

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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Report on the 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: Gambia, The

Project Name (ID): Gateway (P057394)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date: 02/28/2002

Closing Date: 04/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36060, IDA-P8060, IDA-P8061, IDA-P8062, IDA-P8063, JPN-26331

Sector(s): Other industry (34%), Central government administration (33%), Telecommunications (11%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (11%), Roads and highways (11%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to lay the foundation for expanded private investment export-oriented production and employment, through the establishment of a free zone and an improved institutional environment.

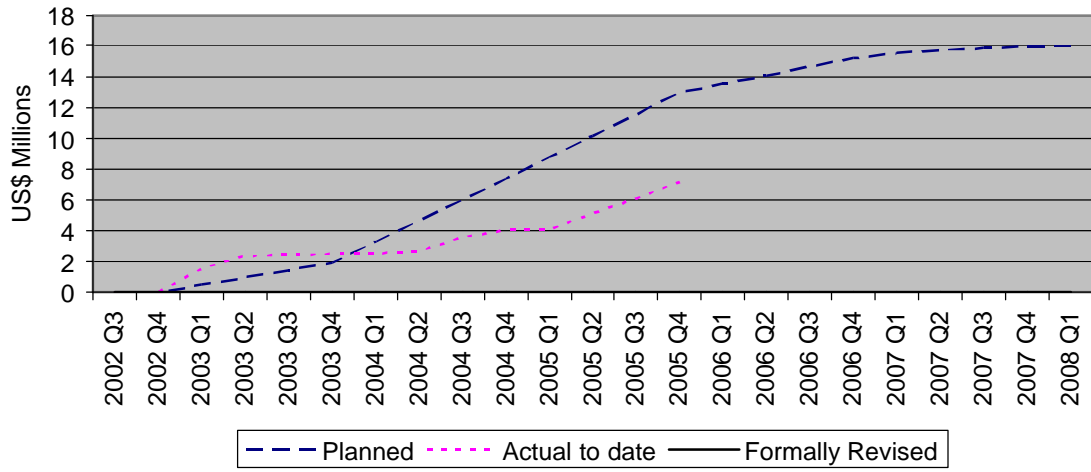
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Free Zone has been converted into a Business Park to expand the range of potential investments. Construction of the infrastructure and core buildings at the Business Park is nearing completion and efforts to identify a private partner to develop and manage the Park are underway. GIPFZA (Gambia Investment Promotion and Free Zone Agency) is fully operational and is actively involved in investment promotion and facilitation. The implementation of the divestiture program has been delayed and support for this component will be revisited after the mid-term review project restructuring which will also review the PDO and project outcomes. Training and capacity building activities for GIPFZA are being implemented as planned. The National Environmental Agency is working closely with GIPZFA on environmental safeguards especially in the construction of the Business Park. The project is also supporting fencing of the Abuko Nature Reserve buffer zone to stop increasing illegal encroachment and subsequent destruction of the eco-system.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36060	Effective	18.09	7.17	10.79	0.00
IDA-P8060	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
IDA-P8061	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20
IDA-P8062	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
IDA-P8063	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
JPN-26331	Closed	0.25	0.19	0.00	0.06

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Project Name (ID): Capacity Building for Economic Management (P057995)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date: 07/26/2001

Midterm Review Date: 06/30/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35550, IDA-P7980, IDA-P7981

Sector(s): Central government administration (92%), Law and justice (5%), Banking (3%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Macroeconomic management (P), Economic statistics, modeling, and forecasting (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to build capacity for economic planning, policy formulation and execution and build the capacity of the judicial and financial systems and to facilitate private sector development.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

Many of the key Medium Term Review action plan targets had not been achieved, and therefore the project was restructured in order to provide a more solid basis for improved project performance. The restructuring consisted of the following key actions: (i) explicit phasing of the Integrated Financial Management Information System implementation plan, with the project implementing the first phase which focuses on the accounting and payroll modules and one line Department of State; (ii) further phasing and sequencing of Capacity of Central Statistics Department initiatives; and (iii) greater resource allocation to the revenue reform initiatives and legal sector reform initiatives.

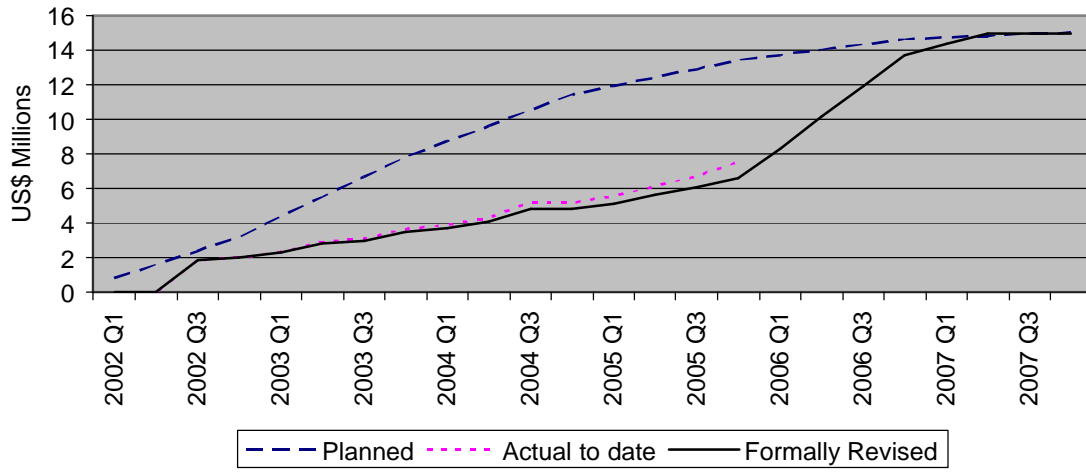
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In response to implementation delays, the project was restructured in March 2005. Implementation progress has substantially improved. Key initiatives such as the household survey, economic census, the Revenue Authority, the Integrated Financial Management Information System, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework and the Alternative Dispute Resolution system have all experienced progress. However, the weak governance environment poses a real challenge, and the beneficiaries and the Project Coordination Unit will have to continue to be vigilant in order to prevent any reoccurrence of slippages. The World Bank will also remain vigilant in this respect.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35550	Effective	17.51	7.50	9.58	0.00
IDA-P7980	Closed	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.55
IDA-P7981	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65

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Project Name (ID): Poverty Alleviation and Municipal Development (P057997)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date: 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 11/05/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-31760, IDA-31761, IDA-Q1140

Sector(s): General education (36%), Health (36%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (16%), Sub-national government administration (7%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (P), Municipal finance (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

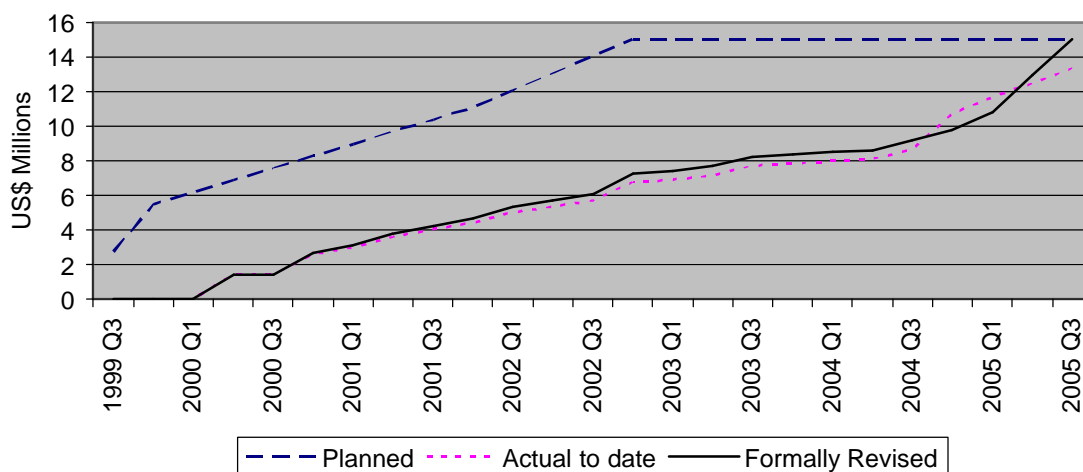
The objectives of the project are: (a) provision of public infrastructure and services based on demand and on fulfillment of clearly defined criteria; and (b) implementation of a capacity building program aimed at improving the Local Government Authorities' resource mobilization and management

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

(i) All operations and investment programs are now back on track and the backlog created in 2002 and 2003 has now been eliminated; and (ii) The capacity building program gained momentum during the second half of 2004 and has already produced significant positive impact on local resource mobilization. Further impact on the revenue produced by property taxes is being ascertained, as the revised valuation rolls prepared under the Project and made available in January 2005 were used to launch the 2005 property tax campaign by the Government and Local Authorities. The Board approved additional funds of \$ 4.0 million on June 21, 2005 and the closing date has been extended.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31760	Closed	15.61	14.05	0.80	0.00
IDA-31761	Closed	3.94	0.00	3.94	0.00
IDA-Q1140	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Rapid Response (P060329)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date: 01/16/2001

Midterm Review Date: 05/08/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34550

Sector(s): Health (73%), Other social services (18%), Central government administration (7%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to maintain the current low levels of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, reduce its spread, mitigate its effects and increase access to prevention services as well as treatment, care, and support for those infected and affected.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Both the progress accomplished during last year toward the achievement of the objectives and the momentum brought about by the Accelerated Results Implementation (ARI) initiative launched in early 2004, have slowed down. HIV-1 prevalence is increasing (2.1%; data for 2004) and the data to monitor the other Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are not yet available. In addition, overall project management has been weak. Successes include: a vibrant community-driven response, increased sentinel surveillance sites from 6 to 8 and access to Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), 10,000 performed. The 2005 Behavioral Surveillance Survey will enable assessment of project's KPIs before it closes.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34550	Effective	17.22	13.33	3.82	0.00

