

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: BENIN

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY05 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on and beyond June 30, 2005. 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.

The FY05 SOPE introduces a new element: in order to disclose project-by-project comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, the SOPE report contains a line chart¹ showing the original estimated disbursement schedule, the latest approved revised schedule (if any) and actual disbursements for investment operations and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts for Projects in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Loans, which provide quick-disbursing external financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these loans, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed conditions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus may not include a graph.

Country: Benin

Project Name (ID): National Parks Conservation and Management (P037580)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 03/30/2000

Midterm Review Date: 11/19/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: WBTF-23658

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (44%), Central government administration (43%), Other social services (13%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Export development and competitiveness (S)

Project Development Objectives:

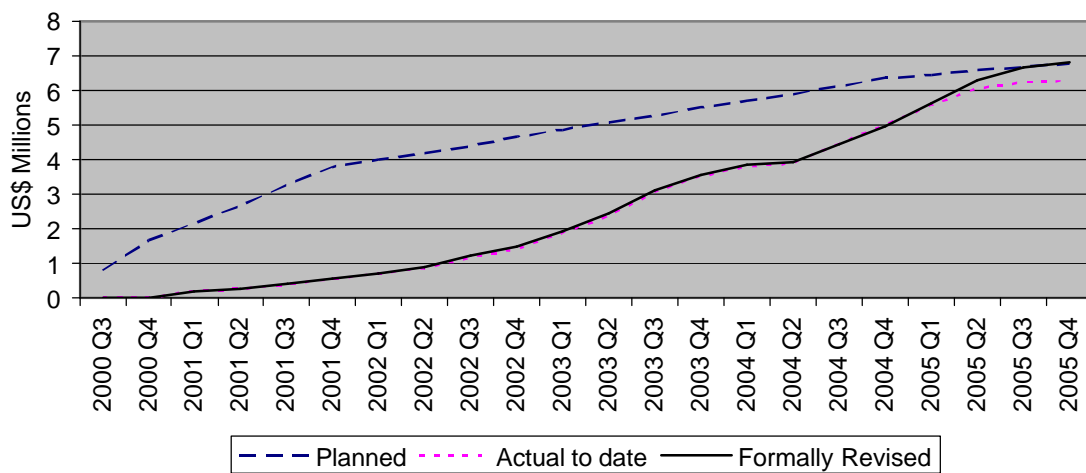
The objective is to ensure the sustainable management and conservation of regionally and globally important biodiversity, and globally fragile ecosystems in the north of the country.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The biodiversity management in the two national parks targeted by the project increased substantially and park infrastructure to improve significantly the cost-effectiveness of surveillance and monitoring activities and wildlife management for tourism and safari is progressing well. Illegal activities such as poaching and cultivation decreased by at least 80%, and the population of three of the five endangered species increased by 20%. One hundred (100) villages created associations for wildlife management that are actively participating in the co-management scheme that the project put in place, and local populations receive 30% of hunting and tourism fees, and many villagers are employed seasonally in park protection activities (poaching, fire-control).

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-23658	Effective	6.76	6.29	0.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Private Sector (P039882)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 11/30/1999

Midterm Review Date: 03/08/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-32960, IDA-Q0420

Sector(s): Micro and SME finance (55%), Other domestic and international trade (28%), Central government administration (17%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to improve the business environment, competitiveness, and access of small and medium enterprises and micro-enterprises to credit

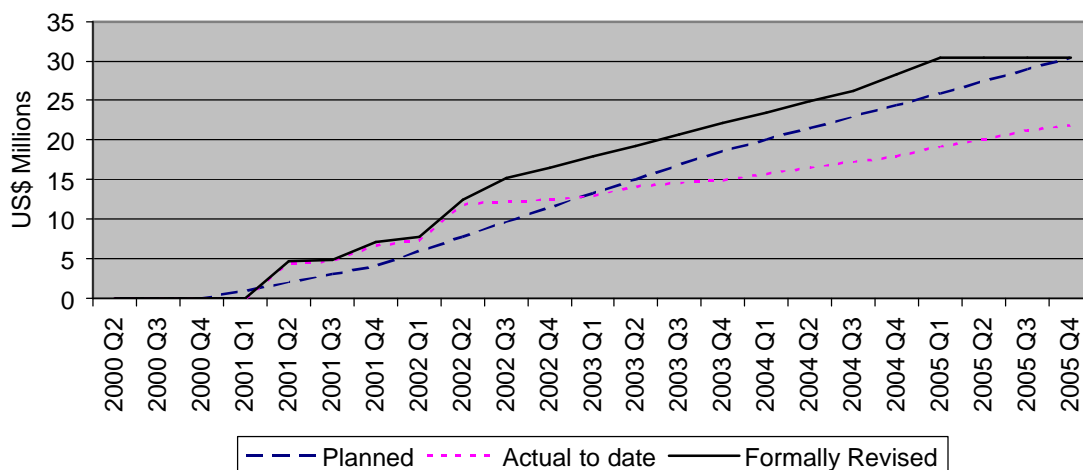
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation of this project is proceeding well. The two credit institutions, Credit Institutions for Small and Medium Enterprises and Credit Institution for Micro-enterprises are performing extremely well and have led to access to credit.

There is gradual but constant improvement in the private sector and export activities, which need to be accelerated. Limited progress was registered in privatization. The government intends to accelerate privatization mainly for the Telecom and Port Management companies.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32960	Effective	32.39	21.87	8.63	0.00
IDA-Q0420	Closed	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75



Project Name (ID): Cotton Sector Reform (P072503)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 01/22/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35980, IDA-Q2730

Sector(s): Agricultural marketing and trade (43%), Crops (25%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Agro-industry (10%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural markets (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

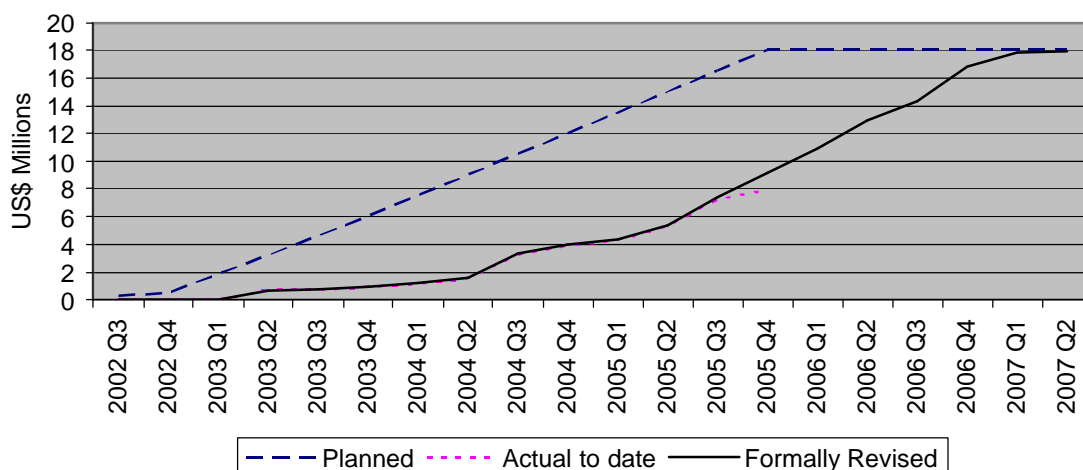
The objective is to facilitate the transition to a competitive system by providing the necessary support to private sector operators and their institutions to fill the void left by the privatization of the state-owned ginning company.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project activities have been progressing steadily towards achieving the development objectives. The project has contributed to strengthening the capacities of producer organizations, including the recruitment of complementary staff for the management and animation of their network and providing adequate training, and the process of the privatization of the parastatal cotton ginning company is back on track. Institutional reforms are at work, and a presidential decree has been issued establishing a new regulatory framework for the sub-sector, which would foster competition and would be accepted (and complied with) by all sector actors, including the government.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35980	Effective	20.57	7.93	12.71	0.00
IDA-Q2730	Closed	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.55



Project Name (ID): Multisectoral HIV/AIDS (P073118)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 01/04/2002

Midterm Review Date: 02/28/2005

Closing Date: 09/15/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35960

Sector(s): Health (59%), Other social services (24%), Central government administration (17%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Health system performance (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

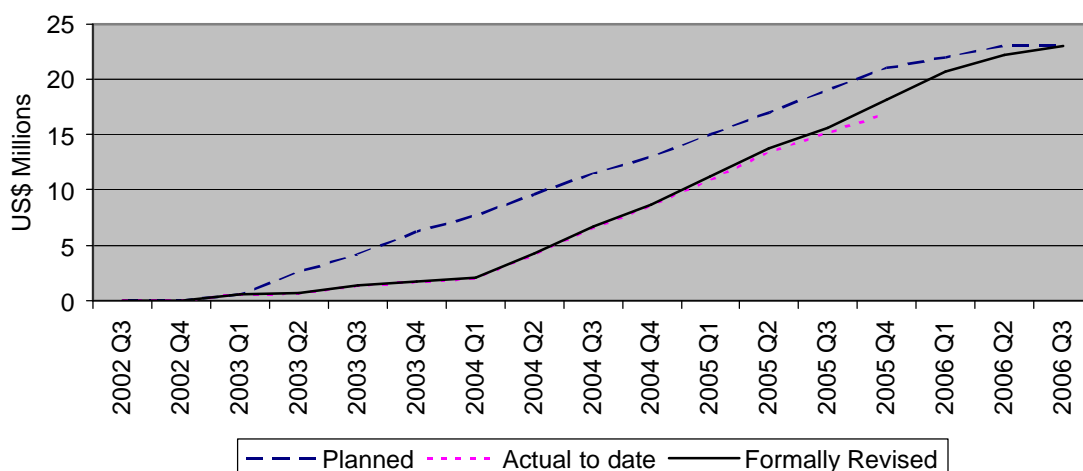
The objective is to contribute to curbing the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and mitigate its impacts for all those who are infected or affected.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

All the country's 77 communes as well as the Civil Society and the Public Sector have been engaged in the fight against HIV and are benefiting from the project. Voluntary counseling and testing are being promoted widely, and community-based condom stands have been set up and condoms are being distributed even in remote areas, and people living with HIV/AIDS and those living with chronic diseases are being cared for free of charge.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35960	Effective	25.97	16.88	9.17	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Poverty Reduction Strategy (P074313)
Country: Benin
Board Approval Date: 06/14/2005
Closing Date: 06/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40790, JPN-52828
Sector(s): Central government administration (40%), General education (20%), Crops (15%), Health (15%), Water supply (10%)
Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Rural policies and institutions (S), Education for all (S), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

As a follow-on to PRSC-1, PRSC-2 supports: (a) key policy measures aimed at bolstering the medium-term macroeconomic framework; (b) the cross-cutting public expenditure management reform, civil service reform, and decentralization programs; (c) improved service delivery, good governance, and institutional capacity in the new sectors (i.e., Rural Transport, Agriculture, and Justice); and (d) continued implementation of the Health, the Education, the Rural, the Environment and Urban Sanitation, and the Forest Management programs, including appropriate funding, execution, and monitoring.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall, progress in achieving the PRSP objectives has been broadly on course during the past 12-18 months. First, the Government has been successful in maintaining macroeconomic stability and has taken the necessary steps to mitigate the effects of lower fiscal revenues on public expenditure management, as well as on program objectives. Progress in implementing structural reforms has been more modest especially with respect to privatization of utilities. Second, significant progress has been made in implementing sectoral reforms, as well as in expanding basic services delivery in all the main PRSC sectors, with gradual improvements in most outcome and output indicators. Finally, implementation of public expenditure management reforms has stayed on track, despite their broad scope. Results-based budgeting has progressively been put in place in line ministries, along with efforts to improve their monitoring and evaluation capacity. The upcoming mission, which is scheduled for September, will actually review progress made under the PRSC-supported programs in 2005.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40790	Not Effective	29.04	0.00	29.04	0.00
JPN-52828	Closed	0.42	0.00	0.42	0.00

Project Name (ID): Energy Service Delivery APL (P079633)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/25/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39510, IDA-Q3520

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (24%), Sub-national government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Land administration and management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

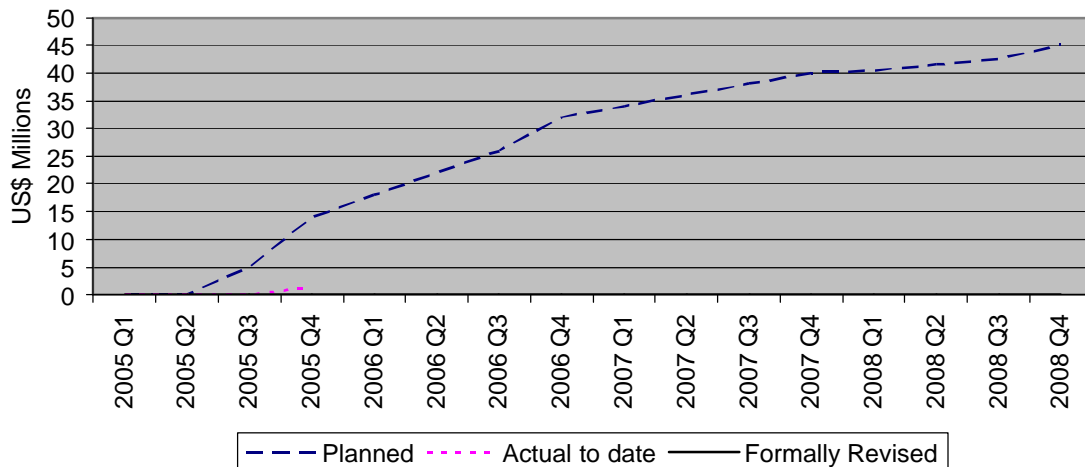
The project development objectives are: (1) to accelerate, in a commercially viable manner, the use of electricity in underserved areas for economic growth and improved quality of life; (2) strengthen the capacity of Benin to expand the power sector; (3) promote Benin's regional cooperation capacity; (4) improve governance and management of the biomass energy sub-sector and strengthen the relevant institutions

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the later part of the reporting period and was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress. The execution of preparatory studies is under way and the privatization study is nearly completed.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39510	Effective	45.38	1.46	43.96	0.00
IDA-Q3520	Closed	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75



Project Name (ID): National Community-Driven Development (P081484)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 10/07/2004

Closing Date: 05/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39900, IDA-H1280, IDA-Q4110, JPN-52101

Sector(s): Other social services (26%), Health (26%), Primary education (26%), Sub-national government administration (13%), Micro and SME finance (9%)

Theme(s): Decentralization (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Education for all (S), Other human development (S), Other social protection and risk management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to promote the use of the community-driven development approach by line ministries, decentralized local governments and local communities to improve the access of the poorest communities to basic social and financial services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is likely to achieve its objectives. Complex effectiveness conditions (including changing a law) have been fulfilled in a reasonable period of time. The project launch workshop was successfully held in July 2005. The management team is in place and operational, with a good understanding of its Action Plan. However, the manager was replaced for political reasons just after project effectiveness and the risk of diminution of the Government's leadership and commitment is high in the current period of Presidential pre-election.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39900	Effective	37.50	2.47	35.05	0.00
IDA-H1280	Effective	12.26	0.00	12.26	0.00
IDA-Q4110	Closed	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.67
JPN-52101	Closed	0.60	0.54	0.06	0.00

