

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**  
**COUNTRY: ARGENTINA**

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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 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: Argentina**

**Project Name (ID):** Reduction of Ozone (P005920)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 01/09/1997

**Closing Date:** 11/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** WBTF-22013

**Sector(s):** Gen ind/trade sector(96%), Central government administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

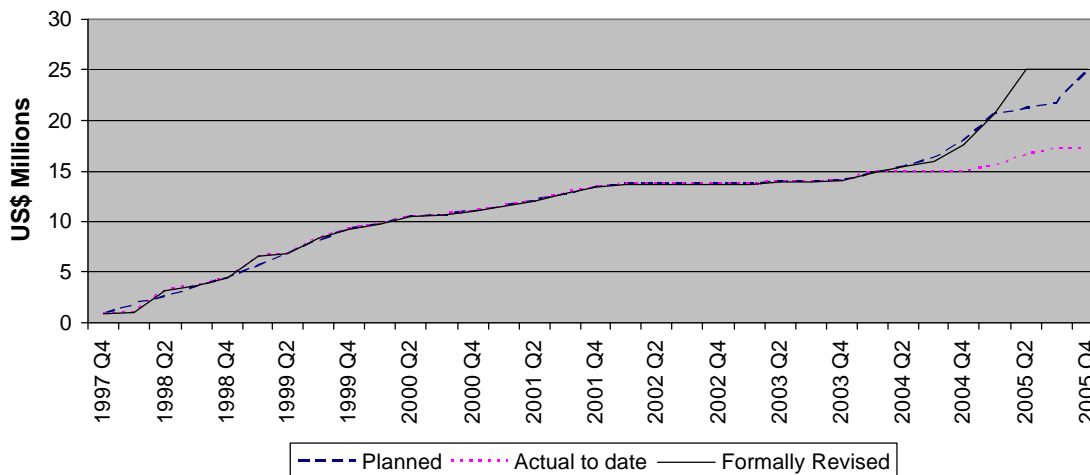
The objective is to: (a) phase out Ozone Depleting Substances consumption through the provision of technical and financial assistance; and (b) strengthen the institutional framework in Argentina to better identify, prepare, evaluate, and administer subprojects.

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

The National Ozone Office continues to work effectively in the coordination of the regulatory agenda and investment plans. Currently, there are six active subprojects. Two of the subprojects in the aerosol sector have been physically completed and are in their final stages for financial completion. The Halon Bank has started to operate and is expected to be fully operational by the end of calendar year 2005. The closure of the Cloro-Fluoro Carbons production plant is still on its way. The company has been continually meeting the production limits established by the Multilateral Fund. With respect to the Methyl Bromide sector, experiments are being carried out on pests that affect cotton and citrus fruits to determine cost-effective alternatives to Methyl Bromide. Work is under way to prepare both a Chiller replacement program and a program on Metered Dose Inhalers.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22013	Effective	25.00	17.19	7.81	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Roads (P005980)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 09/12/1996

**Midterm Review Date:** 03/20/2000

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-40930, IBRD-4093A, IBRD-4093S

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (97%), Sub-national government administration (2%), Central government administration (1%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Other social development (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (a) develop and implement efficient provincial road programs; (b) reorganize the provincial road agency's (DPV) operations and gradually transfer maintenance execution to private contractors or to local road consortia; and (c) strengthen DPV's environmental management capabilities.

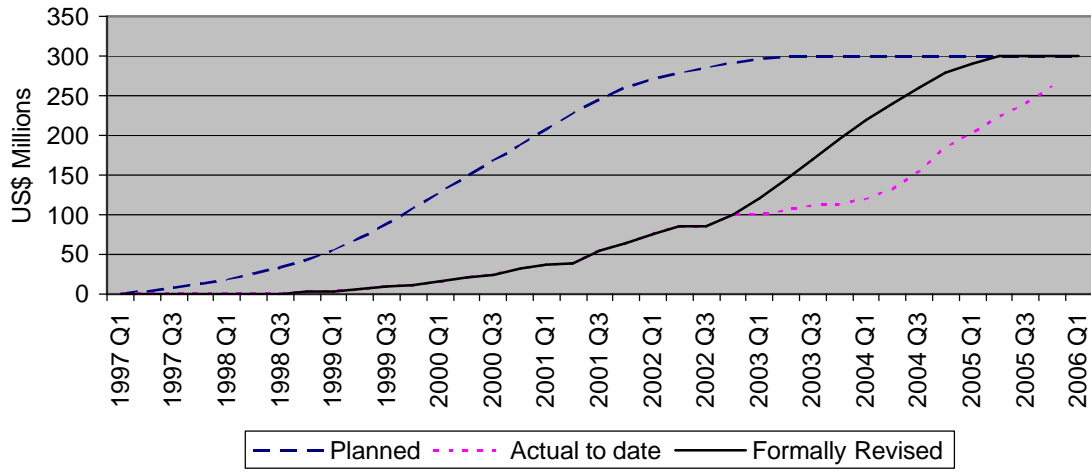
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is on track in terms of outputs and outcomes agreed under the FY04 restructured plan. The project has completed nearly 2,492 km (80 percent of the physical targets) and is expected to complete an additional 440 km for a total of 2,932 km of road rehabilitation and paving during calendar year 2005, which represents at least 93 percent of the mid-term review target. The efficiency of resource use in the provincial road sector has been substantially improved with a 40 percent reduction in unit costs for rehabilitation and paving works as compared to pre-appraisal figures. Prior to project implementation in 1995, the proportion of roads in good condition in the participating provinces was about 48 percent, and the backlog of maintenance was nearly 20 percent. In 2004, these proportions are 60 percent and 9 percent respectively. Roads in very poor to bad conditions have decreased from 6 percent to 1 percent. Thus far, about 70 percent of maintenance activities are outsourced. Provinces now have a rational model for preparing their annual road maintenance programs and are equipped to carry out their network surveys. The environmental divisions are well staffed and trained.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-40930	Effective	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-4093A	Effective	297.99	261.00	36.99	0.00
IBRD-4093S	Effective	2.01	2.01	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Agricultural Development (P006010)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 04/22/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/31/2001

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-41500

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (32%), Water supply (32%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (32%), Sub-national government administration (2%), Central government administration (2%)

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

### Project Development Objectives:

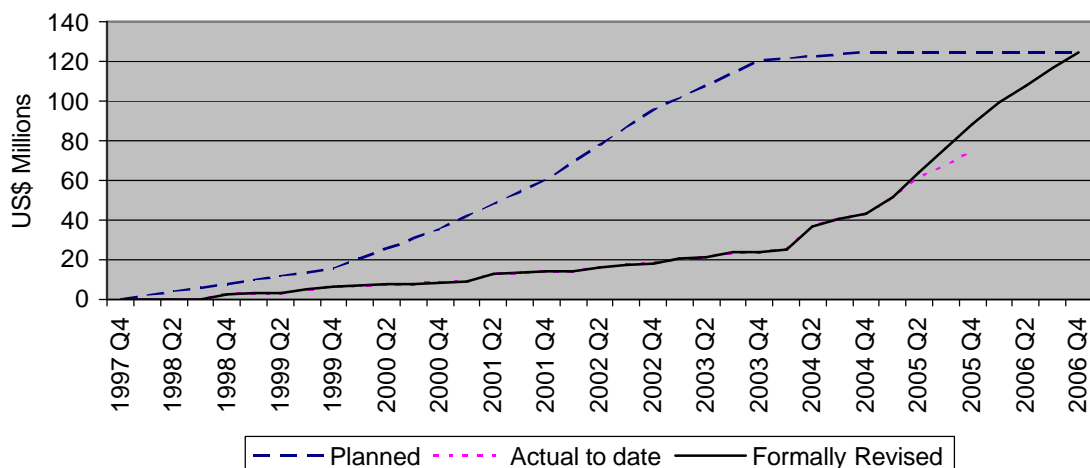
The objectives are to: (a) increase and diversify agricultural production and exports; (b) increase and stabilize the agricultural incomes of small and medium-sized commercial farms; (c) improve the effectiveness of basic agricultural support services; (d) improve rural productive infrastructure; (e) strengthen national and provincial institutional capacity; and (f) rationalize public investments and promote an expanded private sector role in agricultural development.

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

The project continued to consolidate its performance and is advancing well. Over the last year, the project has made significant progress with regard to physical and financial implementation. During this period, the subprojects were restructured and expanded, and loan funds are fully committed. In addition to the twelve subprojects under implementation in June 2004, an additional six started implementation, and another five will be launching as part of the expansion of the project's portfolio. The subprojects are supporting activities focused on: (a) irrigation and drainage, (b) rural electrification and rural roads rehabilitation, (c) animal and plant health, (d) food quality, (e) agricultural risk and insurance, (f) commercial development of non-traditional agricultural products, (g) provincial institutional strengthening for rural development planning, and (h) promotion of young rural entrepreneurs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-41500	Effective	125.00	74.68	50.32	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Forestry Development (P006040)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 10/24/1995

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/21/1998

**Closing Date:** 01/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-39480, IBRD-3948A, IBRD-3948S, JPN-22918

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (41%), Forestry (40%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (10%), Agricultural extension and research (9%)

**Theme(s):** Environmental policies and institutions (P), Improving labor markets (P), Land administration and management (S), Biodiversity (S), Law reform (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

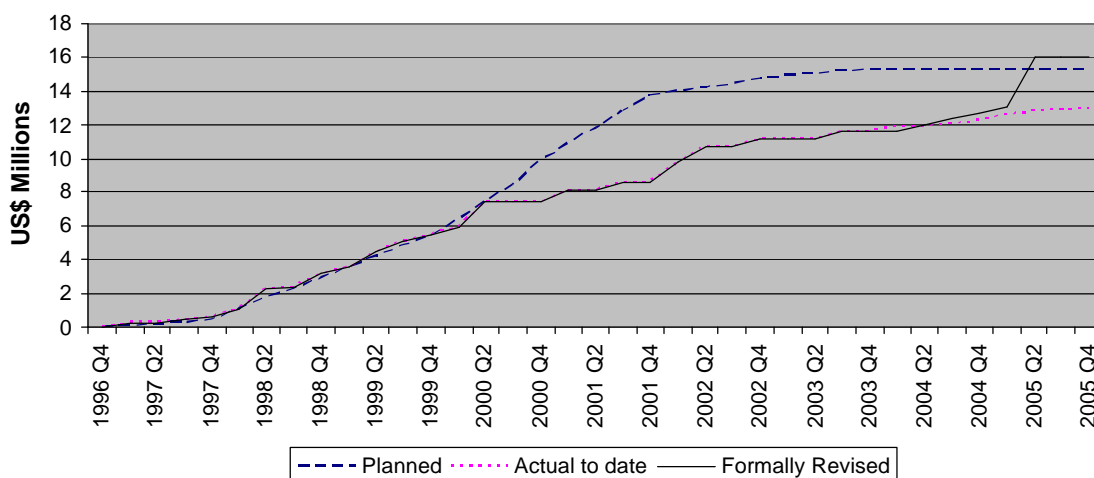
The objectives are to contribute to efficient and sustainable growth of forest plantations and timber processing industries, to alleviate rural poverty, and to develop a strategy and consensus for addressing the desertification and soil erosion problems in Patagonia.

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

The objectives of contributing to the efficient and sustainable growth of forest plantations and timber processing, and activities related to alleviating rural poverty are in the final stages of completion. In the past year, progress was made in institutional strengthening, particularly training and capacity building; reactivation and strengthening of the seedling improvement project focusing on improved seed certification, and seed distribution and use (112 nurseries now use improved seed); research and extension (over 73 applied research projects now complete and another 35 underway); and the Small Farmer Component, which increased its scope to include 1,973 families in rural areas. The national forest inventory is now being updated in Corrientes Province on a pilot basis, and the results of the first inventory published on the internet have been widely used by the public.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-39480	Effective	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-3948A	Effective	12.95	9.88	3.08	0.00
IBRD-3948S	Effective	3.05	3.05	0.00	0.00
JPN-22918	Closed	0.65	0.79	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Small Farmer Development (P006041)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 07/17/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/23/2002

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-42120, JPN-22731

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (25%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (25%), General transportation (25%), Central government administration (15%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Indigenous peoples (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are: (a) increased productive and organizational capacity in participating poor, rural communities; (b) greater emphasis on rural poverty issues in the sectoral agenda and improved coordination of rural development programs and policies; and (c) financial assistance provided to poor, rural producers in areas declared in flood emergency or disaster.

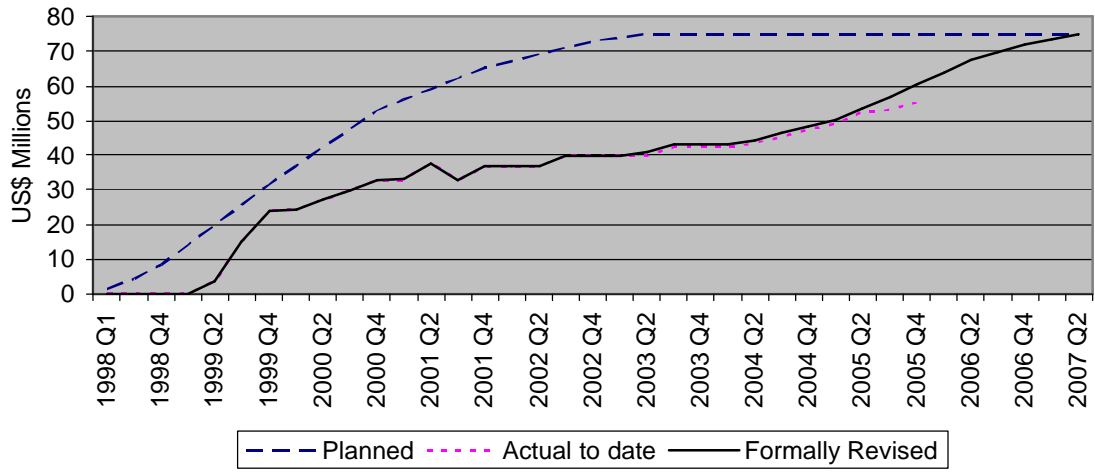
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

There has been excellent progress toward achievement of the project's objectives. By the end of April 2005, the project had financed 5,674 subprojects, reaching 4,000 groups composed of 37,681 families (228,874 persons). A 2002 monitoring and impact assessment survey found that income and quality of life had improved (compared to baseline), as well as organizational capacity and participation. A similar survey was initiated in May 2005. Field visits and other information confirm that important results are being achieved on the ground. The first catalogue of technologies appropriate for small farmers and rural dwellers has been widely disseminated, as well as the results of 33 appropriate technology projects. The project has produced the critical ingredients of data and analysis of the rural poor, but progress on defining a national rural development strategy is modest. Results are better at the provincial level where 5 provinces have defined their rural development strategy and 14 have created or designated a provincial unit to deal with these matters.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42120	Effective	75.00	55.16	19.84	0.00
JPN-22731	Closed	0.74	0.79	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Renewable Energy in the Rural Market (P006043)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 03/30/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/14/2001

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-44540

**Sector(s):** Renewable energy (89%), Sub-national government administration (11%)

**Theme(s):** Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other urban development (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

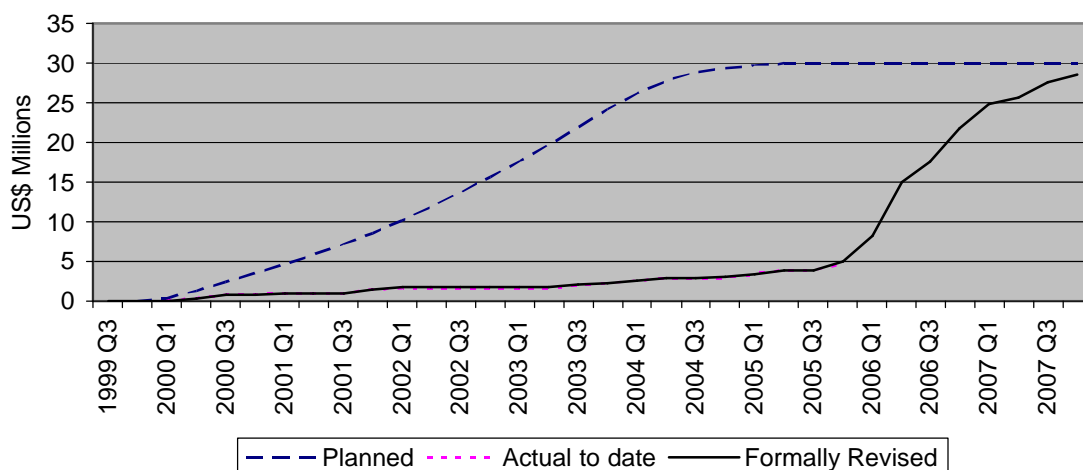
The objectives are to: (a) provide the rural areas of the participating provinces with reliable electricity supply in a sustainable manner; (b) advance the reform of the energy sector; (c) expand the participation of the private sector in the provision of electricity in the rural areas; and (d) support the creation of sustainable business operations for rural energy.

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

Bidding and contracting significantly increased in fiscal year 2005. There are now about 4,500 solar home systems, 1,100 solar public systems (essentially rural schools) and 120 wind home systems, that are either installed or under contract. Eleven provinces are participating actively in the project and seven others are close to start active implementation. Four private concessionaires are involved in the project. The project continued strengthening the Secretariat of Energy's capacity on strategic planning and policy aspects.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44540	Effective	30.00	4.55	25.45	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Water Sector Reform (P006046)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 06/01/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/16/2003

**Closing Date:** 07/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-44840, JPN-29356

**Sector(s):** Water supply (39%), Sewerage (39%), Central government administration (22%)

**Theme(s):** Regulation and competition policy (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

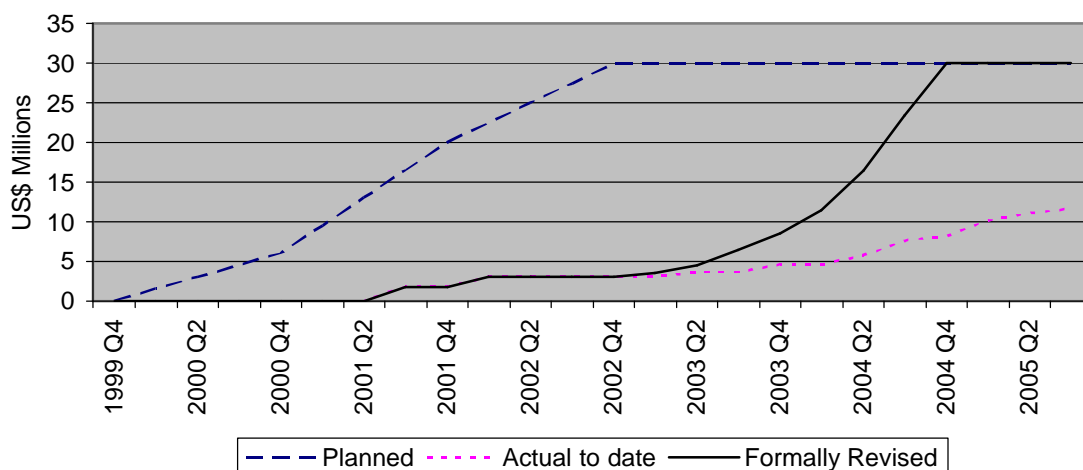
The revised objectives are to: (a) support the reform of the water and sanitation sector with the promotion of efficiency in the operation and financing of water utilities; (b) support the establishment of sound regulatory frameworks for the water sector; and (c) address universal service and environmental issues pertaining to this sector.

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

The project development objectives as revised in fiscal year 2004 are not expected to be fully achieved by the closing date. The nearly twelve months required for countersigning the fourth amendment will curtail the achievement of the development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44840	Effective	30.00	11.66	18.34	0.00
JPN-29356	Closed	0.37	0.29	0.00	0.06



**Project Name (ID):** Flood Protection (P006052)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 12/11/1996

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/24/2001

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** EXIM-03830, IBRD-41170

**Sector(s):** Flood protection (85%), Housing construction (9%), Other social services (4%), Sub-national government administration (1%), Central government administration (1%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Water resources management (P), Law reform (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

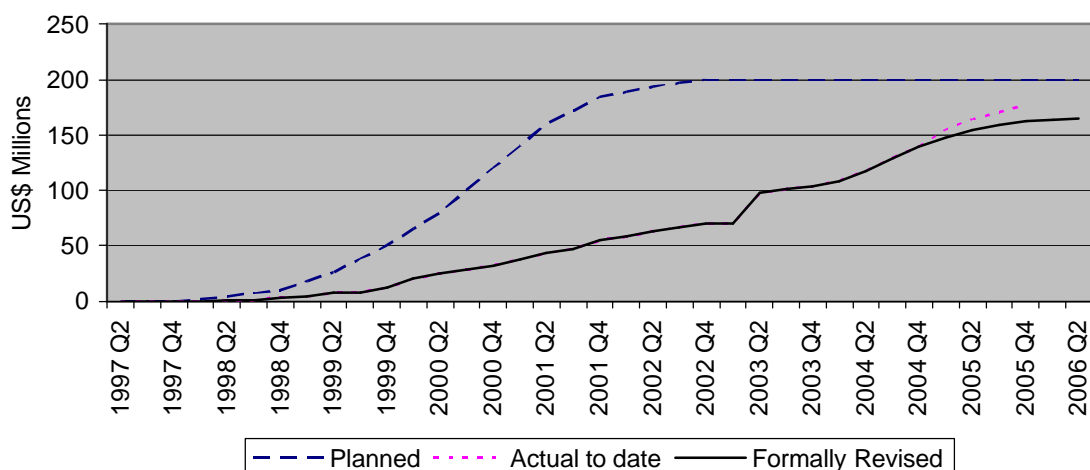
The objective is to improve the security of economic assets and persons living in flood-prone areas by constructing defense facilities to reduce future losses due to floods.

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

Project implementation is proceeding in accordance with the November 2003 action plan. A total of 46 defense facilities in the Provinces of Buenos Aires, Chaco (three still in execution that are among the most important in the project), Corrientes, Entre Rios, Formosa, Misiones, and Santa Fe, are completed, however, there are still 11 active construction sites. According to a recent assessment, four to five works will not be completed by the closing date. The Argentine Government and the Bank decided not to extend the loan further: the individual provinces will find complementary financing sources for the construction works that will have to continue after the closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
EXIM-03830	Closed	120.00	28.75	0.00	91.25
IBRD-41170	Effective	200.00	177.80	22.20	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Fourth Social Protection (P006058)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 10/15/1998

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-43980

**Sector(s):** Other social services (55%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (20%), Roads and highways (15%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Social analysis and monitoring (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Other social protection and risk management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

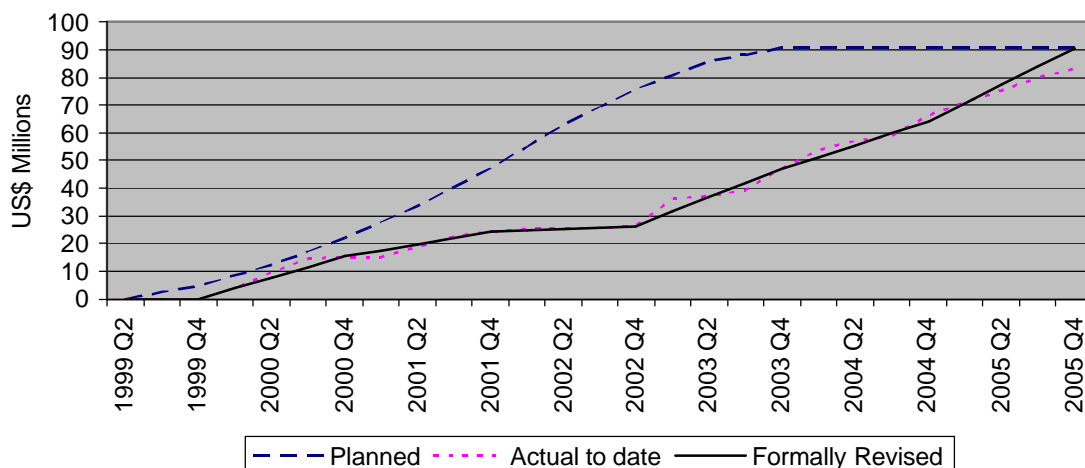
The objectives are to: (a) improve the welfare of poor communities; and (b) improve the focus and management of social programs.

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

In the context of the economic crisis, the project has supported the welfare of poor communities by focusing its community works on support to community kitchens. There has been substantial progress in financing and providing technical assistance to the community kitchens. An evaluation of results shows improvements in the quality of food provided, more regular and extensive service provision, and improvements in capacity. Evidence of declining error rates in their reporting shows that these organizations have improved their accounting and management capacities. At the same time, the improved social and economic conditions in Argentina are allowing some institutions to opt out of continued financing under the program, a positive sign. The agency responsible for poverty analysis continues to undertake analytical work and evaluations of social programs. The Ministry launched a pilot program to finance productive activities linked to the community kitchens. Work is now focusing on the design of an exit strategy to prepare the community kitchens for the withdrawal of financing from the project, including declining amounts of funding.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-43980	Effective	90.75	83.21	7.54	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Second Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (P006059)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 05/15/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 03/02/2001

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-41640

**Sector(s):** Health (95%), Central government administration (3%), Pre-primary education (2%)

**Theme(s):** Nutrition and food security (P), Child health (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Gender (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

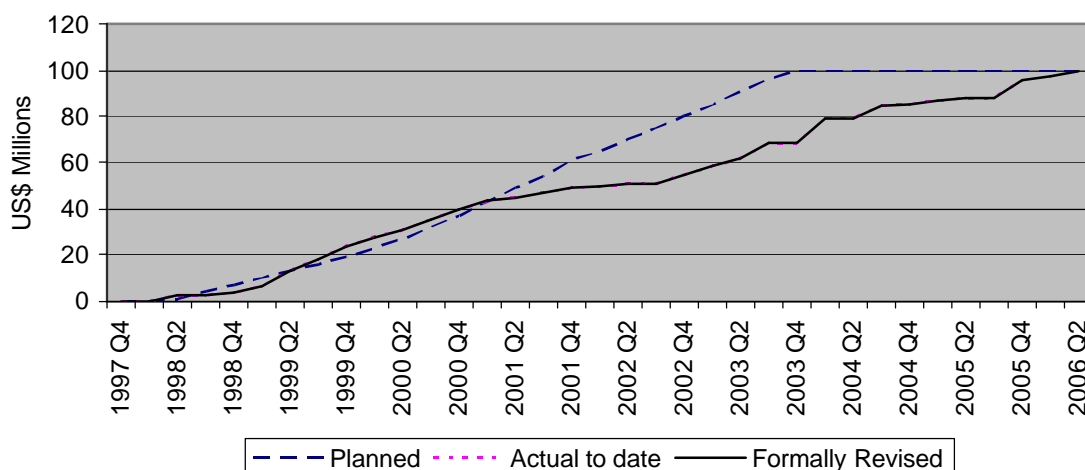
The objective is to improve maternal and child health status and cognitive outcomes among low-income urban households.

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

The Argentinean authorities decided to streamline the project with the country's midterm health strategy and the project's performance during the past year - in response to these challenges - has greatly improved. The project was fully reprogrammed with a new action plan, and it re-oriented its key activities to the poorest North-Western (NOA), and North-Eastern (NEA) Provinces, in line with Argentina's health strategy. Recent data shows that the health status of women and children improved during 2003. The project has achieved all the key outcomes and outputs a year before its closing date. This project is creating a bridge with the new maternal and child health insurance in the NOA and NEA regions, and is strengthening the networks of health services in preparation for a new era of maternal and child health care in the country.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-41640	Effective	100.00	95.59	4.41	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Public Investment Strengthening (P037049)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 11/21/1995

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-39580, IBRD-3958A, IBRD-3958S, JPN-29188

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

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Decentralization (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

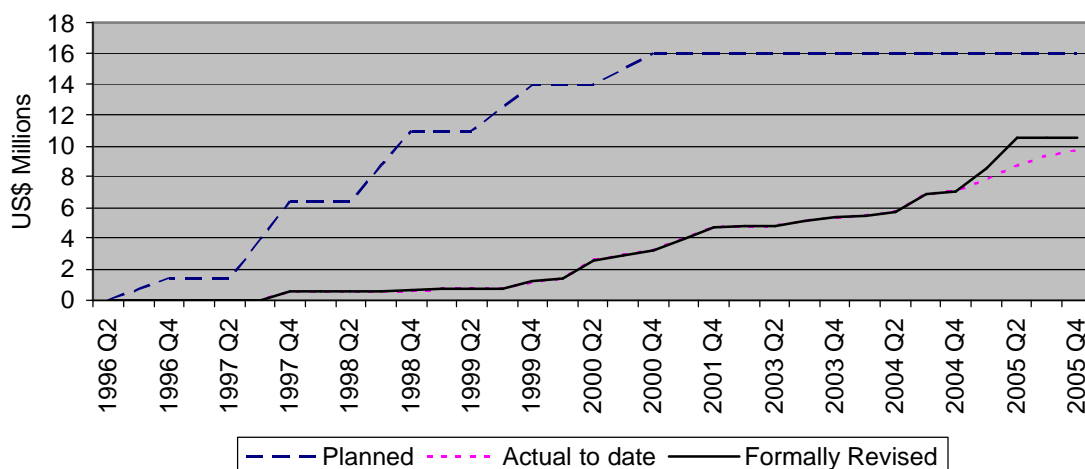
The objective is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of public expenditure management.

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

The project is reaching its development objective, with the following achievements: (a) the design and implementation of the National Investment Project Data Bank in more than 126 agencies at the central government and 16 states; (b) the establishment of a network to provide training on the identification, formulation, monitoring and evaluation of public investment projects to more than 752 public employees at the national, provincial and municipal level, through agreements signed with 12 national universities; (c) the implementation of the integrated financial management system in more than 51 agencies representing 92 percent of federal budgetary expenditures; (d) the design and implementation of the Administration and Budget Control System for External Loan Implementing Units in all projects (90 at the moment) to administer external resources; and (e) the development of a methodology and applications to improve information analysis and integration aiming at supporting the decision making process.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-39580	Effective	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-3958A	Effective	15.39	9.13	0.56	5.70
IBRD-3958S	Effective	0.61	0.61	0.00	0.00
JPN-29188	Closed	0.27	0.29	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Reform Adjustment - Catamarca (P044447)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 09/14/2000

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45780, JPN-26839

**Sector(s):** General education (46%), Sub-national government administration (23%), Health (15%), Banking (8%), Roads and highways (8%)

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Education for all (S), Tax policy and administration (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The overall objective of the program is to promote a more efficient and responsive delivery of public services by the Province of Catamarca within fiscally sound policies.

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

Fiscal performance remains on track. The province has been able to expand coverage of health programs targeting the poor and improved services. Achievements in education remain more modest and a stronger effort is required to meet objectives in improving the quality and equity of these services.

**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>
IBRD-45780	Effective	70.00	45.70	24.30	0.00
JPN-26839	Closed	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.37

**Project Name (ID):** Coastal Contamination Prevention and Marine Management (P049012)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 06/26/2001

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** WBTF-28385, WBTF-28491

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration (40%), Central government administration (30%), Ports, waterways, and shipping (26%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (4%)

**Theme(s):** Biodiversity (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resources management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

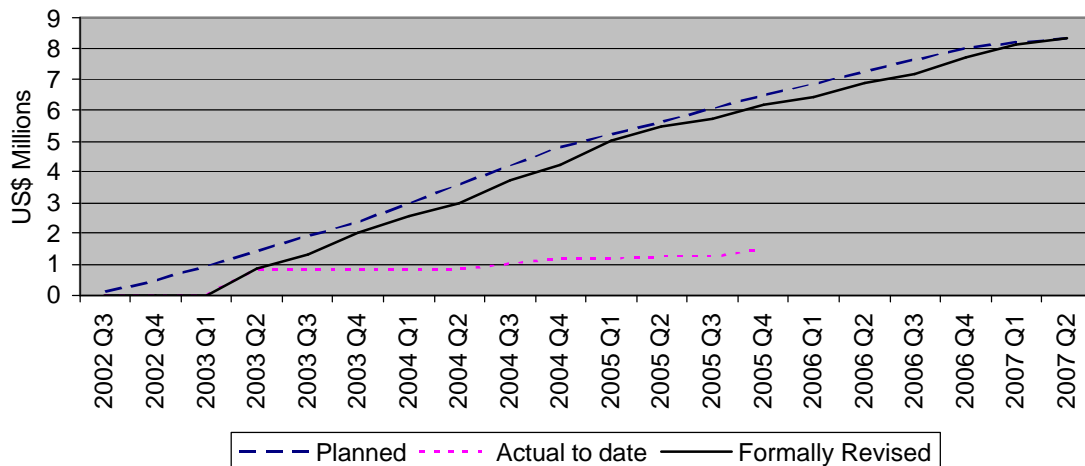
The objective is to support long-term protection of international waters and the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources.

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

There has been progress on the protection of international waters and conservation and sustainable use of marine resources with the following activities. The Prefectura Naval Argentina has changed the ship positioning system, substantially improving their surveillance capacity, adding software and undertaking training to predict the trajectory of potential oil spills. The Servicio Hidrografico Naval has gained capacity to hydro-dynamically model the sea and use the Electronic Nautical Charts software to help reduce the navigational risks. The environment sensitivity atlas is being produced to link navigation charts to biodiversity. The matching grants component is leveraging additional funds for applied research related to the protection of marine biological resources. There has been progress in institutional strengthening in all four Patagonian provinces, including: capacity in laboratory analysis of red tide and improvement in oceanographic information in Tierra del Fuego; equipment and training to measure quality of marine water in Chubut; surveys and equipment in Rio Negro for oceanographic data in critical areas for fisheries; and an educational plan was developed for the official curricula in Santa Cruz.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-28385	Effective	9.48	1.48	7.93	0.00
WBTF-28491	Closed	0.35	0.33	0.00	0.02



**Project Name (ID):** Model of Court Development (P050713)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 04/08/1998

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/13/2001

**Closing Date:** 08/31/2005

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-43140

**Sector(s):** Law and justice (100%)

**Theme(s):** Access to law and justice (P), Legal services (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

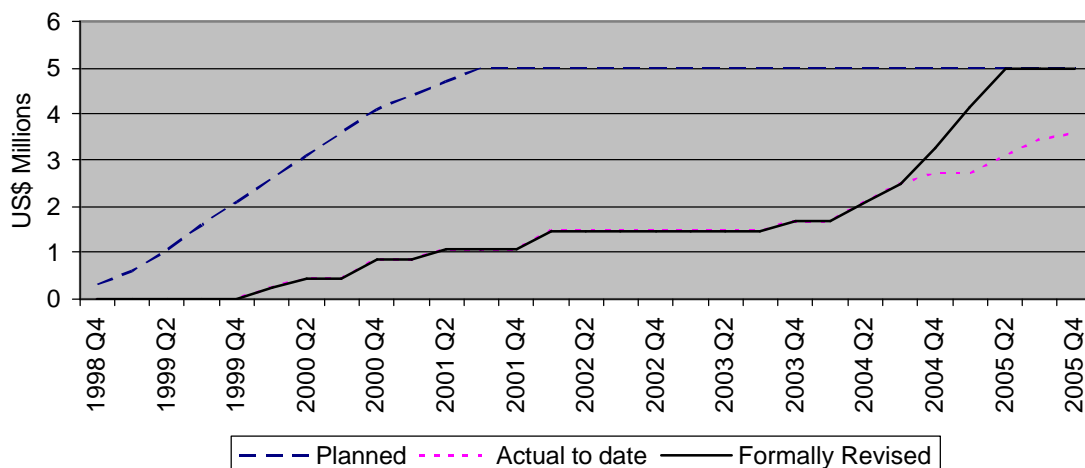
The objective is to identify, establish and evaluate conditions that would support the realization of judicial administrative reform and eventually form part of an overall legal reform program by developing and implementing a model court program.

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

Implementation of the court management and judicial skills development components has finished. Training of the judges of the model courts is complete, and the new case management model has also been installed in the 12 courts in the project. The project is currently implementing the Evaluation and Dissemination component. The project offers the Judicial Council (Consejo de la Magistratura) a valuable learning experience and an important base to transform the case and information management systems in the courts.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-43140	Effective	5.00	3.58	0.62	0.80



**Project Name (ID):** National Highway Rehabilitation and Maintenance (P052590)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 03/17/1998

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/10/2000

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-42950

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (97%), Central government administration (3%)

**Theme(s):** Other financial and private sector development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

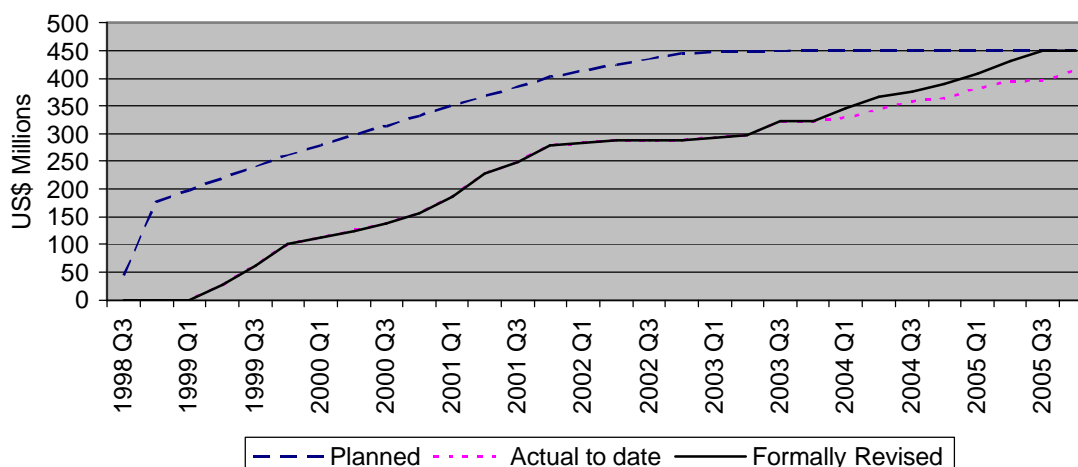
The objective is to preserve the national road network through expansion of a successful performance-based contracting system for rehabilitation and maintenance of the priority national road network.

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

During the last fiscal year, project implementation advanced on the objective of preserving the road network through the expansion of performance-based rehabilitation and maintenance contracts (CREMA). Fifty-two CREMA contracts totaling about 9,000 km were completed during 2004. Five CREMA contracts over a length of nearly 940 km are expected to be completed during 2005 while another five network contracts with a total length of 677 km are still under execution. Thirteen new CREMA contracts were signed for a total length of 1,610 km, 12 of which are already under execution. The participation of the private sector in the maintenance management of the paved non-concessed national road network is over 50 percent. The proportion of roads in poor condition with an International Roughness Index (IRI) higher than five is about five percent compared to a target of less than ten percent. The institutional strengthening process of the national highway directorate requires continued efforts for its further consolidation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42950	Effective	450.00	414.02	35.98	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Public Health Surveillance and Disease Control (P055482)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 10/14/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/16/2003

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45160

**Sector(s):** Health (96%), Central government administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Other communicable diseases (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

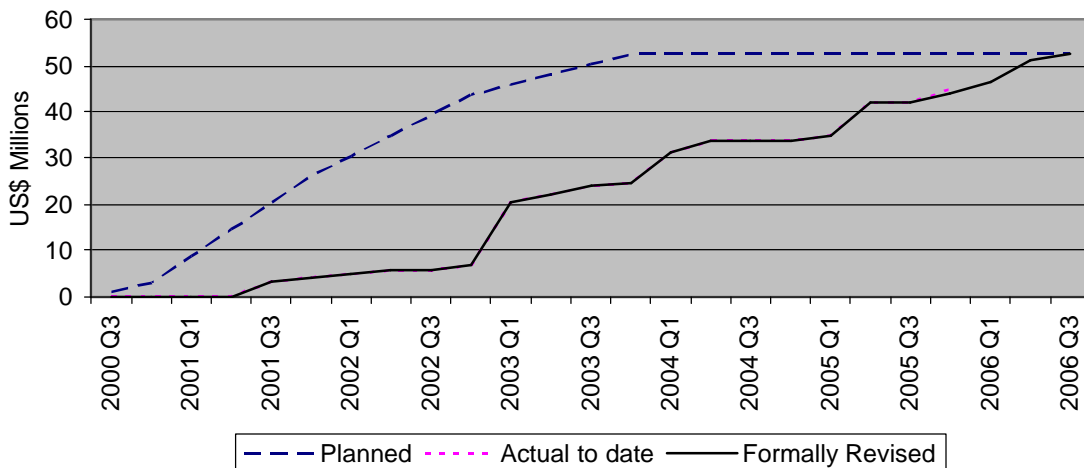
The objective is to strengthen national, provincial, municipal and local institutions responsible for public health policy and practice.

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

The project has focused on strengthening Argentina's public health surveillance system, improving disease control activities, and developing health promotion activities to prevent non-communicable diseases. Public health surveillance has been strengthened through the implementation of a modern information and communication network of disease reporting in all provinces; sentinel surveillance systems; the improvement of biosafety elements of the public health laboratory network, including upgrading two laboratories to Biosafety Level 3; and the completion of the first National Behavioral Risk Factor Survey. Improved disease control activities have focused on dengue prevention and tuberculosis (TB) treatment. There have been no major dengue outbreaks to date and the TB control program achieved its target of treating 80 percent of new cases with Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course. Health promotion activities for tobacco control and condom use are underway, and new activities are being initiated to improve diets and increase physical activity. Project activities are expected to be sustained and provide long-term benefits to Argentina's public health infrastructure.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45160	Effective	52.50	44.93	7.57	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** State Modernization (P057449)  
**Country:** Argentina  
**Board Approval Date:** 12/17/1998  
**Midterm Review Date:** 07/31/2000  
**Closing Date:** 12/31/2006  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-44230, IBRD-P3470  
**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)  
**Theme(s):** Technology diffusion (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

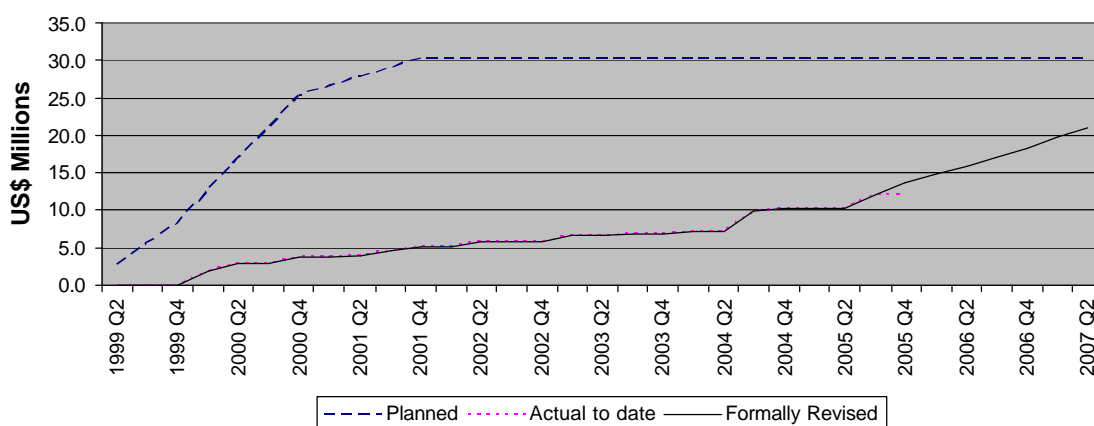
The objective is to promote a more effective, efficient, and transparent federal administration based on modern management systems focused on performance and results.

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

The Government decided to implement an incremental strategy for reform with selected areas. This strategy was implemented during the fiscal year and included the modernization of selected key agencies and the implementation of specific management tools. Notwithstanding current difficult conditions for institutional reforms, important advances were achieved in the procurement reform implementation, the operational mechanisms for citizen's participation, the evaluation of public services delivered, and e-government. However, as the current development objective is extremely ambitious, the project is being restructured to complement the new Government's strategy and Board approval is expected during fiscal year 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44230	Effective	30.30	12.13	18.17	0.00
IBRD-P3470	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



**Project Name (ID):** Indigenous Community Development LIL (P057473)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 09/18/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/08/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45800

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (45%), Other social services (15%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (14%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (13%), Other industry (13%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Indigenous peoples (P), Land administration and management (S), Personal and property rights (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

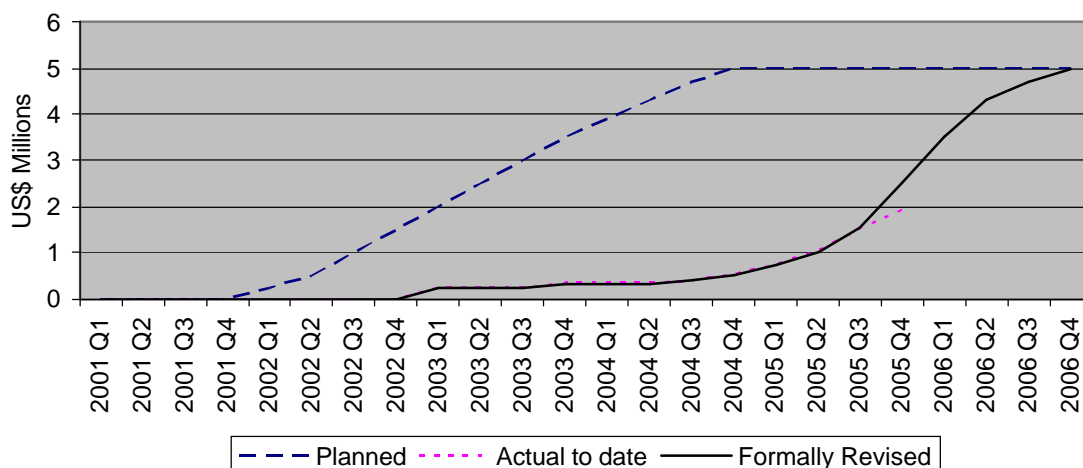
The objective is to establish the basis for community-driven development and the protection and management of natural resources on indigenous community lands.

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

The social capital of participating indigenous communities is being strengthened, there is an on-going decentralization process and solid foundations for community self-management are being established (results of beneficiary evaluation and Bank supervision and monitoring). The participating communities are increasingly able to establish alliances and collaboration agreements with outside institutions. These institutions are generally assisting the communities in the design and implementation of subprojects and tend to guarantee the sustainability of project investments. For instance, for water supply for either human consumption or irrigation, outside organizations have signed agreements with the communities in order to: (a) provide training on rational resource use, (b) organize communities for proper functioning, maintenance and administration of the resource, and (c) implement better resource management practices. Implementation of community subprojects has substantially improved. The time required to process a community subproject has been reduced and at the end of June 2005, there were more than 50 subprojects under implementation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45800	Effective	5.00	1.93	3.07	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Buenos Aires Urban Transport (P039584)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 05/15/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/13/2000

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-41630, IBRD-P3020, JPN-29187

**Sector(s):** General transportation (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (a) support the private-public partnership in improving the service quality and coverage of mass transit; (b) support the infrastructure improvements defined in the concession agreements between government and the private sector; (c) assist in improving the conditions of traffic safety and environmental quality; and (d) help in developing an integrated urban transport (road and rail) system in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area.

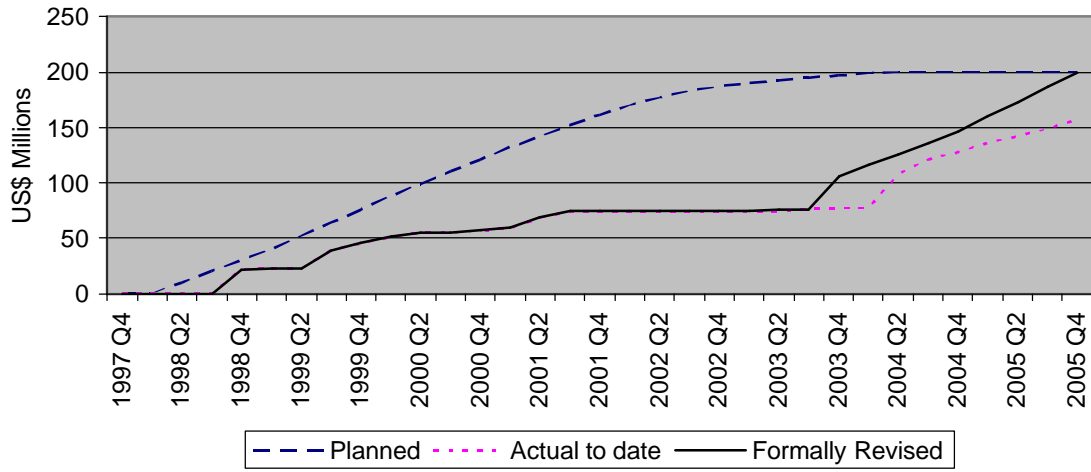
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is expected to achieve its development objectives. Since the 2004 revision, all major contracts have restarted or are being renegotiated, which translates into considerable progress toward achieving the original objectives. The rehabilitation of subway Line A has advanced, which will improve service quality and safety and contribute to fulfilling the concession agreements between the government and the private sector. The three most significant contracts (renewal of the tracks, upgrading of the electrical installations and signaling) are progressing well. The renewal of the tracks and the work on the electrical systems should be completed before mid-2006. The signaling contract will end in December 2006. In terms of railroad crossings, the underpass at Berazategui was inaugurated in December 2004, five other subprojects are under construction, and two are expected to be signed soon. All these works will have a significant traffic safety impact in the Metropolitan Area. The contract for the construction of the Moreno transfer center was signed and construction started in December 2004. Origin-Destination surveys will be carried out in late 2005 and early 2006, which will provide the foundation to develop an integrated urban transport strategy for the Buenos Aires metropolitan area.

**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>
IBRD-41630	Effective	200.00	157.57	42.43	0.00
IBRD-P3020	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
JPN-29187	Closed	0.71	0.76	0.00	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Biodiversity Conservation (P039787)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 10/21/1997

**Midterm Review Date:** 07/23/2001

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** WBTF-28372, WBTF-28464

**Sector(s):** General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (82%), Central government administration (11%), Other social services (7%)

**Theme(s):** Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Land administration and management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

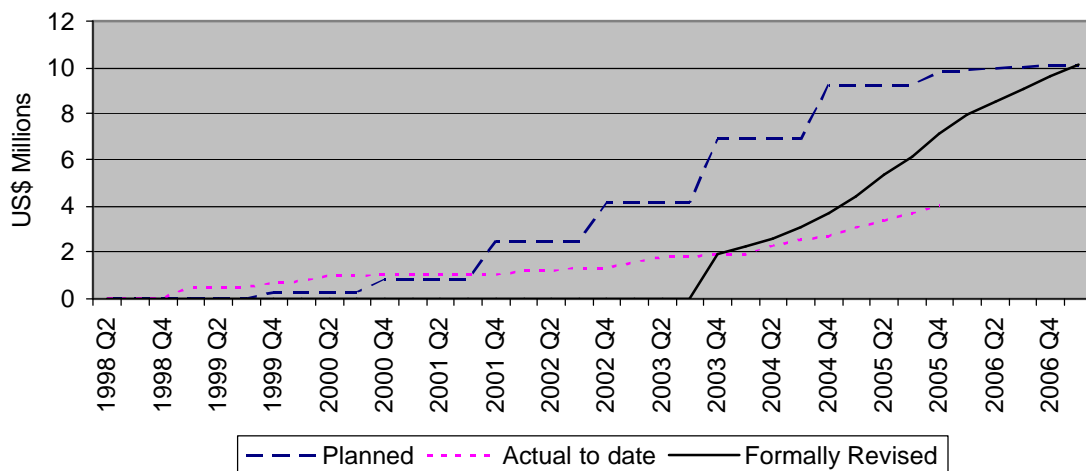
The objective is to conserve biodiversity of global importance.

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

The project continued to advance in fiscal year 2005. The project is supporting activities to conserve biodiversity in four of the five parks, and in the past year, project activities concentrated on management, infrastructure development, baseline biodiversity studies, and sustainable development in buffer zones. Incorporation of the fifth park has been slower than expected, but the Government is addressing the situation. Over 368,000 ha of natural areas are now protected through the project's work. The information system provides an internet database that has access to over 24,268 registered species (or varieties), 198 digital maps, and 206 photos on biodiversity themes in Argentina.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-28372	Effective	10.65	4.00	6.51	0.00
WBTF-28464	Closed	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Native Forests and Protected Areas (P040808)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 09/05/1996

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/02/2000

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-40850, IBRD-4085A, IBRD-4085S

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (47%), Roads and highways (22%), Other social services (22%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (5%), Law and justice (4%)

**Theme(s):** Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Law reform (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

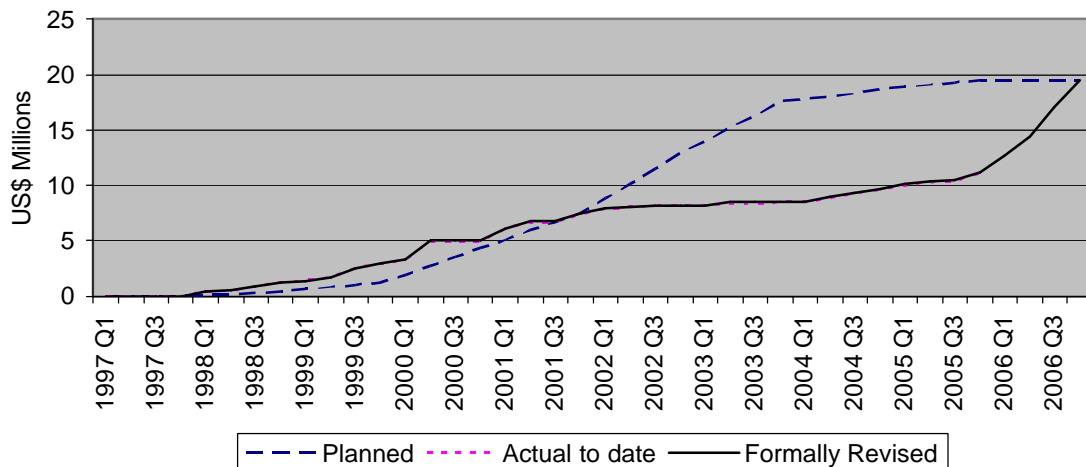
The objective is to develop a strategic approach to the protection and use of native forests.

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

In the past year, there was progress on the development of a strategic approach to the protection and use of native forests with the continued work on the national forest inventory, applied research, and legislation. Two applied research projects are complete and two more near completion, and the legislation package for congressional review is complete. The national inventory made important progress and will finalize work before the end of calendar year 2005. The work on protected areas has made important progress in infrastructure works in four parks in Patagonia, and in the development of a draft modernization plan for the National Parks Administration.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-40850	Effective	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-4085A	Effective	18.59	10.15	8.44	0.00
IBRD-4085S	Effective	0.91	0.91	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Second Secondary Education - Buenos Aires (P064614)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 12/07/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/13/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45860

**Sector(s):** Secondary education (97%), Central government administration (3%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (P), Access to urban services and housing (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

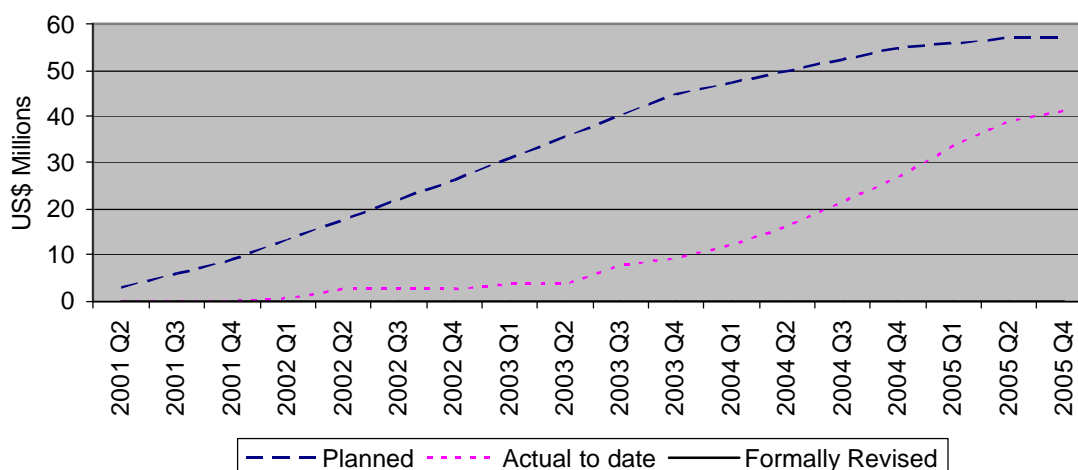
The objectives are to: (a) increase access to quality education; (b) improve equity; and (c) increase school management.

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

The project continues showing successful financial and physical implementation progress. Progress toward achieving the objectives has been steady. The indicators were agreed for 230 lower secondary high risk schools in the Province of Buenos Aires in terms of: (a) improving their completion rates; (b) improving their transition rates from lower to upper secondary (Polimodal); (c) reducing their repetition rates; and (d) improving learning outcomes. These objectives are to be achieved by transforming these schools to the extended-day school scheme (receiving 450 more minutes per week in English, Technology, Artistic and Outdoor Education Activities) and providing them with appropriate physical spaces, teacher training, computers, and assorted learning goods. An impact evaluation to measure longitudinally learning gains in a student cohort, and transversally for the same grade in different schools years in the same school (both the sample project and control group schools) was launched.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45860	Effective	56.99	41.26	15.73	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Cordoba Provincial Reform (P068344)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 11/22/2000

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45850

**Sector(s):** General public administration (37%), General education (26%), Health (18%), General finance (11%), Other social services (8%)

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Health system performance (P), Education for all (P), Tax policy and administration (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to promote an efficient and responsive delivery of public services by the province of Cordoba within fiscally sound policies.

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

The project has supported a broad-based program of state modernization and reform in the areas of fiscal policy, public sector management, health and education services, utilities management, and social protection. Despite the difficult macro-economic situation in Argentina over the past few years, the province has met project objectives and is delivering public services more efficiently. In the past year, all provincial targets for the restructured fourth and final tranche were met and/or maintained. Once Argentina is judged to have a sound macro-economic framework, the final tranche could be released.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45850	Effective	303.00	228.00	75.00	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Santa Fe Provincial Reform Adjustment (P069913)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 07/19/2001

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-46340

**Sector(s):** Health (30%), General education (28%), Sub-national government administration (27%), Other social services (8%), Roads and highways (7%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other economic management (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Health system performance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to promote efficiency, quality and equity in public services, particularly in health, education and social protection, by the Province of Santa Fe within fiscally sound policies.

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

Fiscal performance remains strong providing a sustainable framework for the reforms. Modernization of resource management in education and the development of school-level improvement programs is being sustained by the new Administration and is expected to enhance quality and efficiency. Similarly in health, the new administration is continuing with health reforms, in particular the primary care program targeted to the poor. Evaluation of the programs is now underway.

**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>
IBRD-46340	Effective	330.00	203.30	126.70	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Family Strengthening and Social Capital Promotion (P070374)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 11/08/2001

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-46400, IBRD-P3740

**Sector(s):** Other social services (89%), Sub-national government administration (11%)

**Theme(s):** Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Gender (P), Population and reproductive health (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other social development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

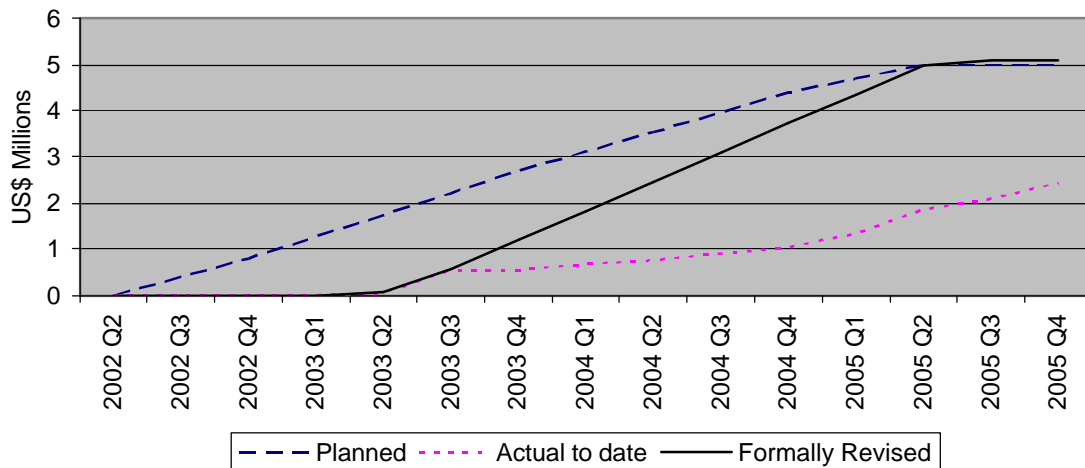
The objective is to test and monitor a social capital approach to address the vulnerability of the poor by targeting families as comprehensive units and promoting gender equity.

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

There was good progress toward achieving the development objective in fiscal year 2005. As a Learning and Innovation Loan, this project is testing a civil-society approach to gender issues, and the initial results suggest that this seems to work well. Thirty Fondo Equidad (Equity Fund) subprojects to promote gender and cohesive family practices were implemented by civil society organizations and are now complete. These subprojects supported activities in the areas of reproductive health, domestic violence prevention, youth/cultural activities, income generation, and after-school programs. Other subprojects are continuing implementation. The impact evaluation is currently being prepared and will be carried out in fiscal year 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46400	Effective	5.00	2.43	2.57	0.00
IBRD-P3740	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50



**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Road Infrastructure (P070628)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 06/07/2005

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-73010

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (100%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve the reliability of essential road assets, which facilitate access of provincial production to the markets, and the efficiency of their management.

**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-73010	Not Effective	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Maternal-Child Health Investment APL (P071025)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 04/15/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72250, JPN-26296

**Sector(s):** Compulsory health finance (68%), Health (17%), Central government administration (9%), Sub-national government administration (3%), Other social services (3%)

**Theme(s):** Child health (P), Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Social risk mitigation (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

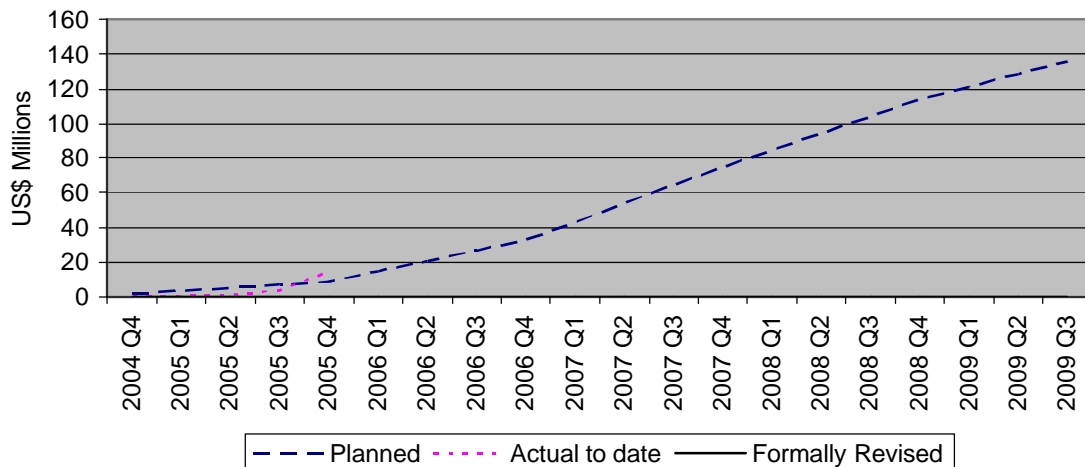
The objective is to support the implementation of the Maternal and Child Health Insurance Program.

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

Project implementation is underway in seven of the nine North-Western (NOA) and North-Eastern (NEA) provinces. All NOA and NEA provinces have created the Maternal and Child Health Insurance Program management units and they are fully staffed. More than 100,000 mothers and children are already enrolled in the system in the seven provinces participating in the program.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72250	Effective	135.80	14.12	121.68	0.00
JPN-26296	Closed	0.75	0.41	0.00	0.34



**Project Name (ID):** Provincial Maternal-Child Health Sector Adjustment (P072637)  
**Country:** Argentina  
**Board Approval Date:** 10/28/2003  
**Closing Date:** 12/31/2005  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-71990  
**Sector(s):** Health (50%), Compulsory health finance (40%), Sub-national government administration (5%), Central government administration (5%)  
**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Child health (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Law reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to support the necessary institutional and policy reforms to: (a) respond to the urgent health needs of the poor, particularly uninsured mothers and children; and (b) modify the incentive framework for financing and delivery of health care services, starting in Argentina's poorest provinces.

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

So far the program has achieved all of its goals and target values. It has had very positive effects on the implementation of the Health Sector Reform, on the effective protection of priority programs in 2004, and the implementation of the Maternal Child Health Insurance, which has enrolled far more beneficiaries (more than 110,000) than the original target (8,000 total). First and second tranches were released in October 2003 and June 2004 respectively. The third and last tranche release is pending. All nine provinces in the North-Eastern (NEA) and North-Western (NOA) regions of the country already created the Maternal and Child Health Insurance Program management units and the enrollment system was designed and tested in the Province of Jujuy. The Ministry of Health continues implementation of key sector reforms, including the establishment of an expedited billing system from public hospitals to Social Insurance Organizations to improve targeting of public subsidies, and the inclusion of sexual and reproductive services. The Government provided resources for all priority health programs including HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, tuberculosis prevention and treatment, essential medication programs, and other programs.

**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>
IBRD-71990	Effective	750.00	600.00	150.00	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Enabling Activity for Second National Communication to the Convention on Climate Change (P078143)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 12/18/2003

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-51287

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

**Theme(s):** Climate change (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Biodiversity (S), Other environment and natural resources management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

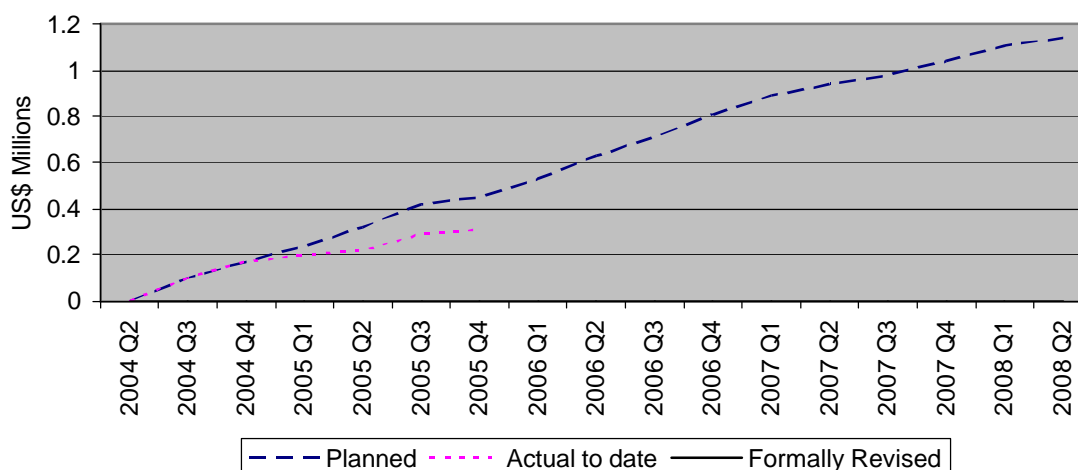
The objective is to produce the Second Communication to the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change with analytical work in three areas: (a) Update of Green House Gases (GHG) emission inventory; (b) evaluation of GHG mitigation opportunities; and (c) assessment of vulnerability of productive regions for changes in the climate.

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

The greenhouse gas inventory has been completed and is being reviewed by the Bank. Regarding the Update of Green House Gases mitigation opportunities, technical proposals have been analyzed for each of the five subcomponents, and financial proposals are being reviewed. Studies in this component are expected to start soon. The assessment of vulnerability of productive regions has recently started seven subcomponents, with the first round of drafts expected during fiscal year 2006. The Regional Circulation Model has been developed by University of Buenos Aires' Center for Meteorological Research. This model is being used to predict changes in temperature and rain patterns for the period 2080 to 2090.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51287	Effective	1.14	0.32	0.82	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Economic Recovery Support Structural Adjustment (P083982)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 06/29/2004

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72410

**Sector(s):** General public administration (30%), General industry and trade (30%), General finance (25%), General energy (10%), Other social services (5%)

**Theme(s):** Export development and competitiveness (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Macroeconomic management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to address pending structural reforms in the financial and public utilities sectors, improve the investment climate, and enhance competitiveness and export potential of existing and new enterprises, particularly those of small and medium size.

**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)**

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72410	Not Effective	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Buenos Aires Infrastructure APL (P088032)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 12/07/2004

**Closing Date:** 07/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72680

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (55%), Sewerage (30%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Flood protection (5%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

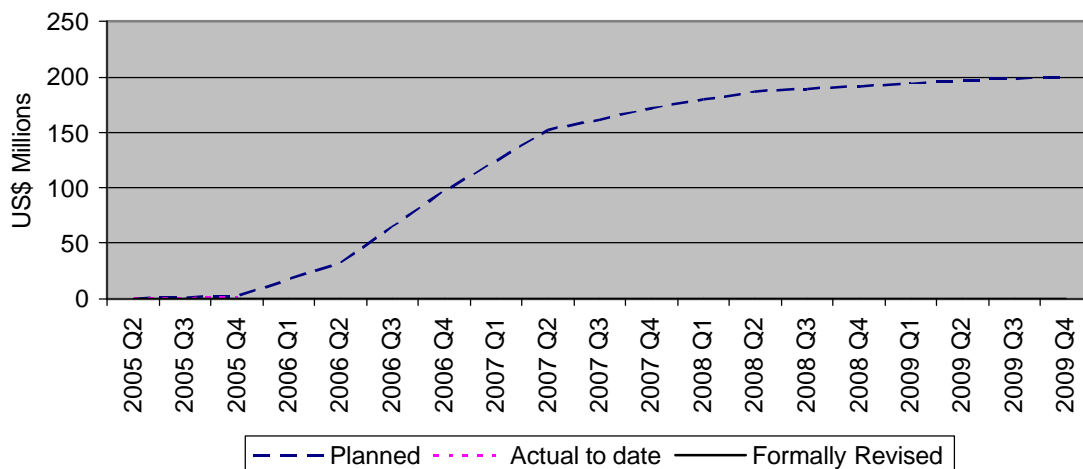
The objectives are: (a) to enhance the provision of water and sewerage services for low-income people, in particular for those living in highly vulnerable areas; (b) to improve high priority segments of the road network; (c) to mitigate urban flooding; and (d) to support the reactivation of the economy and strengthen its regional competitiveness.

### 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-72680	Effective	200.00	1.00	199.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** National Highway Asset Management (P088153)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 06/29/2004

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72420

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (94%), Central government administration (6%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

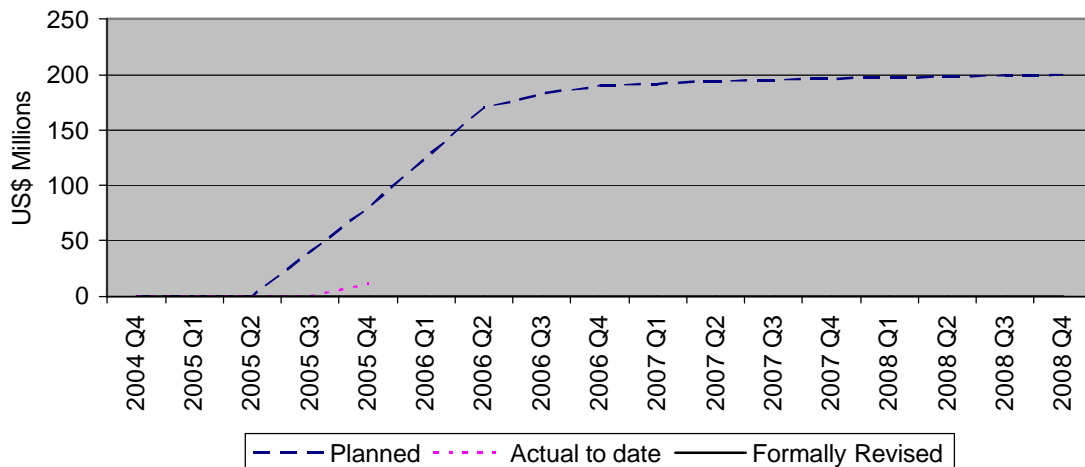
The objective is to consolidate an efficient road network management strategy to preserve the national road network in the long term, gradually expanding the use of performance-based contracts and strengthening road sector management.

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

The National Highways Directorate (DNV-the implementing agency) has carried out activities that support the objective of expanding the use of performance-based rehabilitation and maintenance contracts (CREMA) and strengthening road sector management. Twenty-one CREMA contracts were signed covering a total length of 3,600 km, thirteen of which are already under execution. Under the institutional strengthening component: (a) the steering committee in charge of implementing this initiative was created by a Resolution of DNV's administrator; (b) Terms of Reference to carry out a human resources diagnostic that will be the basis for the design of the institutional renewal action plan were prepared; and (c) possible twinning arrangements with national agencies were identified to implement transparency mechanisms that will help to enhance DNV's administration.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72420	Effective	200.00	11.00	189.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage APL (P088220)

**Country:** Argentina

**Board Approval Date:** 04/05/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-72890

**Sector(s):** Flood protection (94%), Sub-national government administration (4%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (2%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Other urban development (P), Water resources management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase the City of Buenos Aires resilience to flooding with protection of its critical infrastructure and the introduction of a risk management approach to the Government investment program.

### 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-72890	Not Effective	118.20	0.00	118.20	0.00

