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FY04 Report on the Status of Projects in Execution

Middle East and North Africa Region

Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY04 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on and beyond June 30, 2004. 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.

Status of Projects in Execution

Region: Middle East and North Africa

Regional Projects:

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

Country: Regional

Board Approval Date: 2/23/1999

Midterm Review Date: 7/3/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.7

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the capacity of environmental management among the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden countries

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The UNDP- and UNEP-funded portions of this GEF project closed in December 2003 and the World Bank-funded components, i.e., Reducing the Risk to Marine Navigation" and "Integrated Coastal Zone Management", are scheduled to be completed by December 2004. Significant progress has been made on completing both of these activities in the past year. Under the marine navigation component, the new Traffic Separation Schemes established under the project have been operating for a full year in the southern Red Sea. Additionally, the project has completed the installation of a light house in the Hannish Islands near the new Traffic Separation Scheme. Under the integrated coastal zone management component, a Coastal Zone Management plan for Aden, was completed and has been adopted by the Yemeni government. Similar plans for Sudan and Djibouti are near completion.

Country: Algeria

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/11/1996

Midterm Review Date: 10/22/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40340

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 14.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 22.3

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to reduce hazardous pollution by: (i) strengthening 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The most important progress made this year is related to capacity strengthening. The hazardous waste inventory system was implemented, training activities on environmental management was pursued, the laboratory equipment as well as the portable environmental monitoring equipment were supplied at the local level (48 wilayas). On the legal aspect,

the law on environmental protection was updated. The environmental performance agreements signed between the Ministry of Environment and industrial companies are being followed. However, it was recognized by the client that the component added following the 2002 restructuring was not being implemented at the appropriate pace and it was agreed in May 2004 that the project would be restructured to limit the scope of the said component--request is pending.

Project Name (ID): Rural Employment (P043724)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 3/25/1997

Midterm Review Date: 10/16/1998

Closing Date: 3/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41430

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 20.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 68.3

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The project seeks to generate and stimulate sustainable rural employment in poor rural areas of northwest Algeria

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Preliminary data as of end April 2004 indicate substantial progress toward development objectives with rural employment creation at 83 percent of project target, which has increased due to the latest additions of supplementary programs. The equivalent of over 34,500 person years of direct employment have been created through the project. Training objectives have also largely been achieved, with the ongoing second round of training on participatory approaches making considerable progress. Impact assessment on incomes and production is continuing and preliminary results have been assessed and discussed for further work and updating.

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 7/26/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70690

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 16.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.2

Sector: Financial Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to put in place a more efficient enabling infrastructure for basic financial services

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): There has been substantial progress over the past year 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): Budget System Modernization (P064921)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 2/6/2001

Closing Date: 2/28/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70470

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 22.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.3

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Project development objective(s): The objective is to modernize and expand the capacity of the Ministry of Finance to discharge its core expenditure management and economic policy advice

functions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Solid progress has been achieved during the last year. In addition to the adoption of a new Public Accounting Framework (Plan Compatible), steps have been taken to: (i) implement an integrated and multi-year budgeting system for both recurrent and investment expenditures; (ii) improve the budget presentation and dissemination; and (iii) strengthen both the analytical and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Finance to manage and monitor public expenditures. Although delayed, the implementation of the second component of the project (Computer & Management Information System) has also started. The project is expected to have a positive impact on public expenditure management starting from the 2005/06 Budget Law.

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71310

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2

Sector: Financial Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to help strengthen the enabling environment for a well-functioning mortgage loan market.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Implementation is substantially on schedule. As project outcomes, the volume of market-based mortgage loans in the retail market is now gradually beginning to increase together with refinancing of lender loans in the secondary market.

Project Name (ID): Energy and Mining Technical Assistance (P067567)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 2/27/2001

Midterm Review Date: 5/5/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70480

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.6

Sector: Energy and Mining

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Substantial progress has been made with the technical preparation of the reform in the electricity, mining and hydrocarbon sectors. The new mining and electricity laws were promulgated in 2001 and 2002, and the reforms in those sectors are being implemented, including the restructuring of SONELGAZ and the setting up of new regulatory agencies. The new hydrocarbon law is expected to be submitted for Parliamentary approval in the coming months. This law is needed to fully implement the reforms envisaged under the project.

Project Name (ID): Urban Natural Hazard Vulnerability (P067605)

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 8/8/2002

Closing Date: 2/28/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71390

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 84.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.9

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The project will assist the government in responding to the emergency situation resulting from the November 2001, floods by: (a) reducing urban vulnerability to natural hazards and (b) strengthening the national capacity for disaster management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Most of the activities needed to achieve the project development objectives are under way. The studies for the reduction of urban vulnerability to natural hazards will identify the key investments needed to mitigate the vulnerability risks. Contracts for these studies are under way. The Meteorology Office is well advanced in the procurement of key monitoring equipment and training of staff, needed to strengthen the national capacity for disaster management. The implementation of the project is slowed down by lengthy procurement procedures of the government and understaffed Project Management Unit.

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Midterm Review Date: 2/12/2002

Closing Date: 9/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70230

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 28.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 54.6

Sector: Private Sector Development

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): On the first development objective, the project has borne tangible results with all the essential infrastructure (water, sanitation and roads) and facilities (schools and clinics) reconstructed. On the second development objective, the studies on seismic micro zoning, disaster insurance and construction codes, as well as the acquisition of seismograph are now complete. However, the purchase of emergency rescue equipment and the technical activities on emergency communication systems which are critical to enhance disaster preparedness at national and local levels experienced some delays. This objective is expected to be achieved by the closing date.

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2000

Midterm Review Date: 5/8/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70270

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.7

Sector: Global Information/Communications Technology

Project 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is expected to achieve its development objectives. The government awarded a third GSM license in December 2003 to Wataniya for US\$421 million and two VSAT licenses in February 2004 to Orascom and Divona (Monaco Telecom) for a total amount of US\$4.1 million. Wataniya committed to invest USD1.1bn over the next 5 years (including license fee). In the last year, the sector noticed a significant growth of teledensity (13.4 telephone per 100 inhabitant as of June 2004) and tariff reductions (mobile connection and usage charges; international and long-distance tariffs).

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 8/23/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70730

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.8

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to set up a policy and institutional framework encouraging competition and private participation in infrastructure

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Implementation has started late and a first group of studies is ongoing. Since reforms at the core of the development objectives are yet to materialize, progress remains extremely slow. The project suffered long procurement delays resulting from limited management capacity of the Project Unit. The new Minister of Transport is taking corrective measures.

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

Country: Algeria

Board Approval Date: 4/29/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71680

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 91

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The project seeks to generate and stimulate rural employment in poor rural mountainous areas of northwest and north-central Algeria

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Although the project became effective November 28, 2003, budgetary authorization has only been accorded and counterpart funds put in place as of April 2004. This resulted in a delay in the first year's implementation.

Country: Djibouti

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

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 5/25/1999

Midterm Review Date: 11/3/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32251

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 12.6

Sector: Social Development

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The quality of civil works carried out under the project is good. Progress on the community development component continues. The preparation of the Development Plans for all poor urban districts of Djibouti is being completed and the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning is proceeding to the definition of priority investment programs with the

participation of local communities and in consultation with the local and central authorities concerned. Based on tangible progress in Implementation of the social and economic infrastructure and on employment generated by these activities, the development objectives are likely to be achieved.

Project Name (ID): School Access and Improvement Program (P044585)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2000

Midterm Review Date: 6/1/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34450

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.8

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to increase enrollment at the primary level.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Gross primary enrollment rate for the public and private education sectors is 52%, compared to 39% at the start of the project. The private sector has seen a big increase in enrollments, primarily due to the constraints constraining access to public sector schools, such as the requirement of a birth certificate or some sort of national identification. Access has been greatly improved with construction of additional classrooms completed generally on time. A review of the government's textbook policy has been completed, and the Ministry is reviewing the recommendations. Overall, the project has seen good progress, and it is likely that project activities will be completed. The project, overall, has met its development objectives. Particular attention has been paid to the achievement of the triggers to pass from Phase I to Phase II. The majority of the triggers have been achieved.

Project Name (ID): International Road Corridor Rehabilitation (P069930)

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Midterm Review Date: 9/29/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33911

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 19.1

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The objective is to secure, over the medium-term, an acceptable level of service on the Djibouti-Galafi Road.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objective has already been reached with the completion of the rehabilitation of the road section between Dikhil and Galafi in 2003. A supplemental credit of US\$ 5 million was provided mainly to carry out repairs and a partial rehabilitation of the road section between Arta and Dikhil, where road deterioration was advancing fast. These works are under way and the project is expected to close as scheduled in December 2004.

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

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36500

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 14.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.8

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the quality of health services in a sustainable manner in order to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is progressing fairly well toward achieving its development objective. Improvement of service delivery is under way at the level of the General Hospital "Peltier", the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses, and Reproductive Health. Moreover, the Center for Training of Health Personnel is being strengthened with equipment and specialized training. Furthermore, the Drug Fund has been formally established and its medical supplies and drugs are being delivered.

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

Country: Djibouti

Board Approval Date: 5/29/2003

Closing Date: 9/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: H0420

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.1

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In its first year of implementation, the project is progressing well: (i) The project was largely publicized when the government organized a national day on "Fight against HIV/AIDS" in December 2003. The Ministries of Youth & Sports and Education participated actively and organized marches, theatre plays, sports day, sing alongs; (ii) The pilot project on the "Global Integrated Management of HIV/AIDS" was initiated and more than 140 HIV-infected persons were put under different treatment protocols based on the clinical guidelines. The complementary package of psychological and social support is being developed for the families of the infected persons; and (iii) Several ministries and non-governmental organizations are involved in the implementation of the multi-sectoral and community responses.

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Project Name (ID): Population (P005163)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 3/21/1996

Midterm Review Date: 6/1/2002

Closing Date: 3/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 28300

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 8.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 8.2

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to be successful in stimulating additional demand for family planning services especially among poor women in rural Upper Egypt. By the end of Phase I and II and during the period 1998-2003, the average increase in the Contraceptive Prevalence Rate was 12 points, and the average increase in the utilization of family planning clinics was 192 points in various areas of Upper Egypt. However, comparable progress for the capacity building and institutional development activities is still required. The increase in the use of

family planning methods and the utilization of family planning clinics is mainly attributed to the work and commitment of the network of social change agents (community health workers called Morshedats) that was created and trained by the project. The project has also been successful in bringing the attention of the Ministry to the issues related to the contraceptive security strategy.

Project Name (ID): Education Enhancement Program (P005169)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 12/24/1996

Midterm Review Date: 2/8/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: N0080

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 25.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 45.6

Sector: Education

Project 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has achieved its objective of significantly increasing access and decreasing drop-outs, particularly among girls in the target governorates. Community mobilization campaigns in 1500 communities have resulted in returned drop-outs and donations of land where schools have been built. In quality, the project has continued to offer training to teachers, supervisors and school principals. Preliminary results of an impact study show significant changes resulting from training. Information systems have been installed throughout the country but not quite operational in all governorates. The Ministry has undergone a paradigm shift to focus on outcomes and the quality of education instead of on inputs. Standards of quality have been developed and the Ministry is seeking to implement them on a measurable unit, a school-based improvement program.

Project Name (ID): Irrigation Improvement (P005173)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 12/22/1994

Midterm Review Date: 5/3/2000

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38320

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 15.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 58.4

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Agricultural production and farmers' income has improved in general in the Delta and a more equitable distribution of water was achieved in the tail end of improved Meskas. Sustainability has also improved by transferring responsibility for operation and maintenance to the farmers and their sharing in the costs for tertiary level investments in the Meskas. The institutional planning and implementation capacity of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation in the irrigation sub-sector improved beyond expectations. The environmental objectives for water quality management and monitoring program and agricultural chemical management program are being achieved. Despite delays on the implementation side, the project is expected to achieve substantial progress toward its development objectives. A request for a 6-month extension of the closing date is being reviewed.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 8/27/1998

Midterm Review Date: 9/25/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31270

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 18.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 8.2

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The primary development objective of the project is to support sustainable development of Sohag Rural villages.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: A major internal reallocation of funds took place at the time of the midterm review.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making progress toward achieving its developmental objectives. A stronger involvement of the ministries at the local level since the midterm review resulted in a higher level of counterpart financing and increased implementation rates for the main village infrastructure and related institutional strengthening components. This contributed to the improvement in the living conditions and quality of life of the rural population in Sohag, and improved capacity at the local level to implement and manage rural services. The participatory process at the local level through the Shorouk Village Committees promoted commitment to the selected priority infrastructure. This process, coupled with a high level of beneficiary contributions to investment cost which has amounted to millions of Pounds, promoted the likelihood of sustainability of the investments.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 8/6/1998

Midterm Review Date: 3/24/2004

Closing Date: 2/28/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43860

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 82.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 37.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): After a slow implementation in the first three years, good progress has been achieved during the last year. So far about 0.5 million feddans (30% of the midterm review target), serving about 0.25 million families, have been provided with adequate pumping facilities. Delivered water was increased by about 54 million m³/year (40% of the midterm review target), operation and maintenance costs were reduced by about US\$ 0.4 million/year (20% of the midterm review target) and energy consumption was reduced by about US\$1.3 million/year (15% of the midterm review target). In addition, most of the man-months foreseen for training have been utilized. A request for an extension of closing date to August 2006 is under consideration. It is expected that most of targets set at the midterm review would be met by the revised closing date.

Project Name (ID): Health Sector (P045175)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 5/21/1998

Midterm Review Date: 12/13/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 30760

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 83.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 14.2

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to: (i) expand health coverage with a basic package of primary health care and public health services to the poor population in two pilot governorates (Alexandria and Menoufia); and (ii) improve access, efficiency, and quality of primary health care services through rationalization of health infrastructure in two pilot Governorates(Alexandria and Menoufia).

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The project development objective was amended by removing "universal coverage" as an explicit development objective in light of the delays ensued in passing the universal health insurance law and the original development objective was not likely to have been met. Also, the scope of the first objective was reduced from three governorates to two. The project closing date was extended by 2 years.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward achieving the revised development objectives has been made. The expansion of coverage (a basic package of primary health care and public health services) has increased from one million people in February 2004 to almost 1.6 million people at the end of June 2004 in the two pilot governorates, which represents about 40 percent of the end of the project target. This has been achieved through 106 family health facilities accredited by the Family Health Funds. This coverage includes a total of 878,747 people who are not covered by any health insurance scheme under the Health Insurance Organization and are therefore considered to be among the poorest population. This progress toward covering the poor population in the pilot governorates represents about 45 percent of the end of the project target.

Project Name (ID): Second Egypt National Drainage (P045499)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 6/15/2000

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45620

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 33.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 16.8

Sector: Rural Sector

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Good progress has been achieved so far and physical targets are gradually being achieved. About 0.3 million feddans have been provided with subsurface drainage and 0.2 million feddans with open drains. A large number of man-months have been allocated for technical assistance (46) and training (870), all of which has had a positive effect on yields (15% increase), on salinity (15% of the areas with no salinity problems (up from 0%) and depth to groundwater (more than 1.00 m) in all areas provided with new or rehabilitated sub-surface drainage as well as surface drainage.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 11/4/1997

Midterm Review Date: 2/21/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 30020

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.5

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to increase cropped agricultural areas in the newly reclaimed lands and improve crop yields for low-income farm families

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The end of fiscal year 2004 monitoring data shows that total cultivated area reached about 68,000 feddans in the fiscal year 2003/ 04 season. The cropped area has increased by more than 50% since project restructuring in 2002. Crop yields have reached appraisal targets. About 260 water users' associations and 6 water users' unions have been established to assure sustainability after project closure.

Project Name (ID): Skills Development (P049702)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 7/31/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71890

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.1

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to assist the borrower in carrying out a pilot program to stimulate the private sector demand for skills training development through a demand-driven and competitively-based mechanism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has just become effective.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 4/15/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31940

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 34.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 16.4

Sector: Education

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has successfully reached most of its targets for converting commercial secondary schools into general secondary. Schools have been renovated, teachers and principals of general secondary schools brought on board and lab equipment provided. Science labs have been successfully completed. The project has not been able to move ahead with the curricular reform component as it waits for the approval of the ministry to do so. A new minister has been appointed and has declared curricular reform a top priority.

Project Name (ID): Third Social Fund (P052705)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 6/1/1999

Midterm Review Date: 12/24/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32300

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 12.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 41.1

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The objective is to help create jobs and provide community

infrastructure and services through labor intensive works

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Social Fund for Development has achieved about 75 percent of the implementation targets both for the Public Works Program and the Community Development Program. It has reached close to 783,600 beneficiaries. It has created 5080 person-days at an average of 15-20 pounds per day for unskilled workers and 30-40 pounds per day for skilled workers. The Public Works Program has achieved an overall average of 72 percent of its targets. It was able to create 4650 job opportunities and produce the following outputs: (i) 18 kilometers of wastewater network; (ii) one pump station; (iii) 16 kilometers of canal covering; (iv) 4 km of canal protection; (v) 8 septic tanks; (vi) 22 km of road paving; (vii) 201 km of water network; (viii) 6 water tanks; (ix) 4 artesian wells; and (x) 14 public building refurbishments. The Community Development Program was able to create 430 job opportunities.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 6/22/1999

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45000

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to promote rural economic development, leading to increased income and employment in rural Egypt; strengthen financial and institutional viability of the Principal Bank of Development and Agricultural Credit, the main institution providing financial services in rural Egypt.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The project was closed.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Extensive dialogue with various authorities involved in this project revealed that achieving project development objectives under current circumstances was not feasible. At the request of the government, the project was closed.

Project Name (ID): Pollution Abatement (P054958)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 12/16/1997

Midterm Review Date: 3/31/2001

Closing Date: 3/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42630

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 23.1

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The 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 achieving development objective(s): The results achieved to date are remarkable as was widely recognized during a closing seminar of the institutional and technical component of the project (financed in parallel by the Finnish government). However, the investment component has been slightly delayed and as a result, the loan has been extended to March 2005. The delay was essentially caused by the overall economic situation, in particular the exchange rate fluctuation, and by the original delay in declaring project effectiveness.

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

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of
Board Approval Date: 4/16/2002
Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46580
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 47.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.2
Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to create the conditions fundamental to improving the quality and efficiency of the higher education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress has been made toward achieving the development objectives:1. To reform the legislative framework, discussions are well under way for the establishment of an independent Quality Assurance Agency (expected in 2005), which will report directly to the President of the Republic.2. Competitiveness among higher education institutes has increased as two rounds of the Higher Education Enhancement Fund have been completed with more than 75 projects approved (out of about 300 submitted). 3. The rationalization of funding allocation mechanisms is moving forward through the creation of a Fund for Enhancing Education which will focus on improving the quality of education at all levels.4. There has also been substantive progress in clustering the 45 Middle Technical Institutes into 8 Technical Colleges.

Project Name (ID): Social Protection Initiatives (P066336)
Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of
Board Approval Date: 6/29/1999
Closing Date: 12/31/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 32730
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.2
Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The objective 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is catching up on Implementation after a prolonged delay: 34 subprojects and capacity building activities for the two project components have been programmed. Most of the service providers were able to meet the first subproject milestones by recruiting the staff needed for implementation. Two qualified technical organizations were identified to provide technical assistance for service providers and supervise the implementation of subprojects for the disability component and for the youth at risk component. A disability model was developed and service providers were selected to implement it.

Project Name (ID): Second Matruh Resource Management (P074075)
Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of
Board Approval Date: 3/6/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71610
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 12.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0
Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The development objective is to improve the livelihoods of the more disadvantaged rural people living in the Northwest Coastal Zone.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Component For Second Matruh Resource (P077281)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 3/6/2003

Closing Date:

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the livelihood of the more disadvantaged rural people living in the Northwest Coastal Zone.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The GEF grant will not become effective until an associated loan from the Bank, which is currently awaiting Presidential approval, becomes effective.

Project Name (ID): Airport Development (P082914)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date: 3/30/2004

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 72220

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 335

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The project Development Objectives are to eliminate capacity bottlenecks to growth in airport traffic, raise the quality of services to international best practice standards at Cairo International and Sharm El Sheikh Airports, and promote private sector participation in airport management and service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of

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

Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of

Board Approval Date: 5/18/2000

Midterm Review Date: 3/3/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45500

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 82.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.2

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The objective is to sustain and improve health conditions in rural and urban areas by (i) ensuring access to quality of health care; and (ii) improving the nutritional status of children under 3 years of age and lactating and pregnant women.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): To date, all implementation triggers (including signature of a contract with an international procurement specialist, confirmation from government that procurement of the vehicles for emergency medical services would be by international competitive bidding, and confirmation from the government that the medical equipment procurement would be based on the list of items agreed upon during the February 2004 mission) have been substantially fulfilled and implementation is progressing expeditiously so that the project objectives may be reached by project completion. The borrower is now engaging in the process of introducing an acceptable Monitoring and Evaluation System that will help assess the impact of the project.

Project Name (ID): Tehran Sewerage (P069946)

Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of

Board Approval Date: 5/18/2000

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45510

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 95.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 49.9

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) improve the environmental and health conditions of the people of Greater Tehran Area, and (b) develop the project into an autonomous entity to be operated on a commercial basis.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Significant progress has been made in achieving the objectives. Physical as well as environmental, social and revenue generation activities are progressing very well. All major contracts related to civil works and particularly the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant have been awarded and under execution. The environmental management plan and social issues are being followed by the Project Management Unit (PMU) with the assistance of consultants. Transfers from the Tehran Provincial Water and Wastewater Company (mother company) to Tehran Sewerage Company (TSC) are now made according to the loan agreement and on a regular basis. The PMU and TSC have benefited from the project in increasing their technical, managerial and financial capacity by introducing new and modern management tools (integrated management information system under preparation) and from transfer of know how from foreign consultants and contractors.

Project Name (ID): Water Supply and Sanitation (P071191)

Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of

Board Approval Date: 5/25/2004

Closing Date: 9/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47380

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 279

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of life in the cities' of Ahwaz and Shiraz, particularly in the cities' poor area; (b) strengthen and develop the capacity of the Water Companies; (c) assist the Water Companies in improving their efficiency, sustainability and financial autonomy; and (d) initiate sector reforms, particularly with respect to institutional arrangements, the regulatory framework, demand management and the preparation of a sanitary strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Urban Upgrading and Housing Reform (P073433)

Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of

Board Approval Date: 5/25/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47390

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 80

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (i) improve the living conditions in under-served neighborhoods in up to five provincial capital cities and; (ii) prepare the systems, capacity, and regulatory foundation and initiate market based housing sector reforms.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Environmental Management Support (P074499)
Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of
Board Approval Date: 4/8/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46880
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 19.3
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.7
Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Department of Environment in monitoring air and water quality.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Capacity building in air quality monitoring for the Department of the Environment staff has been undertaken--participation in an air quality workshop in Manila and field visit to Bangkok--to ensure proper operation of the air quality monitoring system that will be put in place by the project. Capacity building in water quality monitoring for Department of the Environment staff has also been undertaken--training on surface quality monitoring, online monitoring in large rivers, and management information system with a planned field visit to Australia--to ensure proper operation of the water quality monitoring system that will be installed in the Karoon River. An opinion poll survey to assess civil society's view of air and water quality problems in Iran has been prepared as well as a communication strategy. A report on the State of the Environment in Iran has also been prepared. Projects on air and water quality to be implemented in partnership with non government organizations are being identified.

Project Name (ID): Earthquake Emergency Response (P080802)
Country: Iran, Islamic Republic of
Board Approval Date: 6/3/2003
Closing Date: 6/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46970
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 176.2
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.8
Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to assist the GOI in: (a) relieving the social and economic hardship caused by the earthquake in Qazwin, Zanjan, Hamedan and Markazi, with a focus on reconstruction, and (b) strengthening capacity of the government to prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has only been effective for a few months. The project, however, is progressing well. A first series of inter-provincial and provincial workshops were held. They were very successful in initiating a dialogue with local governments on issues of integrated disaster management and risk reduction, as opposed to the common practice of crisis management.

Country: Iraq

Project Name (ID): Emergency Textbook Provision (P088945)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 5/14/2004
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number:
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 40
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the conditions of learning and teaching through the provision of school textbooks to students in Iraq's primary and secondary schools.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has just become effective.

Country: Jordan

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

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 7/31/1997

Midterm Review Date: 10/24/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42140

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 22.7

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In the last year, Petra Archeological Park and Wadi Rum Natural Park Administration Units were staffed, allocated a budget, and empowered to assume operation of the sites. The training of the staff according to the approved management plans was completed. At the national level, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has created a Technical Development Directorate (TDD), which absorbed the Project Management Unit, and hired additional professional staff. TDD has a mandate to expand site development and management activities to other currently underexploited tourism assets throughout Jordan, and importantly, to launch urban regeneration and tourism development projects in historic cities, based on the outputs and lessons from Karak and Jerash pilot projects. The loan closing date was extended for one year to complete remaining infrastructure works, and to address some pending municipal management issues at the project sites, critical for project's achievements.

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

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 3/25/1999

Midterm Review Date: 6/4/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44490

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 27.1

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The development objective is to increase efficiency and quality of health services in Jordan.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The project development objectives were revised, the monitoring and evaluation indicators were revised, and the third component (hospital financing and management) was cancelled and funds reallocated to other components. The closing date was extended by one year.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made good progress in meeting its revised development objectives. The Royal Medical Service Laboratory is now saving an average of 70% of lab order turn-around time. The implementation of the Health Management Information Systems Component is almost completed both at the Royal Medical Services and Jordan University Hospital. Pharmaceutical studies which focus on important policy studies covering 11 topics

were completed and most of the draft reports have been received by the government. It is very likely that the project will achieve its revised development objectives.

Project Name (ID): Amman Water and Sanitation (P048521)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 3/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 4/16/2002

Closing Date: 1/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44450

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 8.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 46.3

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to improve efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services for the Amman Service Area and lay the groundwork for sustainable involvement of the private sector in the country's overall management of water and wastewater services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project was successful in transferring management of water and wastewater infrastructure and services in Greater Amman from a dysfunctional public institution to the private sector through a performance-based management contract. The project also achieved the highest practical efficiency in conveyance, distribution and application of water through a comprehensive capital investment program to restructure and rehabilitate the whole water system in Greater Amman.

Project Name (ID): Second Ozone Depleting Substances Phase Out (P049706)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 10/6/1996

Closing Date: 6/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 22004

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.3

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The global development objective of the project is to assist countries through a combination of policy support, institutional capacity building and technical and financial assistance to the industry to meet its obligation under the Montreal Protocol to completely phase-out the import of ozone depleting substances by January 2010, with the interim steps of freeze of import at 1996 level by 2000, 50% reduction by 2005, and 85% reduction by 2007--for halons, freeze begins in 2002, but the milestones set in the foregoing apply.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Jordan has met the 2000 ozone depleting substances freeze requirement and it is likely to meet the 50% reduction in 2005, based on its May 2004 data. It has established a CFC import monitoring and control system, and conducted customs training for its implementation. The Civil Defense has completely stopped the importation of halons since January 2003 and is relying on recovered and recycled halons for critical use from 2004 onward. All manufacturers except for one enterprise have converted into non-ozone depleting substances aerosol production. For the foam sector, all previously funded conversion projects are completed. Additional enterprises consuming about 100 tons have been identified and addressed and are expected to be converted to non-ozone depleting substances production before the end of 2005. The halon fire equipment manufacturers are presently converting to other substitutes and have agreed to stop manufacturing and sales of halon equipment by 2004.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education Development (P069326)

Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 2/29/2000
Midterm Review Date: 6/12/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 45390
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 20.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 13.9
Sector: Education

Project 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Although delayed in its implementation, the project has brought about significant changes in the policy environment. In the last year, the government developed a draft higher education strategy to reform the higher education system. All universities have restructured their fees and have implemented several cost recovery mechanisms over the year, including revising their fee structures to better reflect the actual cost of higher education.

Project Name (ID): Conservation of Medicinal/Herbal Plants (P069847)

Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 5/6/2003
Closing Date: 12/16/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number:
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.2
Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve conservation and sustainable use of medicinal and herbal plants in Jordan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has just started to establish a framework for medicinal and herbal biodiversity conservation and management and also to promote in-situ and ex-situ conservation and sustainable use of medicinal and herbal plants. The project Management Unit has been established and is fully operational. The Steering Committee and Technical Committee have been resuming their duties. The public awareness and education component are under way and the institutional strengthening component has just started by approving the establishment of a Quality Control Laboratory for medicinal and herbal plants in the General Cooperation of Food and Medicine at the Ministry of Health.

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

Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 5/8/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71700
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 115.7
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.3
Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In its first year of implementation, the project is progressing well: (i) a new outcome-based curriculum framework is in place; (ii) a school mapping system is in use for decision-making at the Ministry of Education; (iii) the fundamentals of a quality Early Childhood Development program are being established; (iv) the school construction program is ahead of schedule; (v) thousands of teachers have been trained in the past few months on Information and

Communications Technology; (vi) a high level of government commitment continues; and (vii) the level of commitment to implementation of the Ministry of Education is growing.

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

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46680

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.5

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to assist the government improve horticultural export marketing

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective will be met by pilot testing: (i) a system of outgrower farming between large and small/medium scale farmers; and (ii) the building of the technological capacity of farmers, especially the outgrowers, to help satisfy the quality requirements of target markets. As a result of project-funded export promotion events, first export contracts have been signed with German importers and a vegetable grower has made arrangements for regular shipments of fresh herbs, which in turn resulted in contractual arrangements with smaller producers in Jordan, a shift from the projection of less competitive crops to higher value-added export crops, and technology transfer from the larger to the smaller producers, allowing the smaller producers to benefit from the identified export opportunities. First shipments have already been sent. Another large export opportunity has been identified during a project-funded study tour to the United Arab Emirates. As a result, twenty producers and exporters have formed a loose partnership, envisaged to evolve into a permanent export company, to fulfill the export contract. Project-funded horticultural research activities have started to respond to the farmers' knowledge gaps. And technology transfer, tailored to export-oriented horticultural producers, is receiving a boost with the recruitment of project-funded specialists. In fact, the concept of these specialists has proven to be so attractive that their host institution is already planning to take them on board for the long term and has doubled their number. Through these encouraging achievements, the project, designed as a pilot, has started to show that successful export promotion requires the simultaneous upgrade of support services and the general business environment, in particular effective institutions providing promotion and advisory services, quality control, transportation services, and business partnerships.

Project Name (ID): Amman Development Corridor (P081505)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 6/3/2004

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 72280

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 38

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The project will support more efficient transport and logistics services by removing key infrastructure transport bottlenecks, and by providing access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Country: Lebanon

Project Name (ID): Technical Assistance For Revenue Enhancement (P005340)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/29/1994

Midterm Review Date: 3/28/1997

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71970

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 21.2

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Project development objective(s): The project seeks to support government efforts to enhance revenues and strengthen fiscal management

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): A US\$5.7 million Supplemental Loan was approved to complete the process of the reconstruction, archiving and computerization of destroyed and defaced cadastral maps as well as the improvement of the institutional capacity of the governmental office proposed to manage the system. During 2004, the pace of the work has picked up considerably. Both the technical and institutional work are progressing according to schedule.

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

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 9/12/1996

Midterm Review Date: 1/28/2000

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40920

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 18.7

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The original objectives are to : (a) increase farmers' incomes and conserve the environment through land terracing and development, (b) improve access to rural areas, and (c) upgrade the institutional capabilities of the Green Plan and Ministry of Agriculture

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The original physical objectives of the project were to: a) increase farmers income and conserve environment through land terracing (3,140 ha), retaining walls (2,100 ha), hill lakes (250 no) and concrete reservoirs (50 no); and b) improve access to rural areas through the construction of about 300 km of agricultural roads. During the midterm review (MTR) and thereafter, the project's objectives were kept the same although the numbers were changed to suit the circumstances on the ground as follows: land terracing (2,500 ha), retaining walls (750 ha), hill lakes (100 no), concrete reservoirs (1650 no) and roads (150 km).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward the objectives is good so far. Physical targets are gradually being met. Terracing targets have been exceeded (105%) and other targets have reached their 50% mark and it's hoped that the targets would be met by the IBRD and IFAD loans closing dates. Impact on agricultural production is remarkable (cropping intensities in terraced areas up to 70%) and the number of families benefiting from land development reached about 3,350 families (55% of the midterm review target).

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

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/13/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71230

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 63
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2
Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The objective is to set up a state-of-the-art traffic and parking management system in the Greater Beirut Area. The focal point of such a system is a well functioning Traffic Management Organization (TMO) with the consolidated authority and ability to plan and operate suitable traffic and parking control solutions with effective complementary enforcement by the Traffic Police.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): After one year of Implementation, limited progress has been accomplished. An action plan is being prepared by the implementing agency (The Council for Development and Reconstruction) in coordination with the Ministry of Interior (Traffic Management Organization's oversight ministry) to expedite TMO's staffing and launch the planned technical assistance activities for the TMO and the Traffic Police to effectively operate traffic control and paid on-street parking in the first selected zones.

Project Name (ID): National Roads (P038674)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 7/11/1996

Midterm Review Date: 6/11/2000

Closing Date: 9/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40650

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 32.3

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve capacity for the road administration to undertake rehabilitation of the main road network

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): With the exception of reducing reliance on the government's budget for road rehabilitation and maintenance, it is likely that the project will achieve its development objective when it closes. There were many implementation challenges but also some notable achievements, including the rehabilitation of 275 km of roads, the continued exposure of the Directorate of Roads (DoR) staff to new techniques and methodologies for planning and programming road rehabilitation and maintenance activities in a systematic and cost effective manner. The newly acquired skills will likely be disseminated throughout the DoR. The Road laboratory was reactivated and new equipment for monitoring road condition were acquired and operated. Although the number of kilometers of road rehabilitated under the Project's pilot program was reduced, the Project's physical objective has been substantially achieved.

Project Name (ID): Education Development (P045174)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 3/30/2000

Midterm Review Date: 6/20/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70100

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 53.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.4

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The project was restructured in May 2004 and the revised development objective is to enhance access, and build the knowledge base and institutional capacity in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education that is necessary to initiate reform of the general and vocational education systems in Lebanon.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: This project is the integration of the General Education and the Vocational & Technical Education projects. Though serving different streams

of the education system, the two projects had complementary objectives relating to the building of human capital. The purpose of restructuring is: (i) to focus project resources on the four pillars identified above in a coordinated manner; (ii) to maintain and build leadership capacity to utilize project outputs in change and development of the respective education sectors; and (iii) to ensure that resources are available over a time frame that enables achievement of the development objectives within the constraints of the institutional environment in Lebanon.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): After restructuring, the project has witnessed considerable progress on a number of levels. The Ministry of Education has initiated a multi-stakeholder consultation process and has identified the core strategic issues of the National Education Strategy. A number of critical assignments have been launched, such as the School Information System under the Education Management Information System, the Education System Financing Study, the Organizational Development and Audit Study, the Management of Official Examinations assignment and the Improvement of the Evaluation and School Assessment.

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

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 4/17/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71660

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 30.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objectives are: (a) to create the conditions for increased local economic development and enhanced quality of life in the historic centers of five main secondary cities; and (b) to improve the conservation and management of Lebanon's built cultural heritage.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project became effective in February 2004. Implementation so far has focused on strengthening a productive relationship with the municipal teams and other stakeholders in each city and ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to allow smooth launching of contracts and start of physical works in early fall, as well as building awareness and participation of local population in the preservation effort in these historic cities.

Project Name (ID): First Municipal Infrastructure (P050544)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Midterm Review Date: 11/6/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 41.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 38.7

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The 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 toward achieving development objective(s): Steady progress is being made in meeting the project development objectives. During an intensive midterm review in June 2004, it was noted that the project is addressing the urgent backlog of basic infrastructure needs. Moreover, the Project is providing Lebanon's municipalities with direct experience and capacity building in identifying, preparing and implementing investment projects directly. In addition, considerable sector data is being gathered at the local level in terms of local expenditure/revenue data, asset inventories and other information vital to effective sector monitoring. This information has been entered into a highly efficient Management Information System (MIS) that now enables the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities to monitor sector performance. However, greater efforts are still needed to reform the intergovernmental fiscal system and

the operation of the Independent Municipal Fund (ImF).

Project Name (ID): Community Development (P071113)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70640

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 18.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.4

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The objective is to establish an effective and sustainable instrument to improve the living conditions and economic status of disadvantaged communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continued on a steady track toward achieving the development objectives. Two thematic programs targeting disability, youth and children were signed; regional programs were launched; the Operations Manual was completed; and project management arrangements were concluded.

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

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71170

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 42.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.2

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives 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 acceptable 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress has been slow because of the fragmentation of decision-making with regards to the management of the Project. This is being addressed.

Country: Morocco

Project Name (ID): Second Sewer and Water Reuse (P005503)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 4/30/1996

Midterm Review Date: 11/3/1999

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 40100

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 17

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The revised development objectives of the project are to (i) protect the environment, and improving hygiene and public salubrity in Fez through appropriate collection of waste water(ii) strengthen the institutional capabilities of RADEEF and (iii) strengthen cost recovery in

the sewerage sub-sector of RADEEF.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Most revised development objectives are on track to be substantially achieved. RADEEF, Fez' s multi-utility, has completed the connection of critical collectors across the city, with immediate positive impacts in terms of reduced health risks and nuisance. Installation and rehabilitation of sewers, including traditional culverts in the densely populated Medina, have also continued, with great local improvements to public hygiene. Works under way will further capture raw sewage flows now discharging in the local creeks, and improve the likelihood of achieving the development objectives. However, cost recovery has remained problematic.

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

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/5/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47000

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 26.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 21.3

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The development objective is to trigger and set in motion a long-term asset management reform.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project became effective in August 2003. As a condition to effectiveness, the project has launched the asset management reforms cross-sectorally under the leadership of the Ministry of Finance. Most critical changes in regulations and practices have started implementation. While progress is slower than expected, the objectives of the reform (the implementation of a building management system and an improved management of the government's private domain) are slowly being achieved. Building management systems have been slowly adopted by the teams in the ministries/regions involved. The Direction des Domaines has also much improved the efficiency of its appropriation system.

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

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/22/1998

Midterm Review Date: 9/30/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.7

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to develop a participatory model for natural resource management

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): With communities becoming more aware of the need to protect watersheds and natural resources, watershed protection and natural resource management activities are given greater importance. Project impact can be measured in terms of social and developmental dynamics, capacity building--both in the communities and in the project team--and in institutional development. About 14 of the 26 douar committees showed willingness to develop into permanent Local Development Associations, 11 of which have already been created, indicating good prospects for sustainability. However, continued support is required. Partnerships with non-governmental organizations are under discussion, one of which has begun work in the project area.

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

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 2/26/1998

Midterm Review Date: 5/4/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42890

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10

Sector: Rural Sector

Project 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 development objective(s): Most of the main project objectives have been reached. The River Basin Agency has been created and its institutional framework has been put in place. The country capacity, as far as water resources management and water pollution control, has been improved after the completion of all four major national studies (Water Master Plan, flood control, water quality control and water tariffs) and the start of application of their recommendations. In addition, water use efficiency has also been greatly improved after the introduction of new improved irrigation techniques in three regional irrigation companies.

Project Name (ID): Medina of Fes Rehabilitation (P005524)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 10/29/1998

Midterm Review Date: 1/22/2003

Closing Date: 11/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44020

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.5

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The 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.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The proceeds of the two loans were reduced from an overall Euro 12.5m to Euro 8.9m in view of the slow disbursement rate and the urban environment component was formally eliminated from the project, after having been de facto eliminated at midterm review. These changes occurred in December 2003, when a 23-month conditional extension was granted by Bank management to the borrowers. Conditions to be met by May 31, 2004 for the extension to be continued, were only partially met, but the team and management agreed that the progress made was considerable and a sign of commitment from both borrowers to the project. The re-focusing of project activities due to the 30 percent reduced loan proceed should enable the borrowers to accelerate and to improve implementation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Despite the delays encountered, the project is making progress toward achieving the development objective. In the last year, remarkable progress was made in housing rehabilitation with the voluntary participation of neighborhood associations and residents themselves. The Municipality of Fes, which went through an administrative amalgamation, is now more committed to the rehabilitation of the Medina and commands more financial means to allocate to the task. Better agreement seems in place between the Municipality and government as to the importance of this long-term endeavor, and plans are being made for a follow-up project that would be financed by the Ministry of Housing and the Fes Municipality. The future of the local institution in charge of the rehabilitation, ADER-Fes, is currently being discussed.

Project Name (ID): Health Management (P005525)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/17/1998

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44240

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 45.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.1

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The objectives of the project are to improve the efficiency and the quality of care in 14 public hospitals, mobilize additional resources, and strengthen MOH's policy formulation and sector management capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): There has been progress toward achieving the development objective. Significant progress has been achieved in renovation and improvement of the physical infrastructure of the target hospitals. Moreover, the management tools developed during the first phase are well on the way to being fully implemented in the other hospitals. Regarding health insurance reforms, the health insurance reform legislation to create mandatory health insurance for the formal sector and an insurance program for the poor will be in effect from January 2005. The Ministry is reviewing the recommendations on restructuring the administrative aspects of the Ministry.

Project Name (ID): Railway Restructuring and Privatization (P043725)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 12/19/1996

Midterm Review Date: 6/22/1999

Closing Date: 11/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41280

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 44.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 35.8

Sector: Private Sector Development

Project development objective(s): The objective is to prepare and implement a restructuring program that would lead to an efficient, commercially-oriented railway operation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made tremendous progress and will likely achieve its development objectives. Since the reform has started, with the reorganization of the company by lines of business and in-depth management refocus, the railway turnaround has been remarkable. The company has developed successful marketing approaches, increased traffic and strengthened its market position. Consequently, the financial position remains excellent. The new legislation, that should be approved by the Parliament by the end of the year, will comfort the project sustainability.

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

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 1/27/2000

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.4

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to (a) improve conservation of globally significant ecosystems and species; (b) contribute to the establishment of a system of protected areas; and (c) strengthen institutional capacity for sustainable conservation management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Although the project became effective in November 2000, the government was only legally able to start disbursing in April 2002, because of the changes it had made to its financial procedures which were only finalized in April 2002. To date, a system of protected area has been established. Institutional capacity has been, and continues to be strengthened and improvement in the conservation of globally significant ecosystems are beginning to materialize.

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

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 5/31/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46070

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 31.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.8

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) improve the incomes and quality of life of rural communities centered on small and medium irrigation, and (b) pilot new institutional arrangements designed to ensure greater community participation and integration of sectoral programs through a Rural Development Fund

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In spite of recent progress, cumulative delays on Implementation may result in the first project objective not being met under the current schedule. The second objective is likely to be achieved, as demonstrated by the good functioning of Rural Development Committees, the involvement of research and extension services and the participatory approach adopted to prepare Communal Investment Plans.

Project Name (ID): Rain Fed Agriculture Development (P069124)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/10/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47010

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 30.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The project development objective is to improve the socio-economic conditions of smallholder farmers and herders in rain fed areas by promoting local participatory development and fostering sustainable agricultural growth.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Social Development Agency (P073531)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/4/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46610

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.4

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is moving steadily toward achieving the project development objectives. Up to June 2004, the Social Development Agency has contracted 486 sub-projects in the areas of social infrastructure, economic infrastructure, and income-generating activities. It has reached over 1.5 million beneficiaries. Of these, 75 projects are financed under the Bank loan with a total commitment of US\$2.3 million.

Project Name (ID): Adult Literacy (Alpha Maroc) (P075808)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 9/18/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 46790

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.5

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward meeting the development objective has been slow over the last year because of implementation challenges. The Literacy Unit was transferred from the Ministry of Labor to the Ministry of Education in November 2003. Unit staff have struggled to establish the Unit's prominence within its new institutional environment, leading to a slowdown in all literacy programs.

Project Name (ID): Rural Roads (P082754)

Country: Morocco

Board Approval Date: 6/29/2004

Closing Date: 6/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 47470

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 37.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The objective is to increase rural populations' access to roads, especially in the more disadvantaged provinces, by supporting a national program of road improvements and through strengthening institutional capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Country: Tunisia

Project Name (ID): Ozone Depleting Substances (P005591)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/14/1994

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.3

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to implement a strategy aimed at establishing an institutional and regulatory framework for decreasing the use of ozone depleting substances and introducing, on a demonstrational basis, ozone depleting substance-free technologies to the country's refrigeration, foam and aerosol industries so as to initiate actions leading to an early ozone depleting substance phase out program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project completed the last two remaining of twenty-two sub-projects that installed new technology in the refrigeration, aerosol, and foam sectors in Tunisia. Project activities have resulted in the elimination of 300.4 tons of CFC-11 out of a projected target of 400.4 tons. The project has also eliminated its full target of 72 tons of CFC-12. The project is now embarked on updating Tunisia's National Strategy for the Elimination of ozone depleting

substances and based on that Strategy, the project will invest in other sub-projects through the life of the Montreal Protocol Trust Fund, which closes in 2010.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 5/29/1997

Midterm Review Date: 1/6/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 41740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 20.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 27.3

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (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 the Office National de l'Assainissement (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 expected to substantially achieve the Objectives, in particular with respect to improving service levels, increasing the efficiency of the sewage collection system in Greater Tunis, and toward increased pollution control capacity. ONAS is also in the process of amending the law to enable private sector participation in the sector. ONAS has, however, been unable to improve its financial situation in the last year and it is uncertain at this stage whether this will be accomplished before the closing date.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 3/17/1998

Midterm Review Date: 4/8/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 42970

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 32.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 47.6

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to progress in reaching its development objectives. Youth access to higher education continues to increase, having doubled since the start of the project, and is forecast to exceed project goals by reaching 37.5% in 2005. In terms of quality, the repetition rate, while decreasing slightly, remains high at 20%. The government has put measures in place to reduce this figure. Finally, the fiscal impact of rapidly increasing student numbers remains a concern. A financing study is under way, and should provide policymakers with potential choices to improve the student loan system, reducing scholarship, and increasing family/student cost sharing for housing and restaurant services.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/26/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70630

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 24.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4

Sector: Rural Sector

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Groupement interprofessionnel Vignes et Vins has put in place a mechanism to certify the origin of Tunisian wines. Fisheries statistics are now available for the first time and agricultural statistics have been updated. Plant protection and quality control on agri-food products as well as animal products can now be performed to international standards thanks to upgraded equipment, infrastructure and well trained staff. Research can be carried out at the regional level thanks to research poles being equipped and staffed.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/22/2000

Midterm Review Date: 12/1/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70250

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 73.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 55.6

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The project aims to promote integrated water resource management and water conservation and environmental protection

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Overall prospects for achieving the project development objective are good with implementation of all the main components under way, but there is no monitoring and evaluation system in place yet to measure the extent to which the objective is being achieved. Implementation of some components also needs to be accelerated.

Project Name (ID): Transport Sector Investment (P043700)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/23/1998

Midterm Review Date: 7/10/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 43570

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 36.4

Sector: Transport

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Good progress has been made in the transport sector and the achievements of development objectives can be anticipated. The port reform is nearly completed: the last dockworkers will receive financial compensations or be hired by port operators by the end of 2004; the social plan for the public handling company is completed; the reorganization of port handling activities out of Tunis ports is ongoing. The preparation of the procurement of private operators of Rades port terminals is progressing, although work is still required to establish regulatory mechanisms. In the rail sector, the railway company (Societe Nationale de Chemins de Fer Tunisiens) performance has been significantly improved by the financial restructuring, severance program and clarification of financial relations with the State. Air pollution control activities have been

fully internalized by the government and the air quality monitoring network is nearly completed.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2002

Closing Date: 8/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 4.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.4

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): It is too early to assess if the development objective will be met. But studies and cooperation agreements between various agencies -- necessary as foundation to work on the objectives -- are being initiated.

Project Name (ID): Cultural Heritage (P048825)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/12/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70590

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 21.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.2

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the management of cultural heritage to develop cultural tourism and generate additional revenues

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Implementation has been going well on all three areas of focus: (i) enhancement of the legal and institutional framework; (ii) development and marketing of cultural products; and (iii) improvement of the access, display and management of six cultural sites. In the last year, the two main institutions in charge of cultural heritage have clarified their respective responsibilities and implemented a number of measures to improve their mode of operation. The project unit has been effective in its communication campaign. A number of studies have been conducted on the development of the new policies, the strengthening and capacity building of the institutions in charge of the management and promotion of the national heritage, and the various enhancements programmed on each of the six sites. These studies, now about to be finalized, have been closely followed-up by the cultural institutions and the local constituents. Clearing work has also been undertaken on two archeological sites. Improvement works should commence in the coming months.

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

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 6/27/2000

Midterm Review Date: 8/1/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70280

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 42.7

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 56.3

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The 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
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In terms of quality and equity, the project is likely to meet its objectives with significant decreases in repetition and drop-out rates, and an increase in the enrollment rate. The Ministry has been particularly active in developing measures to improve the quality of teaching and learning through an extensive program of in-service teachers, directors and inspectors trainings.

Project Name (ID): Export Development (P055814)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 5/20/1999

Midterm Review Date: 3/14/2002

Closing Date: 9/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 44750

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 24.5

Sector: Private Sector Development

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project development objectives have been largely achieved during the last year. The Export Market Access Fund has assisted around 600 enterprises to become new exporters to export new products/services, or to export to new markets, as opposed to a planned 350 enterprises. Tunisie Trade Net is now fully operational. Its impact is now being felt in the trading community as the time and cost of trade transactions are being reduced. The performance of the pre-shipment export finance guarantee mechanism has been less impressive than the other two components due to several changes in management since 2002. However, its performance has been improving recently.

Project Name (ID): Transport Sector Investment (P064082)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 4/19/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 70510

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 34.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 14.3

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): This project is the second phase of a transport reform and investment program, which focuses on creating an institutional framework for urban transport and implementing 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. Key reform steps have been achieved with the approval of a new transport law establishing urban transport authorities at local level. However, private sector involvement is materializing at a lower pace than initially anticipated and consequently corresponding investments are lagging.

Project Name (ID): Second Export Development (P071115)

Country: Tunisia
Board Approval Date: 6/29/2004
Closing Date: 3/31/2010
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 72390
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 37.4
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0
Sector: Private Sector Development
Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to improve access to export markets, and finance and enhance the efficiency of trade logistics.
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Northwestern Mountainous and Forest Areas Development (P072317)
Country: Tunisia
Board Approval Date: 10/31/2002
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71510
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 38
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.5
Sector: Rural Sector
Project development objective(s): The objective is to establish an effective and sustainable instrument to improve the living conditions and economic status of disadvantaged communities.
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project became effective in July 2003. The first year of implementation focused mainly on procurement; training of staff; extension sessions for and technical assistance to community members; and participatory design of Community Development Plans. All preliminary conditions are therefore being met for a significant thrust in the coming years.

Project Name (ID): Third Municipal Development (P074398)
Country: Tunisia
Board Approval Date: 12/5/2002
Closing Date: 6/30/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 71540
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 83.9
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 14.9
Sector: Urban Development
Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (i) strengthen the institutional environment for the delivery of municipal basic services and infrastructure; and (b) increase the institutional capacity of both local governments and related central agencies.
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Municipal Development Fund has shown improved financial indicators during the last year. It is slowly becoming financially viable as a result of the strengthening of its capacity. A pilot financial restructuring plan was prepared for three municipalities that are financially vulnerable or facing financial difficulties. A number of sector reforms aimed at increasing local revenues from local taxes and fees were achieved.

Project Name (ID): Second Education Quality Improvement Program (P082999)
Country: Tunisia
Board Approval Date: 3/8/2004
Closing Date: 6/30/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 72200
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 123.2
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.7

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): Promote excellence in teaching and learning throughout the school sector, while continuing the push for the inclusion of all children at all levels of the basic education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has just become effective.

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Project Name (ID): Gaza Industrial Estate (P040503)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 1/20/1998

Midterm Review Date: 2/15/2001

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26048

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.1

Sector: Private Sector Development

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Employment has remained steady at the Gaza Industrial Estate (GIE) at approximately 800 workers in the past year. This in itself is an achievement in the context of ongoing violence and skyrocketing unemployment in Gaza – now well over 30%. New private sector investment is also taking place at the GIE with the recent entry of a new garment manufacturing tenant. Moreover, significant progress has been made in completing the off-site infrastructure for the GIE, including finalizing the wastewater disposal pipeline and most of the storm water detention basin. The GIE is fully functional now in its first development phase, but its future contribution to employment creation and attracting new private investment will depend heavily on the surrounding political circumstances.

Project Name (ID): Electricity Sector Investment and Management (P040506)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 8/31/1999

Midterm Review Date: 8/2/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26092

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 12

Sector: Energy and Mining

Project development objective(s): The objective is to provide electricity consumers, particularly households, with sustainable improvements in quality of electricity supply

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is expected to achieve its development objective. The sector reforms envisaged under the project have proceeded well and, as a result, two new power companies, the Hebron Electric Power Company and the Southern Electric Company have been established and will start functioning soon. The restructuring program of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company (JDECO) has also been completed and the decentralized regional branches are working effectively. As a result of crucial investments made onto JDECO's distribution network, systems losses have reduced from 17.7% during FY02 to about 15.4% in 2004 and are expected to reduce further to 13.8% by FY06. In addition, the level of accounts receivable has reduced considerably from 7.1 months in 2002 to 3.0 months (budget) today. These have had significant positive impacts on overall operational efficiency of JDECO. Based on studies carried out under the

project, a new electricity law is now being considered by the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Project Name (ID): Housing Finance (P043338)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 4/8/1997

Midterm Review Date: 6/5/2003

Closing Date: 3/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 26052

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.6

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objective is to create a competitive, market-based mortgage finance system for housing that would enhance the affordability of housing for Palestinians and be financially sustainable.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Palestine Mortgage and Housing Corporation (PMHC), the centerpiece of the project, has significantly grown its business of refinancing and insuring mortgage loans made by commercial banks during the past two years. PMHC has prepared a bond issue for the local market for the fall of 2004, which is a key step toward long-term sustainability.

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

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 6/5/1997

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 27041

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.2

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): It is unlikely that the project will achieve its development objectives because of unforeseen constraints and their consequences. The deterioration in the living conditions in West Bank and Gaza has made it difficult to recruit Palestinian expatriates for key positions in the Palestinian Authority ministries and agencies. To cater for the immediate needs created by the conflict, the project was able to sponsor shorter, emergency-oriented assignments, for example, specialist surgeons were recruited to perform treatment at hospitals in Gaza and Ramallah.

Project Name (ID): Southern Area Water (P051564)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 5/27/1999

Midterm Review Date: 8/1/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 22443

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 19.2

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to maintain the levels of water and wastewater services in both West Bank and Gaza, and address emergency needs in the

provision of water and wastewater services that may arise during the remaining course of implementation.

The project was restructured during the 2004 fiscal year: The project was restructured to allow for more implementation flexibility on the face of the constantly changing situation on the ground. In light of the delay in the tendering of the management contract for water and sanitation service provision in the Gaza Strip, the restructuring allows funds from this project to be provided to support the interim arrangements currently in place for the short-term service management and supply in Gaza. In addition, the capital investments component, which was to be financed by the European Investment Bank, has been cancelled.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In spite of the difficult working environment, as of December 2003, constancy of supply has reached 82% in Bethlehem (an improvement of about 30%), while in Hebron this figure stands at 35% (an improvement of 10%). In Bethlehem, 2,775 water meters and service connections have been either repaired or replaced, while for Hebron the number of repairs/replacements stands at 2,910 meters, out of which 2,460 also had their service connections repaired or replaced.

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

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/9/1999

Midterm Review Date: 10/3/2002

Closing Date: 4/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.6

Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project development objective(s): The 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Overall, the project has largely achieved its development objective. Excellent progress has been made on all project components, 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 and Environmental Management. (P054051)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 10/10/2000

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.6

Sector: Environment

Project development objective(s): The objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for Jenin District

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The proposed landfill under the project has been fully designed and is under a bidding process. Several of the small dumpsites in the Governorate of Jenin have been rehabilitated and closed under the project. Implementation toward achieving development objectives is on target and progressing well.

Project Name (ID): Second Municipal Infrastructure Development (P058683)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 6/20/2000

Midterm Review Date: 4/1/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 23777/23961

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.5

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objectives, are to improve municipal infrastructure service coverage and quality; increase accessibility; reform and strengthen municipal systems; and generate employment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is progressing well toward achieving its developmental objectives. A number of essential regional as well as access roads in the West Bank and Gaza have been rehabilitated and currently providing an improved access to essential services, such as health and education centers. The project is in the final stages of achieving the objective of improving access to potable water. The main water line in Bidya, in the North of the West Bank, has been completed and house connections are currently being installed.

Project Name (ID): Education Action (P065593)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 5/31/2001

Closing Date: 9/30/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.1

Sector: Education

Project 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made progress toward meeting its development objectives. Most of the key activities, including construction, technical assistance, and training, have been completed, including targeted interventions such as developing a Training Fund or operationizing the vocational training system. Several activities have exceeded original expectations in terms of outcomes, including the number of training courses provided and students enrolled in the vocational training programs.

Project Name (ID): Emergency Water (P065921)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 7/29/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 52627

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.2

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The project objective is to help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies, and reduce system losses, water costs and health risks to the population of West Bank and Gaza.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is in its first year of implementation. In spite of a slow start, progress has been good in the last six months.

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

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 5/23/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.1

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The project development objective is to improve the quality and the availability of basic social and economic infrastructure in poor and marginalized communities of the West Bank and Gaza (WBG).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress in rehabilitating community infrastructure continues ahead of schedule despite continuing insecurity, closures and restricted movement. The flexibility in design has enabled the project to meet emerging community needs, for example the increased need for local employment given the restriction on labor movement into Israel. Although still responding to immediate needs, the project has produced longer-term gains for example by promoting community participation and encouraging cooperation between different villages.

Project Name (ID): Second Palestinian Nongovernmental Organizations (P071040)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 6/21/2001

Midterm Review Date: 9/27/2003

Closing Date: 2/15/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 2.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.8

Sector: Social Protection

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In the last year, the project has made considerable progress in terms of moving toward achieving its objectives, i.e., all funds earmarked for grants to non government organizations had been fully committed and the majority of ongoing sub-projects are well under way in terms of meeting their work plans. Progress to date includes: the finalization of a database for Youth Clubs in Jerusalem and the development and dissemination of community tool kits to be used by them; the construction by the Jenin Charitable Society of a dormitory for deaf children allowing its students to benefit from specialized training avoiding the obstacles faced in crossing check-points; the provision of awareness raising/training for police; and social workers on issues of domestic violence. Through the Sector Support Program--a component intended to support information sharing and higher standards of professionalism amongst non government organizations, a firm was contracted to develop an interactive non governmental organizational Portal and the financial manuals/systems for the Palestinian non governmental organization Network has been developed and disseminated to all its members.

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

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 33.4

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The project development objective is to mitigate the deterioration in education, health and social welfare services resulting from the economic crisis.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to provide the primary channel through which financial support covers the non-salary expenditures of the key social ministries, thereby allowing them to sustain their delivery of basic services. On average, the project accounts for more than 85% of these ministries' recurrent budgets. New commitments from additional donors brought the total number of Trust Funds under the Project to 6 and has led to the leveraging of an equal amount of funds from donors. The level of donor co-financing achieved attests to the project's success in terms of meeting its objectives.

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

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Closing Date: 6/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 50956

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10.6

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is progressing well and gradually achieving the set objectives. It is providing financial support to local government units (LGUs) to sustain essential service delivery as well as create temporary employment opportunities. For example, LGUs are able to procure fuel for water and wastewater pumps and electricity generators. Moreover, the project is financing technical assistance to improve capacities of these LGUs in terms of budget planning, procurement and financial management. The second objective is also progressing. As a first step, the project has helped the establishment of a steering committee, including key ministries and local governments, which is currently providing guidance to donors as well as overseeing and ensuring the sound, transparent, equitable and effective implementation of this project.

Project Name (ID): Social Safety Net Reform (P081477)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 6/3/2004

Closing Date: 8/15/2004

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The development objective is to mitigate the impact of the current social and economic crisis on the economically vulnerable segments of the Palestinian population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Project Name (ID): Southern Governorates Agricultural Privatization (P005902)

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 11/4/1997
Midterm Review Date: 10/27/2000
Closing Date: 6/30/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 29980
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 9.8
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 10.4
Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) raise the incomes of very poor rural individuals and their families in the southern governorates above the poverty level and (b) promote overall economic and social development in the approximately 40 extended rural communities
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward achieving project objectives is accelerating and to date, an area of 850 feddans has been developed benefiting 190 families. Reconstruction/ rehabilitation of 4 spate irrigation canals has been completed. Reconstruction of two diversion weirs benefiting about 7,300 feddans and 1,400 poor families, in addition to one ongoing sub-project on a diversion weir and two canals at Wadi Dhura benefiting 1,100 feddans and 660 families is under way. Implementation of a number of erosion control and village/wadi protection works in various wadis in the project area benefiting about 6,500 feddans and about 1,600 families is also under way. The project has provided technical and financial support to the local councils by training 385 members and will implement training programs during the coming semester for an additional 1600. It has also helped local communities to establish Community Project Committees and Water User Groups providing them with training to assist them in their duties. Furthermore, it has contributed toward creating job opportunities to both unemployed men and women. In total, the project has trained approximately 3,500 individuals, (26% were women), of which 64% have received permanent or part-time jobs. To date, 155 community sub-projects have been implemented and is expected will benefit approximately 60,000 poor families.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 12/21/2000
Closing Date: 6/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34500
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 19.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.2
Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve sustainable access to rural water supply and sanitation services

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is still likely to achieve its development objectives, despite important delays and some shortcomings in Implementation. This assessment is demonstrated by the following: (a) the demand-driven and participatory approach designed to ensure the sustainability of the rural water supply and sanitation schemes, the main project objective, is progressing well; (b) the pace of implementation of the rural water supply and sanitation component is accelerating sharply; and (c) the technical assistance for the definition of the national rural water supply and sanitation strategy is also progressing well. Despite progress made since last year, some systemic issues continue: (a) water user associations have still not received any administrative, financial and technical training and the project has not yet started providing the follow-up required to ensure sustainability of the schemes; (b) the sanitation and hygiene components have barely begun; (d) both procurement and financial management are not adequate in spite of some progress made in the last few months; and (d) some shortcomings were noted in the quality of the civil works in the field. All of these issues will be raised at the midterm review.

Project Name (ID): Education Sector (P005911)

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 2/17/1994
Midterm Review Date: 2/8/1998
Closing Date: 9/30/2004
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 25700
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 6.5
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 26.4
Sector: Education

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Substantial progress has been made toward achieving the development objectives: Teacher performance, curriculum and school management have been effectively supported, and are contributing to the expansion of the learning achievement in secondary education. Forty training modules were produced for teacher training in summer schools and all secondary teachers were trained in math, science and Arabic. The curriculum has been renewed and new textbooks published accordingly. Access of girls to secondary education has increased through the construction and equipping of 335 additional classrooms in urban areas, the construction of 60 secondary female schools (360 classrooms) in rural areas, and the scholarship program for girls in faculties of education. Two community colleges have been completed and are operational.

Project Name (ID): Health Reform Support (P043254)
Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 3/28/2002
Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36250
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 31
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.5
Sector: Health, Nutrition and Population

Project 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The overall progress toward meeting the development objectives is limited. Although some components are making good progress (malaria, health education, and management training), implementation overall has been slow. The work plan for national health accounts has been prepared and is being implemented. Other components, such as the health service delivery and disease surveillance, are not progressing well.

Project Name (ID): Basic Education Expansion (P043255)
Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 10/17/2000
Midterm Review Date: 10/26/2003
Closing Date: 6/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34220
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 36.1
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 25
Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to support the education strategy's highest priority of providing all children with basic education of adequate quality.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made major advances in the

areas it supports: it is about to complete an impressive construction program in underserved districts of four governorates. Most of schools built/rehabilitated are equipped and operating. Girls outnumber boys in the first to third grades in the new rural schools. Enrollment rates have dramatically increased, exceeding the targets.

Project Name (ID): Child Development (P050483)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 3/21/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/1/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33260

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 13.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 15.9

Sector: Education

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the health and nutritional status of children under five and to improve education of girls in selected under-served areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has provided the necessary inputs toward achieving the development objective: 21 health service facilities have been constructed or rehabilitated and are operational; 43 additional health facilities are under way; the integrated management of childhood illness is now operational in 180 facilities in 17 districts of 5 governorates; case management training workshops were conducted and a referral system was established; basic supplies were procured; and training of key health workers was carried out in 5 pilot districts for the community-based nutrition component. However, the evaluation of performance is not possible at this stage as domestic household surveys will be conducted only at the end of 2004 and the 2003 family health survey data has not yet been released. Regarding the educational status of girls, the following has been done: simple and low cost classrooms were constructed or rehabilitated in various locations, with the parents' councils playing a key role in the overall management of the process. Newly recruited female teachers were trained. The combination of these various approaches has contributed to an increase in enrollment of girls: girls enrollment rates in grades 1-6 reached about 50% in participating districts; as a result, the ratio of boys to girls enrolled has decreased by 16%.

Project Name (ID): Sana'a Emergency Power (P050530)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 9/24/1998

Midterm Review Date: 6/27/2001

Closing Date: 4/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 31320

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 11.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 44.5

Sector: Energy and Mining

Project development objective(s): The objectives 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 acceptable 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is expected to achieve its development objective. Physical works are either complete or nearing completion. Except for one lot for which procurement actions were initiated recently, delivery of all other materials are almost complete as well. The institutional components related to initiation of sector reforms and Public Sector Corporation's capacity-building have been completed satisfactorily. Implementation of the reform program is now awaiting government's final decision. Over the past few years, continuous efficiency enhancement

measures including increase in power plant efficiency, reduction in systems losses and improvements in accounts receivables and collection performance have resulted in some improvements in overall financial performance of Public Electricity Corporation.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 4/20/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/7/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33350

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 24.9

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.6

Sector: Public Sector Governance

Project development objective(s): The objective is to create sustained use of human and financial resources in the administration

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The objective of the operation remains valid and are more central than ever to 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. The implementation of an Accounting and Financial Management Information System (AFMIS) has begun and poses problems of capacity within the Ministry of Finance as well as of relevance of computerization before reforming budget management. Reengineering of major agencies is on its way, as is the creation of a biometric identification system, both prerequisites for civil service rationalization, have begun. The civil service fund, to be used for severance compensation, has also been created.

Project Name (ID): Urban Water Supply and Sanitation APL (P057602)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 8/1/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37000

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 151.1

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 1.7

Sector: Water Supply and Sanitation

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to provide efficient and sustainable water and sanitation services in Yemen's urban areas

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is still in its early stages of implementation. The bulk of project funds goes toward rehabilitation and expansion of water and sewerage systems in 5 major urban areas: Sanaa, Al Hodeidah, Al Mukallah, Taiz and Ibb-Qaida. The project is also supporting the strengthening of local water and sewerage local corporations in these five cities. Construction is expected in Taiz, Ibb and Al Hodeidah in the fourth quarter of 2004. In parallel, technical assistance is being provided to create a regulatory framework for the sector and to bring private sector participation into the operations of the Sanaa local corporation (a management contract).

Project Name (ID): Irrigation Improvement (P062714)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 9/7/2000

Closing Date: 6/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 34120

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 20.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 3.1

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): Project development objective is to ensure sustainable water use in two spate irrigation project area of Tuban and Zabid

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Phase 1 is progressing well. While institutional development is good, civil works are delayed. It is likely that the project will be restructured at the upcoming midterm review scheduled for October 2004.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 6/3/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 25.8

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.5

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The project development objective is to extend the life span of the aquifer in the Sana'a Basin by increasing agricultural water use efficiency and accelerating aquifer recharge.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In the six months since effectiveness, progress has been slow but steady. Improvements of the analytical data base and the start up of interventions in irrigation systems are evident. Re-charge efforts are under way with the first optimally-designed set of dams in Yemen and the integration of upper and lower watersheds based on community needs and involvement. Progress on institutional development and capacity building continues at a slower pace with the creation of a "Sana'a Basin Committee" and a branch of the National Water Resources Authority in Sana'a.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 1/23/2003

Closing Date: 6/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 37290

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 25.4

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.6

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the investment climate and encourage growth and the creation of employment opportunities in port cities

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): While it is still early to judge the impact of the project against its development objectives, several indicators suggest that it is on track in laying the foundation for the development of Aden and Yemen's secondary port cities. Regulatory authority for the approval of new private sector investment projects and master planning authorities have been delegated to local authorities with the aim of reducing steps and processing time and to streamline regulatory oversight procedures. A formal restructuring of the institutional arrangements concerning management of the Aden Container Terminal (ACT) and integration of the Aden Free Zone within the city's overall master plan, seen as vital elements to the revival of Aden as a major regional port, have been secured by the government. Finally, the process of re-concessioning or contracting out management of the ACT is now under way. Infrastructure investments now under implementation are also likely to help by improving the quality and reliability of services for small-scale businesses, including provision of electricity, roads, sewage and storm water drainage, as well as market access for small entrepreneurs.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 5/23/2000
Midterm Review Date: 5/2/2003
Closing Date: 6/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 33530
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 7.6
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 68.4
Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The objectives 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

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has already achieved most of its targets. In education, over 100% of the appraisal enrollment targets have been achieved, with 448,000 students benefiting, of which about 48% are girls. Sub-projects that strengthen the health committees in managing health facilities in underserved areas have benefited more than 774,000 people. Feeder road and water supply sub-projects each benefited close to 900,000. Almost 300 non-governmental organizations have been given intensive training in financial management, project development, and training outputs and marketing. Forty-three community-based organizations, including health committees, parent-teacher committees, and water-user associations, have been trained. One income-generating and 12 microfinance programs have been developed, reaching about US\$6.5 million, with close to 8,500 current active borrowers and over 10,000 savers.

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

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 11/1/2001
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 35750
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 38.1
Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 13.3
Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to make steady progress toward meeting its development objectives. During a midterm review carried out in mid-2004, progress was noted in construction of the flood structures, resulting in a reduction in loss of life by 33 percent, number of properties damaged by 78 percent, and overall value of economic damages in the city by some 28 percent (preliminary estimates). In addition, under the capacity building component, updating of the master plan is under way to improve land use planning, new local council building are designed and being constructed in two governorates to improve service delivery, flood structure equipment are now stored and maintained effectively under a new asset maintenance unit in Taiz City, and city officials and staff have undertaken a major effort in identifying municipal revenue leakages and have taken measures to reduce them.

Project Name (ID): Rural Access Improvement Program (P070391)

Country: Yemen, Republic of
Board Approval Date: 6/7/2001
Midterm Review Date: 12/10/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 35140
Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 33.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 17.6

Sector: Transport

Project development objective(s): The overall purpose and long-term development objective of the program is an improved livelihood and reduced isolation for the rural population. The objective of Phase I of the program is to establish a sustainable foundation for large-scale improvements to rural accessibility in areas severely affected by poverty which at the same time have good prospects for rural development. The project would put in place effective institutional arrangements and more appropriate technical standards and implementation procedures for these large-scale improvements to be achieved during subsequent phases of the Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): By mid-2004, the project has already reached its development objective. The pilot projects executed until now have served to develop and test new and adequate technical standards for rural roads. Overall, the ongoing Phase I of the program has established the technical and organizational basis to proceed with Phase II and Phase III. The success of the program has encouraged other donors to provide additional financing which exceeds the original Bank financing. The number and length of pilot roads executed by the project is more than twice as high as projected during appraisal, because of lower-than expected costs.

Project Name (ID): Groundwater and Soil Conservation (P074413)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 2/26/2004

Closing Date: 10/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38600

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 39.2

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Rural Sector

Project development objective(s): The objective is to promote groundwater conservation in farming areas and increase surface and groundwater availability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Higher Education (P076183)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 6/18/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 36740

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 5.6

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0.3

Sector: Education

Project 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Implementation was affected by a change of leadership in the Ministry of Education and change in project manager. Once these issues were addressed, substantial progress has been achieved. The draft strategy for higher education has been prepared and discussed internally. The critical studies which will accompany the implementation of the reform process (twinning, accreditation, and governance) were launched. The development objective will likely be achieved.

Project Name (ID): Third Social Fund For Development (P082498)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 2/26/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38610

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 60.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Social Protection

Project development objective(s): The project objectives are to further improve access of low income groups to basic services, while providing an example of an effective, efficient, and transparent institutional mechanism for providing social services in Yemen.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.

Project Name (ID): Third Public Works (P082976)

Country: Yemen, Republic of

Board Approval Date: 2/26/2004

Closing Date: 6/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: 38590

Undisbursed Amount (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 45.3

Cumulative Disbursements (in US\$ millions-as of June 30, 2004): 0

Sector: Urban Development

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to: (a) provide needed infrastructure to improve services and environmental conditions (particularly those affecting women and children);and (b) create short term employment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is not yet effective.