

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**  
**COUNTRY: WEST BANK & GAZA**

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**Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05**  
**Region: Middle East and North Africa**  
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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: West Bank and Gaza**

**Project Name (ID):** Southern Area Water (P051564)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 05/27/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 08/01/2002

**Closing Date:** 10/31/2005

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-22443

**Sector(s):** Water supply (48%), Sewerage (47%), Central government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resources management (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to improve sufficiency and efficiency of water and wastewater services in the southern area of the West Bank through the preparation and implementation of an appropriate institutional framework for water and wastewater service provision, including the implementation of a four-year performance-based management contract and the strengthening of the institutional capacity of Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) to become a sector regulator.

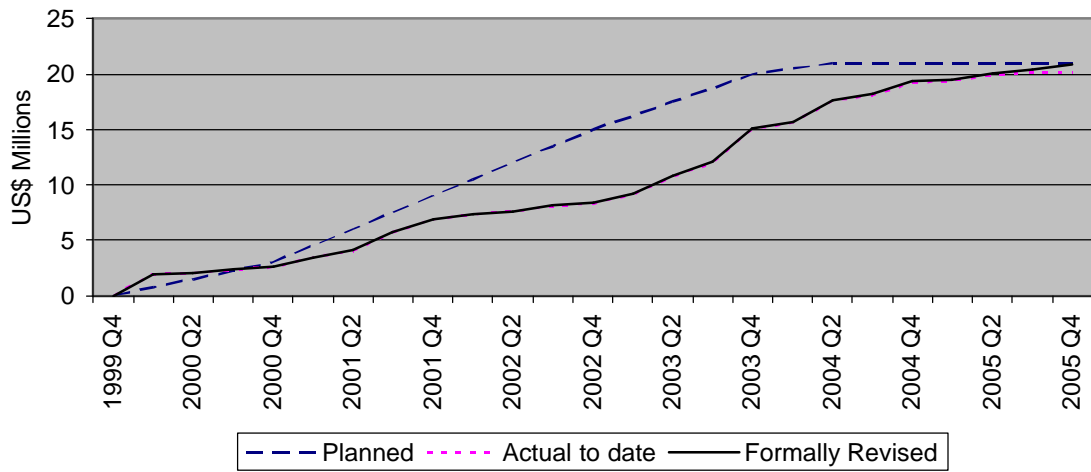
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Project implementation has been adversely affected as a result of the deteriorated security situation in the West Bank and Gaza since October 2000. The Management Contract for the Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates was terminated in December 2002. However, disinfected water continued to be provided in the West Bank and Gaza, through the implementation by PWA's transition team of an action plan designed to replace the management contract and maintain the level of water and wastewater services being provided. In addition, the project scope was expanded to finance a one- year extension of the management contract in Gaza, and subsequently an interim emergency action plan designed to maintain water services in Gaza until the Gaza II Emergency Water Project was approved. This arrangement has been a very useful mechanism to provide needed emergency assistance to maintain water services in Gaza and West Bank. The project financed the repair or replacement of more than 10,000 water meters and services connections and the replacement of about 50 km of pipes. Constancy of water supply has reached 80% in Bethlehem and 35% in Hebron. These figures represent improvements of nearly 30% and 10% respectively, with an additional 70,000 people being supplied with water.

**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>
MULT-22443	Effective	21.00	20.20	0.80	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Solid Waste and Environmental Management (P054051)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 10/10/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 01/26/2004

**Closing Date:** 10/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-24696

**Sector(s):** Solid waste management (89%), Central government administration (4%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Other industry (3%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal finance (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

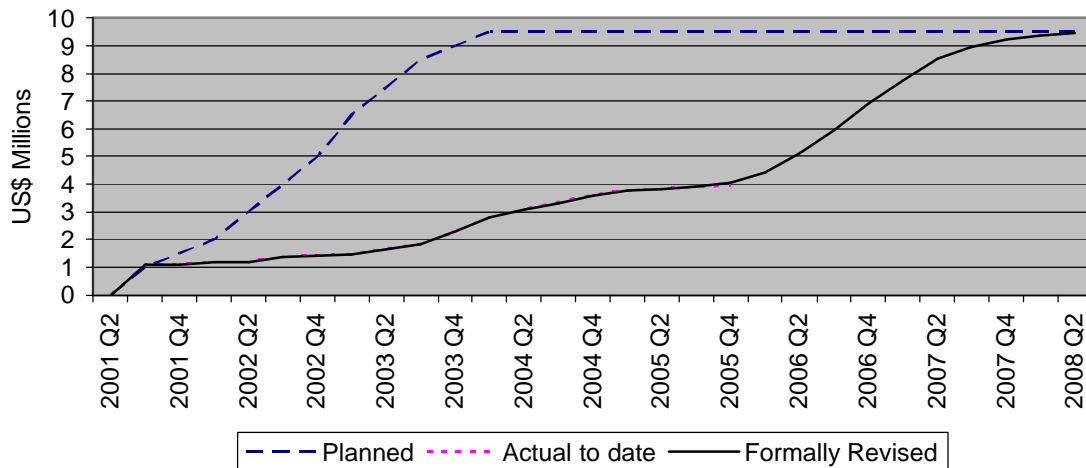
The Project Development Objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for the Jenin District.

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

The project is progressing well towards its development objective despite the recent difficult sociopolitical situation. The construction of the solid waste landfill is moving ahead. Over 23 uncontrolled dumpsites have been closed which has benefited communities. Capacity building activities are also well under way. Solid waste mobile equipment has been delivered.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-24696	Effective	9.50	3.95	5.55	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Electricity Sector Investment and Management (P040506)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 08/31/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 08/02/2003

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-26092

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

**Theme(s):** State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

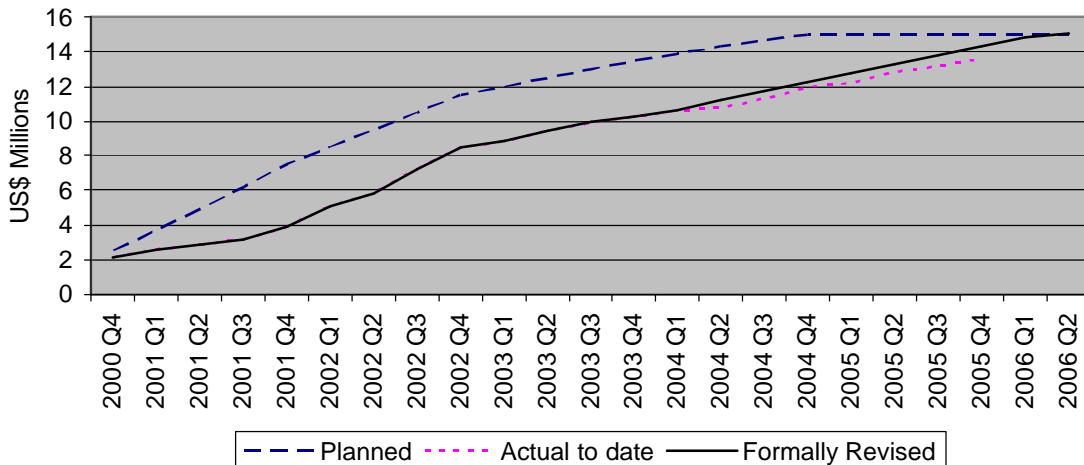
The objective is to provide electricity consumers, particularly households, with sustainable improvements in quality of electricity supply.

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

The project is expected to achieve its development objective. The sector reforms envisaged under the project have proceeded well and based on studies financed by the project, an electricity law is now being considered by the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC). Establishment of an appropriate Palestinian Energy Regulatory Commission (PERC) is in progress. As a result of the sector reforms implemented, two new power companies, the Hebron Electric Power Company and the Southern Electric Power Company have been established and are now operational. The restructuring program of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company (JDECO) has also been completed and the decentralized regional branches are working effectively.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-26092	Effective	15.00	13.58	1.42	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Education Action (P065593)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 05/31/2001

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2005

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-29767

**Sector(s):** General education (42%), Central government administration (24%), Secondary education (20%), Vocational training (14%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (P), Improving labor markets (P), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

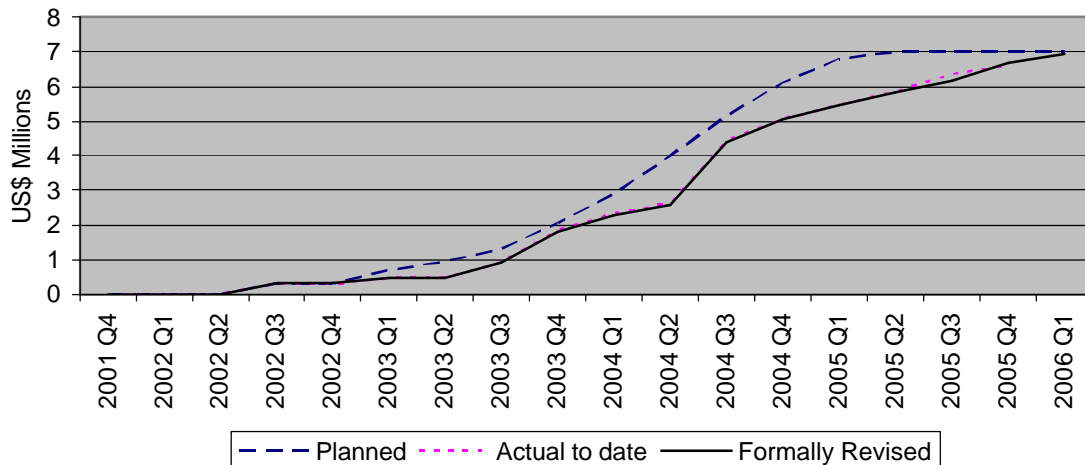
The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Education to manage the education system more effectively through improved policy-making, planning and budgeting at central and district levels; (b) support the implementation of activities in targeted domains included in the agreed annual departmental work plans derived from the five-year education plan (2001-2005), which will lead to improved utilization of funding from the budget and international donors; and (c) involvement in areas where efficiency gains are most expected including training, school construction, vocational training and overall sectoral management.

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

The following activities have been completed: the extension building of the Ministry of Education was built, 120 schools received improvement grants, an in-service teacher training program has been implemented in 120 schools, 6 schools were rehabilitated, and 4 technical and vocational education and training centers were built. A number of activities are ongoing, including the education management information system and in-service teacher training program.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-29767	Effective	7.00	6.61	0.39	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Gaza Emergency Water (P065920)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** TF-55245

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration (67%), Water supply (15%), Sanitation (12%), Sewerage (6%)

**Theme(s):** Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Other human development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

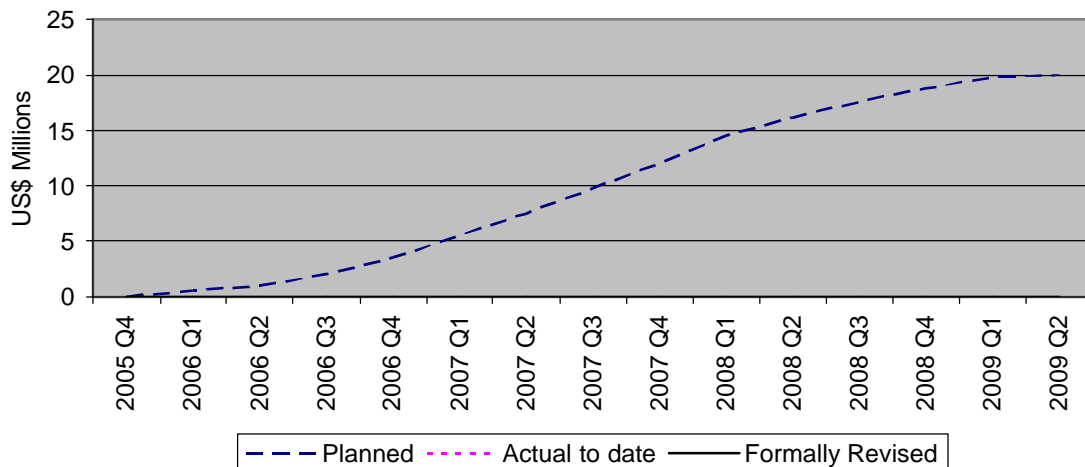
The objectives are to: (a) improve the efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services in Gaza; (b) functionally establish a modern well run water utility in Gaza; (c) strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority.

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

The project was not effective before the close of close of the reporting period (i.e., June 30, 2005).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-55245	Not Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Water (P065921)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 07/29/2003

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-52627

**Sector(s):** Water supply (96%), Sub-national government administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resources management (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Other human development (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

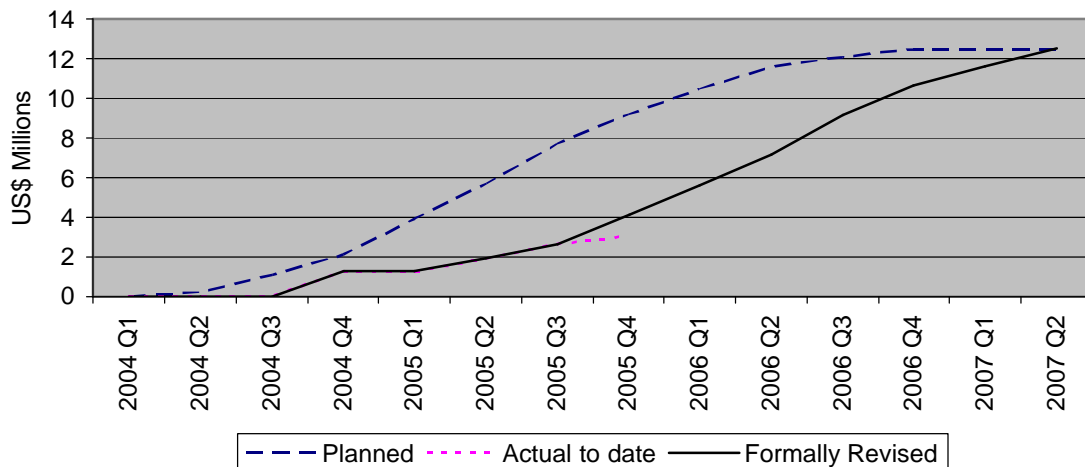
The project objective is to help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies, and reduce system losses, water costs and health risks to the population of the southern West Bank.

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

The project continues to make progress towards achieving its development objectives. The quantity of water supply available to household will increase by 1.7 million cubic meters by June 2006, with the construction of transmission pipelines, rehabilitation and installation of new house connections, distribution networks and supply and installation of equipment for the East Herodian water well. Of the seven packages to be implemented under the project, three are under construction and expected to be completed by September 2005. For the remaining 4 packages, contracts are expected to be completed by June 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-52627	Effective	12.50	3.02	9.48	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Integrated Community Development (P069986)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 05/23/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/02/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-50591

**Sector(s):** General water, sanitation and flood protection (30%), General education (30%), Health (27%), Telecommunications (10%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other social protection and risk management (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

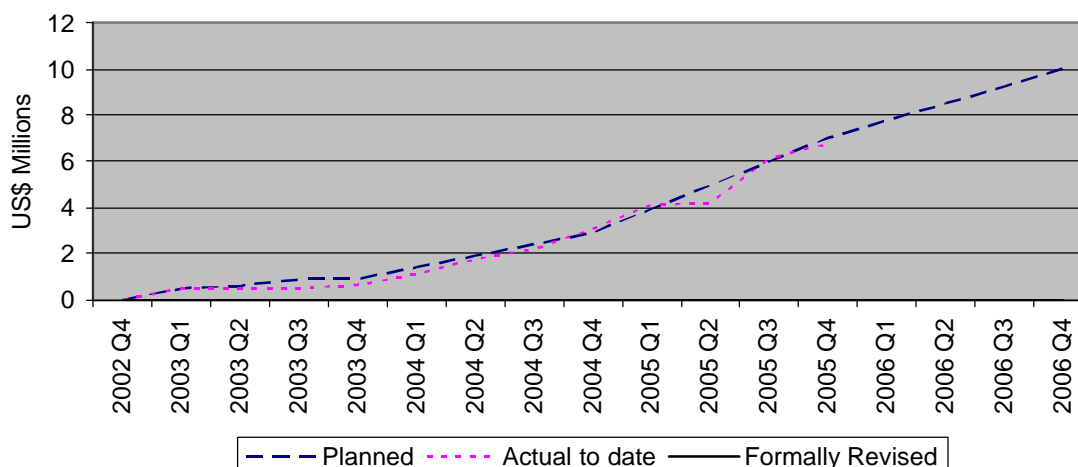
The project development objective is to improve the quality and availability of basic social and economic services in poor and marginalized communities of the West Bank and Gaza which would be realized through financing investment in local infrastructure and institutions.

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

Despite the past political and security context in the West Bank and Gaza, the project is meeting its overall objectives. At least 90 communities have benefited, exceeding in total the target of half a million inhabitants. By end 2004, about 40,700 person/days of employment had been generated. There are two important challenges for the future, the first is to ensure the operational sustainability of the sub-projects. However, due to limited budgets, line ministries may not be in a position to cover operating costs. The second is to provide services to the more remote, scattered and marginalized communities which would require another project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50591	Effective	10.00	6.79	3.21	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Second Palestinian Nongovernmental Organizations (P071040)  
**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/21/2001  
**Midterm Review Date:** 09/27/2003  
**Closing Date:** 08/31/2005  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** DFID-50291, ITAL-50275, MULT-29798  
**Sector(s):** Other social services (100%)  
**Theme(s):** Improving labor markets (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Social risk mitigation (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project aims at strengthening the capacity of Palestinian NGOs to deliver sustainable services to poor and marginalized Palestinians while supporting the overall professional and strategic development of the Palestinian NGO Sector.

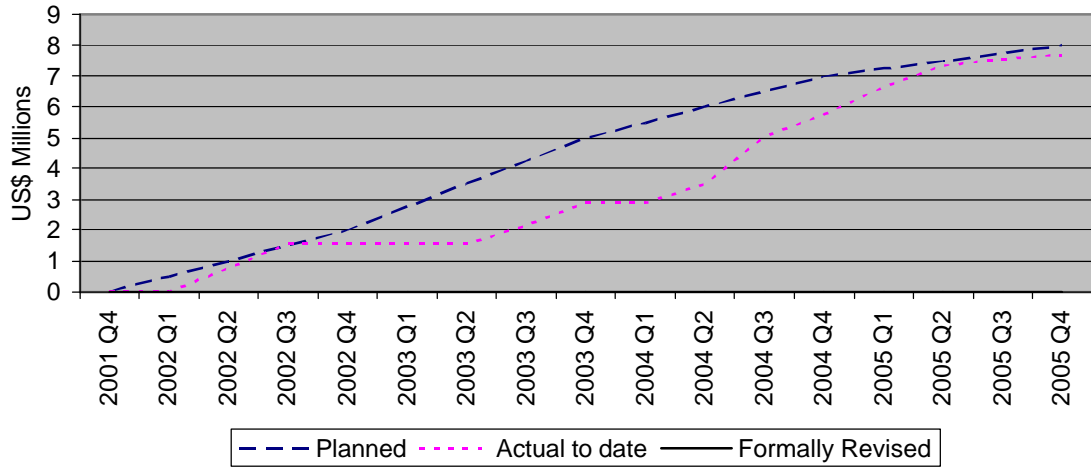
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Progress towards achieving the project's development objectives has been substantial. All projects funded under the development and partnership grants programs have been completed and audited. A beneficiary impact assessment was undertaken and confirmed the positive impact of these projects, both in terms of their provision of much needed services, targeting the poor and marginalized communities (60% of beneficiaries) and also in terms of their contribution to strengthening the institutional capacity of beneficiary NGOs. A remaining number of 25 projects funded under the Urgent Development Grants Program, launched in 2004, are expected to be completed by end of September 2005. After some initial delays, the implementation of activities under the Sector Support Program also progressed well with two programs launched during the review period; namely, the Palestinian NGO Portal and the Unified Insurance Program for NGOs. In July 2005, the Project's completion date was extended through July 31, 2006 to allow for the incubation and management of the Unified Health Insurance Program, the NGO Portal and the technical operation of the Counseling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances Project, currently under construction.

**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>
DFID-50291	Effective	8.87	7.37	0.99	0.00
ITAL-50275	Effective	5.65	2.89	3.09	0.00
MULT-29798	Effective	8.00	7.71	0.29	0.00

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**Project Name (ID):** Northern Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment (P074595)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 09/07/2004

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-54208

**Sector(s):** Sanitation (50%), Sewerage (50%)

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

### Project Development Objectives:

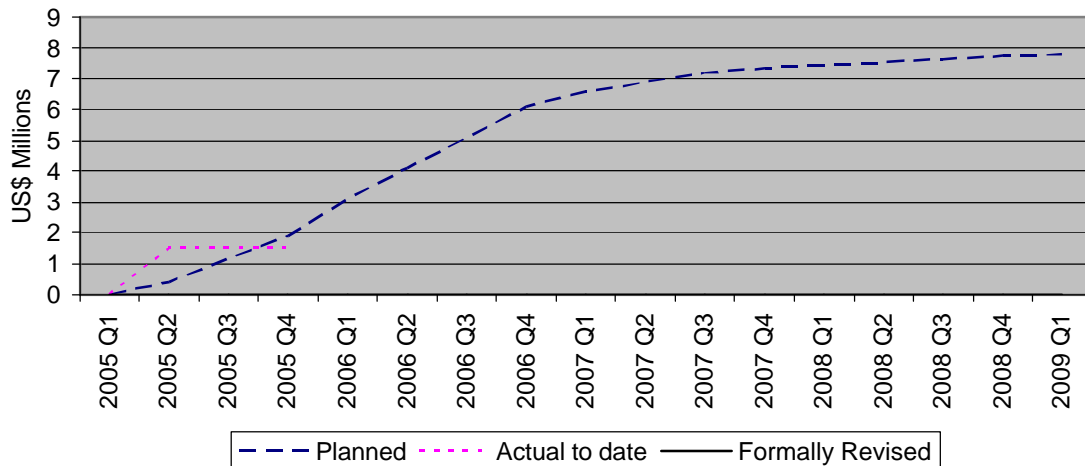
The objectives are to: (i) mitigate the immediate and gathering health and environmental safety threats to the communities surrounding the effluent Lake at Beit Lahia wastewater treatment plant; and (ii) provide a satisfactory long-term solution to the treatment of wastewater for the Northern Governorate in Gaza.

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

The project is at an early stage of implementation. Packages designed to drain the lake at Beit Lahiya are under construction and expected to be completed by July/August 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54208	Effective	7.80	1.50	6.30	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Municipal Services Rehabilitation (P078212)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 12/17/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/30/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-50956

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration (85%), Other social services (15%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal finance (S), Social safety nets (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

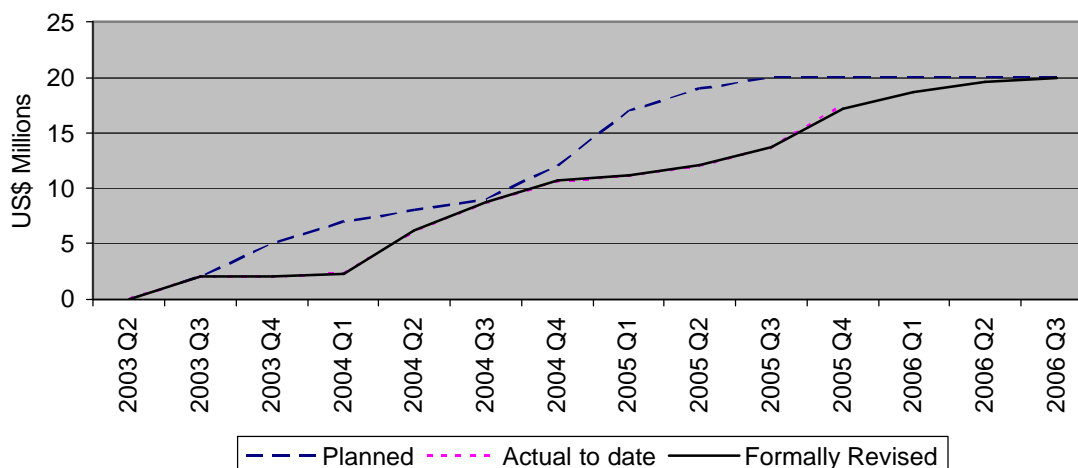
The objectives are to help mitigate further deterioration in the quality and coverage of essential municipal services; create temporary labor-intensive employment opportunities; and introduce a mechanism to link central and local government budgetary planning processes.

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

The project continues to make satisfactory progress towards achieving its development objectives. Over 370 local governments have benefited from the Project by using emergency assistance funding to arrest the deterioration in municipal service delivery. These local governments represent coverage of approximately 98 percent of the population. Under the emergency employment subcomponent, over 300,000 person-days of temporary work was created for over 12,500 workers. Services have been improved through the rehabilitation or extension of 2,460 household wastewater connections, 75 km of roads, 1,800 new water connections, and thousands of tons of solid waste have been collected through the provision of collection vehicles and receptacles. The newly-established emergency transfer system has also laid the groundwork for establishment of the Municipal Fund. In that regard, budgetary reporting by local governments has improved dramatically from 20% to 80%; the Cabinet granted preliminary approval to the Municipal Fund (MF) in its decision on June 22 and the process of setting up the MF is now well underway. These achievements to date have helped to mobilize donor cofinancing from the European Union, Denmark, the Italian Government, and Agence Francaise de Developpement of approximately \$70 million.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50956	Effective	20.00	17.54	2.46	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Land Administration (P080892)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 01/26/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-54686

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (68%), Sub-national government administration (14%), Law and justice (10%), Other industry (4%), Tertiary education (4%)

**Theme(s):** Personal and property rights (P), Land administration and management (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

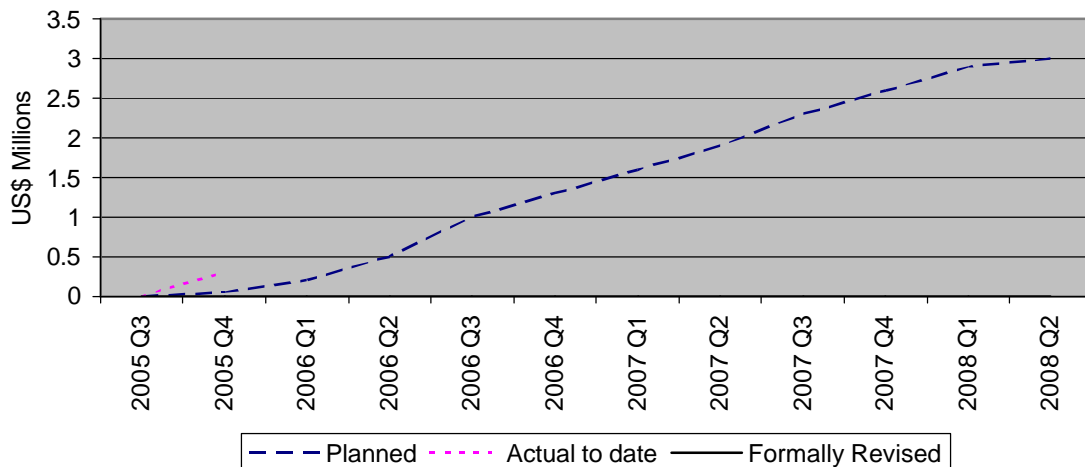
The objective is to assess the feasibility of introducing reforms in land administration within an emerging government structure by enabling the formulation of policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land.

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

The project is still in its initial stages and thus too early to judge whether it will fully achieve its development objectives. Initial indications, however, are quite positive, as a Land Policy Task Force has been established representing all key government stakeholder ministries and agencies, ensuring buy-in and ownership. The long-term Resident Advisor financed by the Government of Finland is now in place and providing vital guidance in designing the land registration pilots and the executing agencies have effectively coordinated and planned for the first consultation workshop to discuss the draft land law by mid-September.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54686	Effective	3.00	0.30	2.70	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Social Safety Net Reform (P081477)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 06/03/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** MULT-53377, MULT-53793

**Sector(s):** Other social services (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Social safety nets (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Child health (S), Education for all (S), Other public sector governance (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

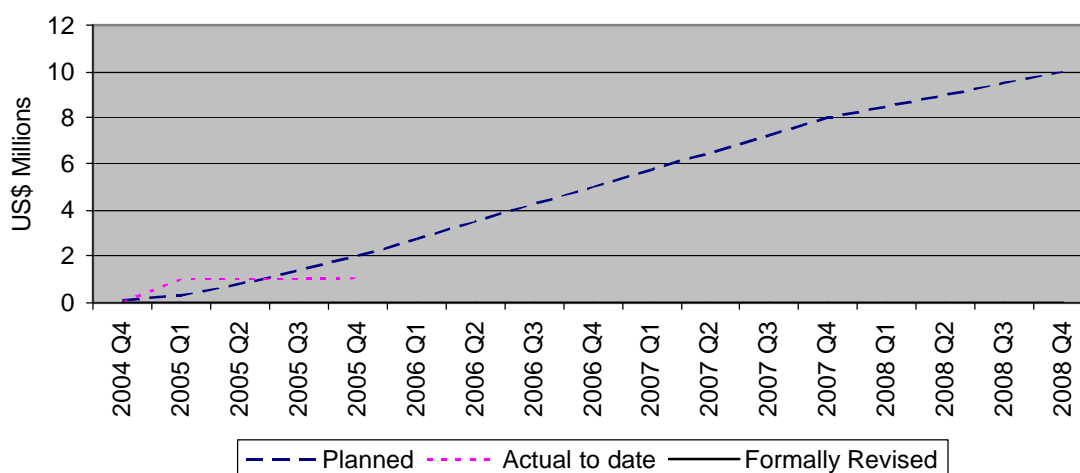
The objective of the project is to: (a) mitigate the impact of the present social and economic crisis on the most vulnerable;(b) protect the human capital of poor children in the West Bank and Gaza; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs in order to improve the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the Special Hardship Cases Program and its main social assistance program.

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

Progress toward the achievement of the Project's objectives has been delayed due to the fact that the conditional cash transfer program, intended to improve the targeting of the Ministry of Social Affairs' existing special hardship case program toward the poorest of the population, has not been launched. However, since May 2005, there has been considerable progress and an agreement has been reached with the Ministry on the new Program's eligibility criteria and payment structure. It is expected that the Program will be launched by October 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53377	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00
MULT-53793	Effective	10.00	1.05	8.95	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Tertiary Education (P083767)

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date:** 04/26/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** JPN-53333, MULT-53897, WBTF-55089

**Sector(s):** Tertiary education (80%), Central government administration (20%)

**Theme(s):** Education for the knowledge economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are: (a) to improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, governance and quality assurance, (b) increase internal and external efficiency of the tertiary education system, as a first step toward achieving sustainability, and (c) to create incentives and provide the basis for improvements in efficiency, quality and relevance of tertiary education institutions in order to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Palestinian population.

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

The project recently became effective with a launch seminar attended by officials from universities, technical Colleges, Ministry of Education and Higher Education employees, and members from international organizations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-53333	Closed	0.28	0.18	0.10	0.00
MULT-53897	Closed	0.30	0.05	0.25	0.00
WBTF-55089	Effective	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00

