

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

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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: Jordan

Project Name (ID): Water and Sanitation (P048521)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 04/16/2002

Closing Date: 01/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-44450, JPN-27144

Sector(s): Water supply (45%), Sewerage (45%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other urban development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other financial and private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

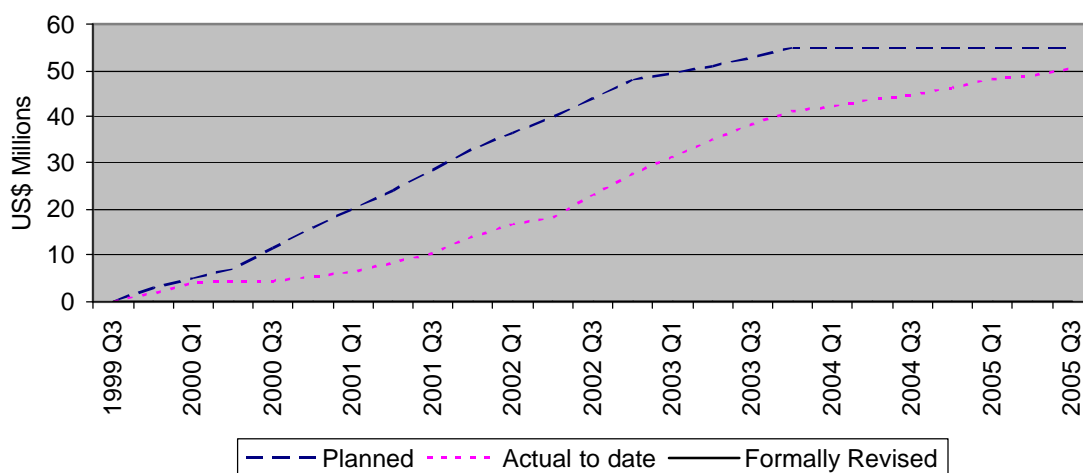
The objectives are to improve efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services for the Amman Service Area and lay the groundwork for sustainable involvement of the private sector in the country's overall management of water and wastewater services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was successful in transferring management of water and wastewater infrastructure and services in Greater Amman from a dysfunctional public institution to the private sector through a performance-based management contract. The Government has expanded the role of private sector partnership in the operation and management of the water sector beyond Amman to the other major urban centers in the country. The project also achieved the highest practical efficiency in conveyance, distribution and application of water services through a comprehensive capital investment program to restructure and rehabilitate the whole water system in Greater Amman.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44450	Effective	55.00	51.84	3.16	0.00
JPN-27144	Closed	0.30	0.28	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): Second Ozone Depleting Substances Phaseout (P049706)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 10/06/1996

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: WBTF-22004

Sector(s): Petrochemicals and fertilizers (90%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

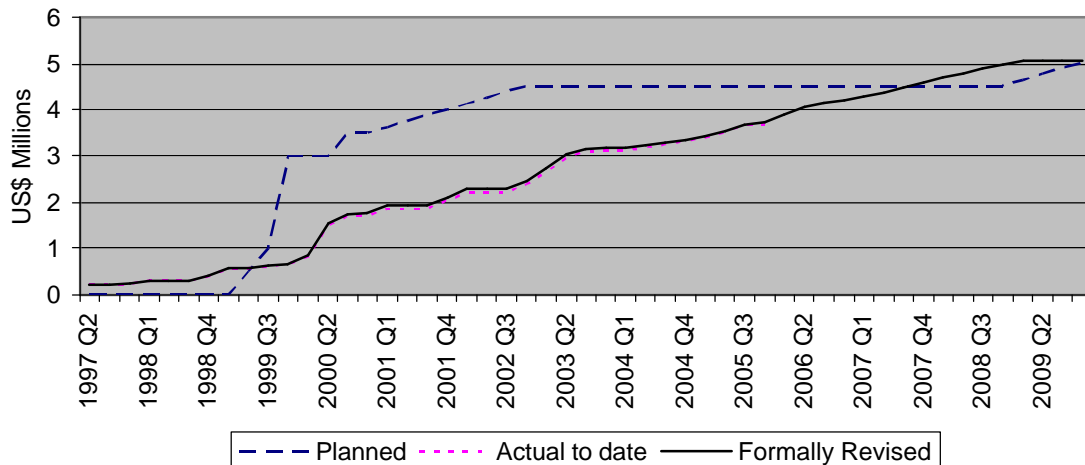
The Project Development Objective is to phase out the import and use of ozone depleting substances in the country by January 2010, with the interim steps of import freeze at 1996 level by 2000, 50% reduction by 2005, and 85% reduction by 2007.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project achieved its development objective by reducing the importation of ozone depleting substances in 2005 by 611 metric tons, which is equivalent to 91% of the baseline value (673 metric tons), surpassing the 50% reduction target. The project expects to complete the phase-out of the remaining 9% in 2007, three years earlier than the closing date, when all the newly started sub-projects, which will reduce the ozone depleting substances (halons), are completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22004	Effective	5.00	3.68	1.32	0.00



Project Name (ID): Higher Education Development (P069326)
Country: Jordan
Board Approval Date: 02/29/2000
Midterm Review Date: 06/12/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45390, JPN-27719
Sector(s): Tertiary education (99%), Central government administration (1%)
Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

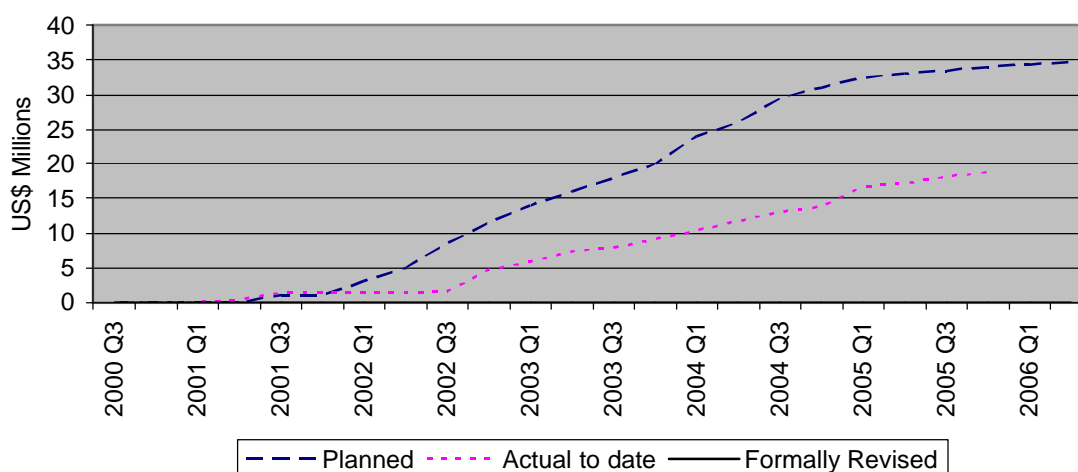
The objective is to initiate improvements in the quality, relevance, and efficiency of Jordan's higher education. The project would: (a) establish system-wide IT, MIS, and Library infrastructure; (b) support a Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF); (c) initiate reforms of higher education governance; and (d) support rationalization of the community college sub-sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving some of the development goals has been good. The project to date has helped support important achievements: (a) the formulation of a Higher Education Strategy and Action Plan for further development of the sector; (b) significant changes in the financing of the higher education sector, moving toward a more sustainable distribution of costs; (c) approval of an independent Higher Education Accreditation and Quality Assurance body; (d) completion of wide area and local networks providing all university faculty and students with interconnectivity and high-speed internet access; (e) PC/student ratios exceeding those envisaged during project design; (f) establishment of Faculty Development Centers in all universities; and (g) introduction and implementation of a competitive funding mechanism (HEDF) resulting in high interest and the initiation of projects designed to increase the relevance of university programs and research.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45390	Effective	34.70	18.80	15.90	0.00
JPN-27719	Closed	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Conservation of Medicinal and Herbal Plants (P069847)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 05/06/2003

Closing Date: 12/16/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: WBTF-23719, WBTF-52299

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (100%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

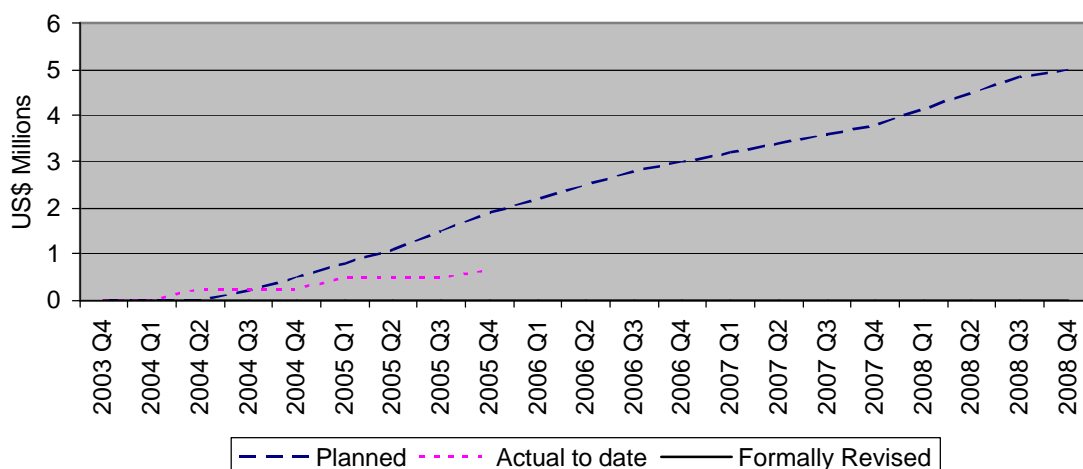
The project aims at designing and testing models to improve the conservation of medicinal and herbal plants and the livelihood of rural communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After a slow start that delayed the project for about one year the management and administrative structures and procedures are now fully functional and the project has started to take-off. Recent field activities included the botanical survey and base line studies and ex-situ cultivation activities. The next step is more emphasis on conservation, cultivation and production of medicinal and herbal plants to improve incomes in rural communities. To allow the project to catch-up with initial projections, it is important not to introduce major changes in the Project Management Unit.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-23719	Closed	0.35	0.29	0.00	0.06
WBTF-52299	Effective	5.00	0.65	4.35	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Reform for Knowledge Economy Program (P075829)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 05/08/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: CIDA-53276, IBRD-71700

Sector(s): Secondary education (35%), Primary education (35%), Pre-primary education (30%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

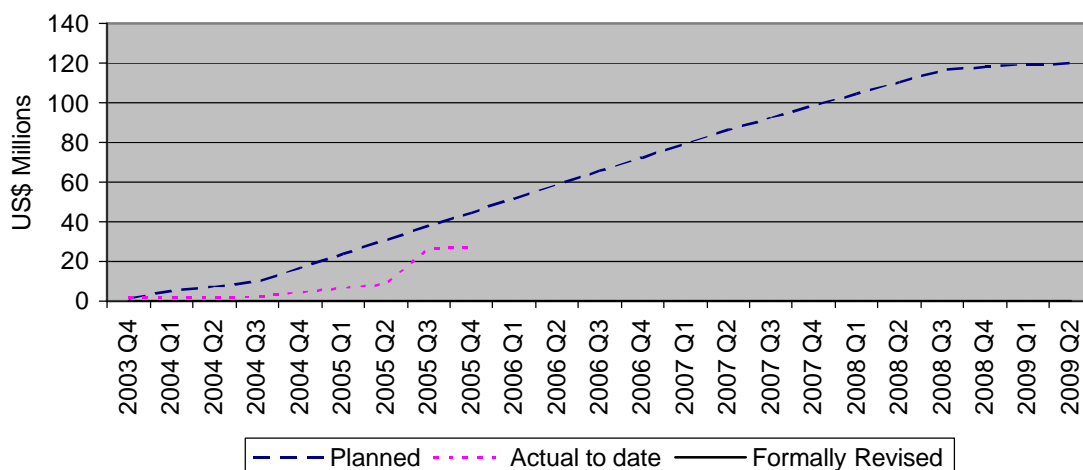
The objective is to transform the education system at the early childhood, basic, and secondary levels to produce graduates with the skills necessary for the knowledge economy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objectives has been very good. Some of the main achievements to date include: (a) new learning outcomes used to guide new textbook development based on a new curriculum and learning assessment framework; (b) an integrated curriculum/assessment/teacher training plan in place; (c) substantial information and communication technology proficiency training undertaken and expected to reach full coverage in 2006; (d) e-Learning supplemental material for e-Math completed and being piloted, as well as other e-Learning material under development; (e) all 40 schools to be financed under the project have been contracted; and (f) a new Early Childhood Education (ECE) curriculum has been completed and in use, including a large number of ECE teachers trained.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
CIDA-53276	Effective	3.98	0.47	3.50	0.00
IBRD-71700	Effective	120.00	27.21	92.79	0.00



Project Name (ID): Horticultural Exports Promotion and Technology Transfer (P076961)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/26/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46680

Sector(s): Agricultural marketing and trade (45%), Agricultural extension and research (35%), Central government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Rural markets (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Technology diffusion (S)

Project Development Objectives:

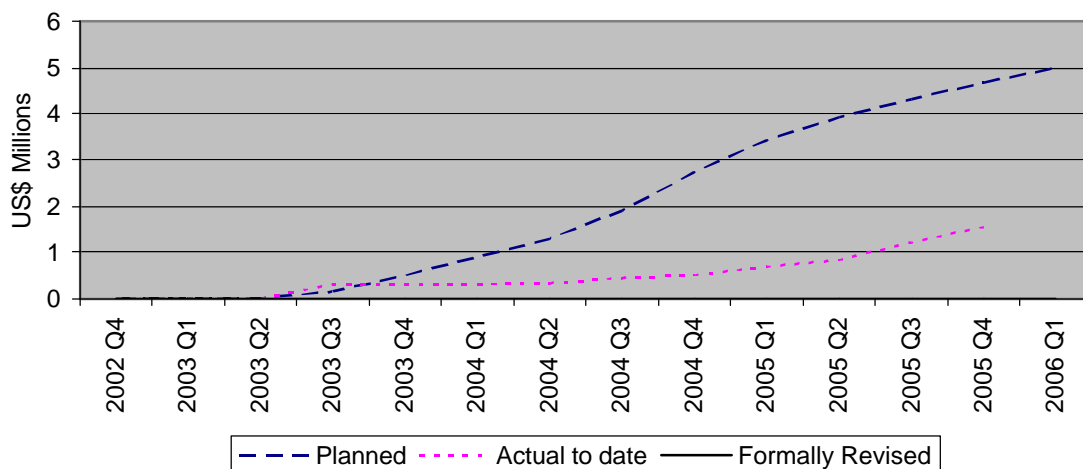
The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government improve horticultural export marketing.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The pilot project has been successful in identifying new marketing opportunities, and first export businesses have been created. Lessons learned on the role of contract farming arrangements in the process of increasing horticultural exports are being drawn. As a result of a changed business environment and in response to first lessons learned, specific adaptations were introduced during the June 2005 Mid-term Review which are expected to improve the achievement of the project's development objective.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46680	Effective	5.00	1.57	3.43	0.00



Project Name (ID): Amman Development Corridor (P081505)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72280, JPN-51885

Sector(s): Roads and highways (76%), Central government administration (16%), General transportation (8%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) support more efficient transport and logistics services by removing key infrastructure transport bottlenecks; and (b) provide access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development purposes.

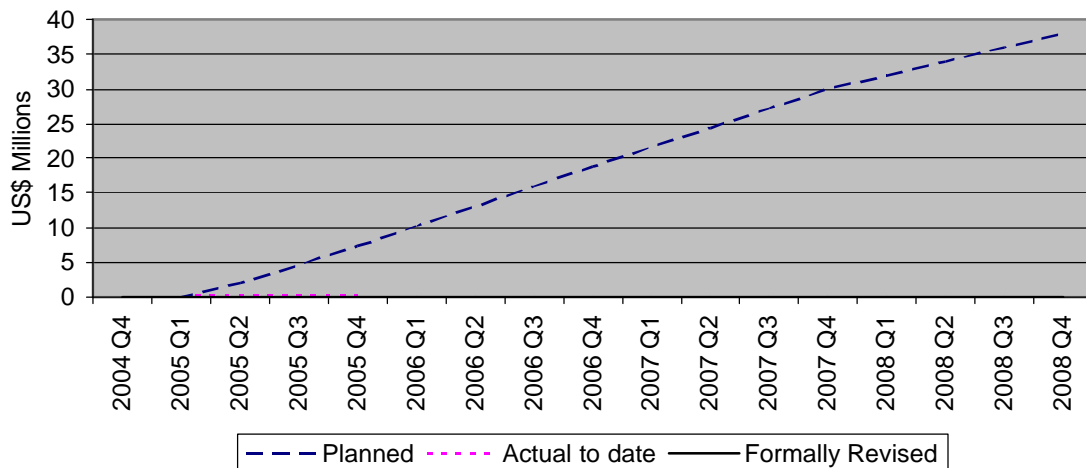
development purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project had a very good start. The Project Management Team is fully staffed and its Technical Assistance is on board. Works for the Amman Ring Road, the main infrastructure component, will start by December 2005 after completion of all expropriations, a major Government undertaking.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72280	Effective	38.00	0.19	37.81	0.00
JPN-51885	Closed	0.49	0.49	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Sector Reform Capacity Building (P091787)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 03/22/2005

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72790

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Economic statistics, modeling, and forecasting (S), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's principal goal is to support the ongoing implementation of the Government's public sector strategy by ensuring that the requisite institutional infrastructure is in place and functioning. It also seeks to support an important set of cross cutting reforms in areas ranging from policy coordination to improved financial and human resource practices. It will be deemed successful if the capacity is strengthened within the Prime Minister's Office so that performance monitoring, administrative reform and policy coordination functions are established and functioning well by project completion. Another indication of success is that the broader set of reforms has been implemented effectively.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on March 22, 2005 and is expected to become effective in July, 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72790	Not Effective	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00

