

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: ROMANIA

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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: Romania

Project Name (ID): Social Sector Development (P008783)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2001

Midterm Review Date: 04/15/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46160

Sector(s): Other social services (60%), Micro and SME finance (20%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (18%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Improving labor markets (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to reduce poverty and enhance economic growth in Romania through: a) improvements to policy development and monitoring and evaluation; b) support of a multi-pillar reform; c) labor market restructuring; and d) strengthened effectiveness and quality of social assistance.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

The project was restructured to reallocate funds from the Labor Redeployment Program to other activities because the National Agency for Employment had sufficient funds to finance necessary active labor market policies.

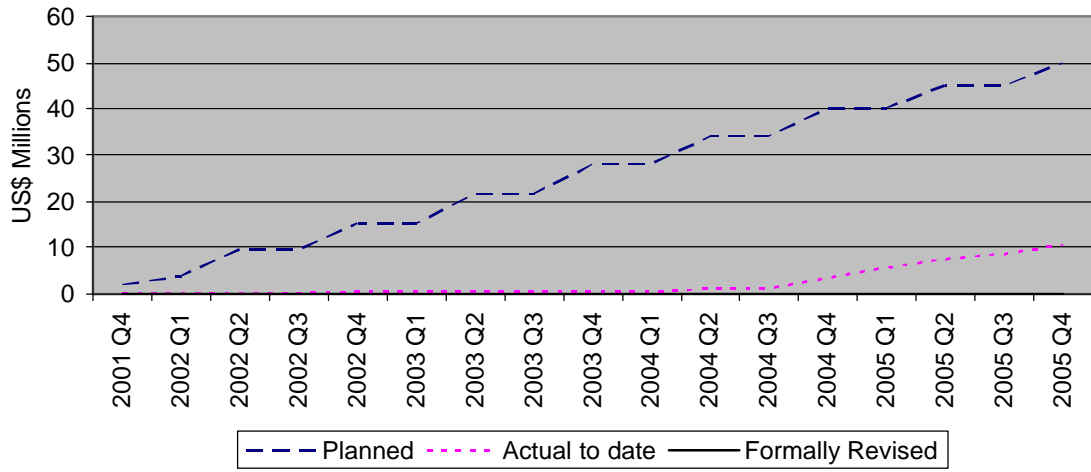
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made toward development objectives following the restructuring in 2004. All planned activities are expected to be completed by the closing date. There have been steady declines in unemployment and poverty rates, which are likely to continue as the economy recovers -- although these trends are not directly and/or solely attributable to the project. The last poverty assessment in 2003 showed a strong correlation between economic growth and poverty reduction. Findings also suggest the adequacy of resource allocation for income support programs and good targeting of support has also contributed to steady poverty alleviation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46160	Effective	50.00	10.55	39.45	0.00

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Project Name (ID): General Cadastre (P034213)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/09/1997

Midterm Review Date: 12/15/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-42580

Sector(s): Central government administration (54%), Sub-national government administration (46%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to:

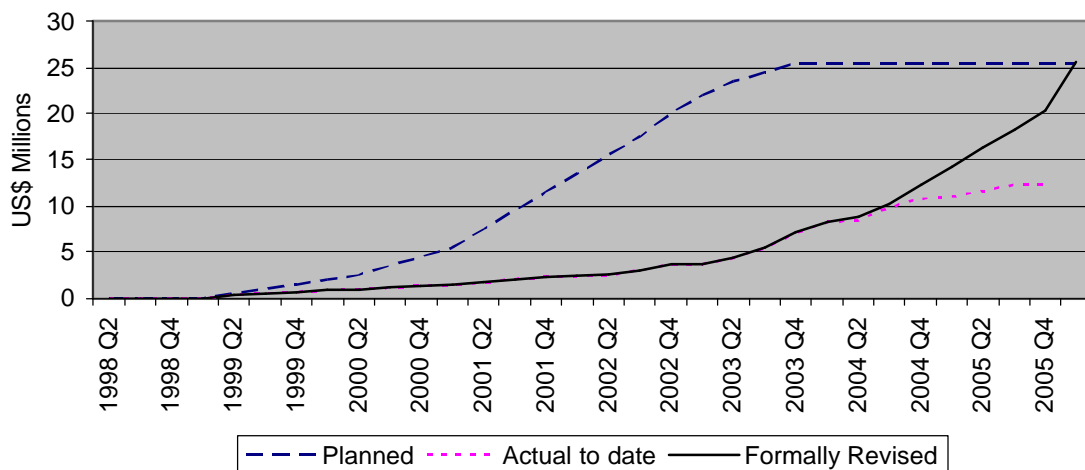
- A. Establish an efficient system for securing real estate titles which can be expanded nationwide.
- B. Create a general cadastre system which provides clear and current definition of real estate parcels which form the basis for real estate registration.
- C. Set up a simple, safe and cost effective procedure for real estate transactions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

A new Agency was created in 2004 to implement the unified cadastre and registration system and deliver services to clients. There are 42 fully functioning cadastre and registration offices around the country implementing a unified and consistent registration service, requiring the training of some 70 staff in 34 offices to be brought under the new system. Basic registration is achieved in 30 days or less in all offices. The Agency has completed a renewal of its procedures so as to provide citizens with a "one stop shop" for cadastre and registration services. This extraordinary systemic improvement in institutional design was not envisaged at project startup, but was implemented due to strong Bank advocacy.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42580	Effective	25.50	12.28	13.22	0.00



Project Name (ID): Irrigation Rehabilitation and Reform (P043881)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2003

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47170, JPN-26526, JPN-29480

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (94%), Central government administration (4%), Agricultural extension and research (1%), Vocational training (1%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Water resources management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

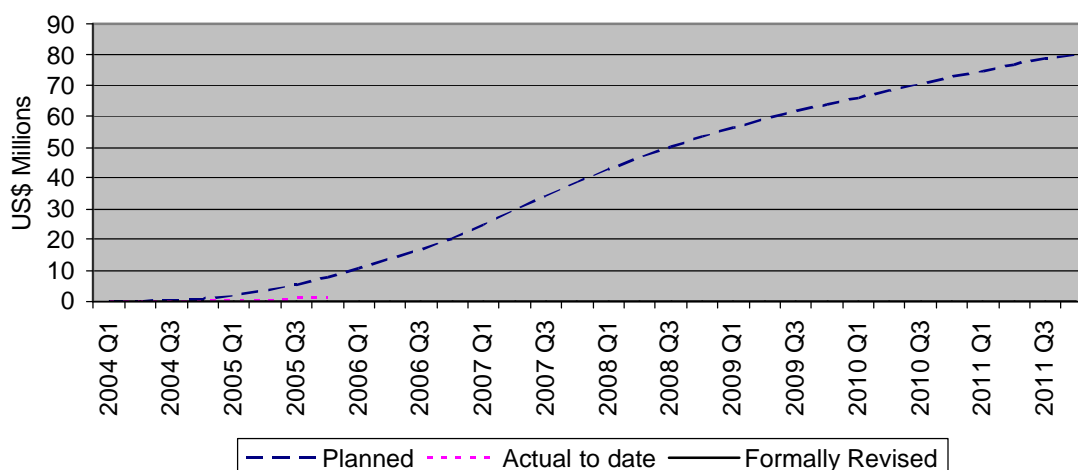
The primary objectives of the project are to: (i) achieve more economic use of irrigation resources through changes in farmers' and the Land Reclamation Agency's behavior, and (ii) increase agricultural productivity in project area.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward development objectives has been made, however implementation has been slower than expected because of delays in secondary legislation for irrigation sector reform. Other policy reforms are on track, including: (i) restructuring of the National Land Reclamation Company and establishment of the new National Administration of Land Reclamation; (ii) enforcement of new mechanisms for irrigation tariffs setting and state subsidy allocation and distribution; (iii) further development of water users' associations in the form of Land Reclamation Organizations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47170	Effective	80.00	0.90	79.10	0.00
JPN-26526	Closed	0.65	0.64	0.00	0.01
JPN-29480	Closed	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Agricultural Support Services (P043882)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 01/27/2000

Midterm Review Date: 11/18/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45330

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (81%), Central government administration (19%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

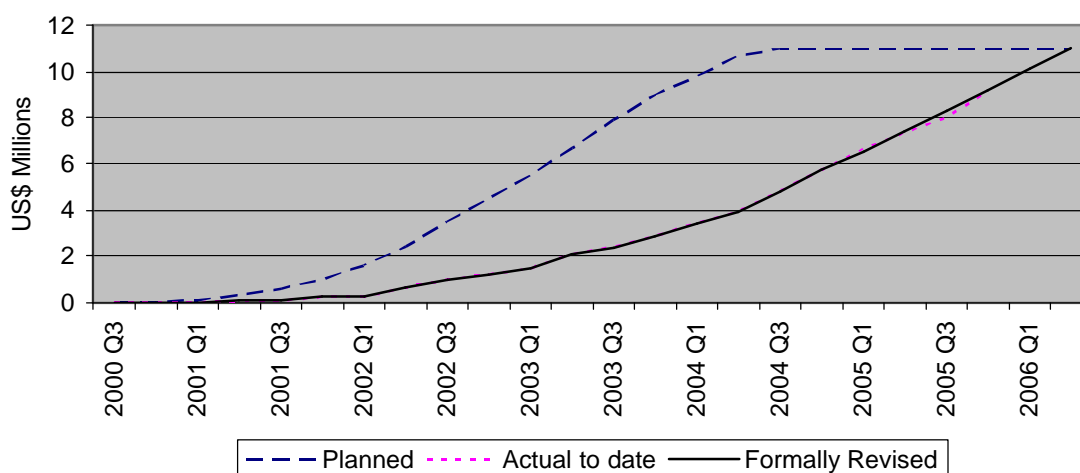
The objectives are: (a) to increase agricultural productivity, sustainability and income; and (b) improve efficiency, cost effectiveness and client relevance in the management of research and extension.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In many aspects, the project surpassed targets associated with the development objectives. Preliminary impact assessments of efficiency and profitability of farmers in the project area show the internal rate of return of project investments could well exceed 115%, which was not expected at appraisal. This high return on investments has occurred through 250 new and innovative technologies that were developed and successfully introduced, and 154 research and agriculture extensions which benefited 60,000 farmers. Future gains are expected from 154 small projects that will be completed under the competitive grants scheme. Looking toward the future, recommendations have been made to develop an electronic database to ensure lasting impact of the useful information gained and technologies developed through the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45330	Effective	11.00	9.15	1.85	0.00



Project Name (ID): Biodiversity Conservation Management (P044176)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 05/27/1999

Midterm Review Date: 10/28/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: WBTF-22499, WBTF-28358

Sector(s): Forestry (42%), Central government administration (33%), Other social services (22%), Other domestic and international trade (3%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Global objective of the project is sustainable conservation of the biological diversity and ecological integrity of the Romanian forest, alpine and meadow ecosystems of the Carpathian mountain chain.

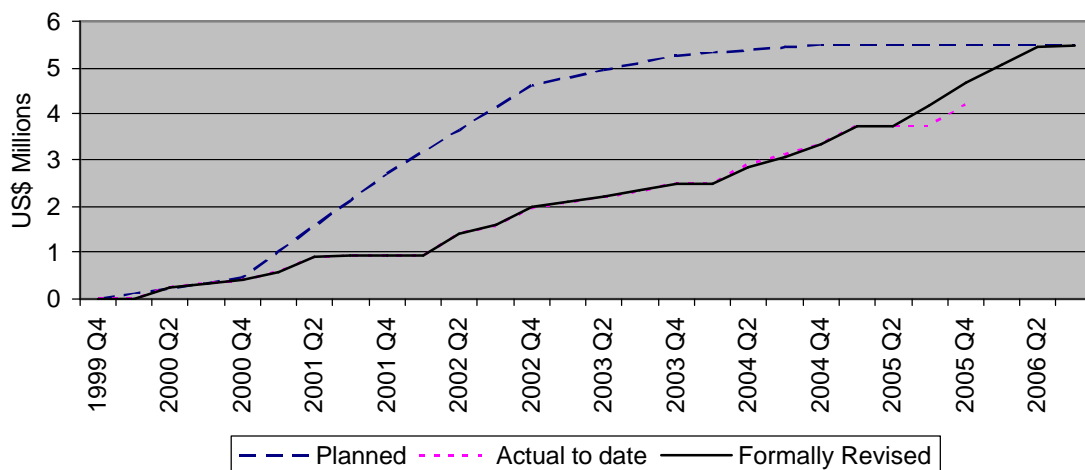
The development objective of the project is to establish effective inter-sectoral, participatory planning and sustainable management of natural ecosystems and associated landscapes at three demonstration sites in the Carpathian mountains and mechanisms to support replication of these activities at other priority sites.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Virtually all the project's objectives have been met. Through the project, effective park management systems have been established at 3 protected areas, and lessons learned from these experiences are being replicated in an additional 13 national and natural parks. New protected area legislation is in place, and establishes the framework for management and oversight. The only activity which is to be completed is construction of 3 visitor centers and other infrastructure, but this is expected to be completed shortly.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22499	Effective	5.50	4.20	1.30	0.00
WBTF-28358	Closed	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Mine Closure and Social Mitigation (P056337)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 08/31/1999

Midterm Review Date: 10/20/2001

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45090, IBRD-P3650

Sector(s): Mining and other extractive (61%), Other social services (16%), Micro and SME finance (16%), Central government administration (7%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Improving labor markets (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

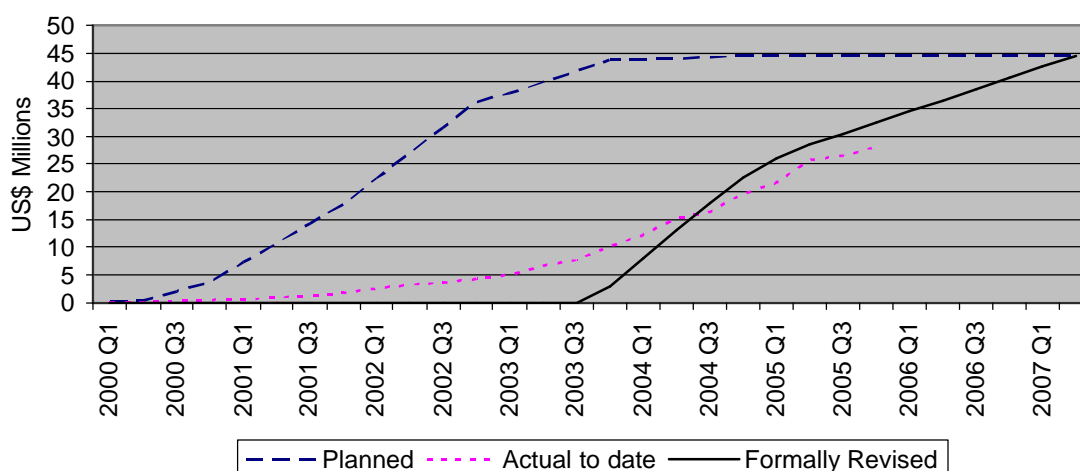
The objective is to reduce the burden on the national budget by permanently closing uneconomic mines in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner that supports social mitigation activities and the modernization of the sector's administrative framework.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well following its restructuring last year. Twenty-one mines have been successfully closed and another eight are expected to be closed by December 2005 or Spring 2006 (depending on weather conditions). Progress in social mitigation of the mine closures' impact on communities has also been made, with the creation of 13,511 new jobs, and another 6,058 new jobs created through micro-credit extensions. A new mining law has been enacted and a new mining strategy to end subsidies to the non-coal mining sector by 2007 and to the hard coal mining sector by 2010 has been approved. Institutional strengthening activities are ongoing and will help consolidate gains that were made.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45090	Effective	44.50	28.16	16.34	0.00
IBRD-P3650	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50



Project Name (ID): Rural Finance (P056891)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2001

Midterm Review Date: 11/19/2004

Closing Date: 07/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46020

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (75%), Micro and SME finance (21%), Central government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Improving labor markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

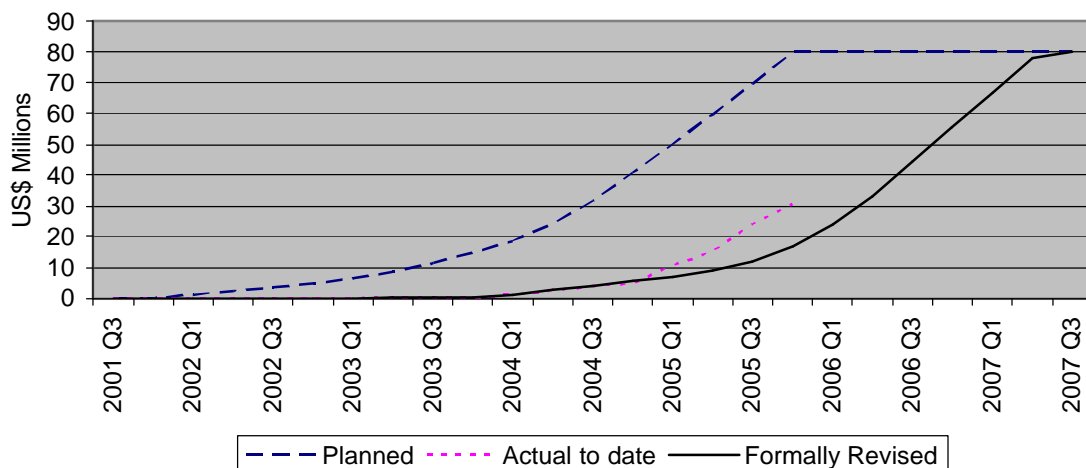
The project seeks to promote economic growth and reduce poverty in rural Romania through the provision of financial services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has established partnership with a series of commercial banks, leasing companies and microfinance institutions to provide long-term financing and micro-loans for productive investments to private enterprises and individuals in rural areas. More than 70 sub-loans (\$16.6 million), 277 leases (\$9.4 million), and 4,300 micro-loans (\$4.7 million) have been disbursed out of \$75 million committed, and disbursement is increasing steadily. Two private banks are working with project financing on the opening of new branches in rural areas to increase access. The project is also assisting the rural economy to absorb the grants allocated under the EU's Special Accession Program for Agriculture and Rural Development (SAPARD) by financing an awareness campaign and making available counterpart funding for the private investments that will be financed by this program (the project co-financed 10 SAPARD sub-projects). Finally, the project has contributed to the development of Romania's warehouse receipts system through the design of an indemnity/insurance fund which will complement the work undertaken by USAID and EBRD.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46020	Effective	80.00	30.59	49.41	0.00



Project Name (ID): Rural Development (P057960)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 03/19/2002

Midterm Review Date: 05/14/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46540

Sector(s): Water supply (25%), Sanitation (25%), Roads and highways (25%), Sub-national government administration (23%), Other social services (2%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P)

Project Development Objectives:

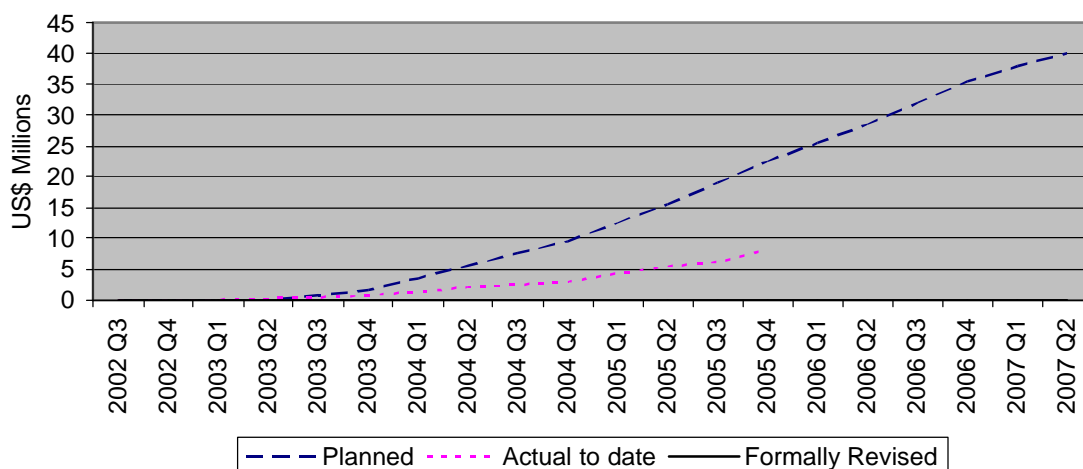
The project development objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of local administration, community/user groups and private service providers to plan, implement, operate and maintain small infrastructure investments in a participatory and accountable manner; and increase the access of rural inhabitants in pilot areas to markets and social services, and improved water and sanitation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to achieve the development objective. Training to local- and county-level beneficiaries has resulted in measurable capacity improvements. Rural investments are thus far successful. Local community contributions requirements are being met, indicating satisfaction by communities served by the project with the investments being made, and operation and maintenance plans have been put in place. Benefits from investments made through the Social Development Fund are expected to accrue upon completion of funded projects by the end of Summer 2005. Other first cycle investments are expected to be completed by Fall 2005. Remaining investments are in various design, bidding, and early construction stages.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46540	Effective	40.00	8.08	31.92	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Roads (P039250)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/03/1997

Midterm Review Date: 03/31/2000

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-41780, JPN-27126

Sector(s): Roads and highways (88%), Central government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

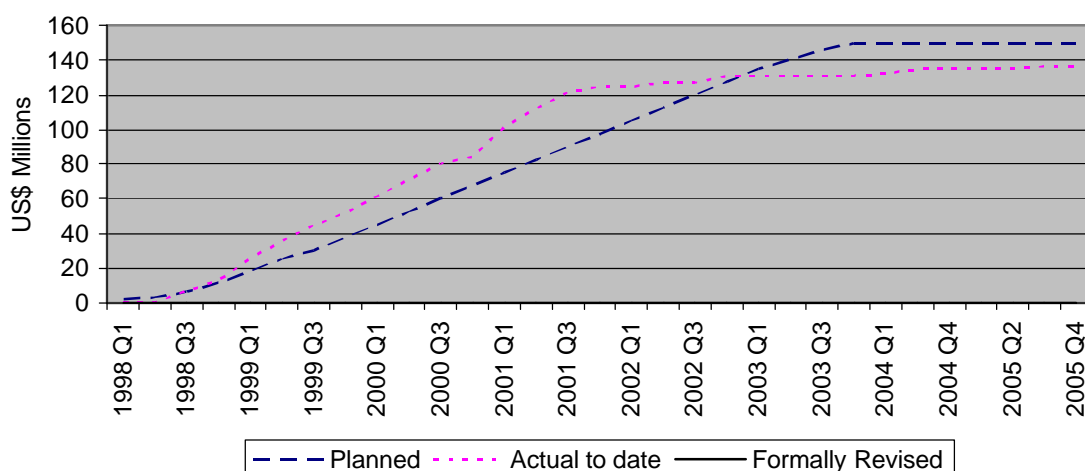
The objectives for the project are: (a) improve traffic safety and the fitness of the vehicle fleet; (b) meet the changing pattern of demand for land transport infrastructure; (c) improve the management and performance of the new National Company for Motorways and National Roads of Romania; (d) transition the civil works construction industry to a market economy; (e) promote the reduction of lead in petrol; and, (f) harmonize standards of the road network, vehicles and their safety standards, and institutional practices of the national road administration with those of the European Union.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has largely met its development objectives. The road administration has been reorganized into the National Company for Motorways and National Roads of Romania (NCMNRR). Through implementation of the Traffic Safety Action Plan and physical improvements to bridges, roads and traffic black spots, the accident rates at the treated spots have been reduced by more than 50 percent. The average lead content of leaded petrol has been reduced from 0.5 to 0.15.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-41780	Effective	150.00	136.64	13.36	0.00
JPN-27126	Closed	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Agricultural Pollution Control (P066065)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2001

Midterm Review Date: 01/17/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-23482, WBTF-50327

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (73%), Forestry (9%), General education (8%), Central government administration (5%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

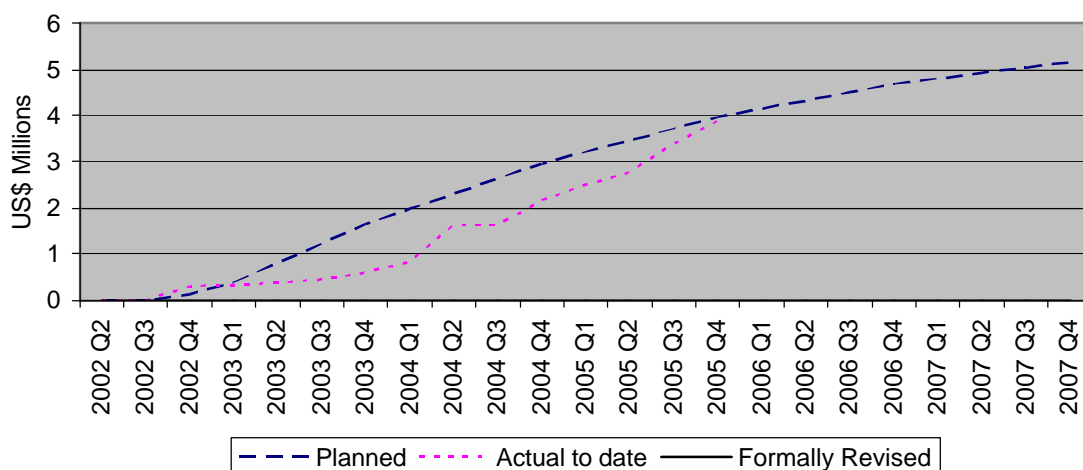
The development objective is to increase significantly the use of environment-friendly agricultural practices among farmers' associations, family farms and other eligible farmers in the target project areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project will likely achieve the development objective. Benefits from the following completed construction activities are expected to accrue shortly: 14 community-level manure platforms, 1,880 household manure storage facilities, and 225 Eurobins provided to the communes. All are fully operational. The demonstration of a number of environment-friendly agricultural practices has been well received and seven medium-sized farms have been selected for further demonstration of crop-nutrient management. The government has declared Tezer Lake a nature reserve, which enhances its long-term viability and sustainability. Technical facilities in the soil laboratory and county water authority have been upgraded and are fully functional. The code of good agricultural practices is being revised to meet European Union requirements.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-23482	Closed	0.30	0.27	0.00	0.03
WBTF-50327	Effective	5.15	3.88	1.27	0.00



Project Name (ID): Forest Development (P067367)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46830, JPN-26361

Sector(s): Forestry (60%), Central government administration (25%), Agricultural extension and research (10%), Agro-industry (3%), Other social services (2%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other environment and natural resources management (P), Other rural development (S), Law reform (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

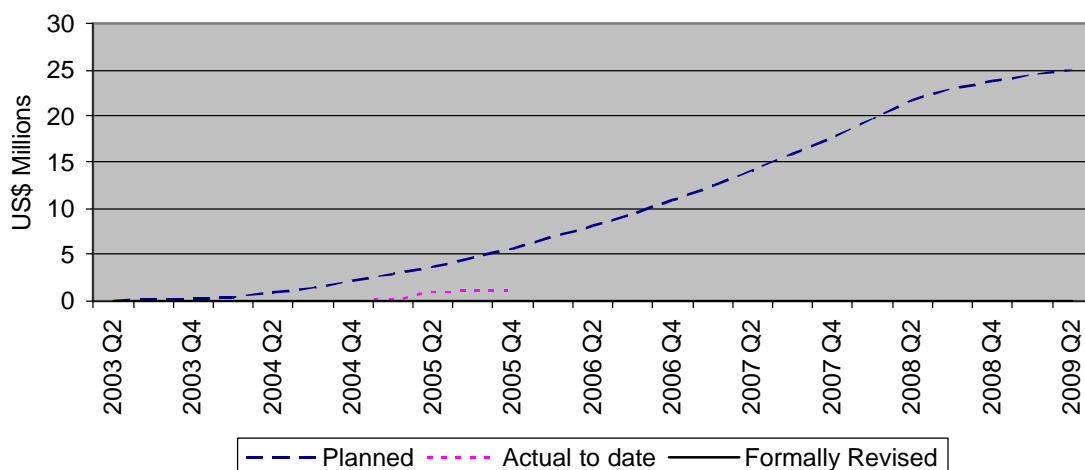
The objective of the project is to maintain and improve environmentally sustainable management of state and private forests so as to increase the contribution of Romanian forest resources to national and rural economies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress has been encouraging. Steps are underway to prepare a Strategic Development Plan for the National Forest Administration. Preparations to assist National and Local Associations of Private Forest Owners are ongoing. "Best Practice Guidelines" for forest road construction have been drafted, and are being circulated for consultation and review amongst key stakeholders. The first tranche of forest roads to be rehabilitated has been identified.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46830	Effective	25.00	1.12	23.88	0.00
JPN-26361	Closed	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Energy Efficiency (P068062)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 09/19/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-50705

Sector(s): General industry and trade (90%), General finance (10%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Technology diffusion (S)

Project Development Objectives:

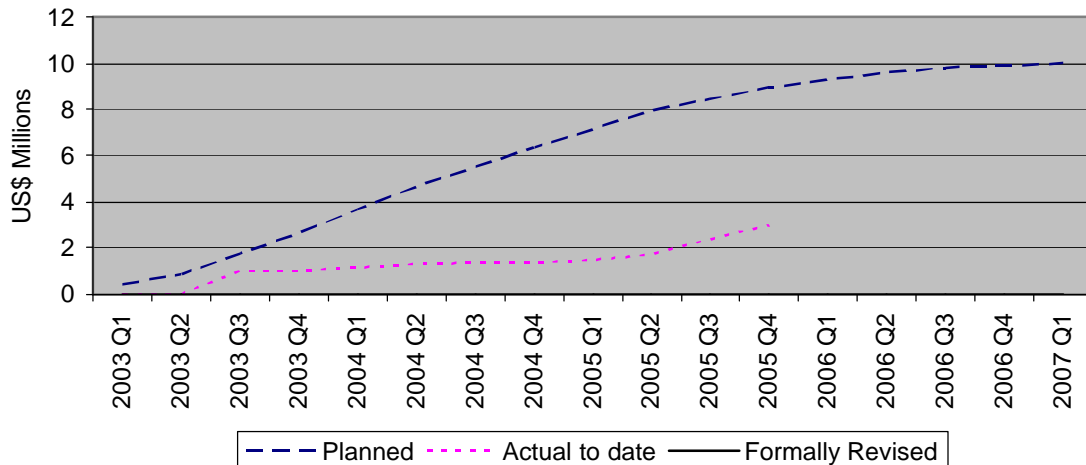
The development objective of the GEF project is to enable companies in the industrial sector and other energy consumers to adopt and utilize energy-efficient technologies, financed under commercial criteria by the Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund and cofinanciers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The government undertook several measures to support energy efficiency improvement: (a) adopting a strategy which prioritizes several sectors for action, including public agencies/buildings; (b) establishing the Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund and ensuring financing from GEF; (c) adopting several reforms in the energy sector including pricing/privatization to increase the attractiveness of energy efficiency, as well as reforms in the financial sector which contributed to macro stabilization and credit availability; and (d) supporting local administrations and municipalities to undertake energy efficiency measures. On the other hand the lag in lending combined with less favorable terms will likely have a negative impact on the Fund's self financing targets and sustainability when the grant financing runs out in mid-2006. The Fall 2005 mid-term review will explore options to address these issues.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50705	Effective	10.00	3.00	7.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Social Development Fund APL 2 (P068808)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/20/2001

Midterm Review Date: 04/08/2004

Closing Date: 08/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46450

Sector(s): Other social services (29%), Roads and highways (25%), Water supply (25%), Agro-industry (21%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Improving labor markets (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

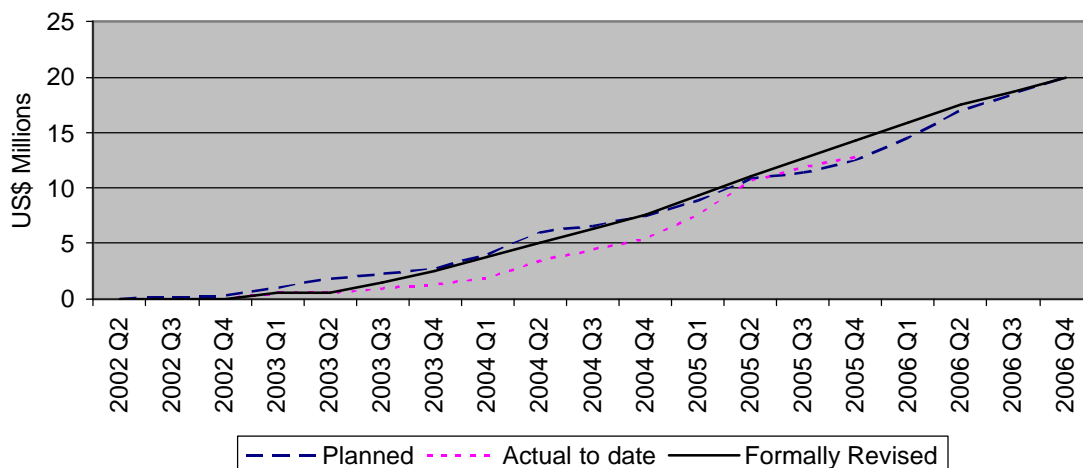
The objective is to improve livelihood of project Beneficiaries in poor rural communities and from disadvantaged groups and to promote social capital enhancement and civic engagement among Beneficiaries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The direct impact of project activities in people's lives has been noticeable, as progress continues to be made toward the development objective. 15,220 persons now have access to safe water supply. In addition, 22,720 persons are benefiting from new income generating activities, and another 11,045 have accessed community-based social services. To date, 710 km. of rural roads have been rehabilitated, which helps local communities and businesses.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46450	Effective	20.00	12.81	7.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): Private and Public Sector Institution Building (P069679)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 09/12/2002

Midterm Review Date: 10/24/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46760, NETH-50477

Sector(s): Central government administration (40%), Banking (30%), Power (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Corporate governance (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

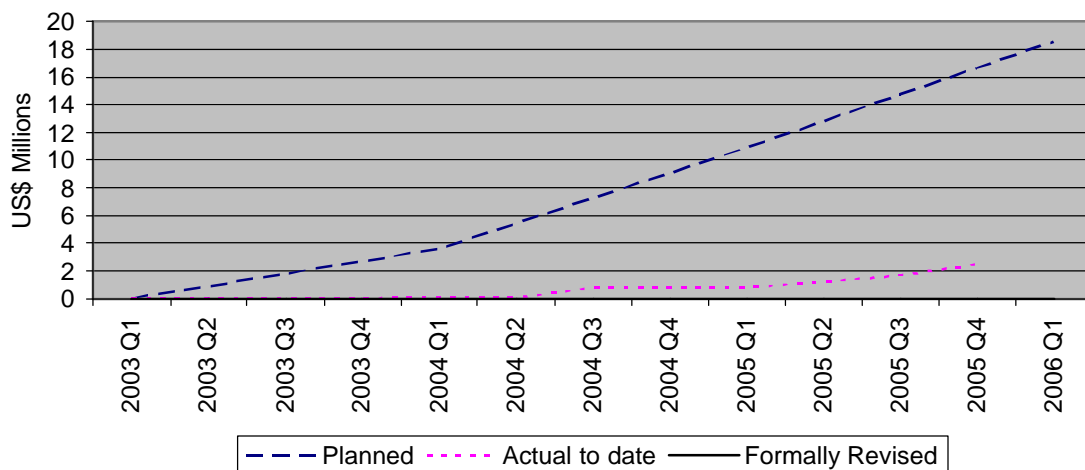
The objective of project is to provide the required technical assistance to implement policy measures supported by the Second Private Sector Adjustment Loan, and to prepare the reforms supported by the Programmatic Adjustment Loan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project scope has been expanded to include reforms in the areas of civil service, judicial, public expenditure, health, and infrastructure sectors. Project activities have gained new momentum, following the closure of the Private Sector Institution Building Loan. A number of studies and legislation reviews have been completed. These will contribute to the successful implementation of institutional and governance reforms that, among others, include the decentralization of education financing, a court rationalization study, a Labor Code review, and a review of legislation on trading companies in the field of corporate governance.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46760	Effective	18.60	2.49	16.11	0.00
NETH-50477	Effective	3.17	0.83	2.34	0.00



Project Name (ID): Rural Education (P073967)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 05/06/2003

Closing Date: 09/15/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46910, JPN-26809

Sector(s): Primary education (45%), Secondary education (40%), General public administration (15%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

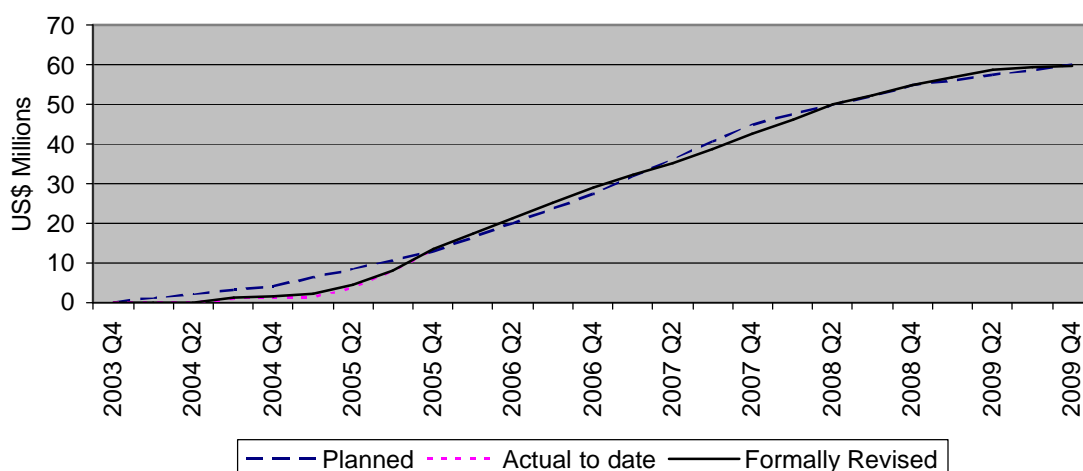
The objective is to have rural schools students benefit from improved access to quality education, as evidenced by higher achievement scores and completion and transition rates.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant progress has been achieved in project implementation. Activities are being developed in schools as planned and teachers participate with interest and dedication. Local authorities are supportive and have also benefited from the trainings. Water supply facilities have been installed among the first batch of 430 schools, and new furniture has been delivered to many of the schools. The project is expected to fully achieve its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46910	Effective	60.00	13.16	46.84	0.00
JPN-26809	Closed	0.46	0.40	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): Hazard Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness (P075163)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 05/20/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47360

Sector(s): Flood protection (50%), Sub-national government administration (25%), Central government administration (20%), Mining and other extractive (5%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Water resources management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Other urban development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

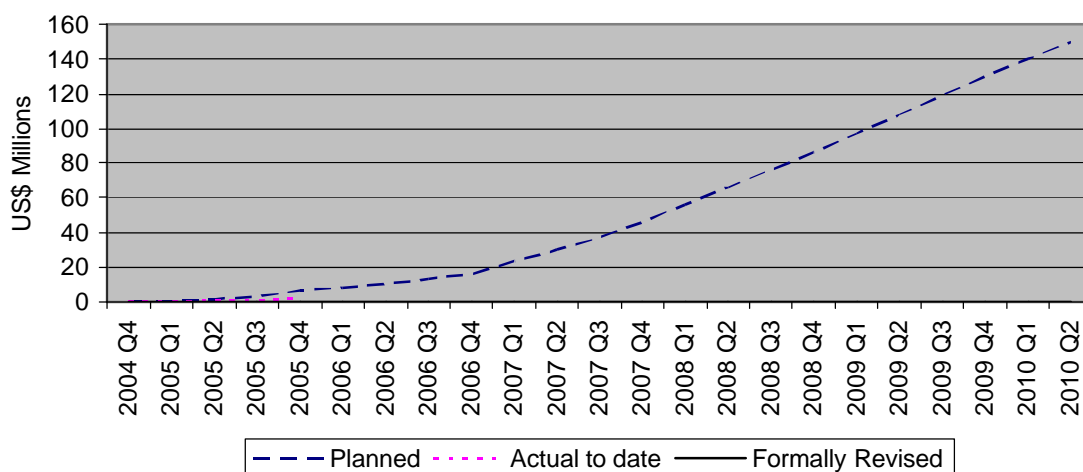
The overall objective of the project is to contribute to reduction of the environmental, social, and economic vulnerability to natural disasters and catastrophic mining accidental spills of pollutants.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In its first year of implementation, the project is progressing well. Some of the technical assistance activities were launched and contracted, mainly regarding design of rehabilitation works. The first works contract for seismic retrofitting of a public building was awarded and the works started. Most of construction works will be contracted after January 2006 for three project components.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47360	Effective	150.00	2.33	147.67	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Health Sector Reform (P078971)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47600, JPN-52423

Sector(s): Health (96%), Central government administration (3%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Child health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

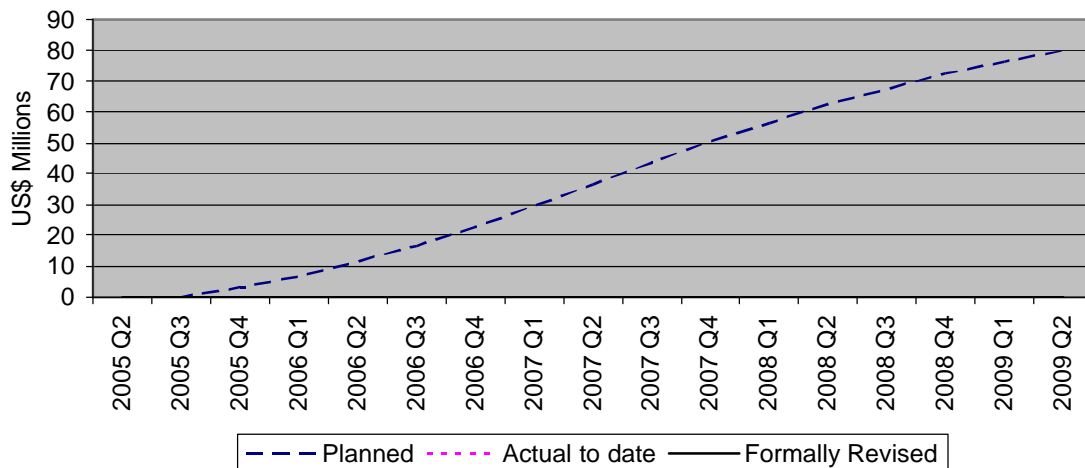
The objective is to provide more accessible services, of increased quality and with improved health outcomes for those requiring maternity and newborn care, emergency medical care and rural primary health care.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project had just become 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
IBRD-47600	Effective	78.52	0.00	78.52	0.00
JPN-52423	Closed	0.52	0.50	0.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): Electricity Market (P081406)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2003

Midterm Review Date: 02/28/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71810

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Regional integration (P)

Project Development Objectives:

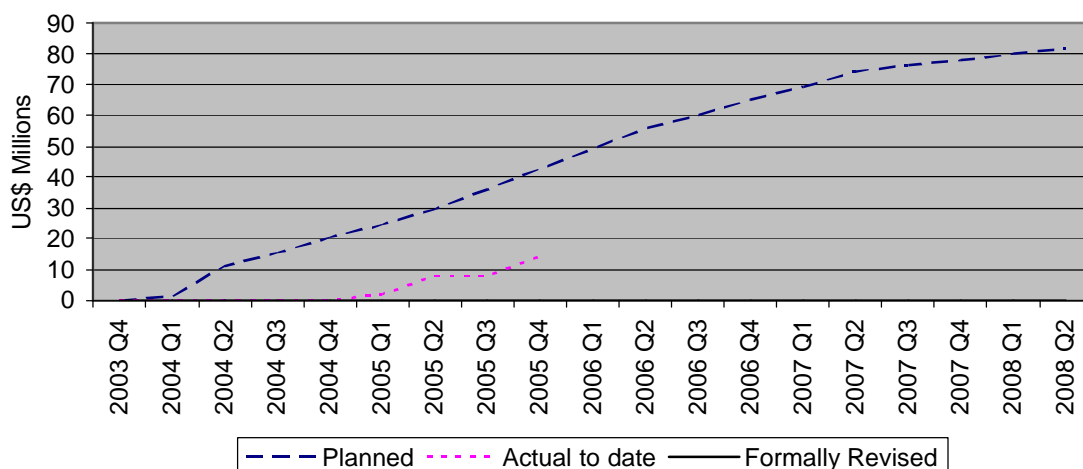
The objective is to develop a well-functioning wholesale electricity market operating in a transparent and predictable commercial and regulatory framework, and features: a) power exchange which facilitates electricity trading; and b) a reliable transmission system which supplies electricity at least cost to consumers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making progress towards achieving its development objective. The Electricity Market OPCOM Power Exchange has been established and is in pilot testing phase. A multi-year price-cap regulation for distribution and revenue-cap regulation for the transmission company was introduced in December 2004. The rehabilitation of substations has commenced.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71810	Effective	89.62	14.15	75.98	0.00



Project Name (ID): Transport Restructuring (P083620)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/16/2004

Closing Date: 07/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47570

Sector(s): Roads and highways (67%), Railways (33%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Other urban development (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

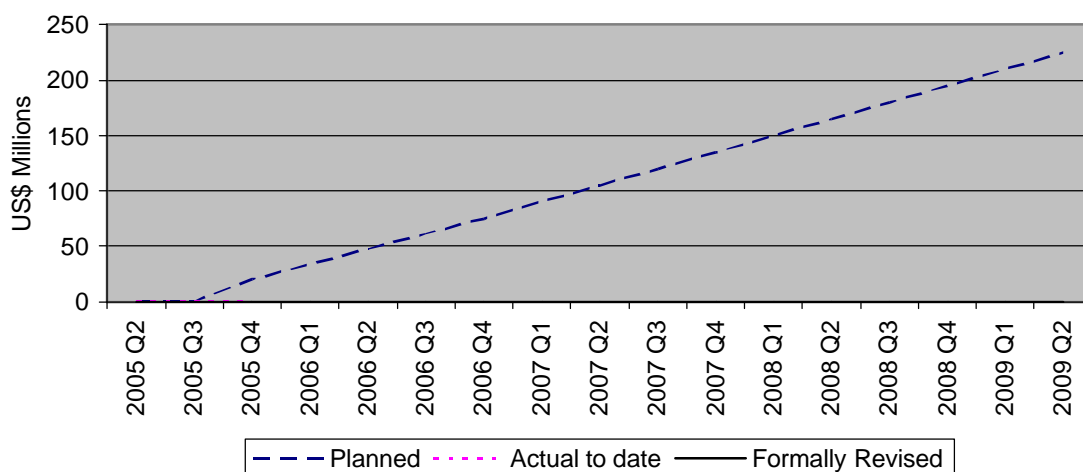
The project aims to improve the efficiency of the railways and road sectors, and thereby reduce the overall costs of transportation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project had just become 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
IBRD-47570	Effective	225.00	0.00	225.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Energy Community of South East Europe APL (P086694)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 01/27/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72720

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Regional integration (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

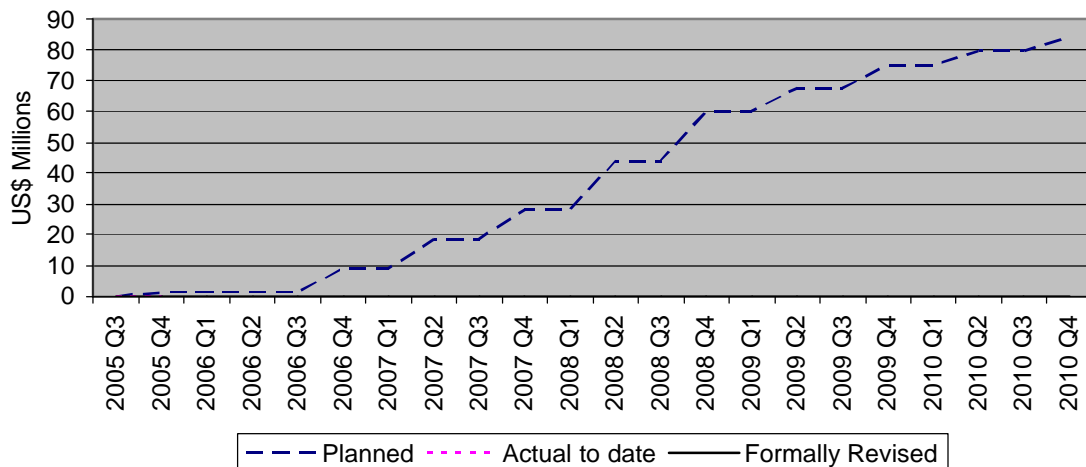
The objective of the Energy Community of South East Europe (ECSEE) APL is the development of a functioning regional electricity market in South East Europe and its integration into the internal electricity market of the European Union through the implementation of priority investments supporting electric market and power systems operations in electric generation, transmission, and distribution, and technical assistance for institutional/systems development and project preparation and implementation. The ECSEE APL1 would establish the ECSEE APL facility and provide investment support and technical assistance to Hidroelectrica in Romania.

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
IBRD-72720	Not Effective	79.61	0.00	79.61	0.00



Project Name (ID): Modernizing Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems (P086949)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/16/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47580

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (75%), Central government administration (25%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural markets (S), Other rural development (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

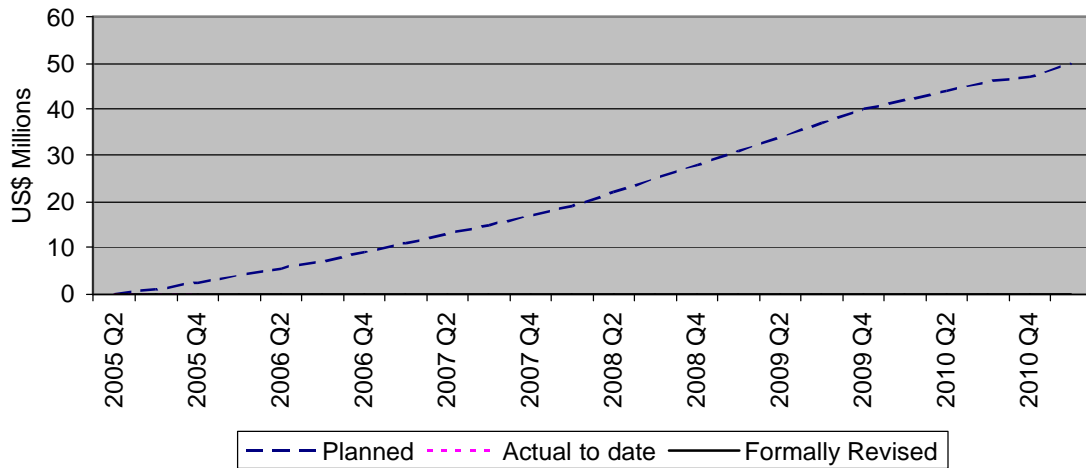
The objective is to improve the competitiveness of farmers and agro-processors while helping them meet European Union standards.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project only became effective in late-June 2005 and will be launched in mid-September 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47580	Effective	49.93	0.00	49.93	0.00



Project Name (ID): Mine Closure, Environment and Socio-Economic Regeneration (P087807)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004

Closing Date: 05/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47590

Sector(s): Other social services (49%), Mining and other extractive (48%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Social safety nets (P), Improving labor markets (P), Social analysis and monitoring (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project will strengthen the government's ability to undertake mining sector reform by (i) building the Ministry of Economy and Commerce's capacity for closing uneconomic mining enterprises through support for closing complex mines and ancillary enterprises in an environmentally sustainable manner; and (ii) providing support to the National Agency for Development and Implementation of Reconstruction Programs for the Mining Regions (AZM), local communities and other agencies for community-based planning and socio-economic regeneration of the mining regions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project had just become 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
IBRD-47590	Effective	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00

