

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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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: Congo, Republic of

Project Name (ID): Transparency and Governance Capacity Building (P073507)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 02/07/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36000, IDA-Q3060, JPN-53314

Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Oil & gas (20%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other public sector governance (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve governance and increase transparency and efficiency in the management of petroleum operations, financial operations in the Ministry of Finance, and government's public enterprise reform and privatization processes.

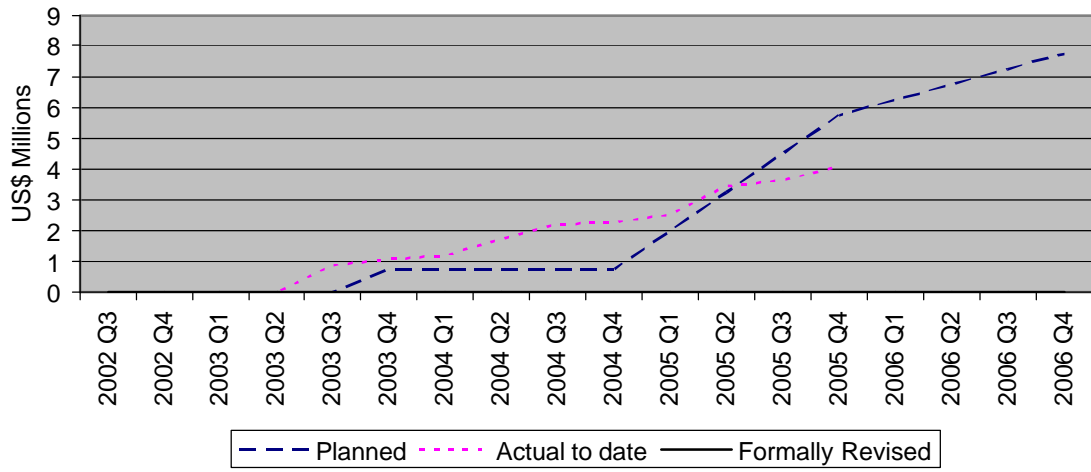
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is moving towards achieving its objectives. Progress is encouraging especially in the management of petroleum operations. Following independent audits of both the National Oil Company and the Congo Refinery and the publication of the outcomes of those audits on the Government website and in local newspapers, the public now has access to some information on the management of oil and gas resources. This has contributed to enhancing transparency and meeting public demand for greater accountability. The Ministry of Finance has modernized debt, customs, and tax management tools. Capacity of respective implementing agencies continues to be strengthened and there are measurable results, particularly in the area of resource mobilization. The project is likely to meet the goal of divestiture and improved efficiency of remaining public enterprises. Project targets and outcomes are measured against agreed benchmarks by a Monitoring and Evaluation team, which is also responsible for reporting.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36000	Effective	8.17	4.09	4.08	0.00
IDA-Q3060	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
JPN-53314	Effective	0.67	0.10	0.57	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Emergency Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (P074006)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 05/02/2002

Closing Date: 01/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36380, IDA-Q3170

Sector(s): Railways (33%), Roads and highways (30%), Other social services (27%), Health (5%), General public administration (5%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Improving labor markets (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

Project Development Objectives:

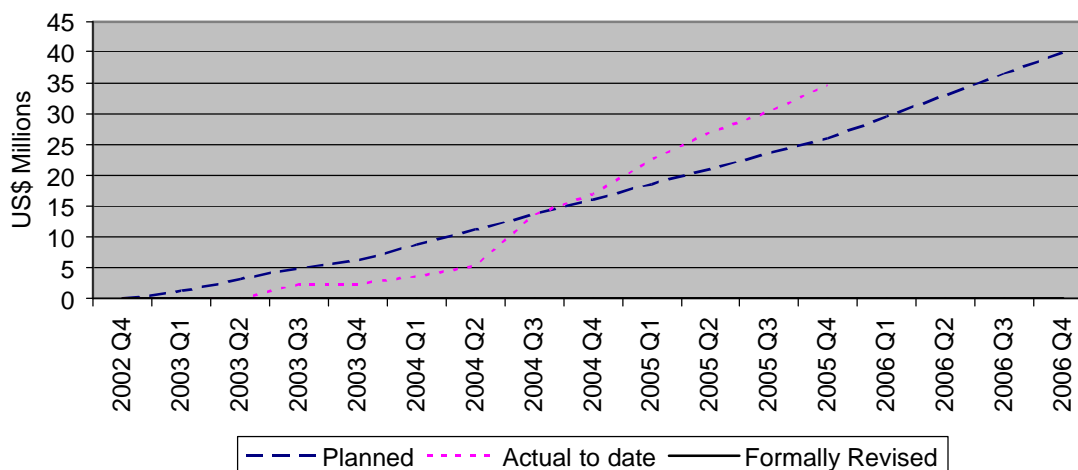
The objective of the project is to contribute to the reestablishment of basic economic activities and social services by rehabilitating primary, secondary and urban roads, railways, drainage, and school facilities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

All project components (Primary Infrastructure, Employment Generation, HIV/AIDS, Railways and Institutional strengthening and Capacity Building) are implemented. Activities related to HIV/AIDS component and Schools rehabilitation are completed and have allowed 15,000 kids to go back to school and to attend classes in more decent conditions. The HIV/AIDS testing centers built under the project are operational. The majority of the interurban and the rural roads are at an advanced stage of implementation. Most of the needed equipment for the rehabilitation and the proper functioning of the railway line between Pointe Noire and Brazzaville has been delivered and this equipment has improved the operations of the railways company.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36380	Effective	46.98	34.63	12.72	0.00
IDA-Q3170	Closed	1.03	0.00	0.00	1.03



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS and Health (P077513)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 04/20/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0820, IDA-Q3470, IDA-Q3471

Sector(s): Other social services (46%), Health (24%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

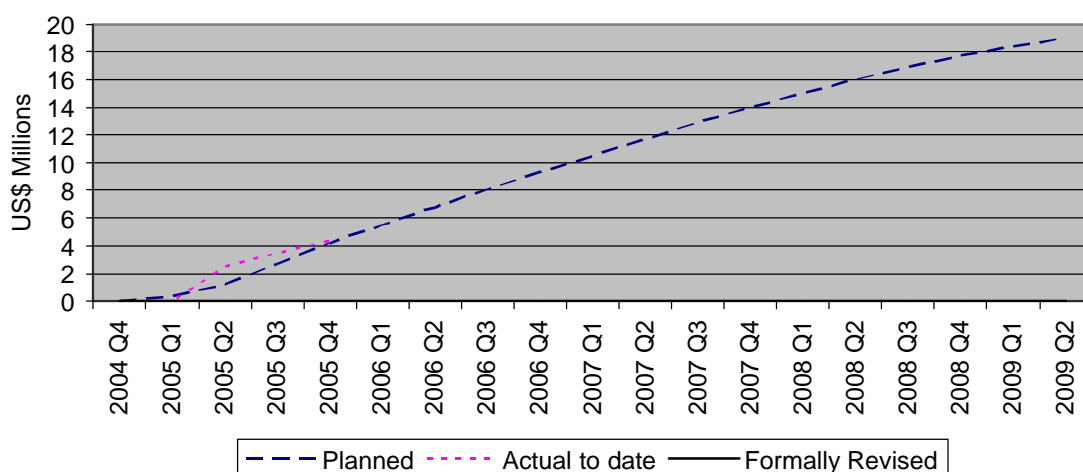
The objective is to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS and strengthen support and care for people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is expected to reach its objectives. During the last few months, the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the National HIV/AIDS Council has been recruiting training institutions and experienced non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have the responsibility to supervise local NGOs, setting up the HIV/AIDS units in the 13 sectoral ministries involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS, procuring equipment, drugs, reagents and vehicles, training service providers and NGOs, etc. Institutional mechanisms are now in place and activities such as testing and counseling, communication interventions, peer education, services to orphans and women victims of sexual violence, are now starting. The main constraint has been slow procurement; not only because of a lack of skills, but also because of the prevailing situation in the country. Overall, disbursement and all the Project components, to the exception of the health component, are on track.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0820	Effective	18.68	4.40	14.47	0.00
IDA-Q3470	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-Q3471	Closed	0.40	0.38	0.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Recovery and Community Support (P081924)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 06/24/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37980, IDA-H0530, JPN-52882

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection (40%), General education (30%), Health (30%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

Project Development Objectives:

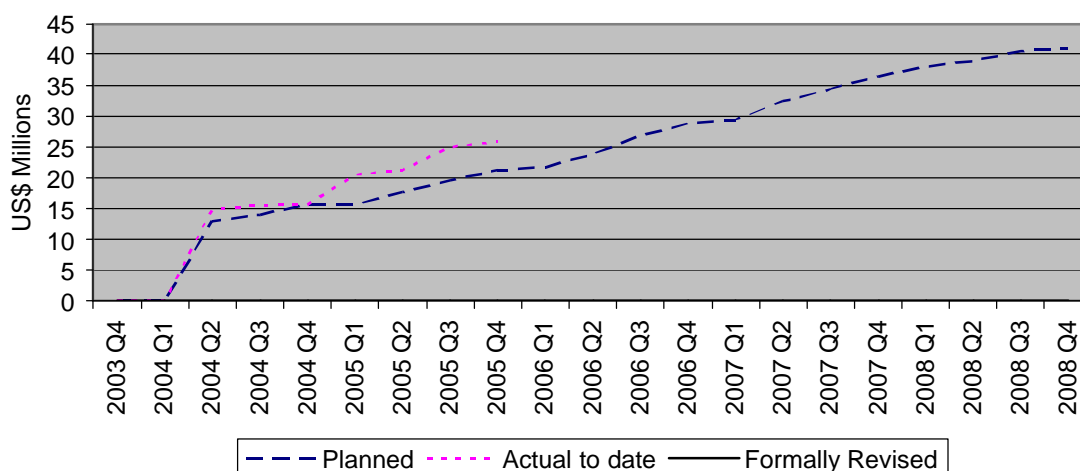
The Project aims at assisting the recovery of communities living in smaller municipalities and rural areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Key results have been achieved mainly (i) the unprecedented carrying out of genuinely participatory consultation processes at local level, (ii) the launch of a significant number of priority local investments and their implementation in a difficult environment, and (iii) the provision of financial support to a larger than expected number of community organizations. On the institution building side, facilitation of the continued implementation of the economic reforms and decentralization programs are carried out according to plan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37980	Effective	29.62	19.11	10.39	0.00
IDA-H0530	Effective	13.86	6.73	7.26	0.00
JPN-52882	Effective	0.71	0.16	0.55	0.00



Project Name (ID): Economic Recovery (P083627)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 12/07/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40080

Sector(s): Central government administration (75%), Oil and gas (15%), Forestry (6%), Flood protection (2%), Sewerage (2%)

Theme(s): Debt management and fiscal sustainability (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

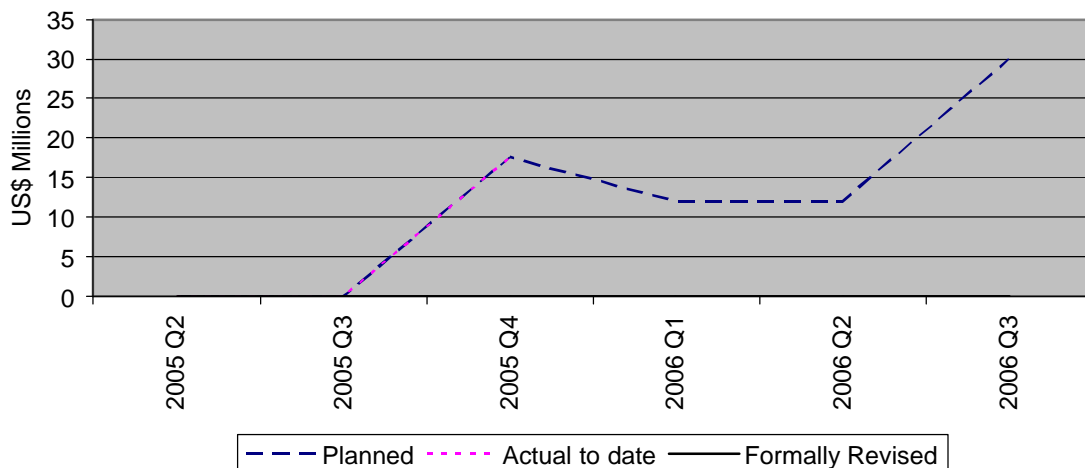
The objectives of the credit are to: (a) enhance transparency in the oil sector, (b) rationalize the public investment program (PIP) to ensure accountability and make it more consistent with the pro-poor and pro sustainable development goals of the I-Poverty Reeducation Strategy Paper; and (c) eliminate commercial domestic arrears in an orderly and transparent manner. Attaining these goals would improve the Congo's chances of escaping the conflict trap, notably through an early access to Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative and a normalization of relations with external creditors.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Improvements in transparency and governance in the oil sector continue to take place through the implementation of the plan prepared to that effect following the first audit of the national oil company (SNPC). Efforts to rationalize the Public Investment Program (PIP) have just started: Both the plan to improve PIP management and the preparation of the PIP for 2006-7 are ongoing, while the report on the 2004 PIP needs to be improved. The action plan to eliminate domestic arrears is proceeding well.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40080	Effective	29.91	17.58	12.99	0.00



Project Name (ID): Support to Basic Education (P084317)

Country: Congo

Board Approval Date: 09/23/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1270, IDA-Q4100

Sector(s): Primary education (40%), Secondary education (35%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Vocational training (5%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Decentralization (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to improve efficiency in the allocation and management of resources, improve the quality of and reduce the inequities in, the provision of the education services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project was declared effective on March 25, 2005, and a launch seminar took place. Under the enthusiastic leadership of the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, a strong partnership with other organizations such as UNESCO, UNICEF, the French Cooperation, and UNDP is being established. The partnership with UNDP for the implementation of the community-driven school rehabilitation seems to be working particularly well, with an excellent level of coordination between the Ministère de l'enseignement primaire et secondaire chargé de l'alphabétisation (MEPSA) and the UNDP. Such cooperation--now evident at the central level--must be developed to the same degree at the department level to ensure sound Project implementation. Launch seminars in each department took place in July 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1270	Effective	20.14	1.47	18.72	0.00
IDA-Q4100	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65

