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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY03 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on and beyond June 30, 2003. Thus it bridges the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. Now, in accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, the SOPE Report is also available to the public. By publishing this improved report, we have addressed one of the main concerns we heard from the public during disclosure consultations – that the public has very little access to information on projects while they are being implemented. Readers familiar with past reports will note that projects that closed during the fiscal year are no longer included in the SOPE, since their Implementation Completion Reports are now also disclosed.

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Status of Projects in Execution

Region: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Project Name (ID): Industrial Pollution Control (P004960)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/11/1996

Signing Date: 6/19/1996

Effectiveness Date: 3/19/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/22/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40340

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 16.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.2

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR & ENVIRONMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The original development objective of the project is to assist the borrower in reducing hazardous pollution by: (i) strengthening the Borrowers institutional capabilities in the area of environmental protection and management; (ii) strengthening the legal framework governing the protection and management of the environment; and (iii) initiating an investment program aimed at mitigating the adverse impact of industrial pollution on health and environment. The overall progress toward the PDO remains on target, including the environmental investment component in two major industrial companies despite the cancellation of remaining funds for this component. The companies have remained committed to the project objectives and have carried out, from their own resources, significant pollution abatement investments. The institutional and regulatory strengthening component is also progressing well. The new component added during the 2002 restructuring of the project and related to the design and construction of hazardous waste treatment facility is, however, progressing slowly.

Project Name (ID): Water Supply & Sewerage Rehabilitation (P004974)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/2/1994

Signing Date: 6/16/1994

Effectiveness Date: 1/10/1995

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/23/1998

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37430

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 44.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 37.5

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Other urban development

Implementing Agency: MIN.OF EQUIPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The revised project development objective, as agreed in Fall 2001, is to assist the Government of Algeria in improving its water supply and sewerage services through (1) rehabilitation of urban water systems in the city of Oran and in a pilot area of Algiers; (2) preparation of studies for rehabilitation of sewage treatment plants; and (3) rationalization of institutional arrangements and improvement of cost recovery in the water sector by strengthening Oran and Algiers water authorities' operational and financial efficiency. Progress has been very slow since January 2003 and it is expected that the project development objectives will not be achieved at the

closing date (Dec. 31, 2003). The rehabilitation studies are underway, but little progress has been observed due to delays in contract processing. This implies that none of them will be completed before the project closing date. The work in Oran has been at a stand-still for months, pending resolution of institutional issues. In Algiers, work has resumed after a 6-month hiatus and is expected to be completed in July 2004. Most physical works will not be completed before the project closing and contractors have been facing serious challenges in meeting their contract's performance criteria (such as Unaccounted For Water levels). No significant improvement of the operational and financial performance of the (new) utilities is expected to be noticeable in the short period since they were created.

Project Changes: A second cancellation amounting to \$19 million was carried out in mid-2003, reducing the loan amount to \$62.9 million.

Project Name (ID): Basic Education Improvement (P005161)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 3/25/1993

Signing Date: 8/13/1993

Effectiveness Date: 3/18/1994

Mid-Term Review Date: 12/7/1997

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 24760

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 49.0

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MIN. OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to assist in improving access to and increasing the quality and efficiency of the basic education system. The project has contributed to improving enrollment in basic education nationwide through a school construction program which built 159 basic education schools. The gender gap has shrunk. Teacher-training programs (both face-to-face and through distance learning) have improved and have been extended to cover tens of thousands of teachers throughout the country. The first phase of EMIS upgrading and automation in the Ministry of Education HQ and at the Governorate level has been completed.

Project Name (ID): Population (P005163)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 3/21/1996

Signing Date: 7/1/1996

Effectiveness Date: 6/24/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/1/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 28300

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.2

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Population and reproductive health

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND POPULATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to manage population growth better and prevent avoidable population growth through increased institutional capacity, and to improve the conditions and status of women and children in areas where fertility remains high. There has been major improvement toward achieving the objective, with an increased involvement of NGOs with the Ministry of Health and Population, development of the institutional capacity of key players, adoption of the communication for behavior change approach. Formulation of national population policy and plans by the National Population Council, the increase in contraceptive prevalence rate from 11 to 25% in Phase I and from 6 to 4% in Phase II, the increase of the utilization of family planning clinics from 156 to 200% and through addressing the implementation problems which the project faced.

Project Changes: A 15-month extension of the project closing date (to March 31, 2005) has been requested.

Project Name (ID): Education Enhancement Program (P005169)
Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 12/24/1996
Signing Date: 5/9/1997
Effectiveness Date: 7/3/1997
Mid-Term Review Date: 2/8/2002
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: N0080
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 33.0
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 37.0

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to help improve (a) coverage, particularly for girls (b) the quality of student learning and (c) the efficiency of the education system. The project has made good achievements in improving enrollment in basic education nationwide through awareness campaigns and mobilizing communities in areas with low enrollment of girls and also through building schools in remote and overcrowded areas. More than 1000 campaigns have been conducted which resulted in returning more than 15,000 students back to school. As a result of these campaigns, NGOs and businessmen paid the school fees for more than 15,000 students. More than 270 schools have been completed to date. Teacher-training distance-learning programs have been completed and delivered to more than 100,000 teachers, school managers, social workers and supervisors.

Project Name (ID): Irrigation Improvement (P005173)
Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 12/22/1994
Signing Date: 11/27/1995
Effectiveness Date: 8/2/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 5/3/2000
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38320
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 23.1
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 50.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: MPWR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) increase a more equitable distribution of water and improving on-farm irrigation management; (b) improve the long-term sustainability through handover of tertiary level irrigation system to farmers and cost sharing arrangements for investment cost; and (c) strengthen the institutional planning and implementation capacity of MPWWR. The environmental objectives are: (a) a water quality management and monitoring program; and (b) an agricultural chemical management program. The project is a joint financing with KfW. It is moving behind schedule due to delays on civil works and manufacturing and installation of distributors for continuous flow. The accomplishments on the "software" side in terms of developing Water User Associations has been substantial in terms of the PDOs.

Significant Issue: The Egyptian currency devaluation and weak financial situation of major contractors affected the construction performance. Some contract cancellations are expected, followed by re-biddings.

Project Name (ID): Revenue Enhancement and Fiscal Management Technical Assistance (P005340)

Country: Lebanon
Board Approval Date: 6/29/1994
Signing Date: 10/21/1994
Effectiveness Date: 4/13/1995
Mid-Term Review Date: 3/28/1997
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71970
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.9
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 18.0

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Tax policy and administration

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project seeks to support Government efforts to enhance revenues and strengthen fiscal management. The Project's main focus is on filling the immediate gaps in key personnel, skills, equipment, and physical resources assisting in improving systems, procedures, and data bases and providing advice on future policy reforms. The good progress in project implementation, and the strong Government commitment make it very likely that the Project's development objectives will be fully achieved, although over a time period longer than originally envisaged. Revenue enhancements and fiscal management benefits have been realized since the beginning of the project cycle. The Cadastre and Land Registry component has already resulted in considerable upgrading of Department of Land Registry and Cadastre capacity, both in terms of personnel skills and physical resources, through procedural and technological upgrading.

Significant Issue: A supplemental loan, for approximately 5.31 million to complete the work associated with the implementation of a cadastral operation is expected to go to the Bank's board in early FY04.

Outlook: The project is progressing with strong Government commitment. The impact this project is having on the ground, even at this stage of implementation is significant, and very tangible for the public.

Project Name (ID): Irrigation Rehabilitation and Modernization (P005344)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/29/1994

Signing Date: 8/10/1994

Effectiveness Date: 2/3/1995

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/25/1999

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37690

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 8.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 48.5

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Water resource management

Implementing Agency: TBD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's Development Objectives (DOs) were to: increase irrigated agricultural production increase agriculture-based income in poor rural areas improve and sustain management of water resources and improve quality and marketability of agriculture produce. By June 2003, it was becoming clear that the DOs are gradually being achieved. The rehabilitation of about 22,000 ha have been completed. Crop production have substantially increased in the rehabilitated/modernized areas. Full crop production targets will only be attained in coming 2-3 years. Extension services are being offered in the five large irrigation schemes. Adaptive research is carried out at the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute which has been reinforced by both personnel and equipment. Activities related to WID are being pursued and a number of successful activities have been undertaken.

Project Name (ID): Solid Waste/Environmental Management (P005345)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/6/1995

Signing Date: 9/6/1995
Effectiveness Date: 8/12/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 7/16/2001
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38990
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 16.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 8.2
Sector: Environment
Main Thematic Code: Other financial and private sector development
Implementing Agency: CDR & MMRA

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project objective is completing rehabilitation of the country's municipal solid waste collection and disposal systems and introducing a separate system for hospital waste. It will also create instruments for the more orderly planning and development of the coastal zone. Until June 30, 2003, the project had been actively supporting the landfill operations in the Governorate of Zahle and preparation of new landfill sites in the Governorates of Jbeil and Baalbeck. The landfill operations in Zahle are progressing well, and identification of preferred site locations and Environmental Assessments have been completed for Jbeil and Baalbeck. However, for Jbeil there have been several public concerns, which were reviewed by an independent panel. The recommendations of the panel are now with the government. In general, the project is achieving its objectives for pilot sites for landfills.

Project Name (ID): Social Priorities Program - Basic Education (P005501)
Country: Morocco
Board Approval Date: 5/30/1996
Signing Date: 9/27/1996
Effectiveness Date: 12/24/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 4/12/1999
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40240
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 33.4
Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all
Implementing Agency: MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION NATIONALE ET DE LA JEUNESSE
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project aims to: (1) increase access and retention rates for basic schooling; (2) reduce the gap between the school participation rates of boys and girls; (3) improve education quality; (4) improve the performance of government literacy programs; and (5) reinforce institutional capacity to ensure sustainability. Many of the key indicators have been met or surpassed. Gross enrollment rates have increased from 55% in 1995/96 to 91.6% (project target: 86.1%). Girls gross enrollment rates have risen from 34.8% in 1995/96 to 82.5% (project target: 72.8%). Finally, literacy rates increased from 45% to 53% between 1994 and 1998. Based on this data, the project is on track to meet its goals. In contrast, the project has made less progress than originally targeted in terms of the quality of instruction and institutional capacity. The first years principally focused on the construction and rehabilitation of schools in the poorest provinces. However, more emphasis has progressively been placed on teaching conditions and the quality of instruction, through the distribution of school and classroom furniture and textbooks, as well as through in-service teacher training. The project successfully introduced important institutional innovations, such as the decentralization of the implementation of certain actions to the provincial level. Thus, although access eclipsed other goals during the first phases of the project, there has been relatively more balanced progress during recent periods, particularly in quality.
Project Changes: US\$8 million of the initial loan amount was cancelled in January 2003.

Project Name (ID): Sewerage & Water Re-use (02) (P005503)
Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 4/30/1996
Signing Date: 5/30/1996
Effectiveness Date: 8/30/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 11/3/1999
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40100
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 25.1
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 14.9

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: RADEEF (FEZ CITY WATER, ELECTRICITY AND SEWERAGE UTILITY)

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): The revised development objectives of the project are (i) protecting the environment, and improving hygiene and public salubrity in Fez through appropriate collection of waste water(ii) strengthening the institutional capabilities of RADEEF and (iii) strengthening cost recovery in the sewerage sub-sector of RADEEF.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The new project development objectives are expected to be achieved by the new closing date of June 30, 2005. Works completed so far have already reduced pollution within the city of Fez, with positive results in localized areas. Completed improvements to the sewerage collection system in the Medina have improved public hygiene in this densely populated zone. Works underway will further improve the likelihood of achieving the first development objective. RADEEF has created a specialized unit in pollution control and sewerage activities, and has made some progress in reducing its unaccounted for water. However, arrears owed to RADEEF by local municipalities and public administration remains an issue. RADEEF's cost recovery in the sewerage sector improved with the tariff increases of 2002.

Project Name (ID): Asset Management Reform Sector Adjustment (P005516)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/5/2003

Signing Date: 6/18/2003

Effectiveness Date: 8/22/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47000

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 48.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Administrative and civil service reform

Implementing Agency: DIRECTION DES DOMAINES & DIRECTION DES EQUIPEMENTS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is a two-year policy based lending operation, and would be successful if it triggers and sets in motion the long-term reform. As a condition to effectiveness, the project has launched the asset management reforms cross-sectorally under the leadership of the Ministry of Finance, which continues to demonstrate strong ownership of the process. As shown by the progress so far, the reform is off to a good start. Most critical changes in regulations and practices have started implementation, following a series of circulaires by the Prime Minister. The project became effective in August 2003. It is too early to assess progress toward achieving PDO.

Project Name (ID): Lakhdar Watershed Management Pilot (P005519)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/22/1998

Signing Date: 9/29/1999

Effectiveness Date: 11/29/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 9/30/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .7

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Civic engagement

Implementing Agency: TBD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project was on course to achieve its development objective of developing a participatory model for natural resource management, but with delays in the forest management component and in some watershed protection measures, which are perceived by the communities as last priority. Over the last six months, however, the population has shown more interest in the upstream watershed protection components, with strong demand for fruit tree plantation on the upper slopes and for mechanical works in ravines. Project impact was already measurable in social and development dynamic, in capacity building both in the communities and in the project team, and in institutional development.

Project Name (ID): Water Resources Management (P005521)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 2/26/1998

Signing Date: 10/5/1998

Effectiveness Date: 1/5/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 5/4/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42890

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC WORKS & AGRICULTURE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are: (a) establishing an institutional framework for integrated water resources management, (b) creating a river basin agency, (c) improving the capacity of water resources planning and management, (d) improving water use efficiency, (e) increasing the effectiveness of existing hydraulic infrastructure and (f) introducing water pollution control measures. Progress toward achieving the objectives is on target. The components under the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health and the Meteorological Department have been completed. Those under the Ministry of Water are almost completed. The river basin agency is operational. The main decrees required to implement the 1995 Water Law have been promulgated. The much-delayed pollution control decree was expected to be promulgated during the coming six months.

Project Name (ID): Fes Rehabilitation (P005524)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 10/29/1998

Signing Date: 12/10/1998

Effectiveness Date: 9/1/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 1/22/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44020

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 11.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.1

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Municipal governance and institution building

Implementing Agency: ADER-FES

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): Elimination of the Urban Environment component. Creation of a Social Unit within the Implementing Agency.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to assist in the conservation and rehabilitation of the Medina of Fes, with particular attention to its historic built

heritage and urban environment. In spite of the slow rate of implementation, the project is delivering outputs that contribute to the achievement of its Development Objective, particularly in the realm of cultural heritage rehabilitation. Some key public spaces in and around the Medina have been cleared and upgraded for civic, cultural and tourism-related uses, with positive impact on related economic activities. Stocks of solid waste and of rubble from collapsed buildings have been removed, making room for communal spaces at the neighborhood level.

Procurement: Cumbersome procurement procedures slow down the implementation of the components in charge of the Municipality. Delays in approvals and payments impact negatively the participation of smaller companies.

Project Changes: The Bank agreed to extend the project to November 30, 2005, and to cancel about 30 percent of loan proceeds, due to the very slow disbursement rates and limited local implementation capacity. This extension is subject to the Borrower's implementation of agreed action plan by May 2004.

Outlook: The Project has reached a critical juncture. Compliance with the above-mentioned action plan will result in a high likelihood of further achieving the development objective and a positive final phase of implementation. Otherwise, the Project will close by end of May 2004 without achieving its development objectives.

Project Name (ID): Health Financing and Management (P005525)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/17/1998

Signing Date: 9/29/1999

Effectiveness Date: 11/29/1999

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44240

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 64.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.6

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objectives are: a) improve the efficiency and the quality of care in 14 public hospitals by strengthening strategic planning capacity and introducing organizational and management tools and quality control mechanisms b) mobilize additional resources, while preserving equity, by assisting the Government in introducing new financing mechanisms c) strengthen MOH's policy formulation and sector management capacity by assisting MOH in adjusting and performing its mandate in the context of the Regionalization Law and provide MOH administrative staff with the management tools required. Progress toward achieving the PDOs has been limited. However, implementation progress has been made since the February 2003 mission. The Government has submitted a proposal to restructure the project to facilitate implementation and to reflect a change in the objectives of the main component. The restructuring would entail reducing the scope of the hospital reform component, focusing hospital modernization efforts on 5 hospitals instead of the 14 originally intended for renovation, introducing new management tools developed and tested during the project in 14 hospitals, canceling part of the loan, modifying the project development objectives for component one to reflect the change in focus of this component, and requesting an extension of the loan closing date.

Significant Issue: Human resources is still an issue, which has to be tackled in the overall framework of decentralization and policy measures.

Project Name (ID): Solar Water Heating (P005589)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 11/2/1994

Signing Date: 4/7/1995

Effectiveness Date: 5/19/1995

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/6/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 28666
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .2
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.1
Sector: Energy and Mining
Main Thematic Code: Climate change
Implementing Agency: TBD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to assist Tunisia in encouraging the substitution of renewable solar energy for fossil fuels in public and commercial private institutions so as to mitigate global warming by maximizing carbon dioxide displacement, while demonstrating the potential of solar water heating (SWH) for reducing global warming. Progress in meeting the project objectives is very positive. The physical objective has been fully met (a physical target of 50,000 m² of installed solar panels) while measures to ensure the sustainability of the fossil-to solar shift, such as financial and fiscal incentives for the development of solar water heating, have now been introduced by the Government.

Project Name (ID): Demonstration Project for the Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances (P005591)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/14/1994

Signing Date: 6/14/1994

Effectiveness Date: 6/14/1994

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.2

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: TBD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Physical progress satisfactory, but limited progress in terms of achieving Project Development Objective. In terms of impact, the total CFC eliminated after the completion of all on-going investment projects will be about 840.5 tons (241.8 tons of CFC-12 and 598.7 tons of CFC-11). However, the total average consumption of CFCs in 2001-02 still was 518 tons, compared to an annual average of 705 tons during the 1990-93 pre-project period. Consumption thus has not much decreased despite the project. In addition, some CFC consumption may not have been captured in the statistics. Finally, ODS other than CFC - such as halons and methyl bromide - are not covered by the project. Their consumption, albeit not very important in the overall context, has increased.

Project Name (ID): Greater Tunis Sewerage and Reuse (P005731)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 5/29/1997

Signing Date: 12/19/1997

Effectiveness Date: 4/30/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 1/6/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 26.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 19.4

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Other urban development

Implementing Agency: ONAS/MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): The revised objectives are (a) improve service levels of urban sewerage, (b) promote efficient reuse of effluent from sewage treatment plants for

agricultural purposes, (c) reduce urban pollution and promote reduction of coastal pollution and other recipient systems, (d) improve ONAS financial position, (e) introduce appropriate new sewerage technology and (f) develop private sector participation in the sewerage sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): ONAS, the national sewer utility, is likely to achieve or even surpass the objectives. The works of the sewerage collection component (extension and rehabilitation) are expected to be completed by the closing date, and the pipeline is expected to be completed to about 30% of its full length, as originally envisaged. Increasing wastewater treatment capacity will be achieved in the short term by expanding the capacity of South Meliane wastewater treatment plant, and in the medium term by building new treatment plants at El Attar or El Allef or both. The ONAS financial situation has been deteriorating in the past few years. The restructuring plan includes measures by the government and ONAS to reverse this negative trend.

Project Changes: Revised, more modest, targets for ONAS's financial performance. Different technical solution to increase wastewater treatment capacity in Greater Tunis.

Project Name (ID): Natural Resources Management (P005736)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 5/13/1997

Signing Date: 12/19/1997

Effectiveness Date: 4/15/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/9/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41620

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 7.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 15.2

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other rural development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Preliminary data indicate that the project has contributed to greater decentralization, improved natural resource management and higher standards of living in the pilot areas of Jendouba, Kasserine and Medenine.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education Reform Support (P005741)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 3/17/1998

Signing Date: 4/20/1998

Effectiveness Date: 7/1/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 4/8/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42970

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 46.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 31.2

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objectives are to: (a) promote access to, while preserving quality of, higher education; (b) improve internal and external efficiency as well as the coherence of the public higher education sector; and (c) enhance the financial sustainability of public higher education institutions. Youth access to higher education has almost doubled since the start of the project: the enrollment rate for 19-24 year-olds rose from 15% in 1997/98 to 29% in 2002/03. Women now make up 55% of total enrollment. However, the repetition rate remains high, around 25%. Finally, the fiscal impact of rapidly increasing student numbers remains a concern.

Project Changes: Loan closing extended to December 31, 2004.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector (P005746)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 3/10/1998

Signing Date: 4/20/1998

Effectiveness Date: 6/26/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/6/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42940

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 37.8

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Development Objectives are to: a) improve the macroefficiency of public investments, b) improve the microefficiency of operations through management reforms, c) enhance financial sustainability through introduction of policy measures with regard to cost controls and d) enhance quality of services through improved case management and staff training. Excellent progress has been made toward the PDOs, as measured by the project monitoring indicators. There is evidence of improved efficiency (both macro and micro), improved quality of care, as measured both by improved infrastructure (buildings and equipment) and a patient and provider survey. In addition, sustainability of the financing system has improved, as measured by a tremendous increase in the percentage of (hospital) cost borne by the health insurance fund. The project is expected to achieve all its PDOs fully.

Project Name (ID): Agriculture Support Services (P005750)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2001

Signing Date: 10/2/2001

Effectiveness Date: 2/2/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70630

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 24.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.1

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural markets

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The overall objective of this project is to upgrade public and private services to agricultural producers, processors and exporters, in order for them to become more competitive on export as well as on domestic markets, with a view toward the opening of trade barriers in the future. As such, it includes a number of institutional reforms (decentralization in particular), the reorganization and upgrading of technical services as well as the transfer of responsibilities to the private sector, which makes it a difficult project. The decision makers and managers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of International Cooperation and Finance are fully committed to the project objectives. They consider this project as the engine for the transformations that need to take place if the Tunisia agricultural sector is to meet the challenges of the future. Therefore, even if implementation has been slow, due mainly to slow procurement process, the outlook to achieve project development objectives is good.

Project Name (ID): Southern Governorates Rural Development (P005902)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 11/4/1997

Signing Date: 11/5/1997

Effectiveness Date: 6/29/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/27/2000
Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 29980
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.0
Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Land management
Implementing Agency: MAWR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) raise the incomes of very poor rural individuals and their families (50-60,000 people) in the southern governorates above the poverty level and (b) promote overall economic and social development in the approximately 40 extended rural communities (up to about 150,000 people in total, including those already benefiting under (a)). Progress toward the objectives continues to be on target. The project was able to develop three sites covering a total area of about 900 fedans and benefiting 190 poor families, representing 9% of the target (9,750 fedans and 1,950 families). The increased number of poor families benefiting (3,500) from the spate works and erosion control works has compensated for the reduced number of families deprived from the land development component. About 30,000 families have benefited from the economic and social community development activities. So far, 400 local council members have received training and six local councils have obtained technical support to help them develop their local district plans. The project has been proactive in creating jobs for poor men and women through veterinary, fishery and general vocational training, benefiting 3,150 graduates, of which 62% have obtained full- or part-time jobs. In addition, the project has contributed to the preparation of three new IDA-funded projects in the sector. It has also contributed to building capacity of the General Directorate of Irrigation and clean up of obsolete pesticides and insecticides buried in Surdud Farm.

Outlook: The government may seek a one year extension.

Project Name (ID): Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (P005906)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 12/21/2000

Signing Date: 12/22/2000

Effectiveness Date: 10/23/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34500

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.3

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: MLA & GOVERNORATE LEVEL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNITS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective (PDO) is to improve sustainable access to rural water supply and sanitation (RWSS) services by : (i) introducing a demand-responsive, decentralized, participatory development approach; (ii) helping the government formulate a national RWSS strategy and long-term investment plan and (iii) assisting the government in building and strengthening RWSS capacity. The likelihood of achieving the PDO continues to be good, in spite of major delays in project implementation. The Demand-driven and participatory approach is implemented well; the sanitation component critical to improvement of human health and the technical assistance component for the definition of the RWSS strategy and investment plan have just started.

Project Name (ID): Education Sector Investment (P005911)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 2/17/1994

Signing Date: 3/23/1994

Effectiveness Date: 3/23/1995

Mid-Term Review Date: 2/8/1998

Closing Date: 9/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 25700
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.7
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 21.8
Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUC.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) enhance the learning achievements of secondary students with special emphasis on science and mathematics education and quality teaching; (b) improve the access to girls to secondary education; and (c) establish labor market oriented two-year post-secondary education programs covering business, commerce and industry. The project introduced and supported reform programs in the area of curriculum, teacher training and student orientation. The project has also expanded the number of schools to meet the specific needs of girls. There are encouraging results: enrollment ratios for girls at the secondary level have gone up both in the urban and rural areas, quality is improving and a post-secondary education system responding to the needs of the labor market is now in place and is operating. Many of the key indicators have been met, confirming that the Project is on track toward achieving PDOs.

Project Name (ID): Vocational Training (P005912)

Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 12/12/1995
Signing Date: 1/17/1996
Effectiveness Date: 8/7/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 6/30/2000
Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 27930
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 18.3
Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy
Implementing Agency: MIN.SOCIAL SEC, SOCIAL SVCS, & LABOR / MIN. OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project will be meeting its revised development objectives, which are: (a) strengthening Voc. Training system management by providing a major role to the private sector in policy-making, management and financing of the VT system and (b) improving the quality and relevance of VT through the enhancement of programs in existing centers and selective expansion of two pilot centers. It has improved the status of technical education and vocational training in Yemen at the levels of curriculum development, availability of training, and level of infrastructure.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Rehabilitation (P034004)

Country: Lebanon
Board Approval Date: 12/20/1994
Signing Date: 3/7/1995
Effectiveness Date: 10/4/1995
Mid-Term Review Date: 1/25/1999
Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38290
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.7
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 22.0
Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Following the mid-term review, the medium-term project objectives were modified to include: 1) enabling the Ministry of Health (MOH) to effectively

perform essential managerial and administrative functions and 2) responding to unmet needs of poor population groups who rely on public services. Overall, the project has largely achieved its Development Objectives. Major progress has been achieved in almost all the project components. The reform tools necessary for health sector reform (e.g. national health expenditure household survey, National Health Accounts, health financing studies, Carte Sanitaire, burden of disease, district health information system) have either been fully developed or witnessed important progress. These tools have assisted with certain reform initiatives (e.g. developing flat-based and DRG payment systems and establishing a national hospital accreditation program) that could be considered the most innovative health sector reform initiatives in the region. Coupled with these achievements on the software side, all hardware activities have come to completion. The four public referral hospitals have been rehabilitated and the necessary medical equipment has already been procured and installed.

Project Name (ID): Agriculture Infrastructure Development (P034037)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 9/12/1996

Signing Date: 12/5/1996

Effectiveness Date: 5/27/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 1/28/2000

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40920

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.9

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Administrative and civil service reform

Implementing Agency: GOV

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The original objectives were: (a) increase farmers' incomes and conserve the environment through land terracing and development of about 5,600 ha and storage of runoff water in about 250 small hill-ponds, (b) improve access to rural areas through construction of about 300 km agricultural roads and (c) upgrade the institutional capabilities of the Green Plan and Ministry of Agriculture by upgrading their human resources capabilities, carrying out a national agricultural census, establishing an agricultural sector database and a management information system. At the midterm review and due to slow initial progress, a sum of US\$ 7 million was cancelled and the objectives were modified as follows: land terracing was cut to 2,500 ha, with another 750 ha to be developed with retaining walls, the hill-ponds number was reduced to 100 and the kilometers of roads to 200. Progress toward the revised objectives is good. Physical targets and impacts are being achieved. The national agriculture census was completed, and the national agricultural strategy is almost completed.

Project Name (ID): Urban Transport Development (P034038)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/13/2002

Signing Date: 9/26/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/31/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71230

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 65.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Municipal governance and institution building

Implementing Agency: COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION (CDR)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): After the long period taken to fulfill the conditions for the Loan's effectiveness, the implementing agencies are now fully committed and working in a collaborative manner to expedite the project implementation. The project's main objective is to set-up

a state of the art parking and traffic management system in the Greater Beirut Area. The project became effective in July 2003. It is too early to assess progress toward achieving PDO.

Project Name (ID): Water Sector Investment (P035707)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Signing Date: 9/15/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/23/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70250

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 91.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 32.3

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Water resource management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project aims to promote: integrated water resource management and water conservation and environmental protection. The outlook for the achievement of these PDOs is favorable, although measurement of progress is hampered by the lack of a results oriented monitoring and evaluation system. Implementation of some components also needs to be accelerated, including key studies for the future.

Significant Issue: Need for a results oriented monitoring and evaluation system.

Project Name (ID): Tourism Development (02) (P035997)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 7/31/1997

Signing Date: 8/6/1997

Effectiveness Date: 10/17/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/24/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42140

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 14.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 17.8

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: MIN. OF TOURISM

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's development objectives are to create the conditions for an increase in sustainable and environmentally sound tourism in Petra, Wadi Rum, Jerash and Karakand to realize tourism-related employment and income-generation potential at project sites. Significant progress has been made toward achieving these objectives. Throughout project implementation, the municipalities and the population were introduced to the practical aspects of urban regeneration, challenges of designing rehabilitation activities vs. new construction, maximizing social benefits and minimizing social costs of urban tourism development, the need to build public-private partnerships during project implementation and operation phases. Improved public spaces and rehabilitated historic buildings created conditions for increased tourism and related income and employment gains for local residents, and raised awareness of municipalities of their crucial role in this process.

Project Name (ID): National Roads (P038674)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 7/11/1996

Signing Date: 7/15/1996

Effectiveness Date: 4/2/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/11/2000

Closing Date: 3/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40650

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 21.6

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Public expenditure, financial management & procurement

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project's Development Objective of improving capacity for the road administration to undertake rehabilitation of the main road network has been achieved as detailed below. Following update of its overall road rehabilitation program, the Directorate of Roads (DOR) launched several initiatives to improve the efficiency of its road maintenance program. DOR's involvement in the work carried out by its EU-funded technical assistance team (MSC-PW) in charge of its capacity strengthening program, has increased, and this augurs well for a full implementation of the completed operational guidelines. The National Road Laboratory is closely associated with the quality control of all DOR's maintenance and rehabilitation works. It is now ready to take over the periodic update of the road database. The road management system and operational guidelines developed under the project are being used by the DOR. The Ministry of Public Works is currently planning to permanently integrate the Project Implementation Unit within the Directorate of Roads to implement the Road Rehabilitation Program.

Significant Issue: The Government decision to close most of the main quarries has seriously disrupted the supply of aggregates for all road works throughout Lebanon and lead to unavoidable extensions of the contract durations.

Project Name (ID): Vocational & Technical Education (P038687)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 3/19/1998

Signing Date: 4/27/1998

Effectiveness Date: 6/3/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/14/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42980

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 25.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.7

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to improve the performance of the vocational and technical education (VTE) system by making it more demand-driven and responsive to market needs. Progress continues on various components, such as the VTE strategy, the needs assessment and tracer studies, the equipment survey, and establishment of an information system at the DGVTE. These components feed into the objectives of making the VTE system more demand-driven and responsive to market needs. Although the foregoing deliverables are rich in content, they do not of themselves close the circle of knowledge and practice necessary for reform of the system. The team recommends to complete the following activities under the new restructured General Education loan to enhance the likely achievement of the objectives. These are: (a) procurement of the VTE MIS, (b) upgrading existing curriculum, (c) automation of exams in additional subjects, (d) instructional staff pedagogical and technical training and (e) instructional staff computer training.

Procurement: The remaining activities and outstanding balance under some of the technical assistance-related contracts that are critical to the original objectives will be completed under the proposed amended General Education loan.

Project Name (ID): Seeds and Agricultural Services (P039171)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 8/21/1997
Signing Date: 9/12/1997
Effectiveness Date: 2/9/1998
Mid-Term Review Date: 12/6/2000
Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: N0340
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: PROJECT SUPPORT UNIT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to improve agricultural productivity of rainfed and irrigated crops on about 14 percent of the agricultural land area of Yemen (about 190,000 ha at full development - year 10) through the development of a sustainable system for the supply and use of seed of superior varieties, fertilizers and other inputs. Progress toward achieving the project's PDOs is progressing well as all performance indicators set out in the Project Appraisal Document have either been met and/or exceeded. There is a general consensus by all farmers that the effect of using both improved seeds and fertilizers is positive in increasing the productivity. From an economic point of view, GSMC has conducted an economic analysis, which indicated that the benefits of buying one Riyal's worth of improved seeds is an increased income of six Riyals. The Government's Supreme Committee on privatization, headed by the Prime Minister, has approved the proposed privatization plan which is hoped to be well underway in the coming months. The Seed companies are in a good financial position and performing as commercial entities, making them attractive for private sector investors. Moreover, the indicators for the adoption of improved seeds and fertilizer applications are producing encouraging results.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Reform (P039749)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 3/25/1999

Signing Date: 7/8/1999

Effectiveness Date: 7/14/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/4/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44490

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 15.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 19.2

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH/ROYAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Following the mid-term review, the project continued to experience implementation delays and slow disbursement, and it seems unlikely that the project development objectives, which are to enhance the quality of public sector health services in Jordan and improve the overall efficiency of the health sector, will be achieved by the current project closing date. The government, however, re-committed itself to seriously scale up implementation efforts and has agreed to revise the development objectives cancel a non-disbursing yet minor component (Improving Hospital Financing and Management) develop a new implementation plan and produce baseline and updated evaluation and monitoring indicators.

Significant Issue: Based on the review of the various implementation measures proposed by the Government, the Bank will make a decision to grant a one-year extension of the project closing date as requested by the Jordanian Government.

Project Name (ID): Industry Support Institutions Upgrading (P040208)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/13/1996

Signing Date: 7/2/1996
Effectiveness Date: 12/24/1996
Mid-Term Review Date: 1/24/2000
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40370
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.0
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 11.9
Sector: Private Sector Development
Main Thematic Code: Small and medium enterprise support
Implementing Agency: MI (DGI)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective of the project is to put in place an efficient and market-responsive system of technical support agencies, providing assistance to the industrial sector, consisting mainly of small and medium enterprises, and in particular, to firms seeking to become more internationally competitive. While progress throughout the life of the project has been uneven, the project has shown some improvements of late. The issues affecting the correct functioning of the project have been resolved. There is a commitment on the part of the Government to continue with the process of Institutional development of the centers, and their operation through Performance contracts. The instruments are now in place to ensure proper monitoring of the project's outputs and their performance so that incentive pay can be given. The statutes of the centers have been modified on the basis of the experience for the past five years, making it easier for the centers to adequately pay staff. These important steps forward are encouraging in terms of reaching the Development Objectives as stated above. However, this project requires systematic and continued attention in the months to come to ensure that the Development objectives can be met.

Project Name (ID): Gaza Industrial Estate (P040503)
Country: West Bank and G
Board Approval Date: 1/20/1998
Signing Date: 6/25/1997
Effectiveness Date: 6/25/1997
Mid-Term Review Date: 2/15/2001
Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26048
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.6
Sector: Private Sector Development
Main Thematic Code: Infrastructure services for private sector development
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): The goals of the restructuring reflect the ongoing crisis situation in Gaza that has prevailed over the past three years. The objectives remain the same, with the addition of a new emergency component, but the outcome in quantitative terms is expected to be diminished significantly due to the hostile business environment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's development objectives are to increase direct and indirect employment in Gaza and contribute to Gaza's Gross Domestic Product by creating conditions conducive to private sector industrial investment, including appropriate physical infrastructure. The Project is only marginally meeting its development objectives and thus performance indicators had to be scaled back.

Procurement: Back on track after delays caused by violence and conflict that has been ongoing since September 2000.

Outlook: By project completion, the Project is likely to have contributed to establishing an efficient and transparent regulatory review process, as well as improved infrastructure services benefiting private sector businesses.

Project Name (ID): Electricity Sector Investment & Management (P040506)
Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 8/31/1999

Signing Date: 9/29/1999

Effectiveness Date: 3/30/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.2

Sector: Energy and Mining

Main Thematic Code: State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization

Implementing Agency: PEA/MUNICIPALITIES/JDECO

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to provide electricity consumers, particularly households, with sustainable improvements in quality of electricity supply. This is to be achieved through a combination of fundamental power sector institutional reform and physical reinforcement of the power system. Considering the many delays due to continued unrest in the area, project implementation has been progressing reasonably well, but the granting of an 18-month extension has been necessary to ensure completion. A great deal of technical assistance has been provided to the Palestinian Energy Authority, Jerusalem District Electric Co. and Southern Electric Co., allowing for sector restructuring, rehabilitation of the networks, increase in effectiveness, and initiation of operations. An electricity law has also been presented to the Legislative Council, while preparation for the legal setup of a regulatory entity is under way.

Project Name (ID): Sohag Rural Development (P040858)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 8/27/1998

Signing Date: 11/4/1998

Effectiveness Date: 10/17/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31270

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.4

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The primary development objective of the project is to support sustainable development of Sohag Rural villages. This is achieved through (i) improving income and quality of life among the rural communities, (ii) improving equitable access to credit for the rural poor and unemployed women, and (iii) enhancing the capacity of local communities and local government at the village level to prepare, implement and manage rural infrastructure projects and services. The project has been moving steadily toward achieving its main development objective.

Project Name (ID): Pumping Stations Rehabilitation (03) (P041410)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 8/6/1998

Signing Date: 11/4/1998

Effectiveness Date: 6/29/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 2/28/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43860

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 95.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 24.9

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (MED) OF MPWWR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The main project's development objectives are to improve the efficiency and reliability of delivery of irrigation water and timely evacuation of drainage water to prevent the losses in crop yields resulting from aging pumping stations on the irrigation and drainage system. In addition, the project would also improve the efficiency of operation and maintenance of the pumping stations and thereby save public expenditures in this area. The project will also strengthen planning and operation and maintenance capability in MED to improve efficiency and enhance the sustainability of the irrigation system. Delay in implementation was experienced during the first three years. However, very good progress was achieved during the last 6 months. Targets are gradually being achieved and if the present momentum is maintained the original targets would be attained if an extension of the project's current closing date is granted.

Outlook: An extension of the closing date will be requested.

Project Name (ID): Social Priorities Program - Coordination & Monitoring of Social Programs, & Labor Promotion (P042414)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 5/30/1996

Signing Date: 9/27/1996

Effectiveness Date: 12/24/1996

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/9/1999

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 22.2

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Social analysis and monitoring

Implementing Agency: TBD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives aim to: (a) improve basic infrastructure and generate income transfers in rural communities through the use of labor intensive techniques; (b) set up a body that would have the permanent capacity to monitor and analyze the socioeconomic living standards of the population; and (c) raise public and political awareness of social issues, their relation to economic growth, and the remedial actions required. The project is expected to achieve its development objectives. Small scale civil works undertaken by the Promotion Nationale, using labor intensive techniques, have improved the basic infrastructure in rural areas, helping to open up remote areas, and at the same time have generated short-term employment to poor people. An observatory has been established and is functioning very satisfactorily, conducting numerous studies on socio-economic living conditions of the population. Results have been published for Government and public use, raising awareness in social issues. The project has helped focus the Promotion Nationale activities toward rural areas.

Project Name (ID): Low-Income Housing (P042940)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/25/1998

Signing Date: 7/9/1998

Effectiveness Date: 1/27/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 2/21/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43610

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor

Implementing Agency: MIN OF HOUSING

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project - closed - aimed at assisting the Government of Algeria to improve the living and housing conditions of the residents of urban slums and

non-serviced low-income areas in an efficient, sustainable way. By project closing, 32,825 households in 11 wilayas were included by the project, but only 12,127 families, less than one quarter of the original target of 50,000, had benefited from the project. While quantitative objective was not achieved as envisaged, at the local level, the project offered opportunities for on-the-job training in a participatory approach involving local institutions/public enterprises and private consulting firms. The collaboration of these types of agencies has led to a more comprehensive approach to housing resettlement, including dealing with environmental and social considerations.

Project Name (ID): Health Reform Support (P043254)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 3/28/2002

Signing Date: 4/23/2002

Effectiveness Date: 1/22/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36250

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 30.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .8

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) increase access for women and children to a package of integrated maternal and child health services provided in district hospitals and health centers in selected districts and (b) improve the effectiveness of national public health programs and the resource allocation within the public health sector. Reasonable progress has been made thus far toward achieving the objectives. The project launching workshop was planned for July 2003, and the baseline surveys have been initiated; and (ii) improve the effectiveness of national public health programs and the resource allocation within the public health sector in Yemen. Reasonable progress has been made thus far toward achievement of the Development Objectives. The Project Launching Workshop (PLW) is planned for July 2003, and the baseline surveys have been initiated.

Project Name (ID): Basic Education Expansion (P043255)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 10/17/2000

Signing Date: 11/29/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/16/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34220

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 50.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 8.9

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project will support the education strategy's highest priority of providing all children with basic education of adequate quality. It aims at addressing fundamental education needs, particularly by seeking to improve upon the low participation of rural girls in basic education. The project is being implemented quite competently. Many of the key indicators have been met or surpassed. The project is on track to meet its objectives.

Project Name (ID): Housing (P043338)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 4/8/1997

Signing Date: 4/14/1997

Effectiveness Date: 3/27/1998

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 3/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26052

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.2

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Other urban development

Implementing Agency: TBD

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): A restructuring of the project was carried out in August 2002 to address project implementation delays and other project constraints brought about mainly by a difficult and uncertain enabling environment in the West Bank and Gaza. Another key objective of the restructuring was to strengthen the project's focus and efforts on the project's primary development objective to create a competitive, market-based mortgage finance system for residential housing that would enhance the affordability of housing to Palestinians and be financially sustainable over the long-term. About \$7.6 million of the Trust Fund credit was cancelled and other project components that had focused on land development, infrastructure and the demonstration of lower cost housing construction techniques were curtailed. Following an agreement with the Palestinian authorities on a detailed development action plan for the mortgage finance component, the Closing Date was extended to March 31, 2004.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): To help create a well-functioning mortgage finance system, new market-based institutions have been established under the project, notably the Palestine Mortgage and Housing Corporation (PMHC) and its two subsidiaries, the Palestine Housing Finance Corporation (PFHC) and the Palestine Mortgage Insurance Fund (PMIF). IFC is an investor in PMHC. PHFC is a secondary market institution that makes mortgage re-financing loans to mortgage lenders in the primary market (mainly commercial banks), and PMIF makes mortgage insurance available to lenders. These institutions are functioning effectively with capable staff and appropriate operational policies and procedures, although the volume of re-financing operations is still lagging behind the estimates made at the time of the restructuring. An important step remaining to be completed for the achievement of financial sustainability of the mortgage finance system and thus for the PDO is a demonstration of PHFC's ability to raise funds for its re-financing operations by issuing bonds in the market.

Project Name (ID): Transport Sector (P043700)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/23/1998

Signing Date: 6/29/1998

Effectiveness Date: 12/22/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/10/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43570

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 11.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 35.1

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Infrastructure services for private sector development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): This project is the first phase of a transport reform and investment program. The objectives of the program are to increase the efficiency and quality of transport services and reduce the financial burden of the transport sector on the Government's budget. The first phase of this program focuses on the port and railway sub-sectors and on strengthening the overall transport sector management. Good progress has been made toward achieving these objectives. The port reform is close to full maturation following the agreement signed with dockworkers and adoption of a social plan for the public cargo handling company. The procedures for private participation are ongoing. Work still needs to be done on the regulatory front. The railway reform is taking roots and the

rehabilitation of SNTF is making slow but real progress. Public service obligations are provided under contracts, and the severance program is being successfully implemented. The air pollution control activities are fully internalized by the Government, and the expected deployment of an air quality monitoring network is nearing completion. The achievements of Project Development Objectives can be anticipated.

Project Name (ID): Rural Employment (P043724)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 3/25/1997

Signing Date: 4/17/1997

Effectiveness Date: 7/30/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/16/1998

Closing Date: 3/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41430

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 37.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 51.8

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other environment and natural resources management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

The project was restructured during 2002 (fiscal year): The project was restructured to use savings achieved for a supplementary program in Tlemcen and in Oran, which is contiguous to the main project zones. Development objectives and project activities remain unchanged.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project seeks to generate and stimulate sustainable rural employment in poor rural areas of northwest Algeria. The instruments to be used emphasize asset creation, mainly through natural resource management and protection of the environment, with the purpose of increasing labor productivity in a sustainable manner. As of the end of the sixth year of the project, the critical activities of the original program have been achieved to a large extent. Overall progress in development objectives (including the supplementary programs) indicates that employment creation is at 77 percent of project target. Preliminary analysis on beneficiaries indicates two principal impacts. In the case of direct employment, in many cases, the project provided temporary income to rural families. In the case of agricultural development activities, the main impact of the project was to provide investment support to push farmers out of the vicious circle of poverty based on cereal monoculture in fragile mountainous areas. According to preliminary estimates, gross incomes per ha have increased around 10 fold in the transition from low productivity cereal production to fruit trees, with a considerable part of the increase in incomes allocated to basic needs of the farm family such as food, clothing, health and housing, which reflects the original levels of poverty.

Project Name (ID): Railway Restructuring (P043725)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/19/1996

Signing Date: 4/30/1997

Effectiveness Date: 7/22/1997

Mid-Term Review Date: 6/22/1999

Closing Date: 11/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41280

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 44.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 35.8

Sector: Private Sector Development

Main Thematic Code: State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization

Implementing Agency: ONCF

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to prepare and implement a restructuring program that would lead to an efficient, commercially-oriented railway operation. Significant progress has been made. The railway turnaround has been remarkable. The financial position remains excellent. This achievement was made possible by the reorganization of the company by line of business.

The outcome has been a much better marketing ability supported by control of the transport capacity. All these achievements would be "sealed" and project sustainability ensured once the new railway legislation is passed.

Procurement: Procurement is completed. A contract with Computer Associates has been in dispute for two years and attempts to find a solution acceptable to each party failed. The contract will be rescinded.

Project Name (ID): Technical Assistance for Economic Reform (P044174)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 1/23/1997

Signing Date: 3/27/1997

Effectiveness Date: 8/22/1997

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 29340

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.9

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Other economic management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The main objective of the project is to assist the government implement its economic reform program. More specifically, the project supports the authorities' decision-making and implementation of macroeconomic and structural reforms by: (i) providing the expertise necessary to help with policy formulation and reforms, (ii) improving the domestic institutional capacity and, (iii) supporting close monitoring and coordination of the reform program's implementation. Among the most tangible development impacts of the project were: (i) A successful reform of the pension funds system, (ii) the compilation and audit of the large public sector arrears, along with a plan for clearing them in an orderly manner, (iii) the restructuring and financial audits of three public enterprises in water, energy and telecom and (iv) a better control of the wage bill through improved budget management and increased fiscal discipline and transparency.

Project Name (ID): Social Development and Public Works (P044584)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 5/25/1999

Signing Date: 6/10/1999

Effectiveness Date: 3/9/2000

Mid-Term Review Date: 11/3/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32251

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.3

Sector: Social Development

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: MIN. OF ECONOMY, FINANCE & PLANNING (ADETIP)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to enhance the living standards of the poor in the city of Djibouti by increasing the quality of, and access to, basic economic and social infrastructure and services and by generating employment opportunities. Significant progress has been made toward achieving this objective. Tangible progress has been made in project implementation of the social and economic infrastructure, which in part contributed to employment generation for the poor. Progress on the community development component continues. Preparation of the development plans for all poor urban districts is being completed and ADETIP is proceeding to the definition of priority investment programs with participation of local communities and in consultation with the local and central authorities concerned.

Project Changes: In June 2003, the Board approved a supplemental credit of US\$ 5 million to complete project activities. The closing date was extended to June 30, 2006.

Project Name (ID): School Access and Improvement (P044585)
Country: Djibouti
Board Approval Date: 12/19/2000
Signing Date: 1/22/2001
Effectiveness Date: 4/20/2001
Mid-Term Review Date: 6/1/2003
Closing Date: 6/30/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34450
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.6
Sector: Education
Main Thematic Code: Education for all
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to increase enrollment at the primary level. The internal efficiency of the system has dramatically improved as measured by the decrease of the repetition and drop out rates. Since it is foreseen that the project will complete its activities before the expected closing date, particular attention has been paid to the achievement of the triggers to pass from phase I to phase II.
Significant Issue: There has been an ongoing issue with the payment of the counterpart funds.

Project Name (ID): General Education (P045174)
Country: Lebanon
Board Approval Date: 3/30/2000
Signing Date: 4/7/2000
Effectiveness Date: 10/6/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70100
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 54.9
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.6
Sector: Education
Main Thematic Code: Administrative and civil service reform
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/CERD
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objectives of the project are to support the Government's ongoing efforts to: (i) enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) to function as an effective manager of the education sector and (ii) restore the credibility of the public education system through improvements in quality and efficiency, and increased access. The project witnessed slow progress, which was attributed to lack of strategic leadership and ownership of project objectives by the respective executing entities. During project mid-term review, it was identified that achievement of the project development objective would be a function of four core elements of the project. Namely (i) successful completion of the education financing study, (ii) completion of the organizational development study and implementation of recommendations arising, (iii) completion of a sector strategy for further development of the education in Lebanon and (iv) establishment of a fully functioning EMIS capability with related operational support. While good progress is being made on the technical and pedagogical sub-components of the project, progress on the four core elements identified above, is still slow.
Significant Issue: The loan will remain active, subject to meeting a number of triggers that would reflect in project progress. The project may be restructured to take into consideration several of the substantive activities of the Vocational and Tech. Education loan. The restructured project would be given a four-year timeframe to achieve the combined development objectives outlined in the original two projects.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Reform (P045175)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 5/21/1998
Signing Date: 5/22/1998
Effectiveness Date: 6/24/1998
Mid-Term Review Date: 12/13/2001
Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 30760
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 87.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.0
Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population
Main Thematic Code: Health system performance
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND POPULATION
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The PDOs are to: (i) improve population health status and well being in three pilot Governorates through universal coverage to a basic package of primary health care and public health services and (ii) improve access to, efficiency, and quality of primary health care services in three pilot Governorates. To accelerate the implementation of the project toward achieving the PDOs, the Bank has agreed with the Technical Support Office (TSO) of the Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) to a set of triggers, which were successfully achieved.

Project Name (ID): National Drainage (02) (P045499)
Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 6/15/2000
Signing Date: 11/26/2000
Effectiveness Date: 6/5/2001
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 6/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45620
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 40.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.6
Sector: Rural Sector
Main Thematic Code: Water resource management
Implementing Agency: EPADP
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) increase the agricultural productivity of about 0.8 million feddans of irrigated land by improving drainage conditions through evacuation of excess irrigation water with subsurface drains into existing open drains and (b) avoid yield and production losses on this land, which would result if water logging and soil salinity problems were to persist. Other objectives include building capacity in the Egyptian Public Authority for Drainage Projects (EPADP) through institutional support, technical assistance and training activities provided under bilateral donors assistance. In addition, the project assists in identifying and addressing the environmental issues resulting from the discharge of untreated raw industrial and domestic waste into a few open drains. The objectives are gradually being achieved. Physical targets and expected impacts are gradually being reached. Privatization of pipe factories is moving ahead.

Project Name (ID): Legal Reform (P047111)
Country: West Bank and G
Board Approval Date: 6/5/1997
Signing Date: 6/24/1997
Effectiveness Date: 11/25/1997
Mid-Term Review Date: 7/3/1999
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26063
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.4
Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The expectations of the project have been scaled back considerably in light of the increasingly difficult operating environment in the West Bank and Gaza during the last three years. It is highly unlikely that the project will achieve its original objectives, which were to assist the Palestinian Authority in putting in place a legal framework adequate to support a modern market economy and increase the efficiency and predictability in the judicial process. Currently, activities under the project focus on two areas: First, improving the dissemination and access to of legal information through publication of quarterly Law Reviews, workshops, and the publication of a 7-volume collection of all legislation enacted by the Palestinian Legislative Council. Second, modernizing and harmonizing legislation, through the drafting of laws in various areas. Implementation of other components of the project has ceased, including a component to improve court administration, judicial training and enhance the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in commercial disputes. Finally, the planned construction of two new court houses (one in the West Bank and one in Gaza) has not commenced.

Project Name (ID): Protected Areas Management Project - GEF (P048314)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 1/27/2000

Signing Date: 2/17/2000

Effectiveness Date: 11/14/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .7

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Biodiversity

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST ADMINISTRATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): It was too early to measure the following objective: conservation of globally significant ecosystems and species improved. There was very slow progress toward the establishment of a system of protected areas and the strengthening of the institutional capacity for sustainable conservation management in Morocco.

Procurement: Procurement administration was extremely slow and sluggish. Little use of Bank type contracts was made despite the training and close follow-up from the resident mission.

Project Name (ID): Protected Areas Management (P048315)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2002

Signing Date: 7/18/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/18/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 8/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .4

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Biodiversity

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's main development objective is improved management and protection of selected national parks for the purposes of conserving biodiversity of global importance and contributing to the overall improvement in welfare of local populations. The project is at the very early stages of implementation with the project launch mission just having been completed on December 20, 2002. However, it is expected that the institutional conditions,

including the recent merger of the Ministry of Environment with the Ministry of Agriculture are conducive to meeting development objectives. Several activities were nonetheless accomplished. At central level, a Project Steering Committee was established and a Project Management Unit (PMU) were created. At the level of each park, a Park Management Team was nominated and a community Development Committee created in two of the three parks.

Project Name (ID): Amman Water & Sanitation Management (P048521)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 3/16/1999

Signing Date: 3/18/1999

Effectiveness Date: 4/12/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 4/16/2002

Closing Date: 1/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44450

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 41.3

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Water resource management

Implementing Agency: WATER AUTHORITY OF JORDAN

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is expected to meet the development objectives. The implementation of the management contract is progressing well, and the Government is considering an extension. So far some of the key achievements include: (1) substantial improvement in operating resources and incremental cash flow from operations, (2) reduction in illegal/unregistered water and sewerage connections, (3) increase in the quality of water and wastewater effluent, (4) an aggressive meter replacement program was implemented affecting nearly one third of all subscribers, and (5) response times for leak repair have dropped from several days to under 4.5 hours.

Project Name (ID): Cultural Heritage (P048825)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/12/2001

Signing Date: 10/16/2001

Effectiveness Date: 2/12/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70590

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.4

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Law reform

Implementing Agency: AGENCE DU PATRIMOINE ET DE PROMOTION CULTURELLE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Project implementation continues to be good, making it likely that the Project Development Objective (improved management of cultural heritage to develop cultural tourism and generate additional revenues) will be achieved.

Project Name (ID): East Delta Newlands Agricultural Services (P049166)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 11/4/1997

Signing Date: 2/12/1998

Effectiveness Date: 1/25/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 2/21/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 30020

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.1

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: MALR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to increase cropped agricultural areas in the newly reclaimed lands and improve crop yields for 29,000 low-income farm families. Cropped area increased by 100% in FY03 and was about 69,000 feddans, compared to the target of 51,000 feddans. Crop yields of the major crops such as rice are also higher than the FY03 target (3.5 ton/ha compared to a target of 2.5 ton/ha). Based on progress in reaching and exceeding the targets for FY03 and lack of significant issues, it is expected that the target outcomes will be achieved.

Procurement: There have been several changes in procurement staff, which created some challenges.

Project Name (ID): Community Infrastructure (P049581)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 8/21/1997

Signing Date: 8/27/1997

Effectiveness Date: 3/16/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/28/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42150

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 25.6

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor

Implementing Agency: HUDC & CVDB

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to improve living conditions of people in poor communities and to improve the capacity of central and local government agencies to deliver infrastructure services to the poor. Good progress has been made toward achieving these objectives. The project provided support for 4 squatter settlements, 4 refugee camps and 2 community centers. 87 municipalities also benefited from the project infrastructure upgrading component. 2002 estimates show that project activities had created job opportunities for local labor estimated at 240,600 work days since the start of the project.

Project Name (ID): Palestinian Expatriate Professional Program (P049708)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 6/5/1997

Signing Date: 10/8/1997

Effectiveness Date: 10/24/1997

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 27041

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.8

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Other public sector governance

Implementing Agency: TO BE DETERMINED

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's development objectives are: (i) institutional development by strengthening the management and technical capabilities of ministries and agencies of the Palestinian Authority; (ii) capacity building by training suitably qualified individuals to take over once the program participants leave; and (iii) project management by establishing a recruitment methodology that is transparent and a compensation policy and practice based on objective criteria and a transparent methodology. The project may not be able to achieve its original development objectives because of unforeseen constraints and their consequences. The deterioration of living conditions in the WBG has made it difficult to recruit high caliber Palestinian expatriates for key position in the Palestinian

Authority ministries and agencies. While there is no doubt that the project has contributed to economic benefits of the beneficiary institutions, the project has thus far failed to establish a professional recruitment methodology/process that is transparent and fair - one of the main objective of this project. In addition, given the situation on the ground, the PEPP experts who have been hired since September 2000 have been deployed to fill in day-to-day needs of the beneficiary institutions rather than to build institutional capacity through skills transfer and training of local staff. As a result, to date, there has been less emphasis on the institution building aspect of the Development Objective.

Project Name (ID): Child Development (P050483)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 3/21/2000

Signing Date: 4/3/2000

Effectiveness Date: 12/19/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 16.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.2

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: YEMENI COUNCIL FOR MOTHERHOOD AND CHILDHOOD

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to improve the health and nutritional status of children under five and to improve education of girls in selected under-served areas. It is now operating in 30 districts of all 9 governorates with varying degree of implementation progress. Given the nature of this project, it is difficult to measure at this stage the achievement of the project development objectives based on key performance indicators. Some input regarding achievement of project objectives is available and a more comprehensive monitoring system is currently being fine-tuned and will provide details on outputs and outcomes.

Project Name (ID): Secondary Education Enhancement (P050484)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 4/15/1999

Signing Date: 4/19/1999

Effectiveness Date: 6/29/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31940

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 37.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 11.7

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives are to improve: (a) school coverage, especially for girls, (b) the quality of learning at all levels and (c) the efficiency of the education system. The project has helped increase the percentage of students in general secondary education from 30% to 38.1%. The target is to reach 50% by the end of the project in 2006. Teacher training programs are moving ahead. More than 80,000 teachers were trained in using personal computers, and more than 700 science teachers have been trained in the use of new science labs. Strides were made in assessment and curriculum. Examination models are being developed for math and science for the first year secondary students. A new curriculum framework has been completed and compared with nine advanced countries and is being finalized.

Project Name (ID): Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development (P050529)

Country: Lebanon
Board Approval Date: 4/17/2003
Signing Date: 7/24/2003
Effectiveness Date:
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71660
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 31.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Other urban development
Implementing Agency: CDR/DGA/MUNICIPALITIES OF BALBECK SAIDA BYBLOS TRIPOLI TYRE
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The loan is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Sana'a Emergency Power (P050530)
Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 9/24/1998
Signing Date: 10/5/1998
Effectiveness Date: 1/14/1999
Mid-Term Review Date: 6/27/2001
Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31320
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 24.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 30.8
Sector: Energy and Mining
Main Thematic Code: Infrastructure services for private sector development
Implementing Agency: PUBLIC ELECTRICITY CORPORATION (PEC)/MEW
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to relieve critical supply constraints and meet the growing demand for reliable and adequate power supply, particularly in Sana'a, the key load center, until a master plan can be designed and implemented for further least-cost system expansion; lay foundations for the development and reform of the power sector in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner, and with increased private sector participation. Despite initial delays, project implementation is now on track and expected to meet its development objectives. Various efficiency measures have allowed for financial and operational improvements of Public Electricity Authority's (PEC's) performance. Also, the institutional and organizational studies have been completed, leading to a proposed sector reform Implementation Plan, as well as a new Electricity Law, both now awaiting government final decision

Project Name (ID): Municipal Infrastructure (01) (P050544)
Country: Lebanon
Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000
Signing Date: 6/27/2000
Effectiveness Date: 11/28/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70260
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 56.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 23.7
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project development objectives are to restore selected basic municipal infrastructure to improve the living conditions, primarily in municipalities previously deprived of such investments; and to set the stage for the development of the municipal sector.

Progress has been made toward achieving these objectives after an initial slow start. Basic municipal infrastructure is being restored and expanded to improve living conditions. Project is now covering about 20% (against a target of 30%) of poor municipalities with populations below 7,000. A notable increase in central-local financial transfers after years of accumulating arrears is now taking place.

Project Name (ID): Civil Service Modernization (P050706)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 4/20/2000

Signing Date: 5/12/2000

Effectiveness Date: 11/29/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33350

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 28.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.6

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Administrative and civil service reform

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to create sustained use of human and financial resources in the administration. The project will achieve its development objectives:- put in place core personnel and financial management systems- establish a mechanism to reduce the number of unqualified civil servants, - and initiate a restructuring process in individual ministries. The objective of the operation remains valid and, if anything, is more central than ever to the current Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) and the government's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The project is, nevertheless, too complex in light of the institutional environment with separate demanding components under the Ministry of Civil Service and Ministry of Finance, respectively. After over two years of implementation experience a review to restructure the project is scheduled for September 2003 to ensure the operation succeeds within the political and cultural reality of Yemen.

Project Name (ID): Education Quality Improvement (P050945)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2000

Signing Date: 9/15/2000

Effectiveness Date: 12/22/2000

Mid-Term Review Date: 8/1/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70280

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 65.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 33.4

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to promote excellence in teaching and learning, while continuing the push for the inclusion of all children at all levels of the basic education system. Tunisia's education sector is on track to meet its obligations under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Already 98 percent of 6- to 11-year-olds are enrolled in school. All students will be completing a full course of primary schooling by 2015, if grade promotion rates continue advancing at or near the rate observed over the last ten years.

Project Name (ID): Southern Area Water & Sanitation Improvement (P051564)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 5/27/1999

Signing Date: 6/5/1999

Effectiveness Date: 8/23/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 8/1/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 22443

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 15.1

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor

Implementing Agency: PALESTINIAN WATER AUTHORITY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to face many difficulties related to the deteriorated security situation, which has led to termination of the management contract. The need to adapt to such conditions has shifted priorities from development to emergency. From the departure of the private operation an action plan was implemented to ensure an orderly transition and hand-over of responsibilities to the Palestinian Water Authority, which has re-evaluated priorities and is restructuring relevant parts of the contract that have not proved adequate to date.

Procurement: The pace of procurement continues to be slow because of the negative impact of the deteriorated security conditions.

Project Changes: The difficult situation in the West Bank and Gaza since September 2000 forced large re-allocations of nearly one-third of the funds to support emergency operations in Gaza. Moreover, the capital investment component, originally intended for funding by a loan from the European Investment Bank that has since been cancelled, was picked up by other donors by means of an emergency investment program that aims at rapidly implementing high priority investments to alleviate acute water shortages over the medium term.

Project Name (ID): Pilot Fisheries Development (P052247)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 5/6/1999

Signing Date: 9/29/1999

Effectiveness Date: 12/8/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 11/2/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44640

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.0

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other rural development

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward the first PDO of strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Maritime Fisheries to manage and develop the fisheries sector has been better than toward the second PDO of piloting new approaches to improve fish quality, upgrade landing infrastructure and consolidate dialogue with the industry at the local level.

Project Name (ID): Training & Employment Support (P052297)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 5/19/1998

Signing Date: 5/22/1998

Effectiveness Date: 7/7/1998

Mid-Term Review Date: 9/22/2001

Closing Date: 9/30/2002

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43230

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF LABOR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project closed on September 30, 2002 and the Project Development Objectives, which were to introduce efficient and effective linkage between public expenditures for short-term training, and the business community skill requirements, were achieved.

Project Name (ID): Social Fund for Development (03) (P052705)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 6/1/1999

Signing Date: 8/9/1999

Effectiveness Date: 12/9/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32300

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 46.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.9

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: SOCIAL FUND FOR DEVT.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project objective is to help create jobs and provide community infrastructure and services through labor intensive works. The DO continue to be relevant to the Egyptian socio-economic context. Implementation is progressing and is expected to lead to the achievement of the objectives.

Project Name (ID): Private Sector and Agricultural Development (P053832)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 6/22/1999

Signing Date: 6/4/2000

Effectiveness Date: 3/22/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45000

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 30.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.2

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: PRINCIPAL BANK OF DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL CREDIT (PBDAC)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Private Sector and Agricultural Development Project (PSADP) seeks to support the Government of Egypt's (GOE) continuing policies of encouraging broad-based private-sector-led growth in order to meet the need for increased employment opportunities and income for a growing population. Specifically the PSADP objectives are to: (i) promote rural economic development in rural Egypt; and (ii) strengthen financial and institutional viability of the Principal Bank for Development and Agricultural Credit (PBDAC), a public sector institution that is in effect the main institution providing financial services in rural Egypt. The project experienced several delays and problems during its implementation leading to the cancellation of \$97.5 million of the loan, including the entire Credit component of the project.

Outlook: Discussions are undergoing with the Government of Egypt to assess either the restructuring or the closure of the project.

Project Name (ID): Health Care System Development (P053892)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 12/9/1999

Signing Date: 1/31/2000

Effectiveness Date: 4/27/2000

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/3/2002

Closing Date: 4/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.8

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Health system performance

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objectives are to enhance the management capacity of the Ministry of Health and improve access to high-quality and affordable primary health care services, especially in rural and underserved areas. The security situation on the ground for the past 3 years and the political instability during the past year is causing certain delays. However, in spite of these difficulties, the project is making progress, particularly regarding improved access and quality of care in rural areas, as evidenced by the completion of the construction of virtually all the primary health care centers as well as clinical guidelines for chronic diseases and an essential drug list. Efficiency has improved through the establishment of a clinic information system, and computerization of both the health insurance offices and the specialized treatment centers.

Project Name (ID): Solid Waste (P054051)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 10/10/2000

Signing Date: 11/14/2000

Effectiveness Date: 12/11/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 7.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.3

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOLG)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for Jenin District. The project continues to be considered a problem project due to delays in construction of the sanitary landfill. The delays have resulted primarily from lack of access to the landfill because of the prevailing socio-political environment. Nevertheless, progress has been made in other areas of the project. The detailed designs have been prepared, and tender documents for the construction of the landfill are ready. Closures and rehabilitation of dumpsites have continued in line with the objectives. Capacity building initiatives through training and public awareness campaigns are progressing. Israel has shown keen interest in facilitating the process. These are positive signs for achievement of the objective.

Project Name (ID): Financial System Infrastructure Modernization (P054217)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 7/26/2001

Signing Date: 1/4/2002

Effectiveness Date: 9/3/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70690

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 16.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .2

Sector: Financial Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other financial and private sector development

Implementing Agency: BANK OF ALGERIA

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to put in place a more efficient enabling infrastructure for basic financial services. It will achieve this objective primarily by modernizing the interbank payments systems for large-value transactions - the cornerstone of payments system development - and by developing norms and standards for future low-value payments systems, including an electronic clearing house. To further improve the enabling infrastructure, the project will provide supporting telecommunications infrastructure to serve both interbank and intrabank payments systems and networks, and also strengthen the information systems of the Bank of Algeria (BA). Despite initial delays in project implementation, the Algerian authorities remain fully committed to the development objectives. There has been substantial progress over the past few months toward the development of the necessary institutional and policy framework for both large value and small value payments systems, and toward the procurement of the requisite physical infrastructure.

Project Name (ID): Pollution Abatement (P054958)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 12/16/1997

Signing Date: 2/12/1998

Effectiveness Date: 1/20/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 3/31/2001

Closing Date: 3/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42630

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 16.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 18.6

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: EGYPT ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project development objectives are to: (a) strengthen the monitoring and enforcement capabilities of the environmental institutions; and (b) establish technical and financial mechanisms for industrial pollution abatement investments in Greater Cairo, Alexandria, two new Suez Canal Cities of Suez and Ismailia. Progress toward meeting these objectives is on target.

Project Name (ID): Export Development (P055814)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 5/20/1999

Signing Date: 6/3/1999

Effectiveness Date: 2/18/2000

Mid-Term Review Date: 3/14/2002

Closing Date: 3/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44750

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 15.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 19.7

Sector: Private Sector Development

Main Thematic Code: Export development and competitiveness

Implementing Agency: M/COMMERCE;COTUNACE,CEPEX,TUNISIAN CUSTOMS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project's development objective is to enhance the ability of Tunisian private exporters to foster competitiveness of Tunisian firms by mitigating disadvantages they encounter relative to their foreign competitors, with respect to insufficient knowledge and know-how of export markets and buyers, export financing, and costs related to trade transactions and document processing. The project is on track to meet its development objectives.

Project Name (ID): Economic Competitiveness Adjustment (03) (P055815)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 12/20/2001

Signing Date: 12/20/2001
Effectiveness Date: 12/27/2001
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/30/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70940
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 152.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 129.9
Sector: Financial Sector

Main Thematic Code: Regulation and competition policy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): This loan is the third in a series of policy reform operations and supports the Government's program to enhance the international competitiveness of Tunisia's economy. It is aimed at promoting private investment, strengthening the financial sector, and liberalizing the information and communication technology sector, while maintaining a stable macroeconomic framework. The Government has prudently managed the impact of external shocks and ECAL3 medium-term macroeconomic framework remains fundamentally valid. The implementation of the financial sector reform program supported by a floating tranche under ECAL3 is progressing well. The implementation of the reforms under the investment climate has been substantially completed, with the exception of the privatization of a public enterprise (Societe Nationale de Distribution du Petrole--SNDP), which is taking longer than expected to complete. The telecom floating tranche was not released as the Government did not fulfill all the measures included in the tranche by the time of the closing date. However, important reforms have been implemented and the results of the introduction of competition are becoming apparent in the mobile telephony sector (increased investment, higher number of lines and lower tariffs). The Bank plans to continue to work closely with the Government on deepening the reform agenda in the telecom, financial sector and private sector development areas.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education Enhancement (P056236)

Country: Egypt, Arab Rep

Board Approval Date: 4/16/2002

Signing Date: 4/23/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/29/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46580

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 48.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.0

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to create the conditions fundamental to improving the quality and efficiency of the higher education system. Progress has been made as legislative reform efforts and funding allocation mechanisms are being put into place. The first round of the Higher Education Enhancement Project Fund has been completed and is expected to begin in January 2004. US\$ 4.5 million in proposals has been submitted, which is more than double the planned amount. Middle Technical Institutes clustering decree has been issued (8 clusters) and selection of the 8 directors is underway. An independent quality assurance and accreditation body will be established during CY 2004 which, when achieved, will be considered a significant step forward.

Project Name (ID): Irrigation-Based Community Development (P056978)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 5/31/2001

Signing Date: 4/12/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/24/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 6/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46070
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 29.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.5
Sector: Rural Sector
Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure
Implementing Agency: MIN. OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND WATER & FORESTS
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): This is the first-phase of a 13-year program covering 15 provinces and expected to be supported by three adaptable program loans (APLs). The objectives are to: (a) improve the incomes and quality of life of rural communities centered on small and medium irrigation (SMI) in three provinces and (b) pilot new institutional arrangements designed to ensure greater community participation and integration of sectoral programs through a Rural Development Fund (RDF). Implementation progress of physical components is still slow because of weak capacities at the provincial level and long procurement procedures. On the institutional side there has been notable progress. The new institutional arrangement has been set up in the three provinces. The Rural Development Fund is functioning.

Project Name (ID): Urban Water Supply and Sanitation (P057602)
Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 8/1/2002
Signing Date: 9/30/2002
Effectiveness Date: 11/24/2002
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37000
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 144.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.5
Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation
Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to provide efficient and sustainable water and sanitation services in Yemen's urban areas through an increase in supply through improved operation and reduction of water losses (phase I) and subsequently, through development of new water resources (phase II); improved sector management through establishment of financially viable regional corporations with significant private sector participation; and provision of affordable and environment-friendly sewerage water facilities. Progress toward the project development objectives is evolving positively. The Project Management Unit has been set up with key staff on board. A tender for a lease contract to bring private participation in Sana'a water operations proved unsuccessful; this led the Government to consider management contract as a better framework to attract private sector participation.

Project Name (ID): Municipal Infrastructure Development (02) (P058683)
Country: West Bank and G
Board Approval Date: 6/20/2000
Signing Date: 9/2/2000
Effectiveness Date: 12/19/2000
Mid-Term Review Date: 4/1/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number:
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.9
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Other urban development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC WORKS (MPW) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MLG)
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives, as revised in 2002, are to improve municipal infrastructure service coverage and quality; increase accessibility; reform and strengthen municipal systems; and generate employment. Progress has been made toward achieving these objectives. Several regional and access roads have been rehabilitated providing access to at least 16 communities, some of them are amongst the poorest in West Bank. Potable water access has also been improved, and some 7,000 inhabitants are now being served thanks to the project. Emergency rehabilitation works of damaged schools, universities and hospitals are ongoing.

Procurement:

Outlook: The project is progressing and gradually achieving its objectives.

Project Name (ID): Irrigation Improvement (P062714)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 9/7/2000

Signing Date: 10/23/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/18/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34120

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 19.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Rural policies and institutions

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Project development objective is to ensure sustainable water use in two spate irrigation project area of Tuban and Zabid covering 26,000 ha through (a) rehabilitation and modernization of infrastructure, and (b) creation of about 430 farmer users groups (WUGs) and 31 associations(WUAs). The project has not achieved any of its development objectives as yet, but some progress has been made in achieving the institutional objectives of creating farmer organizations

Project Name (ID): Strategic Action Program for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (P063717)

Country: Red Sea and Gul

Board Approval Date: 2/23/1999

Signing Date: 3/21/1999

Effectiveness Date: 9/21/1999

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/3/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.3

Sector: Environment

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: PERSGA-REG'L ORG.FOR CONSERV. OF MARINE ENV. OF GULF OF ADE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made significant gains in improving the capacity of environmental management among the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) countries. Significantly, successful regional working groups of national officials have been established and trained both for "Marine Navigation" and "Integrated Coastal Resources Management." Additionally, direct project outcomes include marked improvement of navigation safety in the southern Red Sea through the adoption of new traffic routing measures and the launch of concrete coastal zone management pilot activities in Yemen, Sudan and Djibouti.

Project Changes: PERSGA management and staff are conducting a detailed re-assessment of progress made and realistic accomplishments possible in the time remaining on the project. As a result, the closing

date is extended to June 30, 2005. During the extension period, all staff costs heretofore covered by the project will be met by PERSGA. Project funds will go only to activities.

Significant Issue: The issue of additional financing from both the PERSGA Member Countries (Yemen being the only one to meet its basic commitments through the life of the project) and other donors remains crucial to the long-term sustainability of the Strategic Action Program (SAP), particularly activities initiated by the project. PERSGA is preparing a sustainability strategy that the Bank and other GEF implementing agencies have agreed to assist in developing.

Outlook: The project is expected to be completed successfully. However, long-term sustainability remains in question due to the lack of further financing from PERSGA members and other donors.

Project Name (ID): Legal and Judicial Development (P063918)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/15/2000

Signing Date: 4/30/2001

Effectiveness Date: 7/16/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/23/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45630

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.1

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to develop the justice system as a factor of economic development through (a) improving the operations and performance of commercial courts and registries, (b) updating the training program for judges and (c) institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Justice. Introduction of modern case and records management techniques has been completed in all commercial courts and registries, and staff members have been trained accordingly. Overall the systems function very well. Users are pleased with the results. The revision of the legal and regulatory framework for commercial transactions, including arbitration, is encountering some delays as is implementation of the training component for ISM and the communication campaign.

Project Name (ID): Transport Sector (APL-Phase 2) (P064082)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 4/19/2001

Signing Date: 5/25/2001

Effectiveness Date: 3/27/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70510

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 34.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.0

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Municipal governance and institution building

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): This project is the second phase of a transport reform and investment program. The objectives of the program are to increase the efficiency and quality of transport services and reduce the financial burden of the transport sector on the Government's budget. The second phase of this program focuses on creating an institutional framework for urban transports and focused investments that will support sustainable growth of public transport in major cities, initiate private sector involvement in transport services and enhance the profitability of railway operations in the phosphate sector. Progress has been made, but the expected institutional development has not yet taken place and the pace is lower than initially anticipated. The achievement of all project objectives will

require forceful action. The objective to set up urban transport management authorities at local level will not be met as initially anticipated. Alternative ways have been discussed during the Mid-Term Review.

Project Name (ID): Budget Systems Modernization (P064921)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 2/6/2001

Signing Date: 4/18/2001

Effectiveness Date: 7/17/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 2/28/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70470

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 22.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.2

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Main Thematic Code: Economic statistics

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The main objective of this project is to modernize and expand the capacity of the MoF to discharge its core expenditure management and economic policy advice functions. The key goals are: budgetary institutions and organizations which favor growth in the context of a democratic market economy by delivering: i) a transparent and comprehensive statement of public resources allocation, firmly anchored to the economic situation of the country ii) a framework for strategic expenditures choices using the best information possible, arrayed according to international practices and iii) an instrument which promotes efficiency and effectiveness in budget execution as well as timely and reliable feedback to insure solid controls and overall fiscal discipline. Although overall progress has been slow, the institutional aspects of budgeting have moved well. The process of selecting qualified consultants to carry out all major components should be finalized soon with the help of international advisors.

Project Name (ID): Sana'a Basin Water Management (P064981)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 6/3/2003

Signing Date: 8/26/2003

Effectiveness Date:

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 24.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Water resource management

Implementing Agency: NWRA

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE BY THE END OF CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.

Project Name (ID): Mortgage Finance Technical Assistance (P064983)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2002

Signing Date: 10/29/2002

Effectiveness Date: 3/17/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71310

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .4

Sector: Financial Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other economic management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF FINANCE/SGCI/SRH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The primary development objective of the project is to help strengthen the enabling environment for a well-functioning mortgage loan market. The project components will (a) address legal and administrative measures to improve property rights, mortgage lien efficiency, and the property titling and registration system, (b) provide strategic assistance to financial institutions and (c) strengthen institutional capacity in mortgage lending through training to legal and operational staff. The Algerian authorities remain fully committed to the achievement of the development objectives, and have been moving aggressively toward the implementation of the project which is receiving increased attention, especially after the earthquake that devastated the northern part of the country in May 2003. Implementation is substantially on schedule.

Project Name (ID): Port Cities Development (P065111)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 1/23/2003

Signing Date: 1/29/2003

Effectiveness Date: 7/14/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37290

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 24.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Municipal governance and institution building

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is the first phase of the Port Cities Development Program. The program development objective is to improve the investment climate and encourage growth and the creation of employment opportunities in port cities. The first phase objectives are to strengthen local government strategic and physical planning, and coordination capabilities to better utilize existing assets and resources; improve the efficiency of, and streamline administrative procedures at key local government agencies that interface with the private sector; and revitalize port city business districts/clusters that are key to growth and employment generation. The project is at its early stage of implementation. Significant upstream capacity building and participatory processes have been put in place, which have enabled the Program to begin on solid footing.

Project Name (ID): Education Action (P065593)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 5/31/2001

Signing Date: 7/18/2001

Effectiveness Date: 11/21/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 9/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.8

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project aims at strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Education to manage the education system more effectively through improved policy-making, planning and budgeting at central and district levels. The main activities are largely on track (even though activities have been constrained somewhat by the situation on the ground) and the project is expected to achieve its objective.

Project Name (ID): Information Infrastructure Sector Development Adjustment (P065736)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 5/31/2001

Signing Date: 4/12/2002

Effectiveness Date: 6/27/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70550

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Global Information/Communications Technology

Main Thematic Code: Regulation and competition policy

Implementing Agency: SEPTI, BAM, ANRT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objectives were to: (i) support the Government's program to deepen market liberalization, increase private sector participation, extend services and strengthen the regulatory environment of the telecommunications sector; (ii) assist the Government in the formulation and implementation of a strategy for the use and development of information technologies (IT); and (iii) formulate a national strategy for the postal sector, including the financial services provided through the postal network, which will serve as a basis for further specific reforms. The government has been broadly effective in meeting the development objectives. The positive outcomes achieved under this operation include the following: (i) private participation in the sector was increased, through successful privatization of Maroc Telecom; (ii) the government made some effort to increase competition in the telecommunications sector through the (failed) attempt to award a second national operator license; (iii) with delay, some progress was made in strengthening the regulatory agency through amendments to the telecom law, which are foreseen to be adopted soon by Parliament; and (iii) with delay, substantial improvement occurred in the IT sector (establishment of interministerial commissions on e-commerce and e-government, progress on e-government applications) and in the postal sector (notable achievements in the modernization and performance of BAM, the postal operator).

Project Name (ID): Sustainable Coastal Tourism Development (P065757)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/30/2000

Signing Date: 1/17/2001

Effectiveness Date: 4/17/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 10/18/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45730

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.4

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Other financial and private sector development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF TOURISM

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making good progress toward the achievement of its development objectives as three of the project sites for which development studies had been carried out have been the object of contracts between the Ministry of Tourism and as many private sector developers for the launch of the coastal tourism stations.

Project Changes: To the original three sites to be promoted, the Borrower added two more. Hence, technical preparation and international promotion were carried out for five sites.

Significant Issue: Regional and international tensions have negatively affected the tourism sector in Morocco. Nevertheless, the Borrower has successfully concluded already one contract for the development of a coastal site, and more contracts are forthcoming.

Project Name (ID): Fiscal Consolidation (P065790)
Country: Djibouti
Board Approval Date: 12/20/2001
Signing Date: 12/27/2001
Effectiveness Date: 3/1/2002
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 10/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 35930
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.9
Sector: Economic Policy

Main Thematic Code: Administrative and civil service reform

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives of this project are to: (i) improve budgetary management, in particular, clearing domestic payment arrears (ii) contain the public sector wage bill (iii) implement a pension fund reform and (iv) strengthen financial management of the key public enterprises. In tandem with the Technical Assistance Project, two of the objectives were fully achieved, i.e. (a) the audit and of arrears and a plan to clear them over the medium-term and (b) the reform of the pension funds. Progress toward other objectives has been slow and uneven. Additional time was needed to satisfy all the second tranche release conditions as of end-June 2003.

Outlook: Project prospects are good. The second tranche of about US\$ 5 million is expected to be disbursed by its closing date of October 2003.

Project Name (ID): Social Protection Initiatives (P066336)
Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 6/29/1999
Signing Date: 9/9/1999
Effectiveness Date: 5/23/2001
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32730
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .5
Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Social risk coping

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INSURANCE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective of the project is to develop and test integrated programs for children with disabilities and youth at-risk, through a range of providers, and to contribute to the development of a new strategy for improving services. The Project is focusing on building the capacity of key players. The core issues that constrained the implementation of the project are being addressed. In addition, an external NGO is expected to provide support in the areas of designing and implementing subprojects as well as in the field of building the capacity to support local institutions and NGOs.

Project Name (ID): Energy and Mining Technical Assistance (P067567)
Country: Algeria
Board Approval Date: 2/27/2001
Signing Date: 5/3/2001
Effectiveness Date: 8/18/2001
Mid-Term Review Date: 5/5/2003
Closing Date: 6/30/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70480
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 14.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.2
Sector: Energy and Mining

Main Thematic Code: Legal institutions for a market economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to reform the energy and mining sectors, including setting the stage to improve sector efficiency, introducing market forces, developing untapped resources, addressing environmental concerns and alleviating the sector's financial burden on public finances. Although reasonable progress has been made with the technical preparation of the reform in the electricity and mining sectors, as new mining and electricity laws have been promulgated in 2001 and 2002, and technical assistance to implement the reforms in those sectors is underway, impact on the ground remains limited. The new regulatory agencies are not yet fully operational. The new hydrocarbon law, which has been drafted, will not be submitted for Parliamentary approval until after the elections scheduled for April 2004. This raises concerns as to whether enough political consensus exists to implement the reforms exists.

Outlook: It is uncertain at this stage whether the reforms envisaged in the hydrocarbon sector can be implemented, as Parliamentary approval has not yet been secured. In the electricity sector, while the unbundling process is proceeding, the decision to retain the holding company structure imposes restrictions on the degree of autonomy of its subsidiaries. Little progress has so far been made in attracting private capital for expansion of the electricity sector.

Project Name (ID): Urban Natural Hazard Vulnerability Reduction in the Wilaya of Algiers (P067605)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 8/8/2002

Signing Date: 10/29/2002

Effectiveness Date: 2/4/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 2/28/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71390

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 84.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.9

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project will assist the government in responding to the emergency situation resulting from the November 10, 2001, floods by: (a) reducing urban vulnerability to natural hazards and (b) strengthening the national capacity for disaster management. After a 10-month delay, particularly because of the May 2003 earthquake in Boumerdes and Algiers, the project is getting back on track, with the full establishment of the team and good progress in the procurement of consultant services and civil works that are critical to the achievement of both objectives.

Project Name (ID): Social Fund for Development (02) (P068830)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 5/23/2000

Signing Date: 6/9/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/9/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 5/2/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33530

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 29.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 46.3

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: SOCIAL FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project will achieve its development objectives, which are to improve the range of services and options available to the poorer sections of the

Yemeni population through a combination of community development, capacity building, and micro-finance programs. It is achieving over 100% of its indicators. A recent impact assessment study shows the positive impact of the SFD projects in all the sectors it is active in. This includes in education where in the beneficiary communities, girls' enrollment rates were almost 20 percent higher than in the comparison group, and in health where a positive impact was recorded on the vaccination status of children in the beneficiary communities. The study also shows that a high proportion of SFD resources are benefiting the poorest households, with 17 percent going to the poorest decile, 31 percent to the poorest quintile, and 44 percent to the poorest three deciles.

Project Name (ID): Rainfed Agriculture Development (P069124)
Country: Morocco
Board Approval Date: 6/10/2003
Signing Date:
Effectiveness Date:
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47010
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 28.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Rural Sector
Main Thematic Code: Other environment and natural resources management
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Loan Agreement is not signed yet.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education Development (P069326)
Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 2/29/2000
Signing Date: 6/8/2000
Effectiveness Date: 10/7/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45390
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 25.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.1
Sector: Education
Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy
Implementing Agency: NCHRD (NATIONAL CENTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT)
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project will initiate improvements in the quality, relevance, and efficiency of higher education in Jordan, and will support the Kingdom's program to reform sector governance. Some significant changes were made to the policy environment since HEDP was launched. These developments provide a positive policy environment for HEDP and create a renewed opportunity to reposition the project strategically to improve higher education in Jordan.

Project Name (ID): International Road Corridor Rehabilitation (P069930)
Country: Djibouti
Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000
Signing Date: 6/30/2000
Effectiveness Date: 12/28/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33911
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 7.7
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 13.9

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Infrastructure services for private sector development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective of the project is to secure, over the medium-term, an acceptable level of service on the Djibouti-Galafi Road, which constitutes Djibouti Port's transit corridor to Ethiopia, during the period when a long-term transport corridor improvement scheme is being developed and implemented by the Ethiopian and Djibouti Governments, with assistance from the European Union. The Development Objective has already been achieved. The Djibouti Port's competitiveness in the context of Ethiopia's foreign trade has been clearly improved.

Project Changes: The scope of physical works was increased since the initial project design to take into account changes in the future EU-financed corridor project. A supplemental credit of US\$ 6.0 million was added to finance the additional works.

Project Name (ID): Primary Health Care and Nutrition (02) (P069943)

Country: Iran, Islamic R

Board Approval Date: 5/18/2000

Signing Date: 6/26/2000

Effectiveness Date: 2/22/2001

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45500

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 84.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 3.0

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Nutrition and food security

Implementing Agency: MOHME

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward achieving the objective is modest. The objective is to improve health conditions by improving sustainable access to, and the quality of, primary health care, and improving the nutritional status of children under 2 years old and of pregnant and lactating women. After a slow start, a process was begun to restructure the project to enable more successful implementation and attainment of the objectives. This process is not yet complete.

Project Changes: Two small subcomponents have been cancelled. A new manager for the project implementation unit was appointed. As a result of slow progress in implementing the project, finishing the restructuring effort, including cancellation of components not ready for implementation and recruitment of the procurement and implementation specialist, would be significant changes that could materially affect the project's likelihood of moving forward.

Outlook: If the restructuring sufficiently reduces the size and complexity of the project and leaves only the components that are ready for implementation, there is a very good chance that the remaining components can be implemented. Even with these changes, though, the impact on achieving the objective will be small.

Project Name (ID): Tehran Sewerage (P069946)

Country: Iran, Islamic R

Board Approval Date: 5/18/2000

Signing Date: 6/26/2000

Effectiveness Date: 11/28/2000

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45510

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 111.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 34.0

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Water resource management

Implementing Agency: TEHRAN SEWERAGE COMPANY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The major development objective is to improve the environmental conditions for the Greater Tehran population. The objective would be achieved through: (a) provision of satisfactory wastewater collection and treatment facilities for about 2.1 million people covering an area of about 16,500 hectares; (b) improvements in public health and reduction of surface and ground water pollution; (c) provision of treated wastewater for irrigation of about 15,000 hectares on the Varamin plain; (d) development of the Tehran Sewerage Company (TSC) into a fully autonomous entity to be operated on a commercial basis; and (e) facilitation of private sector participation in the sector through contracting out various TSC functions, such as engineering, construction supervision and O&M. Implementation of the main components is progressing well. Networks are being built and construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant has started. TSC and the Project Management Unit are now fully operational and capacity is being gradually built in areas of technical, procurement and financial management.

Project Name (ID): Ain Temouchent Emergency Earthquake Recovery (P069947)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Signing Date: 9/24/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/17/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 2/12/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70230

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 41.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 41.8

Sector: Private Sector Development

Main Thematic Code: Natural disaster management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Development Objectives are as follows: (1) To restore normal functioning of communities damaged by the December 1999, earthquake in the Wilaya of Ain Temouchent and (2) To increase national preparedness for future disasters. On the first development objective, the project has borne tangible results. Social infrastructure financed by the Loan are already in use and assisted the earthquake victims to resume normal life. The Housing component is close to completion. All water and sanitation rehabilitation works are completed as well as all road rehabilitation works. On the second development objective, good progress is made on the studies on seismic micro zoning, disaster insurance and construction codes are well underway and the acquisition of seismograph has been complete. However, the purchase of emergency rescue equipment and the technical activities on emergency communication systems which are critical to this second objective to enhance disaster preparedness at national and local levels are experiencing delay. With the extension of the closing date to end- September 2005, the second objective is now expected to be achieved.

Project Name (ID): Integrated Community Development (P069986)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 5/23/2002

Signing Date: 8/6/2002

Effectiveness Date: 8/23/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 9.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .6

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to improve the quality and availability of basic social and economic infrastructure in poor and marginalized

communities of WBG. Even under the continuing political crisis, punctuated with closures, military incursions and violence, the project has still been able make progress and is likely to meet its project development objective.

Project Name (ID): Taiz Municipal Development and Flood Protection (P070092)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 11/1/2001

Signing Date: 11/26/2001

Effectiveness Date: 2/26/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 35750

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 43.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.9

Sector: Urban Development

Main Thematic Code: Natural disaster management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to protect city residents, businesses and infrastructure from seasonal destructive flash flooding in the City of Taiz; assist Taiz local government develops its capacity to carry out a major part of their responsibilities under the country's new Local Authorities Law; and initiate support for Yemen's decentralization program. The project is likely to meet most of its objectives. The capacity building component, which was lagging, is now back on track and moving forward with strong government support. The Project is likely to contribute significantly to securing the safety and improving the living conditions of Taiz City residents, who were subject to flash flooding during the rainy season. Progress is now being made on the capacity building side, which should lend support to the government's efforts at decentralizing functions to the local level.

Project Name (ID): Privatization Assistance (P070123)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2000

Signing Date: 10/23/2000

Effectiveness Date: 2/6/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 7/10/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2003

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70290

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.4

Sector: Private Sector Development

Main Thematic Code: State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PARTICIPATION & COORDINATION OF REFORMS (MPCR)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Since a change of policy toward privatization occurred, the Development Objectives are unlikely to be achieved. The Development Objectives consisted of several privatization transactions, none of which was coming close to an actual deal, even though the country's privatization strategy had been revised and streamlined.

Project Changes: About 30% of the loan amount is expected to be cancelled prior the closing date (December 31, 2003).

Project Name (ID): Telecommunications and Postal Sector Reform (P070308)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2000

Signing Date: 10/23/2000

Effectiveness Date: 1/29/2001

Mid-Term Review Date: 5/8/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70270
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.2
Sector: Global Information/Communications Technology
Main Thematic Code: State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project seeks to create an enabling environment to improve access to efficient and affordable communications services by opening the telecommunications and postal sectors to competition and private participation. The government is making good progress in meeting the objectives. The project has made a great difference in improving the access of the population to efficient, affordable communications services.

Project Name (ID): Rural Access (P070391)
Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 6/7/2001
Signing Date: 8/2/2001
Effectiveness Date: 3/18/2002
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 35140
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 42.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 7.0
Sector: Transport
Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The overall purpose and long-term development objective of the Yemen Rural Access Program (Phase I) is an improved livelihood and reduced isolation for the rural population through establishing a sustainable foundation for large-scale improvements to rural accessibility in areas severely affected by poverty and with good prospects for rural development. In spite of some delays in works execution by contractors, the project is overall progressing well. Eleven works contracts and under execution and seven more are under bidding/preparation. All works are executed by local yemeni firms and the quality of works is generally good.

Project Name (ID): Palestinian NGO (02) (P071040)
Country: West Bank and G
Board Approval Date: 6/21/2001
Signing Date: 7/12/2001
Effectiveness Date: 11/14/2001
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 2/15/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number:
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.1
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.9
Sector: Social Protection
Main Thematic Code: Social risk reduction
Implementing Agency: WELFARE ASSOCIATION CONSORTIUM
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project aims at strengthening the capacity of Palestinian NGOs to deliver sustainable services to poor and marginalized Palestinians while supporting the overall professional and strategic development of the Palestinian NGO Sector. These objectives were to be achieved through the provision of grants to NGOs, through two grant making schemes (the development and partnership grant schemes), and by providing technical assistance to NGO Umrella Organizations/Networks to promote information exchange and networking within the sector

and to strengthen the sector's capacity to be more strategic and active at the level of policy making. Most of the projects are well underway and will contribute to the achievement of the main objective of the Project. It is unlikely, however, under the prevailing depressed economic conditions that services will be sustained beyond the project's duration without additional donor financing. The capacity-building aspect of the program, in particular the provision of technical assistance to the networks, has been delayed. As of June 2003, however, a work plan has been developed paving the way for actual implementation. Finally, the emergency grants component continued to mobilize additional donor financing providing quick disbursing grants for much-needed emergency projects managed by NGOs. In summary, therefore, and despite some initial delays, the Project has made considerable progress toward achieving its objectives. **Outlook:** It is likely that the project would be extended by 12 months through August 2005 - allowing for full implementation of the Sector Support Component and the completion of sub-projects for which grants have not yet been approved as of June 2003.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Development (P071062)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Signing Date: 8/12/2002

Effectiveness Date: 11/11/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36500

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 15.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.3

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Child health

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to improve the quality of health services in a sustainable manner in order to reduce maternal and child mortality. Several activities have been undertaken since the project effectiveness in January 2003, particularly with the safe motherhood program, integrated management of childhood illnesses, establishing the Central Agency for Procurement of Drugs and Essential Medical Supplies, and strengthening the Center for Training of Health Personnel.

Safeguards: Several actions are envisaged to improve the environmental aspects of the health sector including revising some legislative texts, drafting national policy for the environment, improving practices on disposal of biomedical waste, and providing training to health personnel on hygiene.

Project Name (ID): Community Development (CDP) (P071113)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2001

Signing Date: 9/10/2001

Effectiveness Date: 12/20/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70640

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 19.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .2

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure

Implementing Agency: COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to establish an effective and sustainable instrument to improve the living conditions and economic status of disadvantaged communities. The project has made some progress, particularly in the very difficult and delicate task of defining regional poverty areas (RPAs), but the project is now substantially and increasingly behind schedule. This is because of both effectiveness delays and slow implementation. Achievement of the

development objectives is close to being at risk. However, recent progress in the targeting and identification of poverty clusters, making the RPAs operational, and launching the thematic programs addressing gender, disability and children and youth, could soon reverse this trend. The visibility and support that this project enjoys from the government, and the immense interest that NGOs have shown in it are strong reasons to believe that it has a role to play in poverty alleviation.

Project Name (ID): Northwest Mountainous and Forestry Areas Development (P072317)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 10/31/2002

Signing Date: 12/23/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/14/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71510

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 39.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Other rural development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & HYDRAULIC RESOURCES

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project's Development Objectives are to improve the socio-economic conditions of the rural populations in the mountainous and forested areas of the Northwest, while also improving the sustainable management of the natural resources. The project has just become effective.

Project Name (ID): Transport Technical Assistance (P072458)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 8/23/2001

Signing Date: 2/12/2002

Effectiveness Date: 8/27/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70730

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 7.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .8

Sector: Transport

Main Thematic Code: Infrastructure services for private sector development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are to set up a policy and institutional framework encouraging competition and private participation in infrastructure. No activity has really started, with the first tranche of studies still at procurement stage, and in several sectors, reforms at the core of the Development Objectives have not materialized yet. Progress is therefore extremely slow.

Project Name (ID): Support for the Social Development Agency (P073531)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Signing Date: 2/7/2003

Effectiveness Date: 5/22/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46610

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 6.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .1

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to develop a relevant, cost-effective and participative approach to delivering social services; and to better organize local communities to take charge of their own development activities. The project became effective in May 2003 and has just begun implementation.

Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis Control (P073603)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 5/29/2003

Signing Date: 6/25/2003

Effectiveness Date:

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 9/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: H0420

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND TB CONTROL INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to contribute to the change in behavior of the population in order to contain or reduce the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and to mitigate its impact on infected and affected persons. Evidence of Government's commitment is growing and during the project launch HIV/AIDS was discussed very openly. Participating NGOs and Associations are eager to get started, and several intersectoral ministries are also ready to launch their activities. Several activities will be launched in the coming few months such as social marketing of condoms, communication strategy, contract with WHO for the project's monitoring and evaluation, and finalization of the pilot studies.

Safeguards: Several actions are envisaged in order to improve the environmental aspects of the health sector including revising some legislative texts, drafting a national environment policy, improving practices on disposal of biomedical waste, providing training to health personnel, and reinforcing the training on health personnel hygiene at the National Health Training Center.

Project Name (ID): Ba'albeck Water and Wastewater (P074042)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Signing Date: 9/26/2002

Effectiveness Date: 7/31/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71170

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 43.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Main Thematic Code: Pollution management and environmental health

Implementing Agency: CDR / BHWIA

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives of the Project are to: (a) develop and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ba'albeck Hermel Water and Irrigation Authority (BHWIA) and the Zahle and Chamsine Water Authorities (ZWA and CWA); (b) improve the access of customers of BHWIA to satisfactory water supply and wastewater services; (c) involve the private sector in the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater facilities; and (d) rationalize the use of water through the introduction of water meters. The Project is at its early stage of implementation.

Project Name (ID): Matruh Resource Management (02) (P074075)
Country: Egypt, Arab Rep
Board Approval Date: 3/6/2003
Signing Date: 3/21/2003
Effectiveness Date:
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71610
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 12.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Rural Sector
Main Thematic Code: Rural services and infrastructure
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND RECLAMATION
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Loan Agreement is not yet effective.
Outlook: The Grant will be reviewed by Parliament during the Fall session.

Project Name (ID): Municipal Development (03) (P074398)
Country: Tunisia
Board Approval Date: 12/5/2002
Signing Date: 1/9/2003
Effectiveness Date: 6/23/2003
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 6/30/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71540
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 91.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Municipal finance
Implementing Agency: CPSC/ MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to strengthen the institutional environment for the delivery of basic municipal services and infrastructure through: (a) increasing institutional capacity of both local government and sector agencies, and (b) enhancing the financial and institutional capacity of the Municipal Development Fund. The loan became effective in June 2003 and was in its initial stage at the end of the period.

Project Name (ID): Environmental Management Support (P074499)
Country: Iran, Islamic R
Board Approval Date: 4/8/2003
Signing Date: 5/13/2003
Effectiveness Date: 6/18/2003
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46880
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 20.0
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Environment
Main Thematic Code: Environmental policies and institutions
Implementing Agency: THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (DOE)
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective is to enhance the capacity of the Department of Environment in monitoring air and water quality. It is too early to assess progress against this objective.

Project Name (ID): Alpha Maroc (P075808)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 9/18/2002

Signing Date: 2/7/2003

Effectiveness Date: 5/5/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46790

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION NATIONALE ET DE LA JEUNESSE (DLCA)

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective of this Learning and Innovation Loan is to reduce the level of illiteracy in the poorest sectors of the working adult population, particularly among rural women and girls. The project is expected to improve program quality and the management of the partnership-based approach between the Government and service providers. This LIL will contribute to decisions regarding subsequent scale-up by helping to determine whether (i) curricula have been adapted to local needs (ii) teacher training and support have been institutionalized (iii) literacy institutions and providers increase capacity to manage program growth (iv) an effective sector evaluation and monitoring system has been established (v) unit costs are considered reasonable and (vi) political will exists to support scale-up. The loan will finance ongoing evaluation of these elements. The loan just became effective.

Project Name (ID): Education Reform for Knowledge Economy (P075829)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 5/8/2003

Signing Date: 5/23/2003

Effectiveness Date: 5/28/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71700

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 118.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 1.7

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for all

Implementing Agency: THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to transform the education system at the early childhood, basic and secondary levels to produce graduates with the skills necessary for the knowledge economy. The project has just become effective.

Project Name (ID): Emergency Services Support (P075984)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 2/28/2002

Signing Date: 3/1/2002

Effectiveness Date: 3/1/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Other urban development

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SECTOR MINISTRIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is achieving the project development objectives, which are aimed at mitigating the deterioration of education, health, social and municipal services brought about by the conflict situation by financing the goods and services necessary to deliver these services. As of June 30, 2003, the IDA Trust Fund credit was fully disbursed (one year ahead of schedule). In addition, there are 7 cofinancing grants, also disbursing well and ahead of schedule.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education (P076183)

Country: Yemen, Republic

Board Approval Date: 6/18/2002

Signing Date: 7/17/2002

Effectiveness Date: 9/19/2002

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 5.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .2

Sector: Education

Main Thematic Code: Education for the knowledge economy

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION & SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objectives of this Learning and Innovation Credit are to prepare a higher education strategy and pilot initial phases of its implementation. The project became effective ahead of the planned date. The preparation of the strategy is under way. At the same time, the government has launched capacity-building tasks to upgrade teachers' and administrators' skills. The project is on track to achieve its objectives.

Project Name (ID): Rural Employment (02) (P076784)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 4/29/2003

Signing Date: 7/30/2003

Effectiveness Date:

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71680

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 95.0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Participation and Civic Engagement

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project seeks to generate and stimulate rural employment in poor rural mountainous areas of northwest and north-central Algeria. In the first instance, the Project aims to respond in the short-term to the critical problem of unemployment in the target rural areas through direct employment creation, using labor-intensive civil works for natural resource management emphasizing soil erosion control. The longer-term perspective emphasizes the instrument of asset creation for stimulating employment, mainly through natural resource management, protection of the environment, water resource mobilization, and income-generating rural development activities aiming at the substitution of perennial tree crops in place of annual cereal production, with the purpose of increasing labor productivity in a sustainable manner. The project is not yet effective (as of 6/30/2003).

Safeguards: Draft activity-specific EIA documents are being prepared.

Outlook: The project zone poses social and agroclimatic challenges but progress should be significant with the commitment of the Government and the dedication of staff responsible for project implementation. The experience gained in the ongoing Rural Employment Project in NW Algeria will be useful in that respect.

Project Name (ID): Horticultural Exports Promotion and Technology Transfer (P076961)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2002

Signing Date: 8/2/2002

Effectiveness Date: 1/15/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46680

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): .3

Sector: Rural Sector

Main Thematic Code: Export development and competitiveness

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF PLANNING

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The development objective is to assist the Government improve horticultural export marketing by pilot testing: (i) a system of contract farming between large and small/medium scale farmers (henceforth called outgrowers) in order to achieve critical mass or bulk volumes demanded by the target markets and improve the income of participating farmers and (ii) the building of the technological capacity of farmers, especially the outgrowers, to improve crop husbandry practices and their produce quality to satisfy the requirements of target markets and reduce the rejection rates of exported consignments. Project implementation effectively started in June. Measurable impact cannot be expected at this early stage.

Project Name (ID): Emergency Services Support (02) (P078136)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Signing Date: 12/31/2002

Effectiveness Date: 1/13/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 14.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 10.2

Sector: Social Protection

Main Thematic Code: Other social protection and risk management

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SECTOR MINISTRIES

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is achieving the development objective, which is to mitigate the deterioration in education, health and social welfare services resulting from the economic crisis, as disbursements are ahead of schedule and services continue to be delivered. Two donors have committed substantial cofinancing, and disbursements are expected to begin soon. Given the emergency nature of this project, performance indicators are the pace of disbursements and the continued delivery of education, health and social assistance services to the WBG population.

Outlook: Though the risks are substantial, the project is implementing well and having a large impact by providing needed services in health, education and social services.

Project Name (ID): Emergency Municipal Services Rehabilitation (P078212)

Country: West Bank and G

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Signing Date: 12/31/2002

Effectiveness Date: 1/22/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 18.0
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 2.0
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Access to urban services for the poor
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives are to help mitigate further deterioration in the quality and coverage of essential municipal services; create temporary labor-intensive employment opportunities; and introduce a mechanism to link central and local government budgetary planning processes. Despite an initial delay in getting this emergency operation up and running, the project is now on track and is expected to meet its objectives.

Project Name (ID): Earthquake Emergency Recovery (P080802)
Country: Iran, Islamic R
Board Approval Date: 6/3/2003
Signing Date: 8/28/2003
Effectiveness Date:
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 6/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46970
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 180.0
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.0
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Natural disaster management
Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Project not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): GZ-BETHLEHEM 2000 (P053985)
Country: West Bank and Gaza
Board Approval Date: 9/22/1998
Signing Date: 11/2/1998
Effectiveness Date: 12/18/1998
Mid-Term Review Date: 6/5/2000
Closing Date: 12/31/2003
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26046
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.15
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 28.26
Sector: Urban Development
Main Thematic Code: Municipal governance and institution building
Implementing Agency: PLO FOR BENEFIT OF PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project revised development objectives are to strengthen the economic and cultural base of the Bethlehem Area Municipalities and foster their sustainable development through tourism promotion and product development; strengthen the infrastructure, financial and managerial base of these municipalities; begin to foster the preservation of the very valuable cultural assets in Bethlehem and Palestine; and, after project revision, help repair and rehabilitate the infrastructure, housing, public and private facilities, and essential services damaged during the crisis. Despite significant progress, these objectives will not be fully achieved, mainly because of the situation in West Bank and Gaza since September 2000.

Project Name (ID): Conservation of Medicinal/Herbal Plants (P069847)
Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 05/06/2003
Signing Date: 05/23/2003
Effectiveness Date: 05/23/2003

Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 06/16/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: GEF
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 4.75
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.54
Sector:
Main Thematic Code:
Implementing Agency:
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has become effective recently.

Project Name (ID): Protected Areas Management (P057346)
Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 04/02/1999
Signing Date: 02/29/2000
Effectiveness Date: 02/29/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: GEF
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.28
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.46
Sector:
Main Thematic Code:
Implementing Agency:
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective is to conserve biodiversity of global significance through the protection, maintenance and enhancement of forest ecosystems in arid and semi-arid mountainous areas by promoting sustainable, community-based management of two selected forest ecosystems and by developing replicable systems for preserving biodiversity. Priority activities are being implemented to develop community management plans. Written, signed commitments of villages surrounding Jebel Bura's forest were obtained to regulate tree cutting. The project is likely to achieve its objectives.

Project Name (ID): Coastal Zone Management (P070219)
Country: Yemen, Republic
Board Approval Date: 02/10/2000
Signing Date: 02/29/2000
Effectiveness Date: 02/29/2000
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: GEF
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.51
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2003): 0.21
Sector:
Main Thematic Code:
Implementing Agency:
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project seeks to conserve globally significant coastal and marine biodiversity in threatened pilot sizeable sections of the coastal zone along the Gulf of Aden by promoting effective and replicable integrated coastal zone management process, including the establishment of coastal and marine protected areas based on strong participation of all coastal users. Development of participatory pilot coastal zone management plans, priority under implementation, especially at Sharma Beach for turtle protection. The project is likely to achieve its objectives.

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