

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**  
**COUNTRY: MOLDOVA**

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**Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05**  
**Region: Europe and Central Asia**  
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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 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: Moldova**

**Project Name (ID):** First Cadastre (P035771)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 04/23/1998

**Midterm Review Date:** 09/10/2001

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-P2870, IBRD-P2871, IDA-30610, IDA-30611, JPN-27118, JPN-29498, WBTF-28292

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (75%), Sub-national government administration (25%)

**Theme(s):** Land administration and management (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Personal and property rights (P), Other urban development (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to develop and implement a unified national real estate registration program for urban and rural land which establishes a system of clear and enforceable ownership rights and thereby promotes the development of real estate markets.

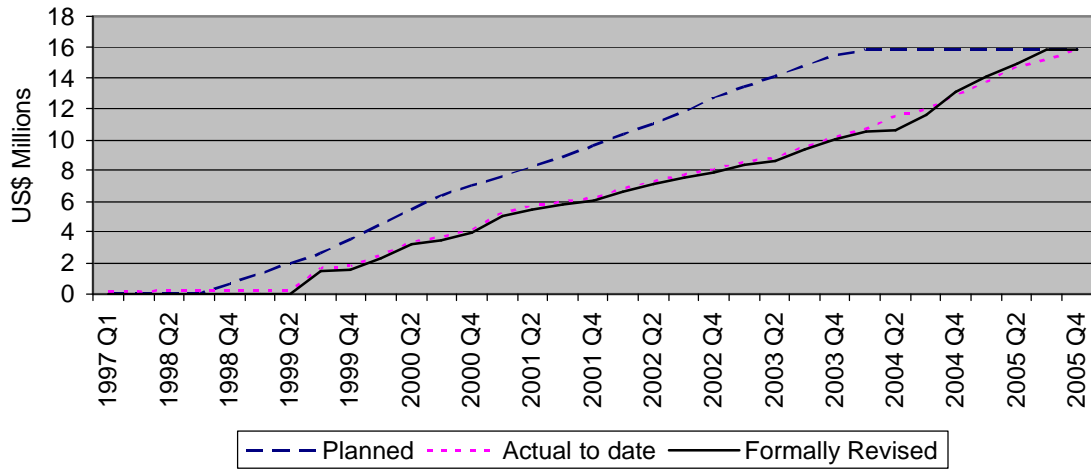
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is succeeding well beyond expectations. Mass registration of parcels in both urban and rural areas has progressed very well, and at costs below the appraisal estimate. Such progress is impressive given that the system depends on the willingness of real estate owners to use the program, and elect to register their land, which they can only do so upon payment of additional objects. These actions have the effect of reflecting sales, lease, and inheritance transactions. Mortgage registration under the program has also greatly facilitated the business of banks and real estate owners. Continuous updates of the information technology system has allowed stable operations of the overall system. Knowledge and capacity at the Cadastre Agency has also improved considerably. Progress in all these areas has led the region to consider the project to be an exemplar of projects of this type.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P2870	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
IBRD-P2871	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
IDA-30610	Effective	16.78	15.69	0.16	0.00
IDA-30611	Not Effective	2.92	0.00	2.92	0.00
JPN-27118	Closed	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00
JPN-29498	Closed	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.00
WBTF-28292	Closed	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Social Protection (P051173)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 06/24/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 03/10/2003

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-32610

**Sector(s):** Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (100%)

**Theme(s):** Social risk mitigation (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

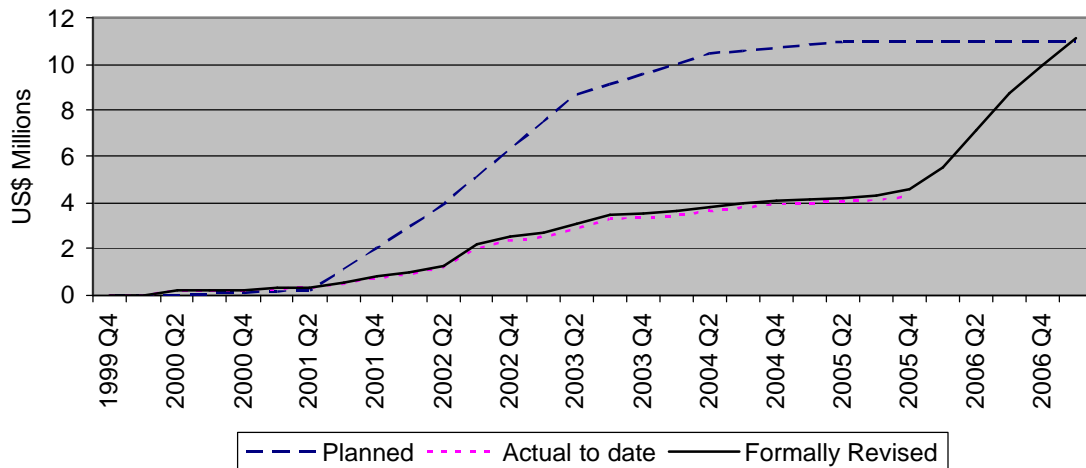
The objective is to develop the capacity required to implement pension reform and to support the development of an efficient and sustainable social protection system.

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

The project has made considerable progress toward meeting its development objective. Management capacity of the National Social Insurance House to support implementation of pension reform has significantly improved. Capacity in the Ministry of Health and Social Protection to analyze and develop social protection policy has also significantly improved. Early outcomes have been an increase in pension fund contributions and the timely payment of pensions. Another solid result has been the regular indexation of pensions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32610	Effective	11.96	4.28	7.27	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Health Investment Fund (P051174)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 08/22/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 01/15/2004

**Closing Date:** 08/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-34080, IDA-Q1250, JPN-52808, NETH-24413, SIDA-29833

**Sector(s):** Health (95%), Central government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Population and reproductive health (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

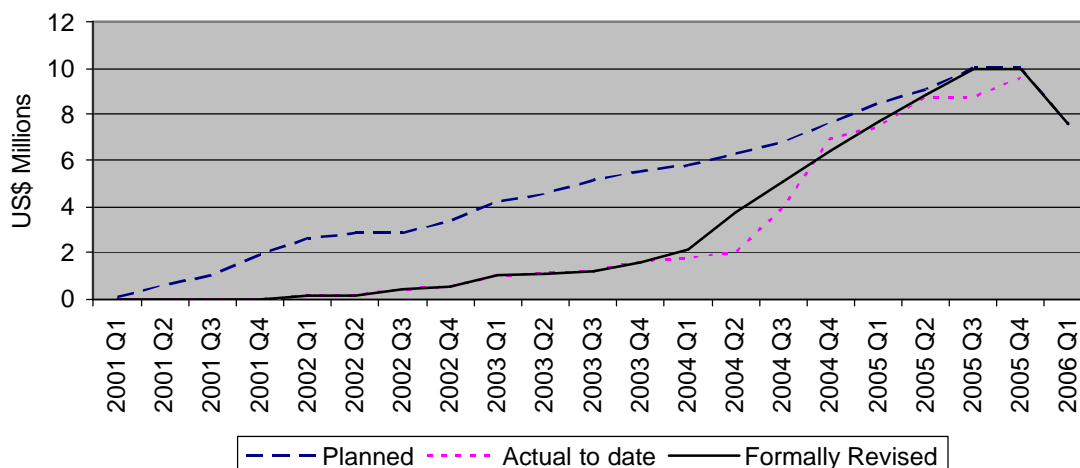
The objectives are to improve the health status of the population, to increase the quality and efficiency of the public health sector, and to improve access to essential services by the poor. The project also supports strategic work aimed at controlling the spread of TB and HIV/AIDS.

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

Significant progress toward achieving development objectives has been made. The health insurance scheme which enables universal access to a basic package of services has been launched. More efficient operations in the hospital sector has resulted from the reduction of hospitals (from 305-65) and modernization of emergency services. Nationwide training in General Practice (750 GPs and 1500 nurses) and health management (300 health managers) by 60 local trainers in General Practice and 25 local trainers in health management will soon commence. These local trainers were previously trained under strategies specifically developed for these technical areas. Lastly, TB and AIDS Strategies have been developed and approved. Implementation of these strategies is underway with support from several grants.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34080	Effective	11.09	9.72	1.29	0.00
IDA-Q1250	Closed	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.97
JPN-52808	Effective	0.50	0.16	0.34	0.00
NETH-24413	Effective	10.00	3.82	6.18	0.00
SIDA-29833	Closed	0.70	0.60	0.00	0.04



**Project Name (ID):** Rural Investment and Services (P060434)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 06/20/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 09/15/2003

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-36680, IDA-36681, IDA-Q2690, JPN-25806, JPN-26118, JPN-54222, SIDA-52123

**Sector(s):** General finance (74%), General industry and trade (20%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Other social services (2%)

**Theme(s):** Rural markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to foster post-privatization growth in the agricultural sector by improving the access of new private farmers and rural businesses to what they need to succeed - legal ownership status, knowledge, know-how, and finance.

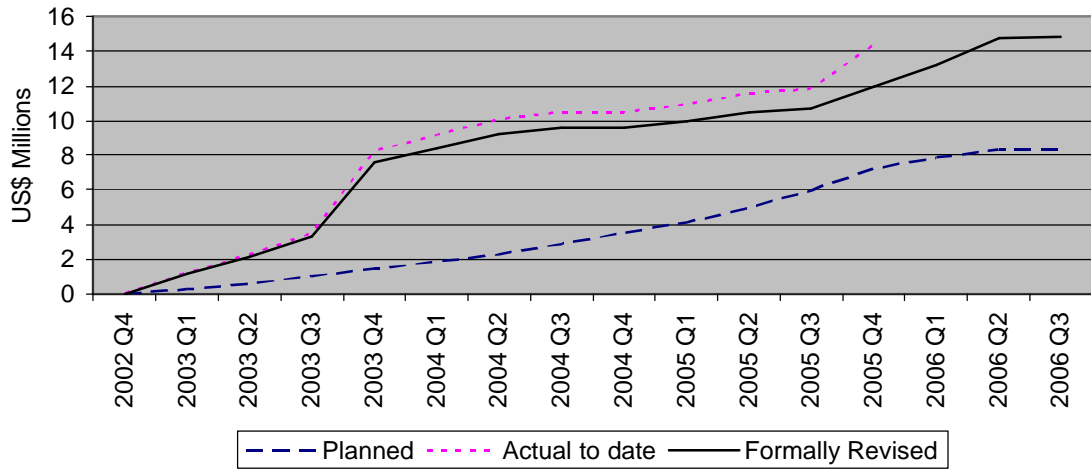
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project continues to make solid progress toward achieving its development objective. A third of the country's farmers and rural entrepreneurs have gained access to quality, on-demand information and advice on farming, marketing, and land ownership rights, as well as other areas of specific interest, through the establishment of an agricultural extension and advisory nationwide service. This has enabled them to compete more effectively in the post-privatization stage. In parallel, 1,000 agricultural and off-farm income-earning entities have been developed through complementary business development assistance and institutional investment lending to rural start-ups, as well as the provision of microfinance lending worth over \$10 million US to thousands of rural inhabitants.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36680	Effective	12.11	11.58	0.00	0.00
IDA-36681	Effective	4.96	2.80	2.26	0.00
IDA-Q2690	Closed	1.55	0.00	0.00	1.55
JPN-25806	Closed	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00
JPN-26118	Closed	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.47
JPN-54222	Effective	1.73	0.18	1.55	0.00
SIDA-52123	Effective	0.64	0.53	0.12	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Second Energy (P040558)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 11/25/2003

**Closing Date:** 04/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38330, IDA-Q1910, JPN-25294

**Sector(s):** Power (70%), District heating and energy efficiency services (10%), Central government administration (10%), Health (5%), General education (5%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Climate change (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

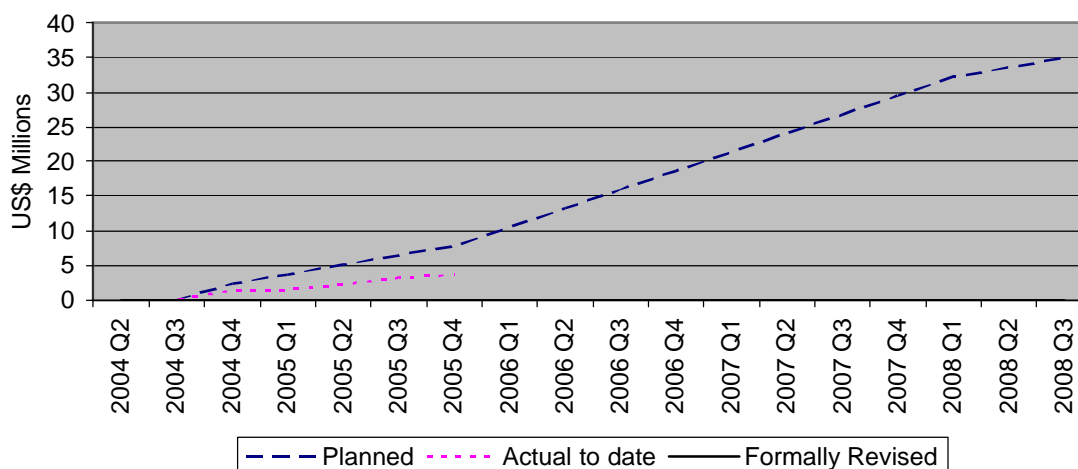
The project development objectives are twofold: (a) facilitate unimpeded commercial operation of the power system by improving the security and reliability of the electricity transmission system and wholesale electricity supply; and (b) improve access to high quality and efficient heating in priority public and residential buildings catering to disabled and other vulnerable groups.

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

Progress toward meeting the development objectives has been good. A potential crisis in the power sector was averted by timely government actions. With the recent signing of a European Union-Moldova Action Plan, a clear direction for further sector reforms has been set, including planned improvements in market design and the strengthening of capacity and independence of the regulator. Installation of heating boilers is underway. They are expected to be operational for the 2006 winter season.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38330	Effective	37.50	3.58	34.01	0.00
IDA-Q1910	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
JPN-25294	Closed	0.70	0.66	0.00	0.04



**Project Name (ID):** Trade and Transport Facilitation In Southeast Europe (P073626)  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2003  
**Closing Date:** 09/30/2007  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-37830, IDA-Q3100  
**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)  
**Theme(s):** Trade facilitation and market access (P), Tax policy and administration (P), Regional integration (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

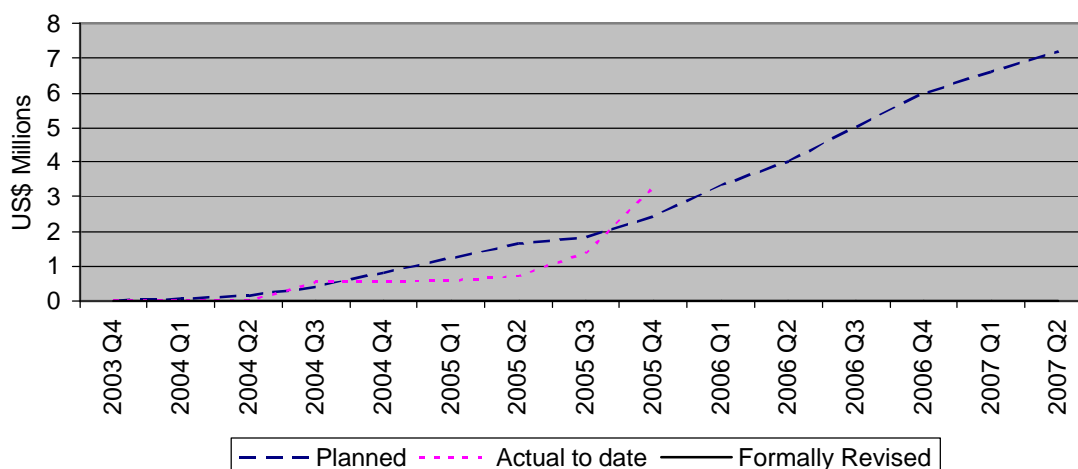
The project development objectives are to: (a) reduce non-tariff costs to trade and transport; and (b) increase revenue and compliance, and reduce smuggling and corruption at border crossings by: (i) strengthening customs institutional capacity; (ii) modernizing and integrating customs information systems for border processing and clearance of shipments; (iii) developing a transit control system; (iv) upgrading the capacity and effectiveness of existing border points; (v) improving mechanisms of interaction and cooperation between border control agencies and the trading community; (vi) disseminating information and providing training to the trading community (private sector); and (vii) implementing, at pilot sites, an integrated set of new customs procedures, information technology, human resource management techniques, and cooperation mechanisms for agencies at border crossings.

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

The project has made substantial progress towards meeting its development objectives. Customs revenues have increased significantly. Major procedural reforms have been initiated through the recently passed legislation. The implementation of new regulations will lead to the simplification of customs procedures, increased transparency, and reduced processing time with impact on lowering transaction costs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37830	Effective	7.73	3.26	4.55	0.00
IDA-Q3100	Closed	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10



**Project Name (ID):** AIDS Control (P074122)  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2003  
**Closing Date:** 07/31/2008  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-H0460, JPN-51353  
**Sector(s):** Health (100%)  
**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

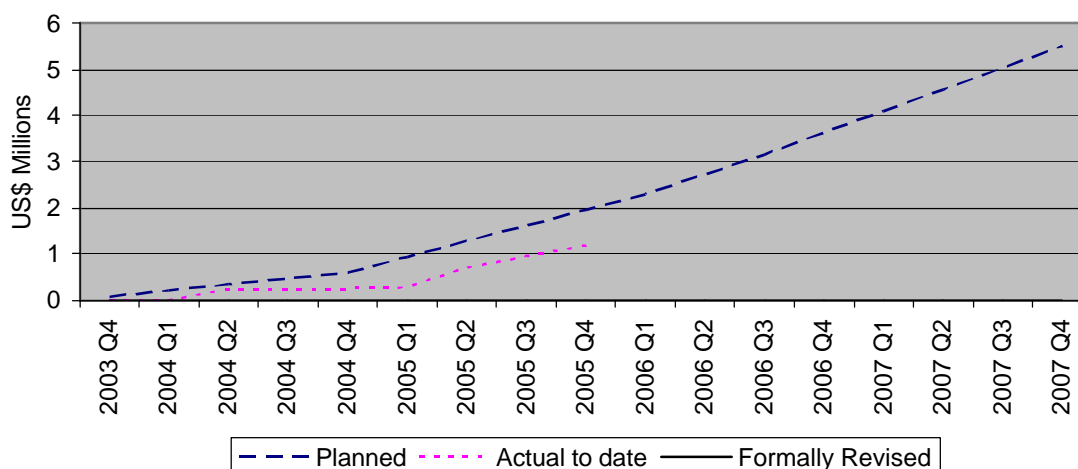
The objective is to improve Moldova's health status and assist the country to achieve its health-related Millennium Development Goals through reducing mortality, morbidity and transmission of HIV/AIDS, and other sexually transmitted infections.

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

Progress is being made to meet project objectives: (i) HIV/AIDS/STIs prevention programs targeted at vulnerable and highly vulnerable groups are being scaled-up (ii) treatment, care, and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) are being strengthened, and (iii) institutional capacity to better respond to HIV/AIDS/STIs in a multi-sectoral approach is being strengthened. Moldova has launched early successful harm reduction programs, including in prisons, which is considered international best-practice.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0460	Effective	5.98	1.18	4.83	0.00
JPN-51353	Closed	0.37	0.09	0.00	0.28



**Project Name (ID):** Pilot Water Supply and Sanitation (P074469)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 05/20/2003

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-37630, JPN-26816

**Sector(s):** Water supply (75%), Sanitation (25%)

**Theme(s):** Other urban development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

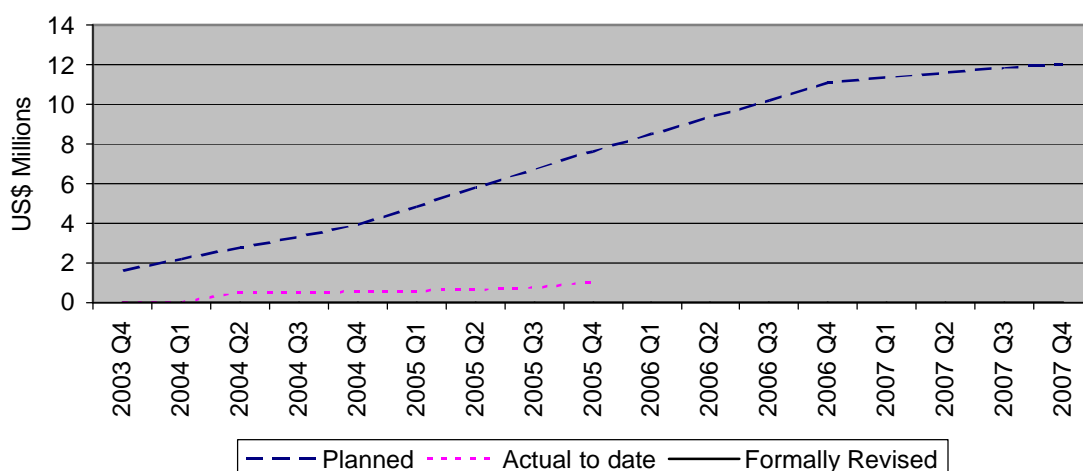
Project development objectives are to improve the quality, reliability, efficiency and sustainability of the water supply and sanitation services in the participating municipalities and rural areas. The aim is also to ensure that the water utilities move towards cost recovery.

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

In its first year of implementation, the project is moving forward towards meeting its development objectives. The water utilities have prepared Business Plans that were approved by the Ministry of Finance. Bidding documents for the first year investments are about 90% completed, and financial and technical training have been held in coordination with USAID.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37630	Effective	12.84	1.01	11.83	0.00
JPN-26816	Closed	0.46	0.46	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Agricultural Pollution Control (P075995)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 02/26/2004

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-50093, MULT-53023

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (30%), Central government administration (20%), Agricultural extension and research (10%), Forestry (10%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other rural development (P), Water resources management (S), Land administration and management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

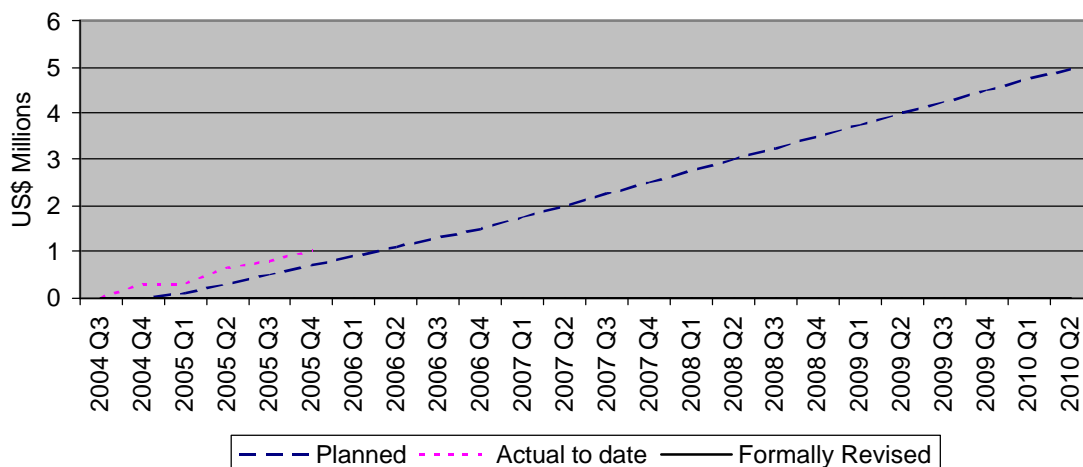
The objective is to increase the use of mitigation measures by agro-industry and farmers to reduce nutrient discharge into the surface and ground water bodies in Moldova. The global environmental goal is to reduce, over the long-term, the discharge of nutrients and other agricultural pollutants into the Danube River and Black Sea through (i) collaboration with agro-industry and farmers benefiting from the ongoing Rural Investment and Services Project and (ii) interventions in a pilot watershed area.

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

The project has already established a functioning system for the award of environmental mitigation grants, and the construction and equipment program for manure storage systems in the pilot watershed area is moving ahead as planned. The first communal platform and 150 household stores have already been constructed. The project has also established demonstration plots in the Pascani and Negrea villages. These plots include the introduction of best practices on arable land, vineyards, and pastures. In Negrea, crop yields, soil loss, and nutrient loss parameters will be monitored.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50093	Closed	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00
MULT-53023	Effective	4.95	1.03	3.92	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Second Social Investment Fund (P079314)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 06/17/2004

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-39310, JPN-52114, SIDA-54460

**Sector(s):** Other social services (40%), Primary education (20%), Roads and highways (15%), District heating and energy efficiency services (15%), Water supply (10%)

**Theme(s):** Other social protection and risk management (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Rural policies and institutions (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

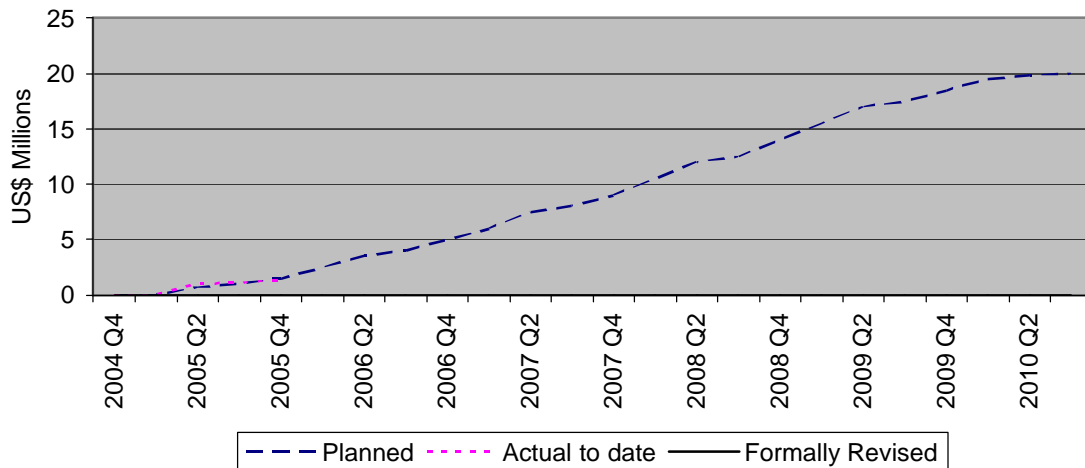
The objective is to empower poor communities and vulnerable population groups to manage their priority development needs.

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

The project has been progressing well towards achieving its development objectives. Implementation of the main component of the project is ahead of schedule. Successful linkages between local authorities, councils, community groups and NGOs have been forged. The participatory approach to promote the project and the Social Investment Fund, and to mobilize the local population has been successful.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39310	Effective	20.14	1.41	18.74	0.00
JPN-52114	Closed	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00
SIDA-54460	Effective	3.76	0.43	3.37	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Public Financial Management Technical Assistance (P082916)  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/16/2005  
**Closing Date:** 06/30/2010  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-40820, JPN-53751  
**Sector(s):** Central government administration (80%), Sub-national government administration (20%)  
**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Other public sector governance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve the management of public finances by strengthening: (a) budget planning and execution; (b) internal control and audit; and (c) management and financial management training for civil servants.

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

The project was not yet effective before the close of the reporting period.

**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-40820	Not Effective	8.32	0.00	8.32	0.00
JPN-53751	Closed	0.53	0.06	0.48	0.00