

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: WESTERN SAMOA

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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: Western Samoa

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Management (P064926)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date: 09/14/2000

Midterm Review Date: 05/08/2004

Closing Date: 03/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34210, JPN-25831, JPN-26602

Sector(s): Health (78%), Central government administration (21%), Law and justice (1%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Law reform (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

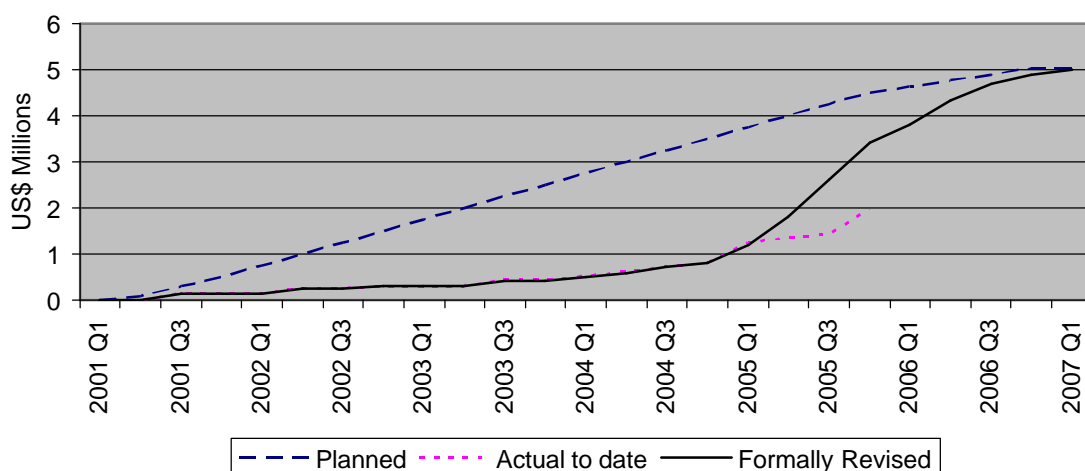
The objectives are to strengthen the Department of Health's capacity in developing and implementing appropriate health legislation and regulation, and to improve the functional and technical quality of health facilities within the health sector reform strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has helped define the health care financing policy to be implemented over the next two years, and institutionalized the National Health Account. Capacity in the Ministry of Health has been built in areas of policy analysis, health financing and health planning, procurement as well as financial management. The Health Services Plan was officially launched in June 2004, which serves as an overall facilities plan framework for MOH. The refurbishment of the national hospital, Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital, is near complete, and service deliveries have continued to improve.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34210	Effective	5.54	1.98	3.54	0.00
JPN-25831	Closed	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00
JPN-26602	Closed	0.34	0.32	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): Second Infrastructure Asset Management (P075523)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date: 12/29/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38480, JPN-50506

Sector(s): Roads and highways (74%), Central government administration (18%), Flood protection (8%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

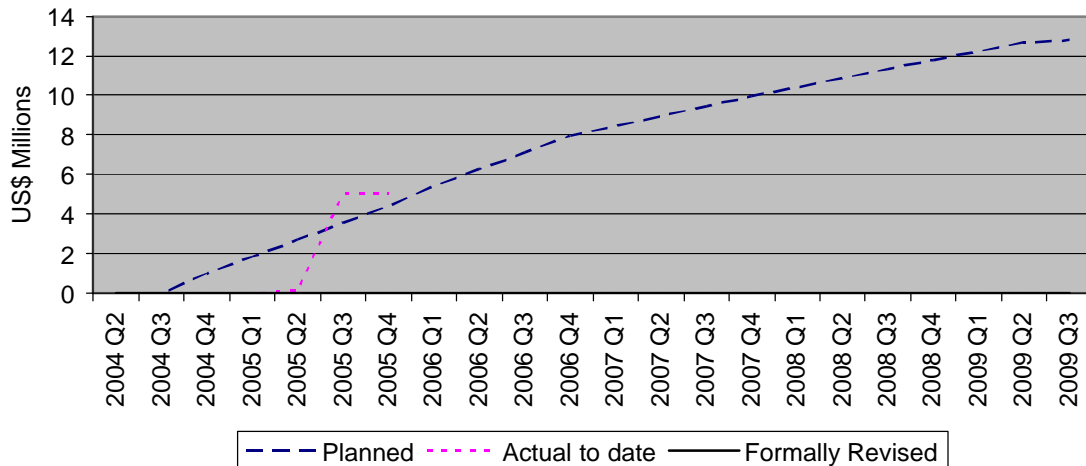
Key infrastructure assets are sustainable and managed effectively by a partnership of stakeholders.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although initial progress to January 2005 was slower than expected, progress is set to increase rapidly. Civil works will start soon, although land acquisition is on the critical implementation path for three packages. One concern is a large increase in the cost estimates for the roads component, and the scope of works will require adjustment after a thorough review of priorities and available funding. Disbursements nonetheless are on target. On policy matters, the Government finally closed the minor Fagalii airport as the Infrastructure Asset Management Program had recommended, and this will boost the financial viability of the Airport Authority and Faleolo International Airport. Overall, although it is still very early in implementation, the objectives remain achievable.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38480	Effective	13.13	5.02	8.28	0.00
JPN-50506	Closed	0.48	0.45	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): Telecommunications and Postal Sector Reform (P075739)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Closing Date: 04/15/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37240

Sector(s): Telecommunications (50%), Postal services (40%), Law and justice (10%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government of Samoa (GOS) in implementing a comprehensive reform of the telecommunications and postal sectors. This reform focuses on: (a) introducing competition and private participation in telecommunications and postal sectors; (b) advancing regulatory reform, and developing sector institutional capacity; and (c) extending access to basic communications, postal services, and information technologies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made progress towards achievement of the PDO. The Government of Samoa:

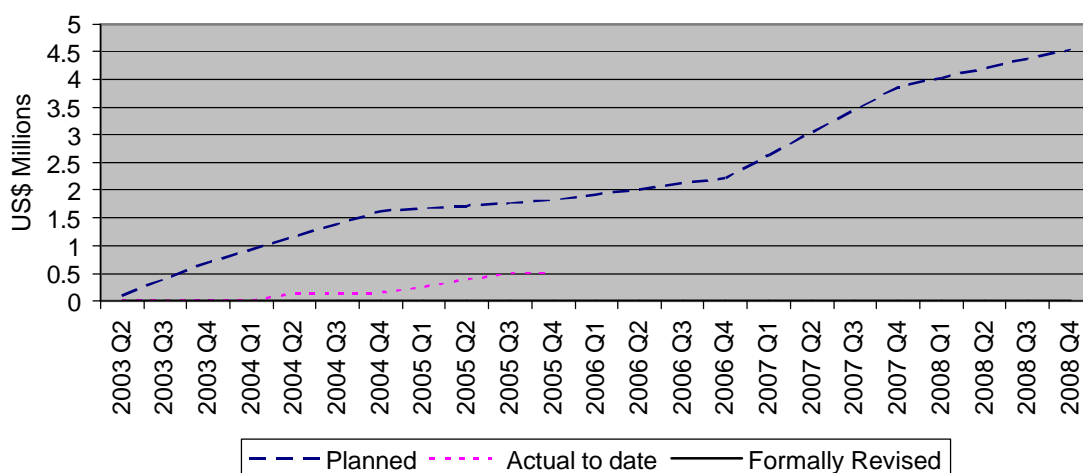
(a) has prepared a modern and pro-competition draft telecommunications bill, which was recently approved by Parliament;

(b) is close to reaching a conciliatory solution to the outstanding licensing issues with TSC; and

(c) has agreed to a timetable for the award of a GSM license, which will bring a new GSM operator to Samoa by the end of 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37240	Effective	4.96	0.50	4.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Cyclone Emergency Recovery (P088246)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date: 04/29/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38850, IDA-H0830

Sector(s): Flood protection (75%), Roads and highways (20%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To assist the Borrower to recover from the damage caused by Cyclone Heta and reduce the vulnerability of its people to prevailing natural hazards

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting objectives is adequate. The project's critical activity of prioritizing and finalizing the emergency and risk mitigation works for implementation, is now underway, with the conceptual framework and selection criteria agreed. Savings from the road rehabilitation activities may be allocated to support further work on bridges. Post-cyclone surveys of coastal eco-system conditions should start soon as should verification of a schedule of post-cyclone reconstruction eligible for retroactive financing. These various activities will assist in cyclone recovery.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38850	Effective	2.04	0.00	2.04	0.00
IDA-H0830	Effective	2.33	0.71	1.65	0.00

