

Private Sector Development

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Result area 1 - Business Development

RESULTS

Compared to the previous reporting period, better results in the area of business development were achieved. This reflects the maturing phase of large programmes in support of SMEs, like the Dutch Good Growth Fund and the Health Insurance Fund. In the new focus regions Middle East, North Africa, the Sahel and Horn of Africa, however, more intensive and longer-term support will be needed to develop viable business plans and create employment. The impact of private sector development in these regions is nevertheless expected to be considerable, since entrepreneurship and SMEs are key to create and sustain employment for those living in fragile situations and for refugees, including their hosting communities. It is therefore expected that the pace of project development and the attainment of results in these regions will show a slowing down of overall achievements in 2020. In this reporting period a total of 385 mln euro mobilised private finance was registered by various development programmes supported by The Netherlands (of which slightly more than half by programmes for private sector development). This new indicator has been introduced in our results framework to measure the amount of private finance mobilized, in line with methodologies developed and agreed upon in the OECD. In this period an amount of 294 mln euro was spent from the BHOS budget on these programmes.

INDICATORS	Target 2018-19	Result 2018-19	Source
Amount of mobilised private finance (in thousand EUR)		385000	3278; 8848; 23294; 24011; 24463; 24949; 25484; 26663; 26664; 26665; 26962; 27092; 27119; 27173; 27545; 27804; 27841; 28819; 4000002350
Number of companies with a supported plan to invest, trade or provide services	4000	12660 (of which 1169 Dutch)	3278; 15556; 19390; 23188; 23294; 23310; 23408; 23878; 24463; 24949; 26067; 26652; 26663; 26664; 26665; 27092; 27841; 28079; 28307; 28385; 28456; 28819; 28964; 29284; 29536; 4000000181; 4000000797; 4000001129; 4000000181
Number of direct jobs supported in individually supported SME by PSD programmes	250000	345000	3278; 8848; 23294; 23408; 23878; 24463; 24949; 25166; 25717; 26067; 26663; 26664; 26665; 26690; 28307; 28456; 29284; 29536; 4000000181; 4000000797; 29431; 29549; 29558; 29561; 29563; 4000000104; 4000000170; 4000000172; 4000000434; 4000000547; 4000000929
Number of indirect jobs supported		1921000	3289; 23408; 4000000181; 4000000797; 40000002350

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	A. Results better than planned
Reasons for result achieved.	see text above
Implications for planning.	Business development in MENA-regio (Middle East and North Africa), Sahel and Horn of Africa, where the private sector is relatively small and business climate poor, project development requires considerable effort and time. Less funds than requested have therefore been allocated to embassies for private sector development in 2020.

Result area 2 - Improved sustainable production and trade

RESULTS

Programs (of, amongst others, IDH and Solidaridad) are performing above expectation: 8 million hectares of land were brought under sustainable use and 4 million small farmers received training in sustainable agricultural production practices. The number of workers with improved labour conditions however, decreased in comparison to the previous reporting period for two reasons. Firstly, the ILO Better Work Programme as a whole reached more workers, but as the budget increased even more, the relative share that can be attributed to the Netherlands decreased. Secondly, IDH adjusted its indicator for calculating the number of workers with improved labour conditions, which resulted in a lower number.

INDICATORS	Target 2018-19	Result 2018-19	Source
Amount of export of goods and services (in million USD)		834	4000000797;
Number of hectares under sustainable land use		7659000	27092; 27545; 28819; 28983; 28964;
Number of workers with improved labour conditions in accordance with international agreements		615000	27092; 28819; 4000001193
Number of trained small farmers in sustainable agricultural production practices		4074000	23878; 27092; 27545; 28456; 4000002092; 28819; 28983; 4000000765;

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	B. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	see text above
Implications for planning.	Programmes for trade facilitation and regional trade will be expanded from West and East Africa to Sahel and Horn of Africa.

Result area 3 - Improved access to infrastructure

RESULTS

The number of committed and completed infrastructure projects have remained more or less at the same level, reflecting the continuity in the infrastructure development portfolio. The number of end-users with access to new or improved infrastructure did however increase.

INDICATORS	Target 2018-19	Result 2018-19	Source
Number of committed infrastructure projects (financially closed transactions)		48	3278; 8848; 19390; 27803; 27804
Number of completed infrastructure projects		20	3278; 8848; 15556; 19390; 27804; 4000000765
Number of equivalent end users with access to new or improved infrastructure		33504000	3278; 8848; 15556; 19390; 27804; 4000000410

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 3

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	B. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	See text above
Implications for planning.	None

Result area 4 - Financial sector development

RESULTS

The portfolio has performed as planned, in line with previous reporting periods. The portfolio has further matured and relatively few small and new commitments were made. The numbers of firms and individuals that obtain financial services has risen significantly, due to harmonisation of this indicator with international standards that are less stringent.

INDICATORS	Target 2018-19	Result 2018-19	Source
Number of firms or individuals that obtain financial services		9445000	24949; 26652; 26690; 27841; 28079; 29032; 29240; 4000000181; 4000001129;
Number of improved or introduced new financial products		103	23294; 24680; 26652; 26690; 4000000858; 4000001504;

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 4

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	B. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	see text above
Implications for planning.	More efforts to reach youth entrepreneurs, women and agri SMEs needed. Reporting on financial sector development will be further harmonised with international standards in the upcoming reporting period.

Result area 5 - Strengthened Economic governance and institutions

RESULTS

Programme (DECP) and Agriterria build the capacity of their partner and peer organisations in developing countries. The previous phase of the DECP programme (2014-2017) was evaluated as successful in strengthening members in their internal organisation and in their ability to influence policies by lobbying and social dialogue. DECP's work is highly appreciated by the participating employers organisations. The current DECP programme (2018-2022) is on track. Midterm evaluations of the Trade Union Cooperation Programme (TUCP) carried out in 2019 acknowledged that the program contributes to strengthening the social dialogue, facilitates the conclusion of CBA's and contributes to achieve decent working conditions. In some countries, effectiveness of the TUCP was affected by the shrinking civic space.

INDICATORS			Result 2018-19	Source
Number of strengthened organisations for a sustainable local business climate			503	25864; 26067; 27539; 28456; 29598; 29599; 4000000551; 4000000765; 4000001078;
Number of members of supported organisations			16419000	26067; 28456; 29598; 29599; 4000000469; 4000000765; 4000001078; 4000001079; 4000000765; 4000000469
Number of Dutch interventions in local business environment			72	26067; 4000000551

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 5	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	B. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	In some countries results above expectations, elsewhere below. In average satisfactory.
Implications for planning.	All implementing partners in this results area work in a flexible way, and adapt work in function of the local context.

* Find more information on the projects on Openaid.nl with the activity numbers listed under 'Source'