

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
SOPE
REGION: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
COUNTRY: IRAQ

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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: Iraq

Project Name (ID): Emergency Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation (P087881)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/10/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-53546

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (75%), Water supply (25%)

Theme(s): Other social development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

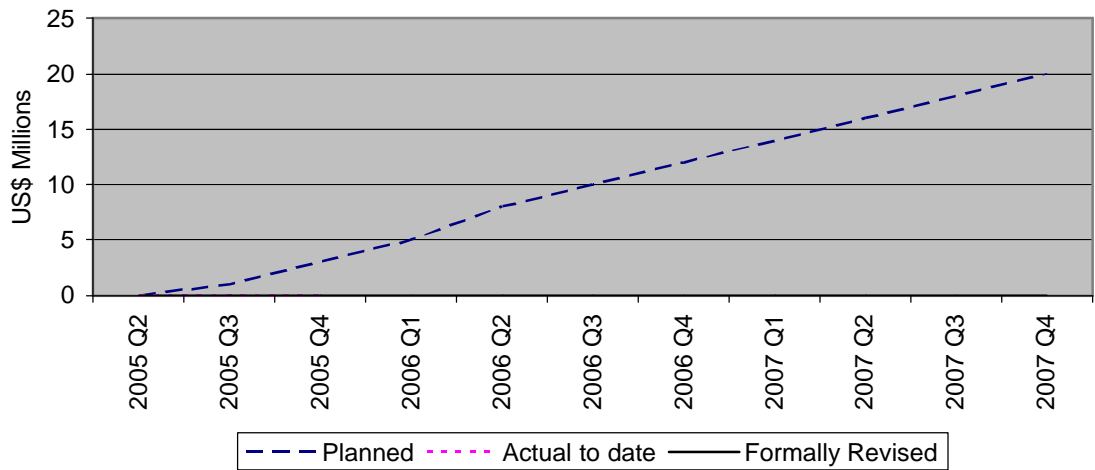
The objective of the project is to address current emergency needs in Iraq for infrastructure rehabilitation at the community level and generate employment. This will cover the restoration of rural infrastructure using labor-intensive, small-scale civil works programs for water supply, sanitation, irrigation and drainage infrastructure subprojects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although project implementation has been slow due to the current security situation on the ground, there is now evidence that the project is starting to progress satisfactorily. It is expected that by the end of this calendar year, about 6,000 - 8,000 jobs will be created.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53546	Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency School Construction and Rehabilitation (P087907)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 10/08/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-53545

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (50%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P)

Project Development Objectives:

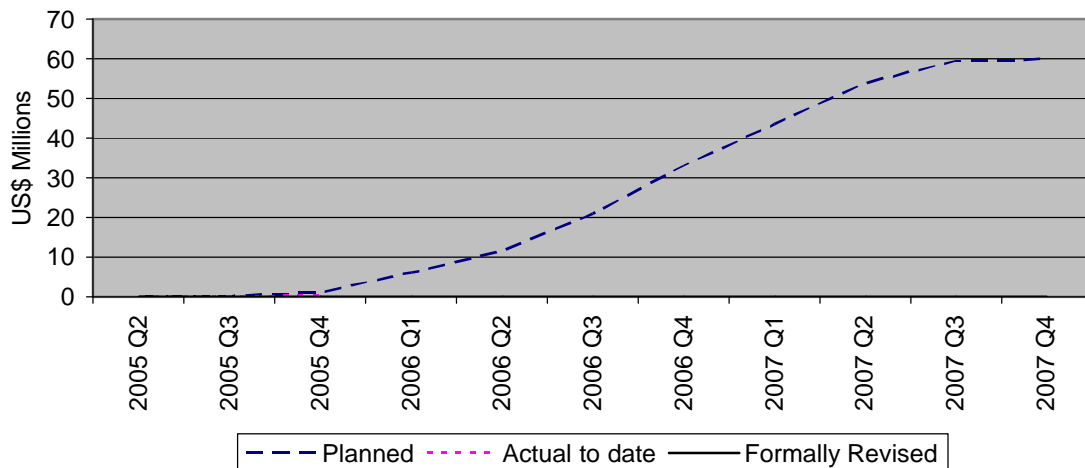
The objective of the project is to improve conditions of learning of students in primary and secondary schools in Iraq through the construction of new schools and rehabilitation of schools in need of urgent repair.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is ahead of schedule, with rehabilitation currently under way in 143 schools, and preparations on track for new construction to begin on schedule. Private sector design and supervision consultants have been appointed to manage the new construction projects.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53545	Effective	60.00	0.10	59.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Water, Sanitation and Urban Development (P087910)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/03/2004

Closing Date: 08/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-54455

Sector(s): Water supply (58%), General transportation (23%), Sewerage (9%), Central government administration (5%), Flood protection (5%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Other human development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

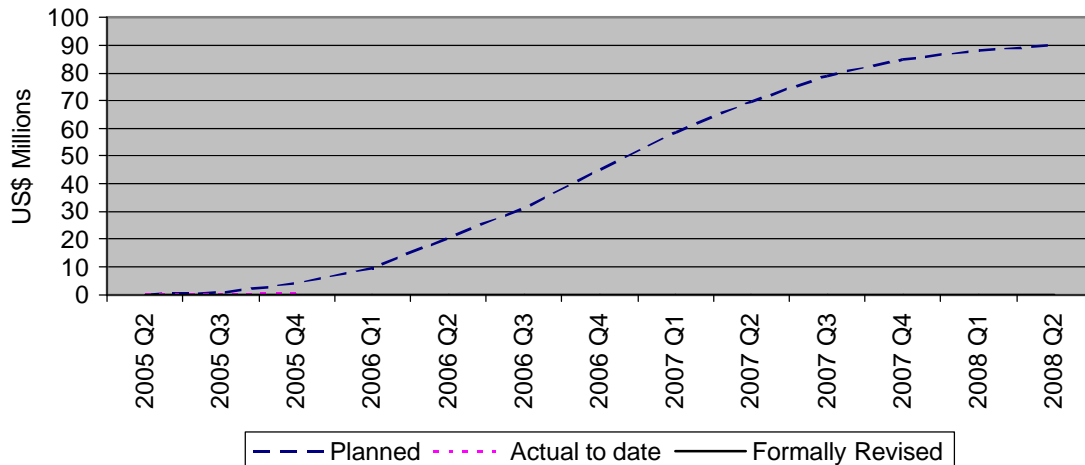
The objective is to restore basic water supply, sanitation and urban services for urban areas outside Baghdad.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

It is still early to assess progress towards meeting the Project Development Objectives. The Project is experiencing approximately 6 months delay. It is expected, however, this delay would be made up within the coming year. This is not unusual considering the current difficult conditions in Iraq and the lack of familiarity of the Iraqi Government with World Bank procedures.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54455	Effective	90.00	0.09	89.91	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Baghdad Water Supply (P087912)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/03/2004

Closing Date: 08/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-54435

Sector(s): Water supply (58%), Roads and highways (23%), Sewerage (9%), Flood protection (5%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Other human development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

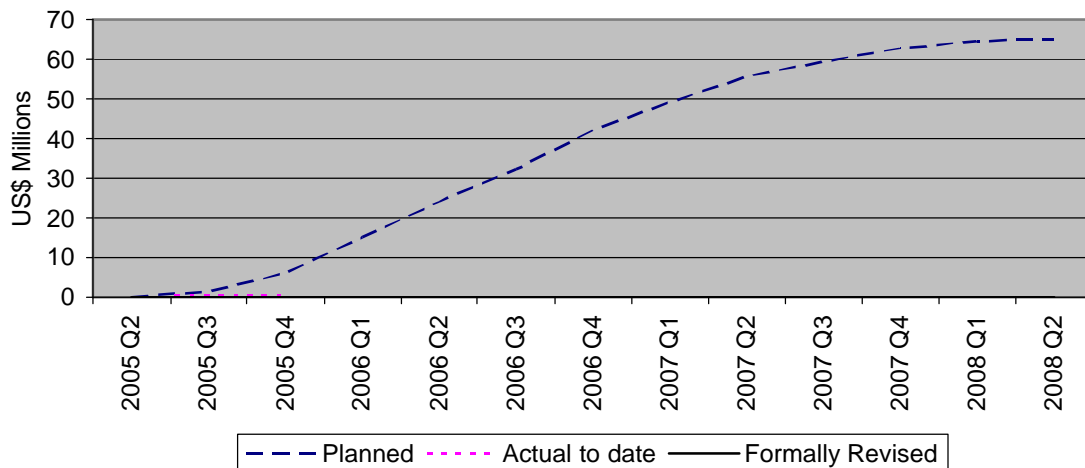
The objective is to restore basic water supply and sanitation services for the capital city of Baghdad.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite a lag of about 4-5 months from the original procurement plan, the project is expected to pick up momentum during the next quarter when eight contracts worth nearly US\$9 million are let out. This is understandable given the difficult operating conditions in Iraq and the lack of familiarity of the Iraqi Government and the Mayoralty of Baghdad with World Bank procedures.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54435	Effective	65.00	0.08	64.92	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Textbook Provision (P088945)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 05/14/2004
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-51095
Sector(s): Secondary education (50%), Primary education (50%)
Theme(s): Education for all (P)

Project Development Objectives:

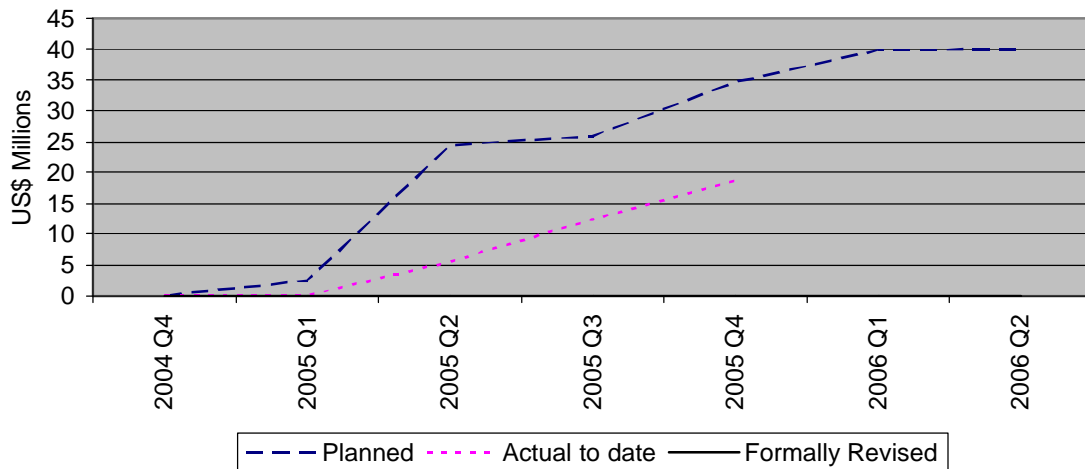
The objective of the project is to improve the conditions of learning and teaching through the provision of school textbooks to students in Iraq's primary and secondary schools.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Over 60 million textbooks were printed and delivered to primary and secondary schools throughout Iraq between October 2004 and February 2005, meeting the project's objectives. Competitive bidding resulted in savings of over \$9 million which is being applied to the purchase of textbooks for the 2005/06 school year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51095	Effective	40.00	18.68	21.32	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Health (P091305)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 11/30/2004
Closing Date: 12/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-54404
Sector(s): Health (100%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (P)

Project Development Objectives:

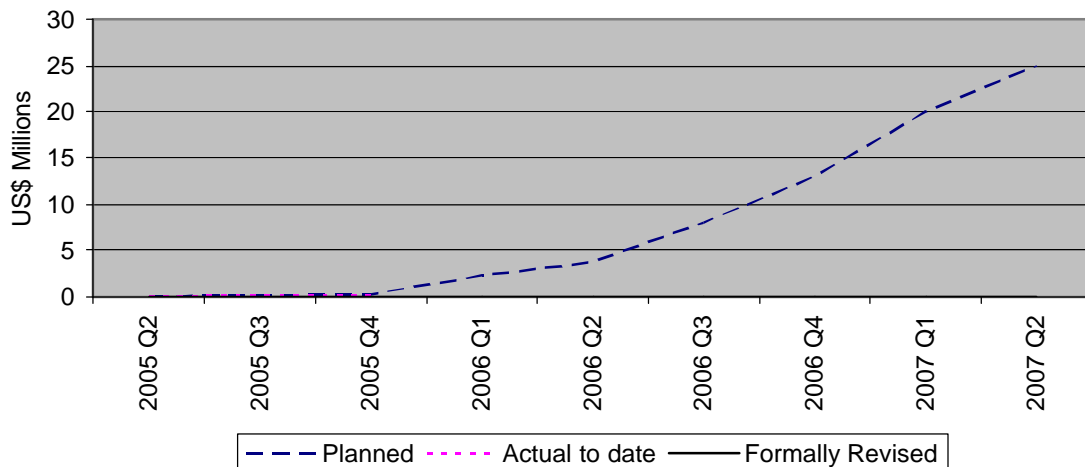
The objective of the Project is to improve access to quality emergency services in selected health facilities to serve the urgent needs of the Iraqi population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Since the project became effective in December 2004, progress has been substantial but relatively slow: 11 contracts have been issued to Iraqi design and supervision firms and the rehabilitation work is ready to start in 11 sites within the next three months. Medical equipment will be delivered as the physical rehabilitation of the emergency health facilities progresses. Training of emergency health staff has been hindered by insecurity which severely constrains the provision of technical assistance inside Iraq and alternative solutions are being considered to train staff in neighboring countries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54404	Effective	25.00	0.09	24.91	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Private Sector Development (P091344)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 11/30/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-54462

Sector(s): General information and communications (60%), General finance (20%), General industry and trade (20%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to provide a number of priority building blocks necessary to help develop the Iraqi private and financial sectors through effective telecommunications networks and better institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Implementation Agencies are progressing well with the implementation of the project since the project was launched in January 2005. The Iraqi Telecommunications and Postal Company has completed the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the digital microwave backbone package and issued the advertisement in United Nations Business Development. The Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation (MOPDC) has advanced the preparation of the main consulting packages to support the institutional reform. It has issued three consulting RFP packages.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54462	Effective	55.00	0.09	54.91	0.00

