



ACTIVITY COMPLETION SUMMARY (ACS)
Skills and Returns to Education in the Russian Federation (ID:
P170978)
Russian Federation (EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA)

**BASIC INFORMATION****Activity Information**

Project ID	Product Line
P170978	Advisory Services & Analytics
Short Name	Full Name
Russia Skills And Returns	Skills and Returns to Education in the Russian Federation
Project Status	Completion Fiscal Year
Active	2020

Processing

Is this a Reimbursable Advisory Service (RAS)?

No

What kind of task description is needed?

Concept Note with a Review (Track 2, including Programmatic)

Is this a Programmatic activity?

No

Is this a joint Bank-IFC activity?

No

Accountability

Region	Country, Regional or World
EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA	Russian Federation
Requesting Unit	Team Leader
ECCRU(1522)	Suhas D. Parandekar
Responsible Unit	
HECED(9252)	
Practice Area (Lead)	Contributing Practice Areas
Education	Social Protection & Jobs

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BRIEF ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

This ASA consists of a summary and four working papers. A key finding from the research is the inverse-U shape of returns to education shown in the attached graph, which also shows that females benefit from higher returns to education, though females earn substantively lower wages than men with the same level of education. The relative pay gap between men and women has improved over time, but is still substantial.

Summary with main findings and conclusions

Working Paper 1: Returns to Education in the Russian Federation: Some New Estimates: This paper presents new estimates of the returns to education in the Russian Federation. Private returns to education are three times greater for higher education compared to vocational education, and the returns to education for females are higher than for males.

Working Paper 2: Does depreciation explain some recent trends? This paper explores the topic of depreciation of human capital as a possible explanation for observed trends in the returns to education in the Russian Federation. Estimates of depreciation are presented for various sample groups. Depreciation first decreased and then increased in the period 1994-2018. University educated workers add human capital even after they stop full-time studies; this happens less with vocational graduates.

Working Paper 3: Variation across regions and implications for policy development in priority regions. This paper is the third in a series of working papers investigating the returns to education in the Russian Federation. This paper uses regionally representative household survey data to determine the rates of return to education in different regions. Returns show a wide dispersion together with the labor market context. The paper's policy recommendations would be particularly helpful to support human capital development of federally targeted economically and socially depressed regions.

Working Paper 4: Towards Evidence Based Decision Making with Fiscal and Private Returns to Education. This paper is the fourth in a series of working papers investigating the returns to education in the Russian Federation. This paper uses institution level information about graduate earnings and estimates of social and private costs to obtain fiscal and private returns to education using an internal rate of return calculation. As data has been collected so far only on earnings trajectories for three years following graduation, these are not lifetime returns, but they are adequate to provide relative estimates. The resulting information on returns to investment will serve government stakeholders as well as individual students

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

To develop policy recommendations for the Russian Federation based on a detailed analysis of the returns to education and identification of feasible pathways for robust growth in Russia's human capital wealth.

**ACTIVITY TYPE**

Is this mainly an analytical or an advisory activity?

Advisory

What does this task primarily focus on?

Implementation advice/Capacity building

DELIVERABLES

Group By: Pillar

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Name	Lead	Completion Date	Processing Type	Modification Since last Milestone	Status
Pillar: Not Categorized					
Russia Skills and Returns to Education	Suhas D. Parandekar	10-Jun-2020(P)	DR Required		
Four Working Papers for Returns to Education in the Russian Federation	Suhas D. Parandekar	15-Jun-2020(A)	DR Not Required		

Comments

No comments have been entered

DELIVERABLE DOCUMENTS

Document Title	Document Type	Document Upload Date	Classification
Deliverable: Four Working Papers for Returns to Education in the Russian Federation			
Working Papers Abstract	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval

**Deliverable: Russia Skills and Returns to Education**

P170978_Official Cover Page	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval
Summary Russia Returns to Education ASA P170978	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval
Working Paper 1	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval
Working Paper 2	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval
Working Paper 3	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval
Working Paper 4	Report	06/09/2020	Public after approval

AGE AND BUDGET**Activity Age (See Annex A for details)**

At CN sign-off	Actual
13.7	13.5

Budget (See Annex B for details)

Source of Fund	At CN sign-off	Revised Plan	Actual Expenditure
Bank Budget	175,000	175,000	197,474
Grand Total Cost	175,000	175,000	197,474

Comments

No comments have been entered

RESULTS

Do you want to track result indicators for this activity?

No

**ASSESSMENT****Development Effectiveness Rating**

● Satisfactory(5)

Outcomes

Four papers and a summary paper were produced. Seminar presentations were made with participants from academia and the government: January 2020 in Moscow Office; April 20 Virtual Presentations at the Higher School of Economics Annual April Conference and at the Moscow International Education Fair; Another virtual academic seminar planned as IZA-HSE Panel on June 16, 2020; with further dissemination activities planned for FY21.

Lessons Learned**ANNEX A. DETAILED SCHEDULE**

Name	Original	Revised at the last milestone	Latest Planned	Actual
AIN Sign-off				30-Apr-2019
Management Approval of Concept	12-Aug-2019	01-Oct-2019		27-Sep-2019
Completion Summary	31-Mar-2020	15-Jun-2020		

ANNEX B. DETAILED BUDGET**Budget Plan vs Actual (USD)**

Source of Fund	Cumulative Budget			Current FY (2020)			
	Activity Plan	Actual Expenditure to Date	Actual vs Plan (%)	Activity Plan	WPA Plan	Expenditure (YTD)	WPA Burn Rate (%)
Bank Budget	175,000	197,474	113	0	205,000	197,474	96

Budget Plan (USD)



Costing

Do you want to plan the budget by FY?

No

Do you want to plan your budget by Subtasks?

Source of Fund	Cumulative Budget
Grand Total	
Grand Total Cost	175,000
Bank Budget	175,000

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ANNEX C. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

ANNEX D. DELIVERABLES DETAILS

Not Categorized

Deliverable Name	Decision Review Required?
Russia Skills and Returns to Education	Yes
Status	Deliverable Creation Date
Planned	30-Apr-2019
Planned Completion Date	
10-Jun-2020	
Lead	
Suhas D. Parandekar	



Deliverable document(s) will be disclosed

Yes

Provide a brief description of the deliverable

Summary note and four working papers.

Provide a brief summary of outputs before recommending decision review of the deliverable (if needed) or changing its status to Completed. If applicable, include links to external documents and websites.

Not Categorized

Deliverable Name	Decision Review Required?
Four Working Papers for Returns to Education in the Russian Federation	No
Status	Deliverable Creation Date
Completed	25-Sep-2019
Planned Completion Date	Actual Delivery Date
15-Jun-2020	19-May-2020
Lead	
Suhas D. Parandekar	

Deliverable document(s) will be disclosed

Yes

Provide a brief description of the deliverable

These are four working papers that will be reviewed at the Decision Meeting.

Provide a brief summary of outputs before recommending decision review of the deliverable (if needed) or changing its status to Completed. If applicable, include links to external documents and websites.

ANNEX E. CLIENTS

Clients or Audience



Does this activity have a client?

No

Please specify the audience type, check all that apply.

☐ Central Ministry

☐ Parastatal
Agency

☐ Bilateral / Multilateral Agency

☐ Line Ministry

☐ NGO / CSO

☐ Academic / Research Institute or
Think Tank

☐ Subnational / Local
Government

☐ Private Sector

☐ Other

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