

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: AFRICA**  
**COUNTRY: ERITREA**

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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**Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05**  
**Region: Africa**  
**Country: Eritrea**

**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 chart<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: Eritrea**

**Project Name (ID):** Ports Rehabilitation (P034154)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 11/18/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/07/1999

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-30050, IDA-P9760, ITAL-22024

**Sector(s):** Ports, waterways, and shipping (97%), Solid waste management (2%), Central government administration (1%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives of the Project are to: (a) address the urgent port capacity requirement up to the year 2005; (b) optimize the use of existing facilities by rehabilitating and upgrading the two ports of Massawa and Assab; and (c) increase substantially the productivity and capacity of the two ports to international standards.

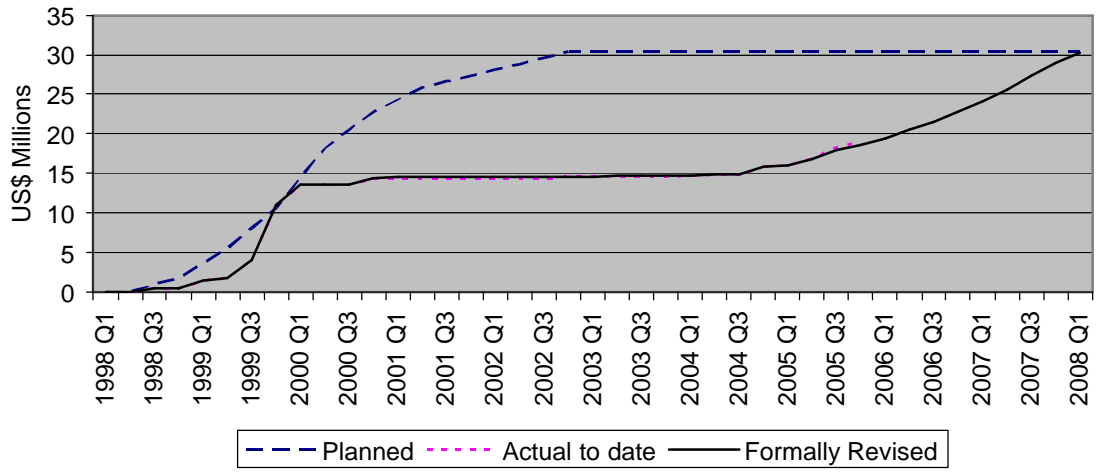
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The initially envisaged physical investments (comprising the phase 1 port rehabilitation works, provision of cargo handling equipment) and related services, plus the phase 1 port management services have all been completed. The phase 2 Massawa port rehabilitation works are now under construction (together with the causeway rehabilitation), with substantial completion of the majority of these works due December 2005. The only exception being the Massawa Workshop and Equipment Shed which is now scheduled for completion December 2006. The New phase 2 port management services are currently being procured, together with feasibility and design services for the new Hirgigo Bay Oil Jetty, with all remaining project funds planned for use on the oil jetty works. The port capacity and efficiency targets have already been largely met (except for the container handling indicator) and all the targets should be fully met over the period of project extension, when the phase 2 physical investments will have been completed in conjunction with the additional management services/capacity building.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IDA-30050	Effective	32.39	18.93	12.46	0.00
IDA-P9760	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
ITAL-22024	Effective	21.39	17.51	3.88	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Power Distribution and Rural Electrification (P057929)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 07/06/2004

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-39490, IDA-H1140, IDA-Q2630

**Sector(s):** Power (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**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 (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

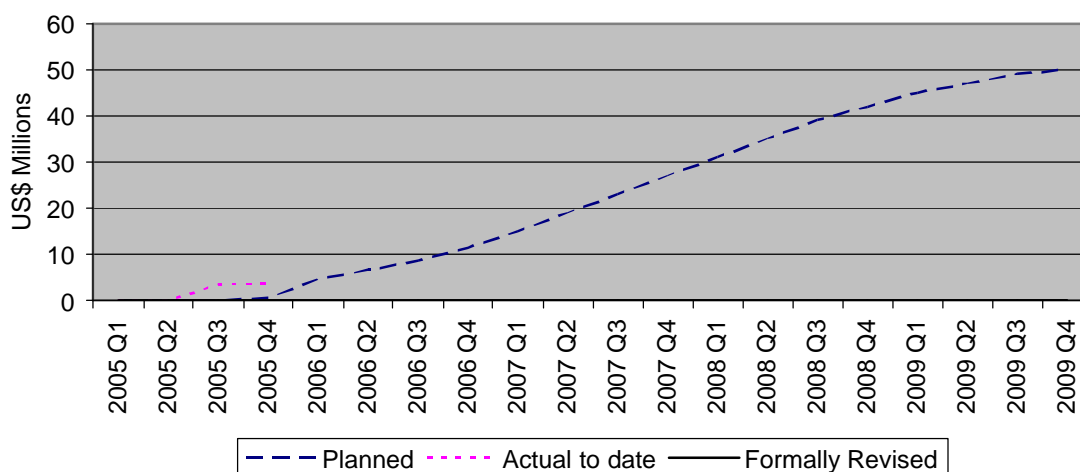
In support of broad-based economic growth, the project's development objectives are to: (a) establish a sustainable program for expanding the population's access to electricity; (b) improve the security of electricity supply; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of energy sector agencies, including: regulatory, fiscal, and institutional reforms in the sector to increase efficiency and attract private participation.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Procurement is well advanced. Contracts for two rural electrification contracts have been awarded while the selection of a contractor for the rehabilitation of the Asmara distribution system is nearing completion. Government appointed the Electricity Regulatory Commission and the Board of Directors for Eritrea Electric Corporation in early 2005. Recruitment of experts for tariff design, implementation of the new electricity sector regulatory framework, and for the design of rural electrification framework and financing mechanism are well advanced.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39490	Effective	29.18	1.50	27.75	0.00
IDA-H1140	Effective	21.16	2.07	19.19	0.00
IDA-Q2630	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00



**Project Name (ID):** Cultural Assets Rehabilitation (P058724)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 07/06/2001

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/13/2004

**Closing Date:** 07/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-35470

**Sector(s):** Other social services (95%), Central government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

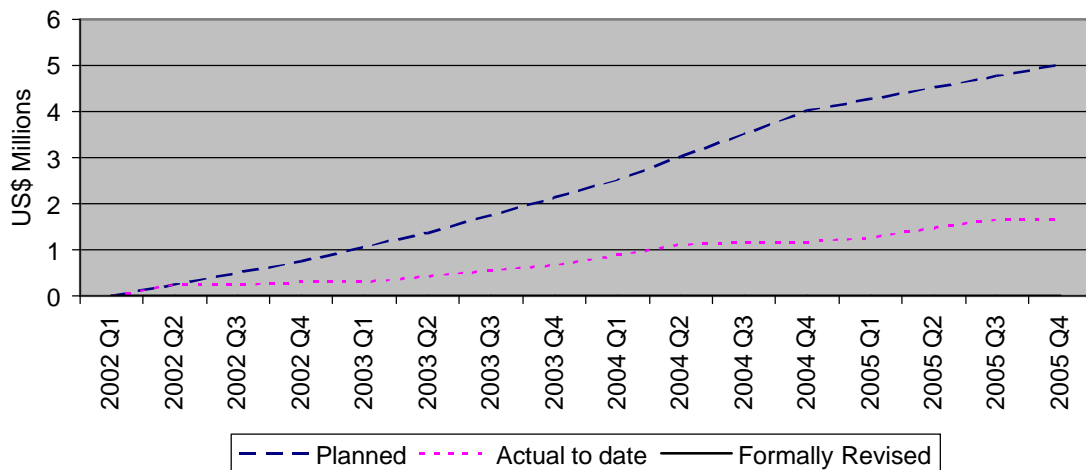
The objective is to test and develop approaches, on a pilot basis, for more fully integrating the conservation and management of cultural assets into local and national economic development. This will be achieved through a focus in part on the architectural heritage in Asmara and other urban centers, on selected historical sites and on written, oral and artistic traditions.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

After being restructured, the project introduced some new activities such as restoration of Capitol and Asmara Theatres. The project is also improving National Museum exhibits, and the activity of documenting historic buildings in Massawa and Asmara is now complete. The Asmara Center for Architecture has been set up, and the project is supporting the restoration of the Metera stellae by financing community activities such as labor, site guards and information tablets. The National Museum staff has been trained in the use of equipment for site survey and the Greater Asmara archaeological survey activity has commenced on phase 2, and the collection of oral traditions is complete in 8 of 9 ethnic groups and transcription has commenced.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35470	Effective	5.84	1.64	4.13	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** HIV/AIDS, Malaria, STD and TB Control (P065713)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 12/18/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/22/2004

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-34440, IDA-Q2210

**Sector(s):** Health (83%), Other social services (8%), Central government administration (7%), General education (2%)

**Theme(s):** Population and reproductive health (P), HIV/AIDS (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Health system performance (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to reduce mortality and morbidity from HIV/AIDS, malaria, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

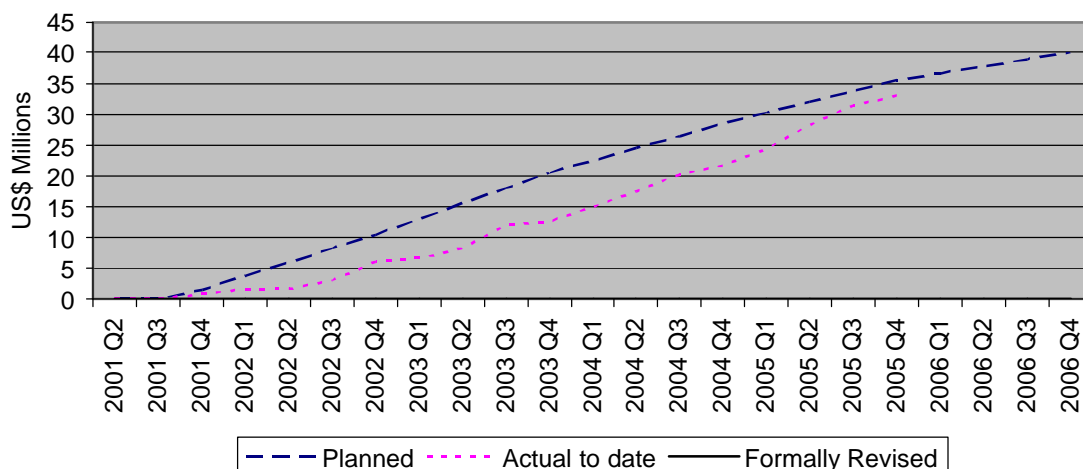
### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In the last year, implementation was largely on track and the objectives are likely to be met. The HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Control (HAMSET) Project has significantly contributed to the success of the malaria and HIV/AIDS control programs. The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate has declined somewhat and malaria mortality as well as morbidity continue to fall. The Project is also the best performer among all IDA projects in Eritrea, and among the best performing multi-sectoral AIDS projects (MAP) in Africa. However, the pace of progress in tuberculosis (TB) control remains slower than expected. The implementers are addressing this issue by: (a) seeking long-term technical assistance in TB control from the World Health Organization and other agencies; (b) intensifying supervision for community related activities; and (c) working to increase support in monitoring and evaluation.

The capacity of the TB program at the national level has been increased and this holds the promise for strengthened TB control activities at both national and zoba levels.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34440	Effective	45.82	32.94	11.76	0.00
IDA-Q2210	Closed	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45



**Project Name (ID):** Integrated Early Childhood Development (P068463)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 07/27/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 01/19/2004

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2005

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-34030, ITAL-24927

**Sector(s):** Health (35%), Other social services (25%), Pre-primary education (23%), Primary education (13%), General public administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Child health (P), Nutrition and food security (P), Improving labor markets (S), Social safety nets (S), Education for all (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project's objectives are to promote healthy growth and development of children under six years of age, expand access to and improve the quality of services that address the basic needs of young children, support orphans and children facing especially difficult circumstances, and improve health and nutrition of children in primary schools.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

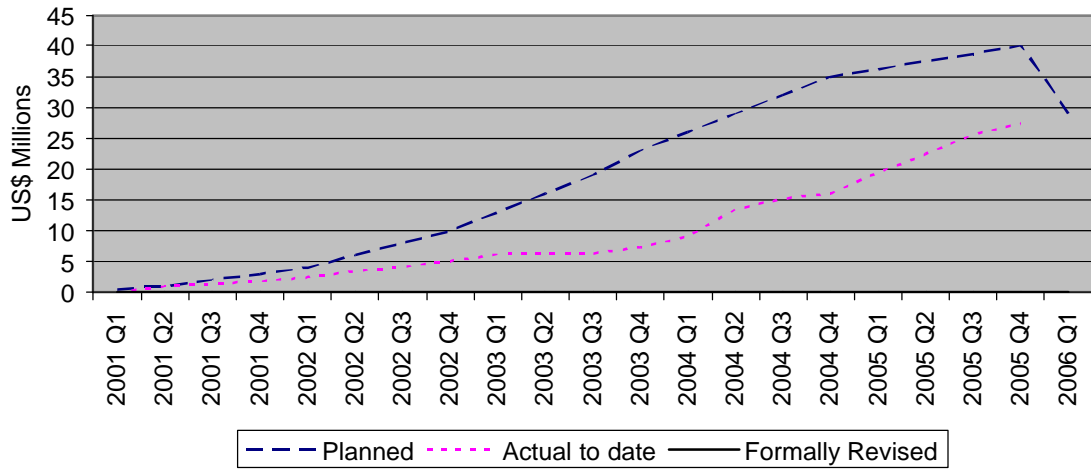
During FY05, the Project made good progress, substantially making up for the considerable implementation delays of the initial years. Disbursement was three times the historical average, progress towards implementation of the pilot on community level Integrated Early Childhood Development (c-IECD) was sustained, and the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system considerably improved.

The impact of the Project can be observed in terms of sharp declines in case fatality rates for three (malaria, diarrhea, and malnutrition) out of the five major causes while the CFR for measles and acute respiratory infection has remained unchanged (data from 2004). Data on malnutrition rates started being collected systematically from project Growth Monitoring and Promotion sites in 2004 (one subzone per zone). The monthly growth observations do not show a clear trend either at the national nor the subzone level. A positive aspect is that in the subzones afflicted by two consecutive years of drought, no worsening was registered. Most intermediate outcome indicators are on track and some have already achieved the end-of-project target (e.g., successfully reunified orphans). Cumulative enrollment in Kindergartens and Child Care Givers (11,308 and 27,593 respectively) in terms of number of target beneficiaries (31,000 and 50,000 respectively) appears low. However, when progress is measured in terms of increase in access as a share of the target population, the improvement has been outstanding, going from 10% to 70% in some areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34030	Effective	42.32	29.02	12.63	0.00
ITAL-24927	Closed	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Education Sector Investment (P070272)  
**Country:** Eritrea  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/19/2003  
**Closing Date:** 02/28/2009  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-37940, JPN-26711  
**Sector(s):** Primary education (62%), Secondary education (30%), General education (8%)  
**Theme(s):** Education for all (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to increase and arrive at a more equitable enrollment in basic education, and to enhance the quality of basic and secondary education.

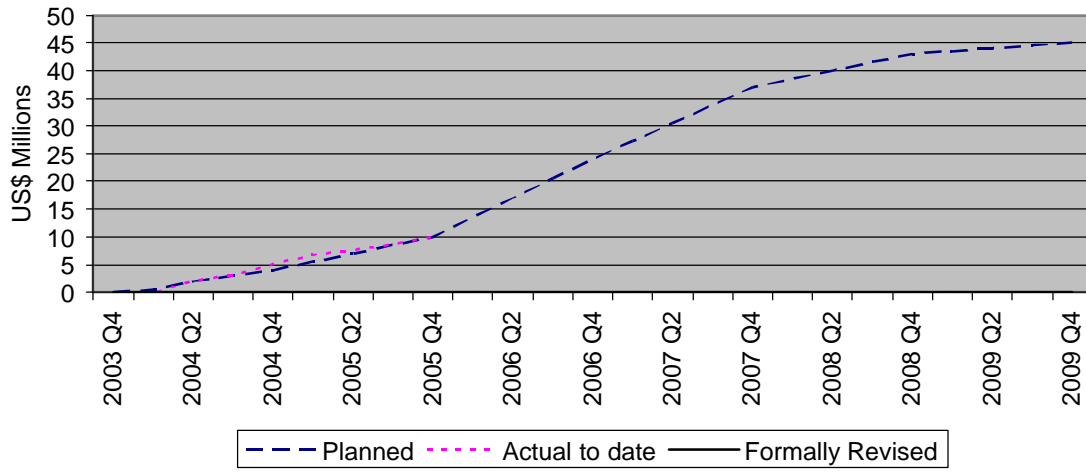
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Implementation progress is good for all components except for the construction of new schools, and the extension of existing ones. Because of the scale of these two components, relative to all other components, overall implementation progress is rated as moderately satisfactory. A mid-term review scheduled for December 2005 is expected to recommend a substantial restructuring of the Project components and resource allocation if the Project is to meet its development objectives. The Project's civil works program started in June 2005. However, construction costs are much higher than estimated at appraisal. With IDA support, the Project Management Unit has prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, alternative ways of providing classrooms, including the use of prefabricated materials and the provision of labor through community participation. Programmed activities in the soft parts or non-construction components are proceeding well. The Project Management Unit (PMU) has successfully recruited consultants for undertaking critical analytical studies including: (a) an assessment of the delivery capacity of the Ministry of Education and the PMU, sub-sector analyses for vocational education training, and adult education and training; and (b) thematic analyses of information and communication technology in education, development of a master-plan for teacher training and professional development, design of curriculum blueprint, and improvement of student assessment. Still to be undertaken is a sub-sector analysis for tertiary education and training. This is delayed at the request of the Ministry of Education. Because evidence of the impact of these soft activities takes time, there is not yet evidence of outcome indicators. Evidence of input indicators (e.g., prepared curricula, written textbooks, number of trained teachers, completed studies, curricula blueprints) is fast accumulating, and will be in the next "Implementation Status and Results" form. With regard to secondary education, the continuation of service of expatriate teachers can only be possible if the Government finalizes the multi-donor funded and sector-wide Education Sector Development Program, the development of which is supported under this Project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37940	Effective	47.71	10.46	37.35	0.00
JPN-26711	Closed	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14

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**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration (P073604)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 05/16/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 07/16/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2005

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-36410, MULT-50023

**Sector(s):** Other social services (73%), Micro and SME finance (12%), General public administration (8%), Vocational training (5%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (2%)

**Theme(s):** Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Improving labor markets (P), HIV/AIDS (S), Gender (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

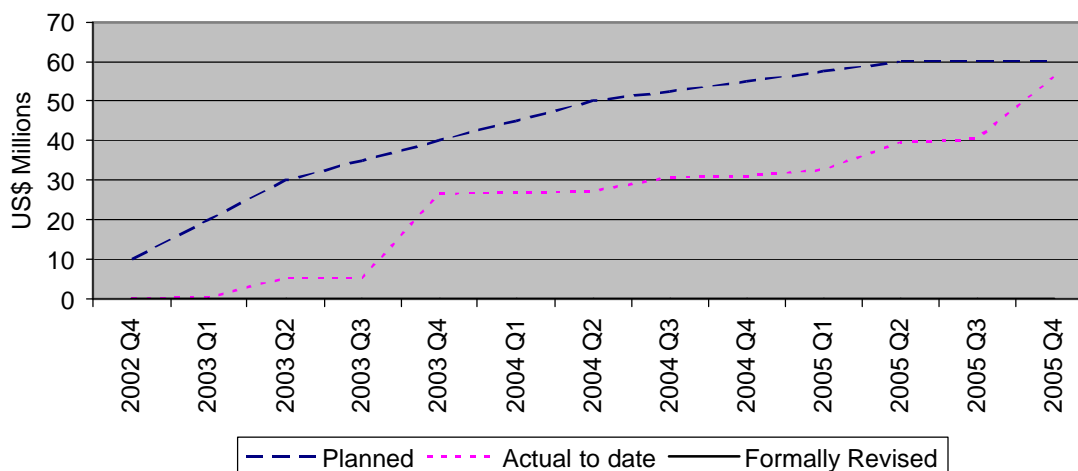
The objectives are to: (a) demobilize and provide reinsertion support to about 200,000 soldiers in three phases; (b) support the social and economic reintegration of demobilized soldiers, including strengthening of institutional capacities of relevant government and local implementing partners; and (c) support macro-economic stability.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although important progress has been made with the demobilization and reinsertion components of the first phase of the Project, achievement of the development objective (DO) is uncertain since demobilizing and reintegrating the remaining 135,000 soldiers is unlikely given that the border demarcation process has been stalled. As of June 2005, close to 104,000 soldiers have been demobilized, of which 95% have received their civilian identification cards. Transitional Safety Net benefits have been paid to 91,300 demobilized soldiers. Although preparations for the reintegration support activities are well advanced, only very limited social and economic reintegration activities have so far been implemented in the regions. However, adequate progress towards meeting the DO of the program seems unlikely in the short to medium term without successful continuation of the demarcation process. The recent mid-term review in July 2005 has proposed a restructuring of the program, which needs to be approved by the Government of Eritrea and Bank management.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36410	Effective	70.18	42.21	26.94	0.00
MULT-50023	Effective	36.72	13.86	23.18	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** HIV/AIDS/STI, TB, Malaria and Reproductive Health (P094694)

**Country:** Eritrea

**Board Approval Date:** 06/30/2005

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-H1750

**Sector(s):** Health (50%), Central government administration (30%), Other social services (13%), Sub-national government administration (6%), General education (1%)

**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS (P), Other communicable diseases (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Health system performance (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to contain the spread of HIV/AIDS/STI, expand the coverage of Directly Observed Treatment for tuberculosis, reduce malaria mortality and morbidity, improve the coverage of reproductive health interventions, and strengthen the overall health system.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1750	Not Effective	23.20	0.00	23.20	0.00

