team. For example, under the scope of a joint financial support program launched with the Karacadağ Development Agency in 2019, which mainly aims to reduce the resource usage costs of the agricultural-based industrial enterprises in the field with efficiency-enhancing methods, to increase the competitiveness of the enterprises and to expand the integrated resource efficiency practices in the TRC 2 Region, 10 agro-industrial facilities signed agreements, following the measurement-based resource efficiency analyses, to receive financial support to improve industrial resource efficiency, through a joint grant scheme developed and applied by GAP Regional Development Administration and Karacadağ Development Agency, and technically supported by UNDP. During the implementation period of the related initiative, various interviews were organized with the industrialists working in the factories and even video shootings were realized during the interviews regarding the working conditions of the machines from which they received grants. Within the scope of Financial Support Programme with Karacadağ Development Agency, 10 factories were visited, necessary discussions were actualized with target groups during the interviews. The results of the interviews were discussed in the following meetings and action points were determined to better the circumstances.

During the Project Steering Committee Meetings and Coordination Meetings the needs and necessities of the discriminated and marginalized groups of the people working on agriculture and agro-based industry sectors including but not limited to women and children were grasped under debate and the project planning and future steps were shaped within this framework. For instance, as the main activity, the importance of female's labor in agricultural sector has been displayed in the detailed value chain analysis and their visibility was ensured in the next implementation stages, especially via communication tools. In addition, according to the needs of the marginalized groups working in the region, it has been decided to provide various awareness raising activities towards resource efficiency and different trainings were given to target group to enrich their knowledge on agricultural sector. Similarly, farmer handbook has also been prepared to ease their access to necessary information on resource efficiency and the decision was made towards preparing product-based farmer handbook, product-based guidelines, various video shootings and providing different training series towards the target group.

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4. Is the project generating knowledge and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has not) and has this knowledge informed management decisions to ensure the continued relevance of the project towards its stated objectives, the quality of its outputs and the management of risk?

- 3: Knowledge and lessons learned from internal or external sources (gained, for example, from Peer Assists, After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, analysis and monitoring have been discussed in project board meetings and reflected in the minutes. There is clear evidence that changes were made to the project to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 2: Knowledge and lessons learned backed by relatively limited evidence, drawn mainly from within the project, have been considered by the project team. There is some evidence that changes were made to the project as a result to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 1: There is limited or no evidence that knowledge and lessons learned have been collected by the project team. There is little or no evidence that this has informed project decision making.

Evidence:

Various meetings were realized periodically in order to analyze the past period and develop lessons learnt and plan the next actions accordingly for maintaining the project's purpose and smooth implementation accordingly. As the result of the related meetings and discussions, the foundational lessons learnt has also been reflected to the Progress Report of 2020 year and necessary pre-cautions were taken towards uncontrollable incidents, such as the Covid-19 Pandemic that occurred in the 2020 and the key Project activities were transferred into digital environment, online meetings and training programmes were realized instead of face-to-face meetings and field visits. During this time new cooperations were added for IRE Project in order to ensure the healthy maintenance of the Project flow and collaborative actions were taken with Boğaziçi and Harran Universities for Cotton's Digital Adventure Project, Better Cotton Project and Accelerator Lab on innovative solutions.

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5. Is the project sufficiently at scale, or is there potential to scale up in the future, to meaningfully contribute to development change?

- 3: *There is credible evidence that the project is reaching a sufficient number of beneficiaries (either directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to meaningfully contribute to development change.*
- 2: While the project is currently not at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).
- 1: The project is not at scale, and there are no plans currently to scale up the project in the future.

Evidence:

As the main development challenge the related Project puts an utmost importance to use factors of production such as natural resources (soil, water, energy), raw materials, technology and human capital effectively and efficiently in order to achieve the sustainable development goals as well as global competitive advantages and the related Project is being conducted in the GAP Region, so far the project was able to serve to its foundational aim and reach sufficient number of beneficiaries as it finalized its baseline and value chain analysis in all regions by including the target groups in the process, developed strategic planning according to the results of the analysis and developed pilot actions towards the strategic planning in accordance with the needs and necessities of the target group. As a result of these implications, for instance, under the scope of the Better Cotton Project which is being implemented as pilot action, the number of farmers has increased from 689 to 900 (from 2020 to 2021) and it is expected to reach 18,950 target cotton farmers until the end of the pilot implementation as mentioned in the 5th PSC Meeting Minutes attached. Additionally, within this framework, under the scope of the project, necessary analyses were conducted by gender expert towards the role of the females in the agricultural process and various reports were developed accordingly; "Techno-Economic Analysis of Integrated Resource Utilization Efficiency Based on Enterprise Level Measurement" is still ongoing with GAP-YENEV and Harran University which covers all project areas and target groups, financial support program was launched with Karacadag DA and the related enterprises located in the region is being supported within the aim of resource efficiency. A new sub-component was included to the Project for dissemination of better cotton with GAP RDA and BCI-GIF in order to reduce the environmental impact of cotton production and improve the livelihoods of cotton farmers in Şanlıurfa and Diyarbakır through the production of Better Cotton. Overall, it could be re-emphasized that through its already accomplished implementation actions and currently ongoing activities, the project is reaching a sufficient number of beneficiaries by significant coverage of target groups including but not limited to agricultural workers, female farmers, industrialists, cooperatives, enterprises operating in the agro-industrial sector and etc. and meaningfully contributing to the development change.

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6. Are the project's measures (through outputs, activities, indicators) to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant and producing the intended effect? If not, evidence-based adjustments and changes have been made.

- 3: *The project team has systematically gathered data and evidence through project monitoring on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. Analysis of data and evidence were used to inform adjustments and changes, as appropriate. (both must be true)*
- 2: The project team has some data and evidence on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. There is evidence that at least some adjustments were made, as appropriate. (both must be true)
- 1: The project team has limited or no evidence on the relevance of measures to address gender inequalities and empowering women. No evidence of adjustments and/or changes made. This option should also be selected if the project has no measures to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant to the project results and activities.

Evidence:

At the beginning of the project implementation, field analyzes were realized by the gender expert regarding women's role in the agriculture and agro-based industry and various interviews/surveys took place with the target groups and the existing enterprises located in the region with the aim of developing the living and employment conditions of the women living in project area. According to the results of the analyzes, the lessons learnt and recommendations report were developed which were integrated to all implementation actions of the project. In addition to this, gender screening was also realized periodically under the scope of the relevant project in order to measure the gender mainstreaming level of the project and its contribution to women empowerment. Similarly, "How to Mainstream Gender Equality Report" was also developed by the Project team in cooperation with gender expert in order to be a light on the subject in the next process. Finally, gender profile document of the Project was also developed to measure the project's achievements regarding gender equality, determine the good practices and developing lessons learned and suggestions for the future steps. In addition to all of these, the results achieved/not achieved/ongoing regarding gender equality were defined in the ROAR document and presented to all stakeholders for considering during the project planning to achieve the gender mainstreaming goal of the Project as GEN2. As the result of all the analyzes and developed reports, special attention was given to awareness raising on gender equality, increasing the participation of women in trainings, revealing their visibility in the value chain and improving employment opportunities through advocating the significance of women's role in agriculture and agro-based industry.

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7. Are social and environmental impacts and risks being successfully managed and monitored?

- 3: Social and environmental risks are tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for Substantial and High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed for identified risks through consultative process and implemented, resourced, and monitored. Risks effectively managed or mitigated. If there has been a substantive change to the project or change in context that affects risk levels, the SESP is updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true)
- 2: Social and environmental risks are tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for Substantial and High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed, implemented and monitored for identified risks. OR project is categorized as Low risk through the SESP.
- 1: *Social and environmental risks have not been tracked in the risk log. For projects categorized as High, Substantial, and Moderate Risk there is no evidence that social and environmental assessments have been completed and/or management plans or measures development, implemented or monitored. There have been substantive changes to the project or changes in the context but SESP has not been updated. (any may be true)*

Evidence:

Project risks are routinely tracked in the risk log in the frequency required in the M&E table of the ProDoc. However, a SESP form for this project was not prepared back in 2016 so SESP risks are unfortunately not part of this risk log.

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8. Are grievance mechanisms available to project-affected people and are grievances (if any) addressed to ensure any perceived harm is effectively mitigated?

- 3: *Project-affected people have been actively informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism (SRM/SECU) and how to access it. If the project is categorized as High, Substantial, or Moderate Risk through the SESP, a project-level grievance mechanism is in place and project affected people informed. If grievances have been received, they are effectively addressed in accordance with SRM Guidance. (all must be true)*
- 2: Project-affected people have been informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism and how to access it. If the project is categorized as Substantial or High Risk through the SESP, a project-level grievance mechanism is in place and project affected people informed. If grievances have been received they are responded to but face challenges in arriving at a resolution.
- 1: Project-affected people not informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. If grievances have been received they are not responded to. (any may be true)

Evidence:

During each consultation meeting which is being realized frequently with the Project Partner which constantly transmits the objections, opinions and approaches of the project's target groups and local people to UNDP Project Management Team and during the trainings which plays the role of a platform to come together with the Project-affected people, it is being ensured that the UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism and access to it is clearly explained and transposed. However, no grievance has been received so far and the project is not categorized as high or moderate risk through the SESP.

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Management & Monitoring**Quality Rating: Satisfactory**

9. Is the project's M&E Plan sufficient and adequately implemented?

- 3: The project has a comprehensive and costed M&E plan. Baselines, targets and milestones are fully populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF is being reported regularly using credible data sources and collected according to the frequency stated in the Plan, including sex disaggregated data as relevant. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, fully meet decentralized evaluation standards, including gender UNEG standards. Lessons learned, including during evaluations and/or After Action Reviews, are used to take corrective actions when necessary. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project has a costed M&E Plan, and most baselines and targets are populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF is collected on a regular basis, although there may be some slippage in following the frequency stated in the Plan and data sources are not always reliable. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, meet most decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned have been captured but may not have been used to take corrective actions yet. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project has an M&E Plan, but costs are not clearly planned and budgeted for, or are unrealistic. Progress data is not being regularly collected against the indicators in the project's RRF. Evaluations may not meet decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned are rarely captured and used. Select this option also if the project does not have an M&E plan.

Evidence:

The project has a comprehensive M&E plan which definitely indicates the monitoring activity, its purpose, frequency and expected action. Baselines, targets and milestones are fully populated in the related M&E Plan. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF is being reported annually in the Progress Report as requested by the M&E Plan of the Project. Lessons learned, including during evaluations and/or After Action Reviews, are used to take corrective actions (as mentioned detailly at the responses of above questions).

In addition, with the target on realization of a pilot collaboration for farmers, mutual cooperation on cotton production in the GAP Region is aimed under the scope of the Implementation Partnership Agreement signed by GAP RDA and BCI in April 2020 and within the context of this partnership, a new pilot project proposal on supporting and strengthening the implementation of better cotton projects has been made to BCI by GAP RDA, which has been approved on 14.06.2021 and decided to be implemented under the scope of the IRE Project in collaboration with UNDP. Due to this, Component 5: Dissemination of Better Cotton has also been added to project activities in order to reduce the environmental impact of cotton production and improving the livelihoods of cotton farmers through the production of Better Cotton and the results framework and monitoring and evaluation action plan of the Project has also been revised accordingly to include the significant data and information.

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10. Is project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) functioning as intended?

- 3: *The project's governance mechanism is operating well, and is a model for other projects. It has met in the agreed frequency stated in the project document and the minutes of the meetings are on file. There is regular (at least annual) progress reporting to the project board or equivalent on results, risks and opportunities. It is clear that the project board explicitly reviews and uses evidence, including progress data, knowledge, lessons and evaluations, as the basis for informing management decisions (e.g., change in strategy, approach, work plan.) (all must be true to select this option)*
- 2: The project's governance mechanism has met in the agreed frequency and the minutes of the meeting are on file. A project progress report has been submitted to the project board or equivalent at least once in the past year, covering results, risks and opportunities. (both must be true to select this option)
- 1: The project's governance mechanism has not met in the frequency stated in the project document over the past year and/or the project board or equivalent is not functioning as a decision-making body for the project as intended.

Evidence:

Overall, the project's governance mechanism is operating well, and is a model for other projects as there is annual progress reporting to the project board on results, risks and opportunities; it is clear that the project board explicitly reviews and uses evidence, including progress data, knowledge, lessons and evaluations, as the basis for informing management decisions. In addition, despite Covid-19 Pandemic, a healthy relationship has been maintained with the implementing partner of the Project, GAP RDA, via digital meetings and frequent consultations in order to ensure successful implementation of the project without any delay and healthy communication among partners and as the restraints of Covid-19 is slowly began to be dissolved, frequent field visits started to be realized to keep the coordination with the GAP RDA and activities ongoing in the field under the scope of the Project. Finally, the Project Steering Committee Meetings, as foreseen in the Prodoc, have been regularly organized at least once in a year so far.

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11. Are risks to the project adequately monitored and managed?

- 3: The project has actively monitored risks every quarter including consulting with key stakeholders, including security advisors, to identify continuing and emerging risks and to assess if the main assumptions remain valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures are being fully implemented to address each key project risk, and have been updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project has monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates have been made to management plans and mitigation measures.*
- 1: The risk log has not been updated as required. There may be some evidence that the project has monitored risks (including security risks or incidents) that may affect the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions have been taken to mitigate risks. In the case of a deteriorating security environment, no consultation has occurred with the UNDP Security Office on appropriate measures.

Evidence:

The project has monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. According to the emerged risks, updates have been made to management plans and mitigation measures. For instance, due to the Outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic, a new environmental risk has been defined with impact and probability level of 5, possible delay in the implementation of some project activities due to the emergency of Global Coronavirus Pandemic was determined as the vital issue that had the potentially hazardous characteristic and as a solution to this trouble, it has been decided to design and conduct the relevant project activities in a virtual way and maintain the overall project flow under the framework of management response. Throughout the past period, the related mitigation measure worked in a healthy way and through the utilization of digital tools and technologies, it has been ensured to maintain the project implementation plan via slight alterations of the structure and by conducting virtual activities in a frequent manner as detailedly described above.

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Efficient

Quality Rating: Satisfactory

12. Adequate resources have been mobilized to achieve intended results. If not, management decisions were taken to adjust expected results in the project's results framework.

- Yes
- No

Evidence:

Adhering to the initial financial and technical planning of the project, adequate financial and human resources have been mobilized to achieve intended results. Despite the outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic and suspension of physical activities, the financial delivery rate of the Project (119,683.41 USD for 2020 and 58,186.00 USD for 2021, so far) maintained its successful results of base level and the financial planning was able to produce progress in the realization of the planned activities without any deficiency. In order to ensure the consistency of realization with planning, the Annual Work Plan and Budget has been revised regularly and necessary adjustments were reflected according to the demands of the circumstances. With the inclusion of the new Component 5: Dissemination of Better Cotton under the cooperation of GAP RDA and BCI, 142 K Euro budget was designated to the related activity in order to successfully accomplish the designed implementation actions.

In addition to financial resources, it was ensured to maintain the sufficient human resources significant for the smooth implementation of the project in collaboration with already existed and recently recruited project staff through what the technical capacity was assured in response to the requirements of both field and central level activities and implementation actions.

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13. Are project inputs procured and delivered on time to efficiently contribute to results?

- 3: The project has an updated procurement plan. Implementation of the plan is on or ahead of schedule. The project quarterly reviews operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addresses them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project has an updated procurement plan. The project annually reviews operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addresses them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project does not have an updated procurement plan. The project may or may not have reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner, however management actions have not been taken to address them.

Evidence:

UNDP Project Team realizes monthly coordination meetings with the Project's implementing partner, GAP RDA and in the related meeting the implementation of the project is being tackled from financial, human resources, procurement and technical point of view. According to the result of the related meetings, the procurement plan is being updated frequently and necessary actions are being taken by the Project Team in order to be on track and not to give any reason to delay.

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14. Is there regular monitoring and recording of cost efficiencies taking into account the expected quality of results?

- 3: There is evidence that the project regularly reviews costs against relevant comparators (e.g., other projects or country offices) or industry benchmarks to ensure the project maximizes results that can be delivered with given resources. The project actively coordinates with other relevant ongoing projects and initiatives (UNDP or other) to ensure complementarity and seek efficiencies wherever possible (e.g. joint activities.) (both must be true)
- 2: *The project monitors its own costs and gives anecdotal examples of cost efficiencies (e.g., spending less to get the same result,) but there is no systematic analysis of costs and no link to the expected quality of results delivered. The project coordinates activities with other projects to achieve cost efficiency gains.*
- 1: There is little or no evidence that the project monitors its own costs and is considering ways to save money beyond following standard procurement rules.

Evidence:

UNDP Project Team organizes monthly coordination meetings to discuss the ongoing activities of the project and plan the next steps of action. In the related meetings, various lessons and examples are being determined by discussing how the target issues are handled by other projects and institutions and various ways are being developed to maximize the benefits through decreasing the costs. Finally, the cost of the staff including Project Manager and Project Assistant mobilized for this project is being shared with other projects under ISG Portfolio to maximize cost efficiency.

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Effective

Quality Rating: **Highly Satisfactory**

15. Is the project is on track to deliver its expected outputs?

- Yes
 No

Evidence:

As can be seen from the last indicator based reporting for the project (Jan-Dec 2020), the project is on track to deliver its expected outputs.

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16. Have there been regular reviews of the work plan to ensure that the project is on track to achieve the desired results, and to inform course corrections if needed?

- 3: Quarterly progress data has informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented are most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations and/or After Action Reviews) have been used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions have been made. (both must be true)
- 2: There has been at least one review of the work plan per year to assess if project activities are on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned has been used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.
- 1: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs are delivered on time, no link has been made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management has taken place over the past year.

Evidence:

During the last period, especially because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the project team frequently realized consultation and coordination meetings with implementing partner in order to ensure that the activities implemented are most likely to achieve the desired results and in the relevant discussions, data and lessons learned have been used to inform course corrections. As per the results of the decisions made within the mutual consent of all parties, the activity plan of IRE Project was revised on February 2021 as requested and necessary budget revisions have been made.

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17. Are targeted groups being systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results are achieved as expected?

- 3: The project is targeting specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups are being reached as intended. The project has engaged regularly with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they are benefiting as expected and adjustments were made if necessary to refine targeting. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project is targeting specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries are members of the targeted groups. There has been some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they are benefiting as expected. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project does not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There may have been some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they are benefiting as expected, but it has been limited or has not occurred in the past year.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

The project is being implemented in the GAP Region and people living in the project area and working in the sector of agriculture and agro-based industry is forming the target group. It could be mentioned that the project beneficiaries are also members of the target groups. Since the beginning of project implementation, various analyzes have been made in the region regarding the needs and necessities of the project beneficiaries and all pilot actions and project plans were developed according to the results of the related analyzes in order to provide the beneficiaries with development opportunities through more improving their livelihood standards. Especially, a detailed analyzes were conducted towards women living in project area and their tremendous role in the agricultural sector and pilot actions, trainings and capacity building activities were designed based on these investigations.

In addition, as the most recent example, under the scope of a joint financial support program launched with the Karacadag Development Agency in 2019, which mainly aims to reduce the resource usage costs of the agricultural-based industrial enterprises in the field with efficiency-enhancing methods, to increase the competitiveness of the enterprises and to expand the integrated resource efficiency practices in the TRC2 Region, 10 agro-industrial facilities signed agreements, following the measurement-based resource efficiency analyses, to receive financial support to improve industrial resource efficiency, through a joint grant scheme developed and applied by GAP Regional Development Administration and Karacadağ Development Agency, and technically supported by UNDP. During the implementation period of the related initiative, various interviews were organized with the industrialists working in the factories and even video shootings were realized during the interviews regarding the working conditions of the machines from which they received grants. Within the scope of Financial Support Programme with Karacadağ Development Agency, 10 factories were visited, necessary discussions were actualized with target groups during the interviews. The results of the interviews were discussed in the following meetings and action points were determined to better the circumstances.

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Sustainability & National Ownership

Quality Rating: **Exemplary**

18. Are stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation and monitoring of the project?

- 3: *Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) are used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners are fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)*
- 2: National systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) are used to implement and monitor the project, but other support (such as country office support or project systems) may also be used if necessary. All relevant stakeholders and partners are fully and actively engaged in the process, playing an active role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 1: There is relatively limited or no engagement with national stakeholders and partners in the decision-making, implementation and/or monitoring of the project.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

Only national systems are used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners are fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. The opinions and suggestions of all stakeholders have frequently been taken towards the overall direction and management of the project. All major plans and any major deviation from agreed plans are approved and authorized by the relevant stakeholders. Such plans and deviations include work plans and progress reports presented on a regular basis in the PSC Meetings (11.11.2019; 18.12.2020; 29.06.2021). During the related meetings it has been ensured that the required resources are committed and a solution to any dilemma between the project and external bodies were negotiated. It has been also assured that the plans and project documents provided by UNDP meets the requirements of the project bodies and the opinions and suggestions of the stakeholders are being considered in the decisions made regarding the further implementation steps.

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19. There is regular monitoring of changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems relevant to the project, as needed. The [implementation arrangements](#)⁵ have been adjusted according to changes in partner capacities.

- 3: *In the past two years, changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems have been comprehensively assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Implementation arrangements have been formally reviewed and adjusted, if needed, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities. (both must be true)*
- 2: In the past two years, aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have been monitored by the project using indicators and reasonably credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Some adjustment has been made to implementation arrangements if needed to reflect changes in partner capacities. (both must be true)
- 1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems may have been monitored by the project, however changes to implementation arrangements have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been monitored by the project.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

In the past two years, changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems have been comprehensively assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. In the last period, the Spot-check report prepared and cleared in coordination with GAP RDA and the validity of accounting records that support cash transfers from UNDP was evaluated and the documents describing the IP's financial management internal controls was compared against most recent Micro Assessment from the corresponding programme cycle and any changes were documented. The report contains factual findings, programme specific information provided by UNDP, spot-check work plan and sample of expenditures. In addition, implementation arrangements have been formally reviewed and adjusted, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities.

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20. The transition and phase-out arrangements are reviewed regularly and adjusted according to progress (including financial commitments and capacity).

- 3: *The project's governance mechanism has reviewed the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project is on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan. The plan has been adjusted according to progress as needed. (both must be true)*
- 2: There has been a review of the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project is on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan.
- 1: The project may have a sustainability plan, but there has not been a review of this strategy since it was developed. Also select this option if the project does not have a sustainability strategy.

Evidence:

During the Project Steering Committee Meetings and Coordination Meetings with the Project partners, the project's governance mechanism has reviewed the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project is on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan. The plan has been adjusted according to progress as needed which resulted with following decisions made in the related meetings:

3rd PSC Meeting (11.11.2019)

- Continuation of institutional capacity building, training, dissemination, scaling and cooperation activities within the scope of Integrated Resource Efficiency in Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Project;
- Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects eligible to receive support under the Joint Financial Support Program implemented in cooperation with Karacadag Development Agency for Improvement of Integrated Resource Efficiency in Agro-Based Industry;
- Realization of a pilot collaboration for farmers to improve resource utilization efficiency and international certified production within the scope of the cotton which is a very important product for the region and implementation of training and capacity building activities with the support of the Better Cotton Initiative GIF international fund,
- Realization of Pilot Internet of Food (IoF) based pilot project implementation, capacity building activities and local / international collaborations in order to monitor resource utilization efficiency along the value chain of an agricultural product in collaboration with Boğaziçi University and Harran University

4th PSC Meeting (18.12.2020)

- Significant amount of water and soil losses occur in the GAP region. At the meeting, Harran University suggested that more efficiency can be obtained with a direct relationship between digital agriculture and the amount of water. At the same time, it was suggested to switch to a closed system in order to save energy. It was stated that the projects should be prepared and carried out within this framework

- Due to the fact that Cotton is one of the most important strategic products in the region, it was suggested that Digital Agriculture Applications should be continued even in 2021, in cooperation with Boğaziçi University, as it will reduce inputs as well as increase productivity.

- Since there are a lot of Syrians working in the agriculture of the region, especially in combating drought, they should be integrated into the studies.

5th PSC Meeting (29.06.2021)

- To extend the implementation period of the Integrated Resource Efficiency Project from 31 December 2021 to 31 December 2022 with an additional budget of 142 thousand Euro to be financed by BCI,

- To submit the request for the extension of the project duration to T.R. Presidential Strategy and Budget Department in an official letter,

- To add the Component 5: Better Cotton Dissemination component to Integrated Resource Efficiency Project activities in order to carry out the implementation actions planned within the scope of the relevant pilot project and under the partnership of GIF/BCI, GAP RDA and UNDP.

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