

Monitoring Report

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| Contract number: | 6542-00/2018 |
| Project/programme title: | GRETA |
| Country / countries / region: | Georgia |
| Implementing Organisation-s: | ADA |
| Project duration: | 12.12.2018-11.4.2023 |
| Interlocutors: | ADC Coordination Office team, Project team, EU and SIDA Task Managers, Mid-term evaluation team, project managers |

Project progress

1. Progress in achieving project outcome(s) and outputs per logical framework:
Good, grant scheme management and related support for beneficiaries is on track. Progress in policy component in agriculture is good; strategic adjustments in sustainable mountain tourism component ongoing. Tourism component has been affected more strongly by COVID-19 than agriculture component. No-cost extension and adjustments in tourism component will be requested to mitigate impact of delays and changed conditions in tourism sector (due to impact of COVID-19). Development of M&E system almost finished.
2. Assessment of project expenditures: (*slow/as planned/adequate?*)
Burn rate low – mitigation through no-cost extension recommended.
3. How do you assess measures taken to manage gender, social and environmental impact (follow-up of any recommendations from the EGSI assessment, if applicable)?
N/A
4. Are risk assessment and risk management plans up to date? How do you assess the functioning of risk monitoring and risk management of the project?
Risk management is very good and up to date.
5. Has the project encountered unexpected challenges? If yes, please explain.
National authorities have changed strategic focus, away from the agreed upon development of a national mountain tourism strategy. Recommendation to shift to support towards Destination Management Offices in the regions, in particular Svaneti. Unexpectedly high number of applications for grant schemes have led to increased workload, causing additional delays in project implementation. Assessment of applications now complete.
6. How do you assess perspectives for impact and sustainability of the intervention? (only if monitoring visit takes place towards the end of the project)
N/A
7. How have past recommendations (incl. evaluations) been considered (if applicable)?
New recommendations (to whom)?
Recommendations from mid-term evaluation have been discussed with the team and will be followed up until end of project.

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