

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

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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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: Slovakia**

**Project Name (ID):** Social Benefits Reform Administration (P038090)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Board Approval Date:** 02/21/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/12/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-70980, IBRD-P3790

**Sector(s):** Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (66%), Central government administration (34%)

**Theme(s):** Tax policy and administration (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Law reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

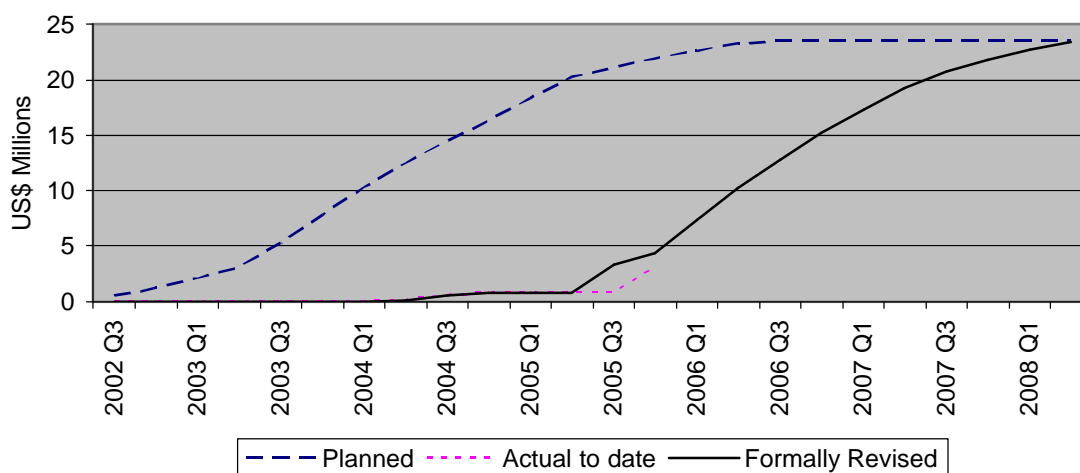
The objective is to (i) improve the quality of pension reform design, (ii) increase compliance for social contributions, (iii) improve effectiveness of administration of social contributions, (iv) improve the image of social insurance institutions, and (v) improve quality of employment and social programs.

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

Following the decision of the government to thoroughly redesign the pension system in the Slovak Republic, significant progress has been made in the three components of the project: (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) establishment of a unified contribution collection system, and (iii) development of information systems. Project restructuring is planned in order to take advantage of more efficient features of the redesigned policy. Responsibilities of the National Labor Office will be transferred out, and allocations to beneficiaries will be rebalanced. Finally, a single disbursement category per beneficiary will be introduced.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70980	Effective	31.60	3.16	28.58	0.00
IBRD-P3790	Closed	0.37	0.00	0.37	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Health (P065954)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Board Approval Date:** 09/11/2003

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-71950, JPN-26121

**Sector(s):** Health (60%), Compulsory health finance (20%), Central government administration (20%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S), Other social protection and risk management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to support comprehensive health sector reforms that promote fiscal sustainability while continuing to provide quality health care services and financial protection for the population.

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

The ongoing health sector reforms which the project supports have successfully achieved fiscal stabilization to reduce systemic debts. In 2004, for the first time in recent years, the health sector generated a surplus of SK 3.76 billion, reducing the overall stock of debts to SK 22 billion (inclusive of interest), which is equivalent to 1.7 percent of GDP. Consolidation of hospitals in the three big cities has started, leading to a significant reduction in the number legal hospital entities and in-hospital beds. The Health Care Surveillance Authority has been set up, and is expected to be fully functional soon. The legislative basis for structural changes has been established, and six health-related Acts (covering financing, quality of care, delivery of services and management of facilities) have been passed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71950	Effective	65.39	17.83	47.56	0.00
JPN-26121	Closed	0.51	0.45	0.00	0.06

**Project Name (ID):** Public Finance Management (P069864)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2003

**Closing Date:** 01/01/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-71780, IBRD-P3960

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (P), Economic statistics, modeling, and forecasting (S), Other public sector governance (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

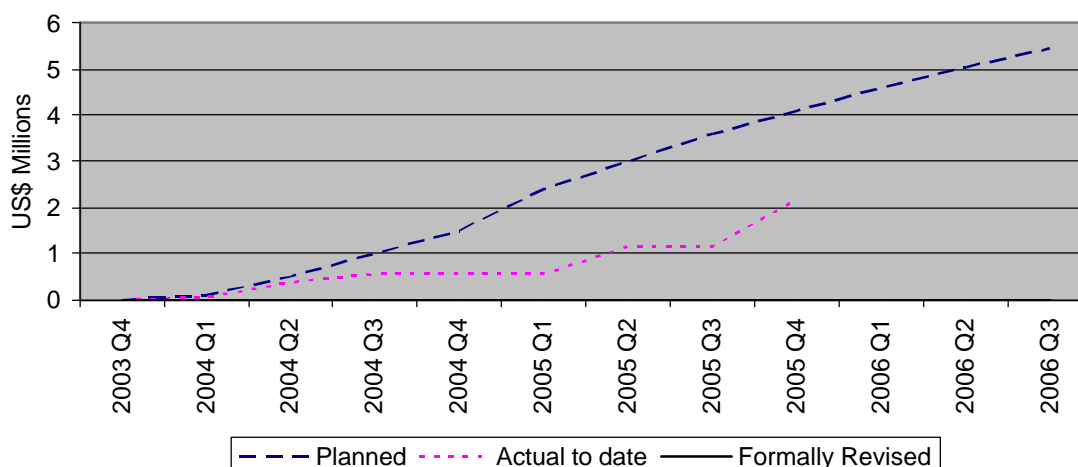
The objective is to strengthen Slovakia's institutional capacity to use public resources more effectively, efficiently and transparently, in line with Government priorities, by improving the budget process, debt management and treasury functions, and strengthening macroeconomic analytical capacity in the Ministry of Finance.

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

The project continues to make excellent progress toward achieving its objectives. Most of the major improvements for the budget process have already been achieved: the first multiyear national budget was prepared extending the horizon from one to three years, aligned with strategic plans and reflecting program budgeting. The Financial Policy Institute which undertakes macroeconomic analysis and forecasting is now recognized as one of the most prestigious and effective institutions of its type in the region. The Debt and Liquidity Management Agency has been established and fully staffed, and initial results suggest that it has already had an impact on Slovakia's cost of borrowing. The project is on track to achieve all of its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71780	Effective	6.03	2.17	3.92	0.00
IBRD-P3960	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00



**Project Name (ID):** Health Sector Modernization Support Technical Assistance (P082879)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Board Approval Date:** 09/11/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/03/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-71960, IBRD-P4010

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (65%), Health (25%), Compulsory health finance (10%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Law reform (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

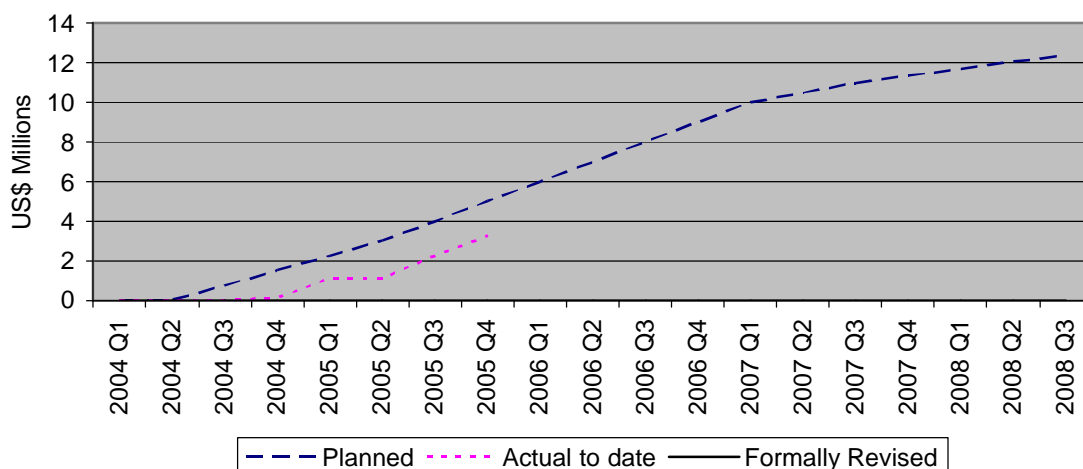
The objective is to build capacity of the health system to become more efficient in financing and delivering health care services and improving the quality of services while maintaining access to care for the population, especially the vulnerable groups.

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

Project implementation is generally on track, and there is every likelihood that the project development objectives will be achieved when all the activities are finalized. Special attention is being given to project components on quality and social impact analysis to ensure that progress will continue to be made in these areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71960	Effective	12.76	3.25	9.64	0.00
IBRD-P4010	Closed	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75



**Project Name (ID):** Human Capital Technical Assistance (P092786)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Board Approval Date:** 01/25/2005

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72710

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)

**Theme(s):** Administrative and civil service reform (P), Education for all (S), Social analysis and monitoring (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S), Improving labor markets (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to develop institutional capacity for evidence-based policy making in the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and to improve the management, monitoring and evaluation of employment and education systems.

### 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-72710	Effective	6.03	0.03	6.00	0.00

