

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

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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: Guyana

Project Name (ID): Public Sector Technical Assistance (P074762)

Country: Guyana

Board Approval Date: 12/17/2002

Closing Date: 07/12/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37260, IDA-Q3280

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

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Social safety nets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

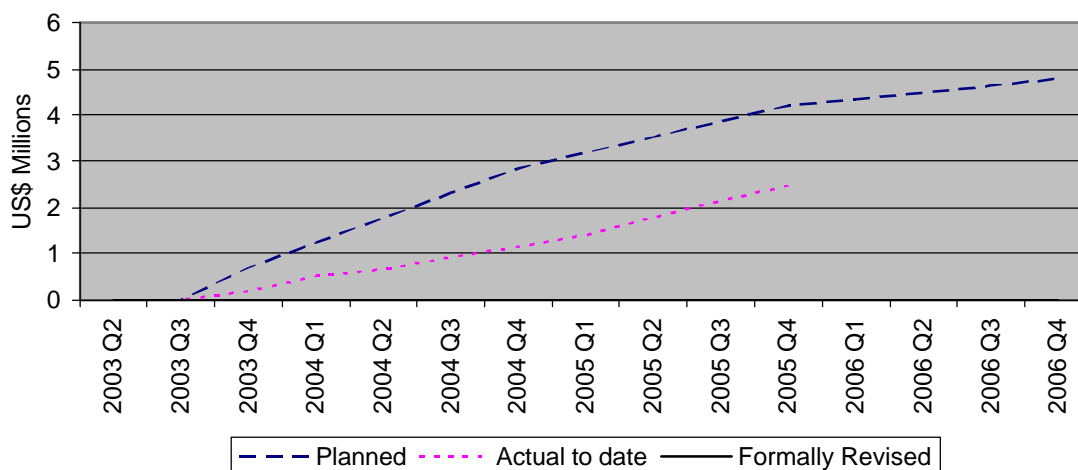
The objectives are to: (a) strengthen fiscal, financial and fiduciary management; (b) improve the coverage and efficiency of social safety nets; and (c) develop institutional capacity to manage, monitor, evaluate and improve Poverty Reduction Strategy implementation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation progress has generally achieved project objectives. Support of the Privatization Unit continues and Revenue Authority programs were completed. Work on Human Resource systems and Fiduciary Oversight is exceeding expectations and the Procurement component is proceeding well. Important Bureau of Statistics work was completed, but serious flooding has delayed the initiation of Household Survey work. Important Social Protection studies were also completed and Social Safety Nets, Needs Assessment and systems upgrade work are being processed. Inter-American Development Bank operations will upscale Bank-financed initiatives in a number of these areas. Follow-up work is being negotiated for monitoring and evaluation, social protection and fiduciary oversight in the context of the Bank's pipeline Poverty Reduction operation. A possible one year extension is also being discussed with the Government.

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

| Loan/Credit/Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| IDA-37260 | Effective | 5.25 | 2.37 | 2.90 | 0.00 |
| IDA-Q3280 | Closed | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.40 |



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (P076722)

Country: Guyana

Board Approval Date: 03/30/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0790, IDA-Q4160

Sector(s): Health (47%), Central government administration (39%), Other social services (14%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Population and reproductive health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to reduce the risk and vulnerability to HIV infection with the prevention and control of sexual transmission, promotion of sexual health, and improvement in the quality of life of persons living with opportunistic infections, HIV and AIDS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There is progress toward achieving the objective and the implementation of all three components is expected to accelerate during fiscal year 2006. In particular, the activities to be implemented by non-governmental organizations are off to a very positive start with proposals approved in the first round. A second round is planned to start soon. Additional resources to support this project were secured from the Global Fund and the U.S. President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief. These resources and the Bank financing will be used to complement each other within the Government's overall HIV/AIDS program. The Government is currently reviewing its national HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan to take into consideration the additional resources. The monitoring and evaluation framework and performance indicators will be streamlined as part of the HIV/AIDS strategic plan update.

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

| Loan/Credit/Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| IDA-H0790 | Effective | 9.78 | 0.40 | 9.39 | 0.00 |
| IDA-Q4160 | Closed | 0.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.48 |

