

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: UZBEKISTAN

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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: Uzbekistan

Project Name (ID): Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (P009121)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 08/21/1997

Midterm Review Date: 11/23/1999

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-42160, JPN-29333, JPN-29683

Sector(s): Water supply (87%), Sanitation (7%), Health (4%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

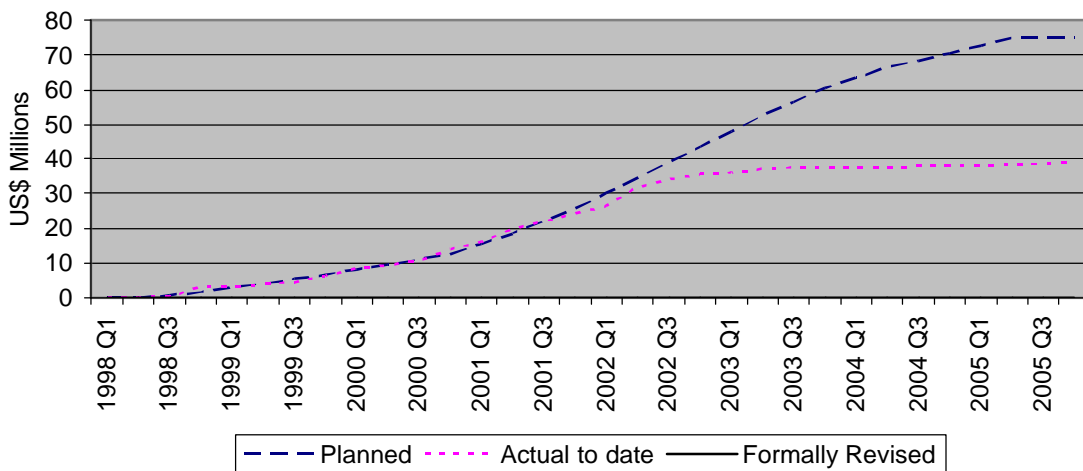
The objectives are to: (a) improve the water supply, sanitation and health of the population of Karakalpakstan and Khorezm Oblast; (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the regional water supply and sanitation utilities as well as the Health Centers and the Sanitary Epidemiological Stations; and, (c) increase efficiency of project institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made substantial progress toward achieving its development objectives. More than 560,000 people have benefited from better water quality, quantity, and access, in both urban and rural areas. Substantial progress has been made to strengthen institutional capacity of the agencies involved, although the full impact of better capacity is not expected to register until the completion of activities. Demand management and loss reduction programs have been implemented in pilot areas of Nukus and Urgench with good results.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42160	Effective	75.00	39.17	34.16	1.67
JPN-29333	Closed	0.33	0.36	0.00	0.00
JPN-29683	Closed	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Drainage, Irrigation and Wetlands Improvement Phase 1 (P009127)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47070, IBRD-P3750, IDA-37960, IDA-Q3590, JPN-29131

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (96%), General public administration (4%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Land administration and management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objectives of the project are: (a) to increase the productivity of irrigated agriculture, employment and incomes in Karakalpakstan, one of the poorest regions in Central Asia; (b) to improve water quality of the Amu Darya river by safe disposal of the drainage effluent, and enhance quality of wetlands in the Amu Darya delta; and (c) to develop the institutions for improving water management, operation and maintenance (O&M) of the irrigation and drainage systems, and for promoting sustainable irrigated agriculture through participatory irrigation management.

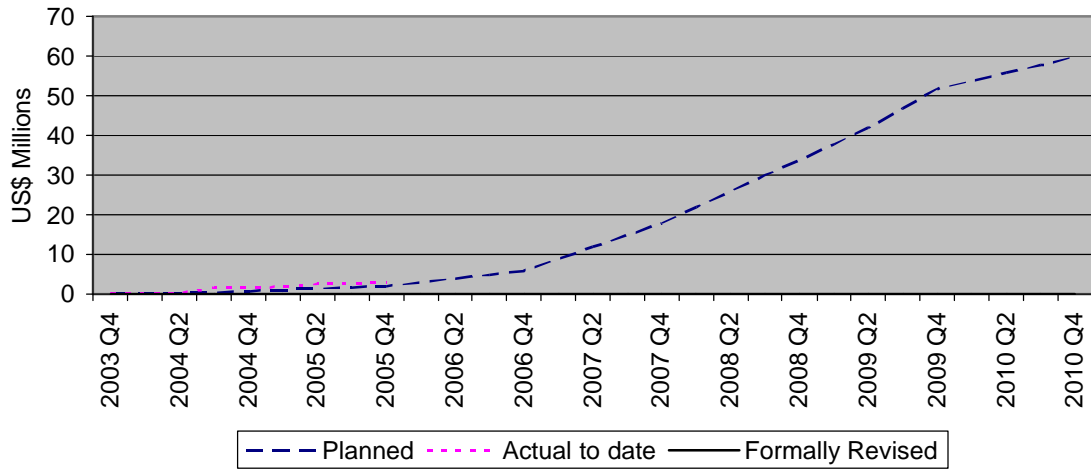
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made toward achieving project objectives. The contract for construction of the South Karakalpakstan Main Drain was signed, and construction is scheduled to begin this fall. Once completed, the drain will help resolve water-logging problems hampering productivity of irrigated agriculture; lead to the creation of several wetlands that would improve environmental conditions and biodiversity in the area; and provide a safe alternative to dangerous sewerage from the area, which is currently being disposed of in the river. Routing such sewerage through the new drain will, therefore, help improve water quality of the Amu Darya. In parallel, Water User Associations have been formed and will take responsibility for the overall water management, distribution, and operations and maintenance of the irrigation and drainage systems. Lastly, several demonstration plots have been formed to help local farmers learn new techniques in farm management and agro-technical improvements for growing crops. All of these activities are designed to enhance water use efficiency in the field and improve the productivity of irrigated agriculture.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47070	Effective	35.00	0.35	34.65	0.00
IBRD-P3750	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
IDA-37960	Effective	26.85	2.41	24.48	0.00
IDA-Q3590	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
JPN-29131	Closed	0.89	0.87	0.00	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Rural Enterprise Support (P046043)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 12/20/2001

Closing Date: 07/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46440, IBRD-P3210, JPN-53128

Sector(s): Agro-industry (40%), Irrigation and drainage (38%), Crops (15%), Central government administration (5%), Agricultural extension and research (2%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

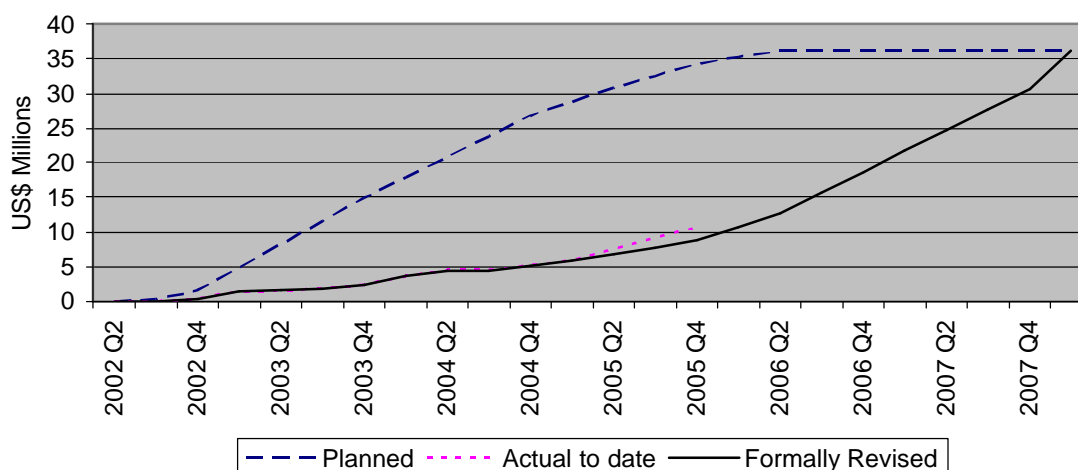
The objectives of the project are to: (i) increase profitability and productivity of the agricultural sector; (ii) support the emergence of private sector initiatives; and (iii) ensure sustainability of the agricultural sector through rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage (I&D) systems and improved land management in 5 pilot districts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project activities have gained new momentum following the resolution of a few problems at the start of implementation. The most challenging project activity will be a policy pilot to test the possibility of selling cotton through alternative markets. This year, farmers were allowed to sell 5,500 tons outside of the state monopoly for the first time. Initial success here will have the potential to lead to significant policy improvements.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46440	Effective	36.14	10.95	25.19	0.00
IBRD-P3210	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
JPN-53128	Effective	0.52	0.05	0.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Tashkent Solid Waste Management (P049582)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 05/21/1998

Midterm Review Date: 09/18/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-43260

Sector(s): Solid waste management (100%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P)

Project Development Objectives:

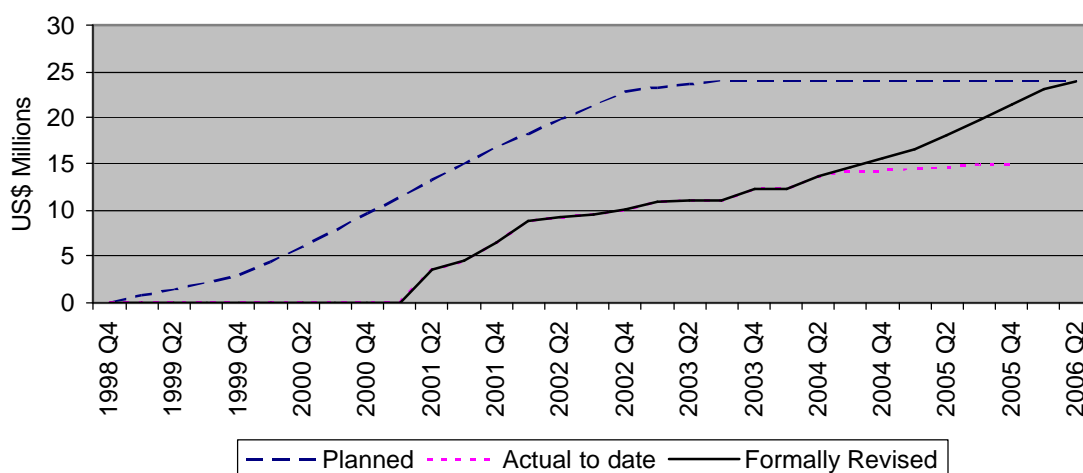
The main development objectives are to: (a) return the existing solid waste collection and disposal system to an acceptable level of service, and (b) improve the technical, financial, and institutional basis for its future operation and development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made toward achieving development objectives. The financial position of the solid waste utility has improved as a result of the reduction of accounts receivable from government-financed entities, which made possible the completion of local civil works. Service delivery has also improved significantly; a satisfaction level of 80% has been reported by those receiving the highest level of service. Overall operation efficiency has significantly increased as a result of improvements at the main landfill, closing one in-city landfill, and the introduction of transfer stations into the system. Public safety also has improved through the posting of guards at the former landfill site.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-43260	Effective	24.00	14.97	9.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): Bukhara and Samarkand Water Supply (P049621)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 03/19/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46550, IDA-36200, JPN-25362, JPN-54224

Sector(s): Water supply (100%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

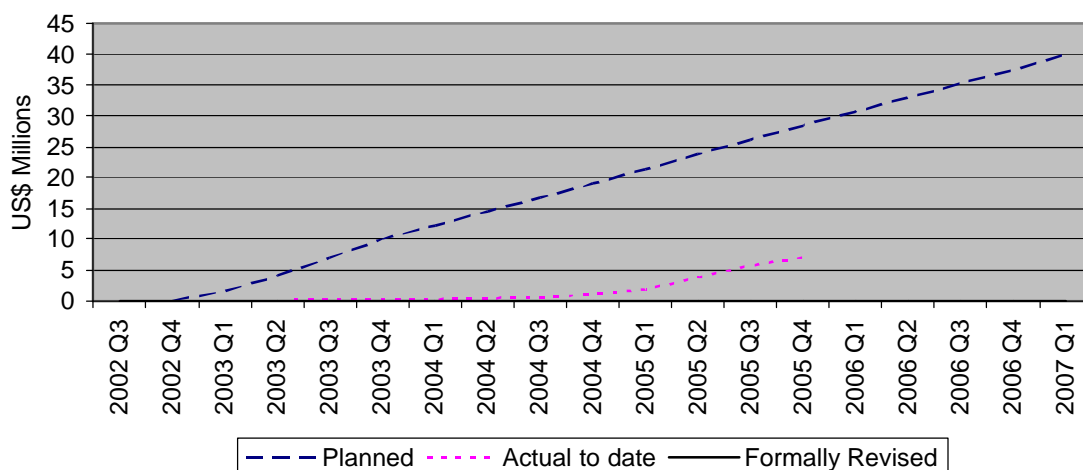
The objective is to improve the safety, quality, reliability, efficiency, financial viability and sustainability of the water supply services in Bukhara and Samarkand.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite earlier delays registering the private operator, the project is moving forward toward meeting its development objective. The private operator is now fully staffed, and emergency investments are being implemented. The Operator delivered 15 of the 28 key reports, including a draft Base Year Data Report, a commercial management plan, and an organizational HR plan. An area of concern is the precarious financial situation of Vodokanals, but measures are being taken by the private operator to reduce losses and improve collection rates.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46550	Effective	20.00	2.43	17.57	0.00
IDA-36200	Effective	23.20	4.57	18.74	0.00
JPN-25362	Closed	0.60	0.39	0.00	0.21
JPN-54224	Effective	1.69	0.00	1.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): Urban Transport (P050508)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 05/11/2000

Closing Date: 09/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45470, IBRD-P3320

Sector(s): General transportation (98%), Central government administration (1%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P)

Project Development Objectives:

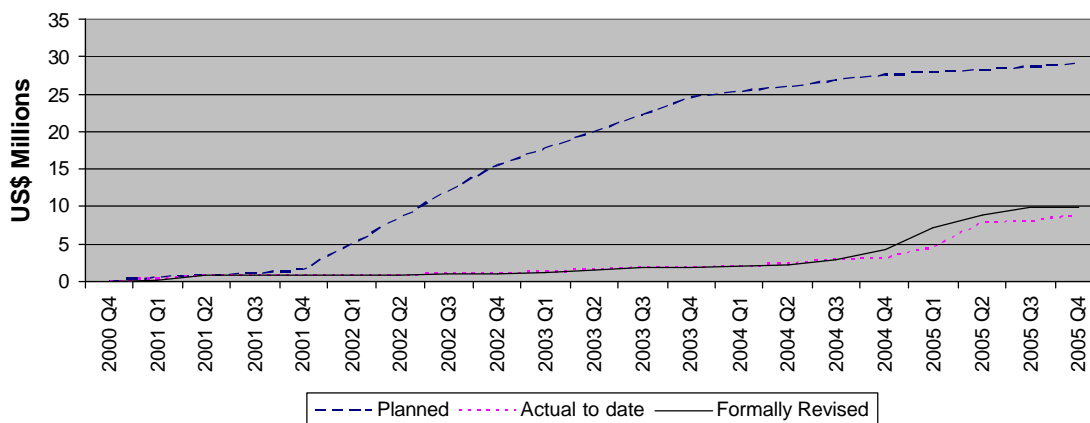
The project development objective is to achieve efficient and sustainable urban passenger transport services in the five cities of Sarmarkand, Namangan, Bukhara, Nukus and Almalyk.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has achieved its development objective. Improvements in the institutional, financial and regulatory framework of the urban passenger transport sector will help consolidate gains made. Greater competition in the bus market has resulted in sufficient supply of bus transportation services, which have significantly improved in terms of regularity, reliability, efficiency, and affordability. Even as existing demand is being met, the capacity of the city transport departments to plan urban transport services and administer the bus route franchising system will enable these agencies to plan for any future increase in demand.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45470	Effective	29.00	8.75	2.75	17.50
IBRD-P3320	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50



Project Name (ID): Second Health (P051370)

Country: Uzbekistan

Board Approval Date: 09/09/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39790, IDA-H1240, JPN-51900

Sector(s): Health (98%), Compulsory health finance (2%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Other communicable diseases (S), HIV/AIDS (S), Nutrition and food security (S), Child health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the quality and overall cost-effectiveness of health care services in Uzbekistan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective six months ago and is in the early stages of implementation. Project start-up has been slow and while there are continuing improvements in project implementation, there are delays in meeting some agreed benchmarks.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39790	Effective	39.25	0.10	39.15	0.00
IDA-H1240	Effective	0.58	0.02	0.57	0.00
JPN-51900	Closed	0.49	0.45	0.00	0.05

