

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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REGION: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
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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: Trinidad and Tobago

Project Name (ID): Postal Services Reform (P040108)

Country: Trinidad and Tobago

Board Approval Date: 04/13/1999

Midterm Review Date: 08/16/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-44580, IBRD-P3390

Sector(s): Postal services (97%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

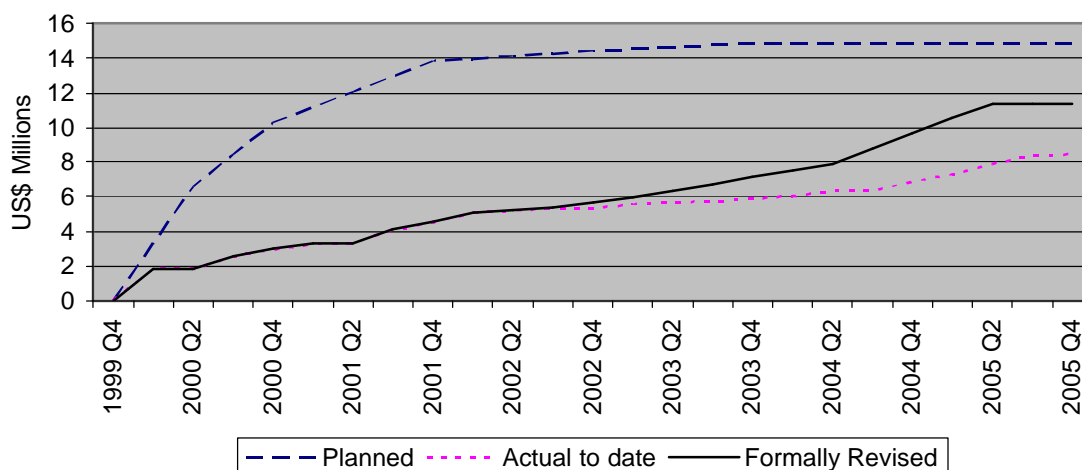
The objectives are to: (a) improve postal service by expanding its coverage and quality; and (b) increase private sector participation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

A five-year delegated management agreement between a private postal management company and the Postal Service (TTPost) was established as a transition arrangement to improve postal service and achieve private sector participation. This agreement ended on March 31, 2005, but the private company has continued to manage postal services on a month-to-month basis. Quality of service targets were met under this agreement and continue to show improvement, although a recent report revealed deterioration in customer satisfaction and revenue growth. The agreed action plan for the extended period included: new performance indicators; recruiting national managers; drafting of a postal sector policy document; drafting of legislation and new regulatory framework; complete vesting of properties to TTPost; and capitalization of TTPost. New national managers have been hired, although no new permanent general manager has been hired. The project is supporting the development of a policy framework, which will influence the preparation of a bill to amend the postal sector legislation, and its regulations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44580	Effective	14.85	8.57	2.88	3.40
IBRD-P3390	Closed	1.37	0.00	0.00	1.37



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (P075528)

Country: Trinidad and Tobago

Board Approval Date: 06/27/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71840

Sector(s): Health (100%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Health system performance (S), Child health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) curb the spread of HIV infections; (b) reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by HIV/AIDS; (c) increase the quality of life of People Living with HIV/AIDS; and (d) build sustainable institutional capacity for controlling the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Organizational and institutional arrangements have been put in place that allowed for substantial progress in the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, in particular in the areas of treatment and care. The monitoring and evaluation system and baseline are currently being established. The areas of prevention and stigma and discrimination remain the key challenges of the program. However, the Government makes limited use of loan funds for the financing of activities under the National Strategy.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71840	Effective	20.00	1.19	18.81	0.00

