

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: YEMEN

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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 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: Yemen, Republic of

Project Name (ID): Southern Governorates Agricultural Privatization (P005902)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 11/04/1997

Midterm Review Date: 10/27/2000

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-29980, IDA-Q0310, IFAD-04150

Sector(s): Central government administration (36%), Irrigation and drainage (22%), Agricultural extension and research (21%), Other social services (21%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Improving labor markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to: (a) raise the incomes of very poor rural individuals and their families in the southern governorates above the poverty level; and (b) promote overall economic and social development in the approximately 40 extended rural communities.

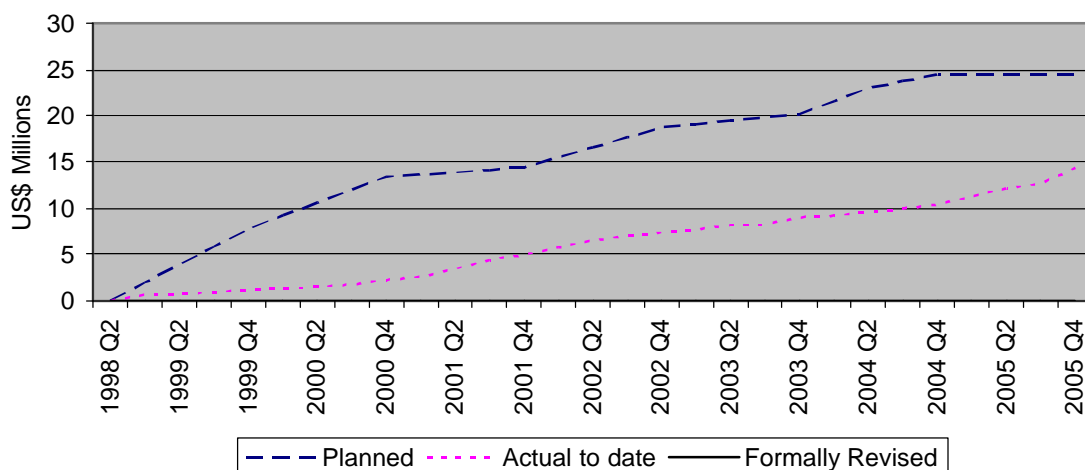
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving Project Development Objectives is good. The project has developed four agricultural sites, and land has been distributed to dispossessed and poor farmers on a freehold basis. The project has implemented a large number of erosion control and village/wadi protection works. Technical and financial support has been provided through training. Local communities have been assisted in establishing community projects committees and water user groups. The project has offered employment opportunities through training. The project has implemented/is implementing 192 community sub-projects in education, health, water supply, sewerage and feeder roads.

On April 25, 2005, the project closing date was extended through December 31, 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-29980	Effective	25.83	14.32	5.86	4.01
IDA-Q0310	Closed	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25
IFAD-04150	Closed	11.89	10.24	0.94	0.00



Project Name (ID): Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (P005906)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 12/21/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/07/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34500, IDA-Q1260, IDA-Q2000, JPN-25671

Sector(s): Water supply (65%), Other social services (9%), Central government administration (9%), Sub-national government administration (9%), Health (8%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Decentralization (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

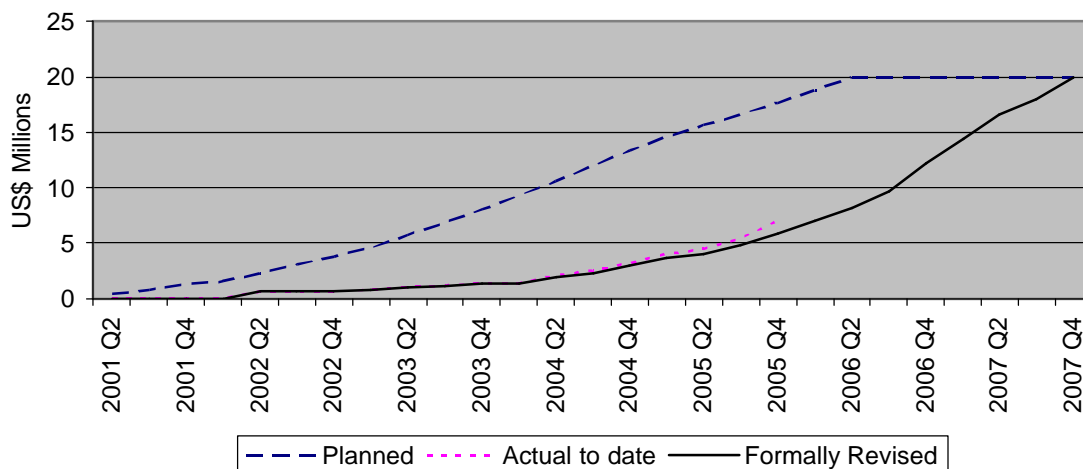
The objective is to expand sustainable rural water supply and sanitation (RWSS) service coverage by: (a) introducing a demand-driven and participatory approach; (b) building and strengthening local RWSS capacity; and (c) formulating the agreed demand-driven and participatory principles in a coherent national RWSS strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been improving steadily with 55 RWSS schemes built or under construction serving about 165,000 people. Another 186 RWSS schemes are under study serving approximately 450,000 people, comparing well with the 130 RWSS schemes and 400,000 people foreseen at appraisal. Demand-driven and participatory approach designed to ensure sustainability of the RWSS schemes continues to be implemented as expected with each scheme managed by a Water User Association (WUA), each of which is legally registered, trained and receives continuous support from the Project Social Mobilization Teams. Six well-functioning Governorate-level implementation units have been established and are responsible for increasing RWSS access within the six governorates. The RWSS strategy was endorsed by the Ministry of Water and Environment and is pending Cabinet approval.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34500	Effective	22.91	7.04	15.80	0.00
IDA-Q1260	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
IDA-Q2000	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
JPN-25671	Closed	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Reform Support (P043254)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 03/28/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36250, IDA-Q3140

Sector(s): Health (91%), Central government administration (9%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Child health (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Decentralization (P), Other communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

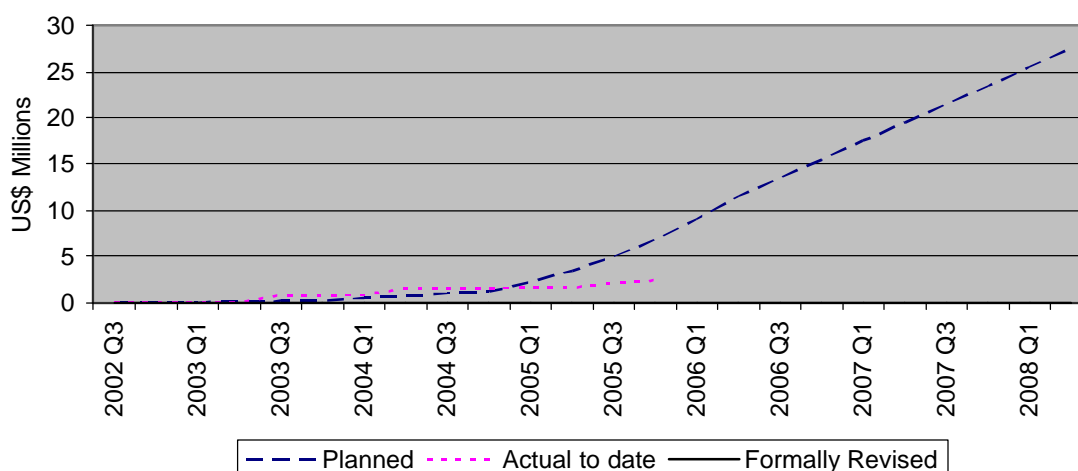
The objectives are to: (a) increase access for women and children to a package of integrated maternal and child health services provided in district hospitals and health centers in selected districts; and (b) improve the effectiveness of national public health programs and resource allocation within the public health sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been little progress toward achievement of the PDOs to date due to the slow pace of implementation overall and corresponding lack of tangible impact. However, the progress achieved in FY05 was better than prior years with several important achievements - such as the preparation of the public expenditure review and updating of the national health accounts (which highlighted several major constraints to the effective allocation of resources), and the continued delivery of targeted health education and management training activities. Little progress was made to increase access through infrastructure, equipment, and staff skills upgrading. A Mid-Term Review was launched in June 2005 and will be concluded in September 2005. During the review process, activities were streamlined to be achievable during the remaining project period. However, the degree of impact will be less than what would have been expected had implementation followed the original project plan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36250	Effective	32.39	2.40	29.94	0.00
IDA-Q3140	Closed	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.17



Project Name (ID): Basic Education Expansion (P043255)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 10/17/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/26/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34220, IDA-Q0870

Sector(s): Primary education (76%), Tertiary education (10%), Central government administration (10%), Other social services (4%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

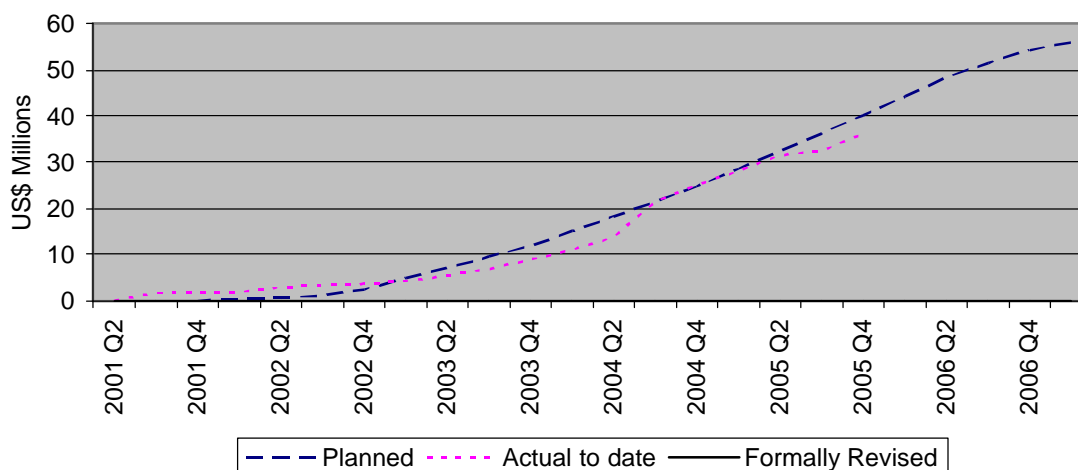
To objective is to increase enrollment of rural children, particularly girls, in the first six years of basic education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress toward achieving its development objectives in the four target governorates. By April 2005, the gross enrollment rate for girls in grades 1-6 had increased to 56% (up from 51% in 1999 and close to the end-of-project target of 57%); the incremental percentage of enrolment reached was 53% (well above the target of 30%) and girls' share in increased enrollments was 54% (compared to an end-of-project target of 60%).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34220	Effective	61.87	36.11	25.14	0.00
IDA-Q0870	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



Project Name (ID): Child Development (P050483)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 03/21/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/01/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-33260, JPN-25384

Sector(s): Health (64%), Other social services (12%), Primary education (11%), Central government administration (10%), Tertiary education (3%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Child health (P), Nutrition and food security (P), Gender (S), Education for all (S)

Project Development Objectives:

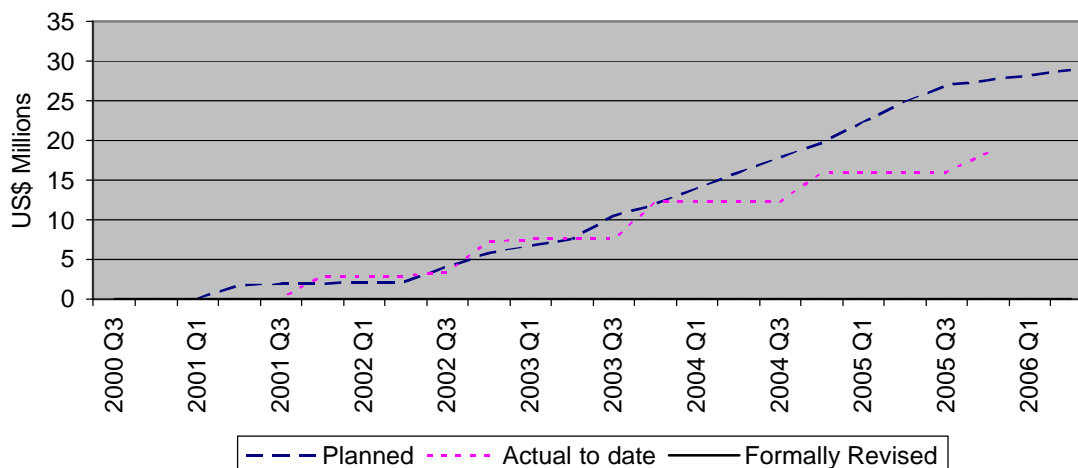
The objectives are to improve the health and nutritional status of children under five and improve education of girls in selected under-served areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues making progress toward achieving the development objectives. The ratio of girls to boys reaching grade 6 improved from 0.41 in 2002 to 0.45 in 2005 in pilot districts. Although data for monitoring health indicators (e.g. under age five mortality rate) will be available only in December 2005, the project has equipped health facilities, trained health workers, and increased coverage of immunization, all of which are expected to contribute to the development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-33260	Effective	30.93	18.44	11.32	0.00
JPN-25384	Closed	0.11	0.08	0.00	0.03



Project Name (ID): Civil Service Modernization (P050706)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 04/20/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/07/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-33350, IDA-Q0890, NETH-24755, NETH-53570

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P)

Project Development Objectives:

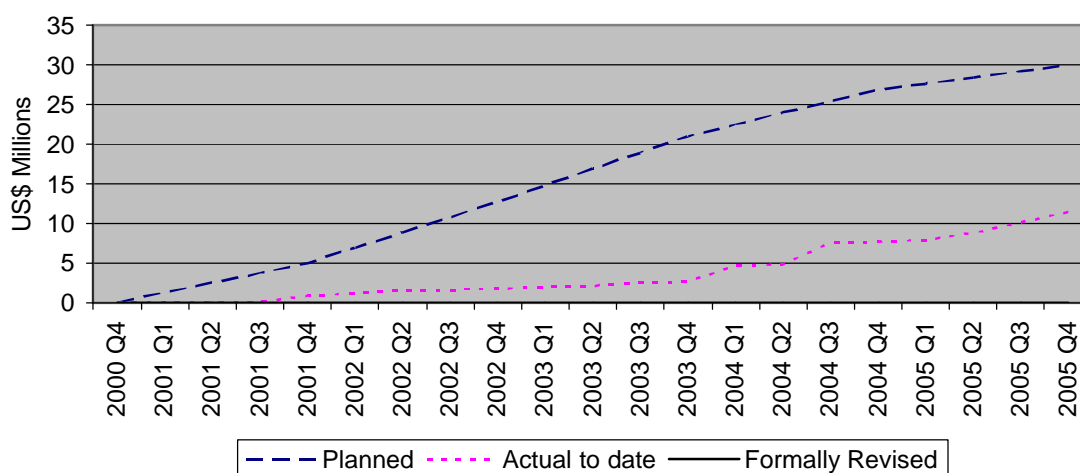
The objective is to create sustained utilization of human and financial resources in the administration by putting in place core personnel and financial management systems, establishing a mechanism to reduce the number of unqualified civil servants, and upgrading the management capacity in the civil service.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The country recently initiated measures to improve accountability and oversight, and the pace of implementation has picked up substantially. Progress has been made in improving disbursement over the past nine months, along with an effort to establish a high-level steering committee to oversee the link between the Accounting and Financial Management Information System (AFMIS) and the broader reform agenda in the Ministry of Finance.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-33350	Effective	32.68	11.30	21.14	0.00
IDA-Q0890	Closed	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
NETH-24755	Closed	13.44	0.14	0.00	14.03
NETH-53570	Effective	5.36	0.00	5.36	0.00



Project Name (ID): Urban Water Supply and Sanitation APL (P057602)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 08/01/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37000, IDA-Q1050

Sector(s): Sanitation (45%), Water supply (45%), Central government administration (5%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resources management (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

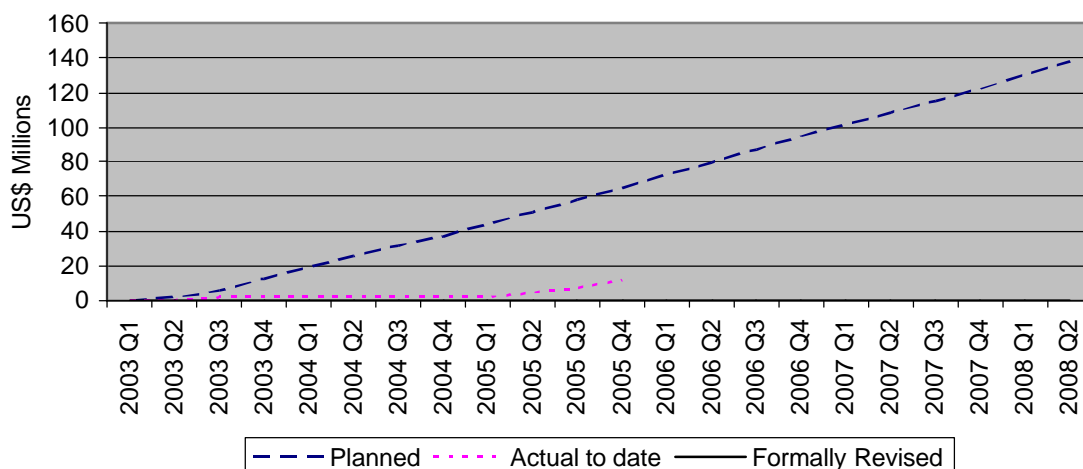
The objective is to provide efficient and sustainable water and sanitation services in five major urban areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Selection of contractors for all five cities is now completed, and work has started in all cities except Al-Mukallah. Work there was expected to start in September 2005. The objective will be achieved once the physical works are in place. The borrower is now shifting the focus to the institutional aspects of the project and will soon initiate a study on the regulatory framework and will call for private sector participation in the operation of Sana'a water and wastewater corporation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37000	Effective	152.04	11.87	140.39	0.00
IDA-Q1050	Closed	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Irrigation Improvement (P062714)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 09/07/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/25/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34120, JPN-25669

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (49%), General public administration (17%), Flood protection (16%), Roads and highways (16%), Agricultural extension and research (2%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Water resources management (P), Decentralization (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

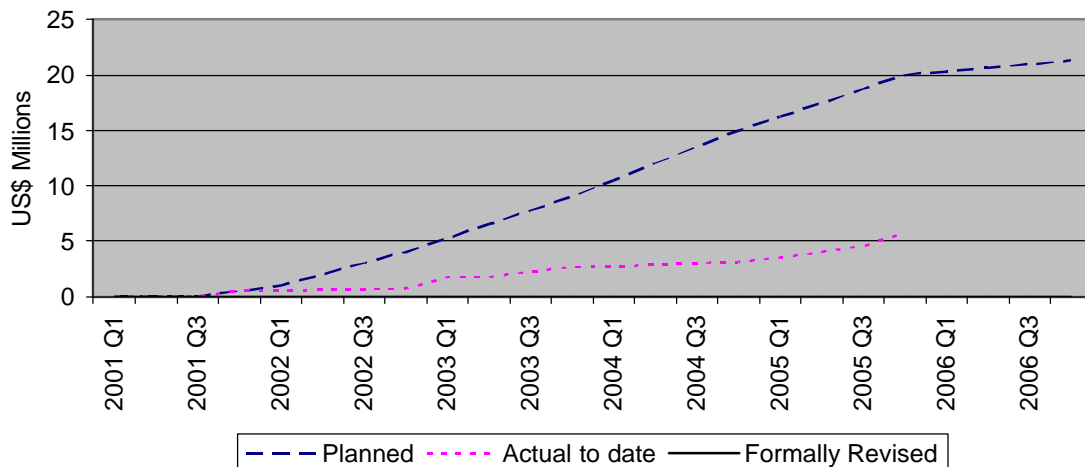
The objective is to ensure sustainable water use in two irrigation project areas of Tuban and Zabid.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Phase 1 is progressing well. While participatory irrigation, institution strengthening and capacity building and agricultural activities are proceeding well, civil works experienced substantial delay but picked up in 2005.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34120	Effective	23.64	5.73	17.72	0.00
JPN-25669	Closed	0.29	0.28	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Sana'a Basin Water Management (P064981)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37740, JPN-26202

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (50%), Crops (30%), Agricultural extension and research (20%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

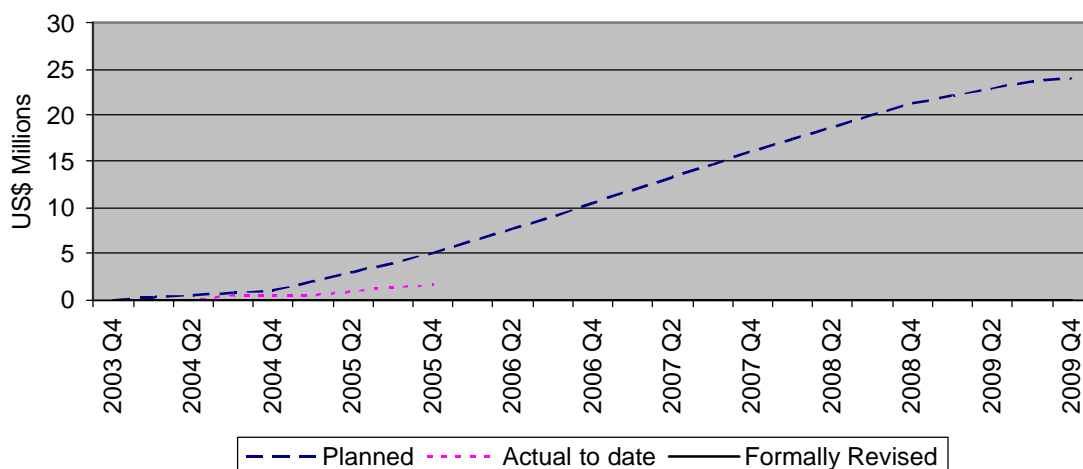
The Project Development Objective is to seek long-term solutions and promote sustainable groundwater management in the Sana'a Basin and extend the life span of the aquifer through reductions in groundwater abstractions through irrigation efficiency improvements.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress remains slow but steady and the project is on track in laying the foundation for groundwater management in the Sana'a Basin. The implementation of the irrigation component continues with the social mobilization teams having established about one third of the project target for Water User Associations. Farmer demand for efficient on-farm irrigation equipment is increasing with 15 demonstration farms now functioning in the basin. The recent diesel price increase provides a further impetus for the demand side component. The recharge component is on track with infrastructure investments likely to improve the water availability in the basin and provide major improvements to the current institutional arrangements for recharge design and construction. The institutional aspects have been further strengthened with the transfer of implementation responsibilities from the Project Coordination Unit to existing Government Units currently supported through technical assistance consultancies.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37740	Effective	25.68	1.61	24.12	0.00
JPN-26202	Closed	0.40	0.39	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): Port Cities Development Program (P065111)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 01/23/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37290, JPN-25918

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (80%), General transportation (10%), Information technology (10%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the investment climate and encourage growth and the creation of employment opportunities in port cities.

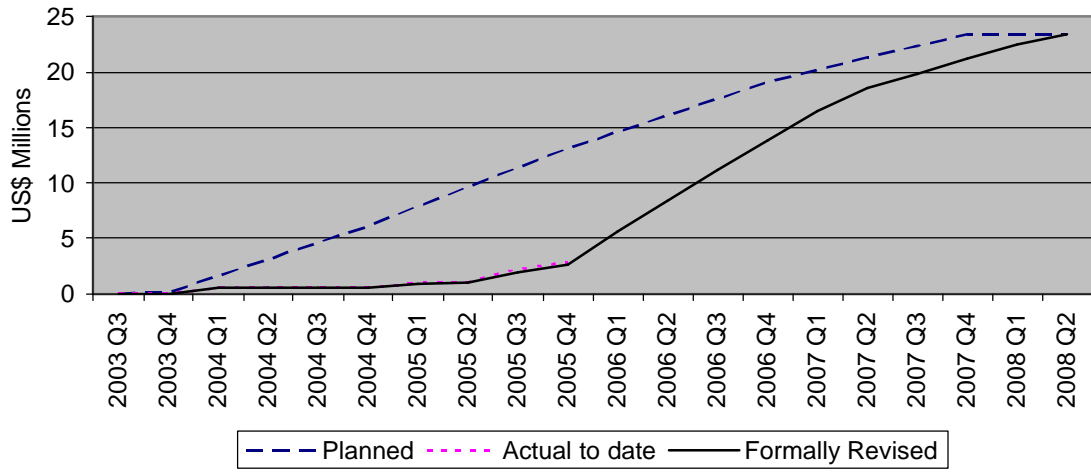
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Government has taken a number of critical steps to help the City of Aden position itself to attract investment and create a more enabling business environment in the city. These measures include: (a) reissuing the Aden Container Terminal concession to a private sector operator; (b) issuing a decree to devolve master planning responsibilities to the city and providing technical assistance through the Port Cities Development Program (PCDP) Credit leading to the completion of the first draft masterplan update; (c) issuing a decree authorizing the City of Aden to approve all new private sector investments proposed in the city, thus streamlining the review process by reducing the number of steps involved in securing approvals for new investments. First round investments are also well underway, including upgrading of a strategic fish market and small vessel port area in the tourism cluster of the City Development Strategy (CDS); renovation of historic buildings and transformation of these into productive city assets. Both of these investments have been catalytic in triggering new private sector investment in the immediate vicinity of PCDP subproject investments and in creating a more attractive investment environment more generally. In parallel, the cities of Hodeidah and Mukalla are now following the Aden model by conducting competitiveness assessments, preparing city development strategies, updating their masterplans, and developing multi-year investment programs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37290	Effective	25.83	2.88	22.99	0.00
JPN-25918	Closed	0.36	0.35	0.00	0.01

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Project Name (ID): Taiz Municipal Development and Flood Protection (P070092)
Country: Yemen
Board Approval Date: 11/01/2001
Midterm Review Date: 08/01/2004
Closing Date: 12/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35750, IDA-Q2410, IDA-Q2411
Sector(s): Flood protection (74%), Sub-national government administration (24%), Other social services (2%)
Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Decentralization (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Water resources management (P), Other social development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to protect city residents, businesses and infrastructure from seasonal destructive flash flooding in the City of Taiz; assist Taiz local government develop its capacity to carry out a major part of their responsibilities under the country's new Local Authorities Law; and initiate support for Yemen's decentralization program.

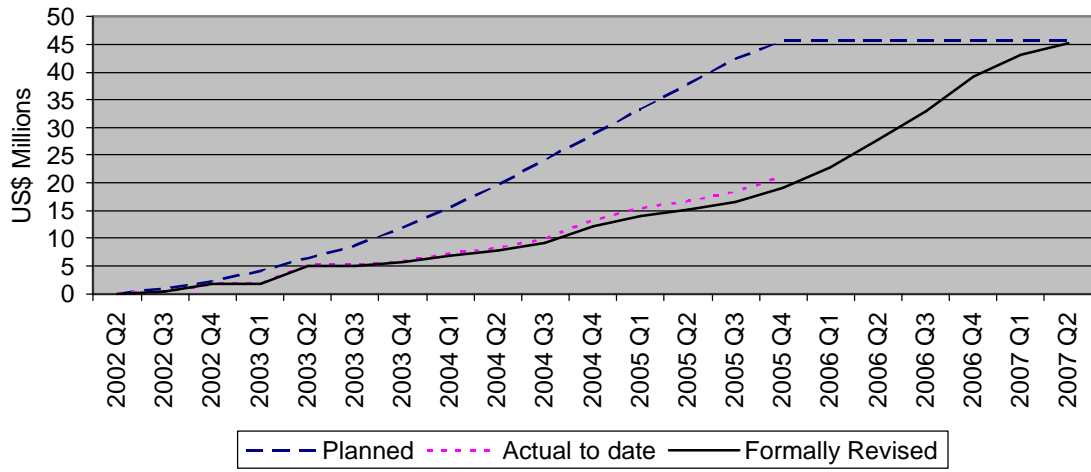
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Due to its location at the base of Mt. Sabir, Taiz City is subject to severe seasonal flash flooding that annually claims several lives, and inflicts significant damage on the residences and businesses of the city. In the project's base year, the average annual loss of life was 6-10 inhabitants, with an average of 129 households left severely damaged or destroyed and 158 businesses rendered inoperable. Over 18 kilometers of flood protection structures have now been erected; only one life has been lost over the past three years and physical damages to residences and businesses have been reduced by 80 percent and are confined to areas outside the project area. New sewage systems constructed along the flood structure channels in inner urban areas have reduced wastewater effluent seepage into the flood canals, thus reducing the exposure to diseases, particularly malaria. The Resettlement Village has been completed and over 200 squatters living without tenure security and access to potable water along the wadi banks will be relocated to this new village in September 2005. Under the decentralization component, contractors have broken ground to construct 18 new Local Council facilities for the newly elected councils and a national training program is under preparation for local councils and administrations. A new masterplan update is underway in the city of Taiz. Other strengthening measures are being implemented, including development of a solid waste management strategy, a street numbering system to improve local revenue collection, and land use planning guidelines to facilitate new private sector investments in the city.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35750	Effective	51.95	21.18	30.32	0.00
IDA-Q2410	Closed	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.35
IDA-Q2411	Closed	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.15

Status of Projects in Execution - FY05



Project Name (ID): Rural Access Improvement Program (P070391)
Country: Yemen
Board Approval Date: 06/07/2001
Midterm Review Date: 12/10/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35140
Sector(s): Roads and highways (97%), Central government administration (3%)
Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

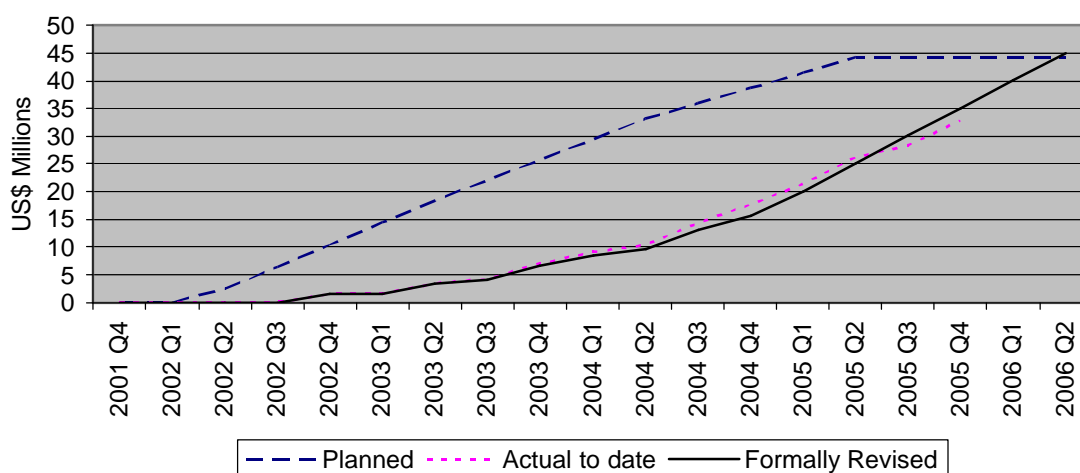
The objective of Phase I of the Program is to establish a sustainable foundation for large-scale improvements to rural accessibility in areas severely affected by poverty and with good prospects for rural development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objective is good. The project implementation unit (Rural Access Program Central Management Office, RAPCMO) has proven to be a competent and an effective agency that implements sound work methods and procedures. This has encouraged other donors to provide additional financing which exceeds the original Bank financing. Adequate methods for project analysis and selection, as well as low-cost technical standards have been developed and are being applied by the RAPCMO. Improvement of about 540 km of intermediate rural roads and village access roads is under way, and is more than twice the projected amount during project appraisal. Overall, the ongoing Phase I of the Program has successfully established a technical and an institutional basis to proceed with Phase II.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35140	Effective	51.65	32.91	18.54	0.00



Project Name (ID): Groundwater and Soil Conservation (P074413)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 02/26/2004

Closing Date: 10/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38600, JPN-26824

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (68%), Sub-national government administration (20%), Central government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

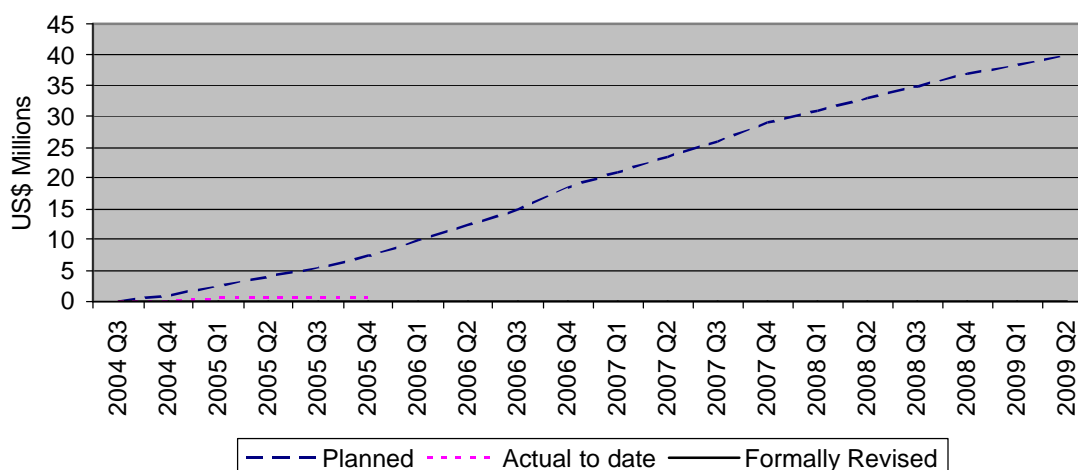
The project development objective is to promote groundwater conservation in farming areas and increase surface and groundwater availability through: (a) improving irrigation water use efficiency; (b) improving recharge and protection of watersheds; and (c) supporting the groundwater management framework and institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made steady progress in both physical and institutional aspects. The Project Coordination Unit and ten Field Units have conducted field surveys, designs, and consultations with local beneficiaries for the first year target of 15% of the total intervention area (around 28,000 ha) for irrigation improvement. They are now ready to install advanced irrigation systems in the fields based on cost-sharing arrangements. Key strategic studies and capacity building/awareness raising programs have been initiated for project staff, government officials and beneficiaries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38600	Effective	39.54	0.53	39.01	0.00
JPN-26824	Closed	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Higher Education (P076183)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 06/18/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36740

Sector(s): Tertiary education (68%), Central government administration (32%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Law reform (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

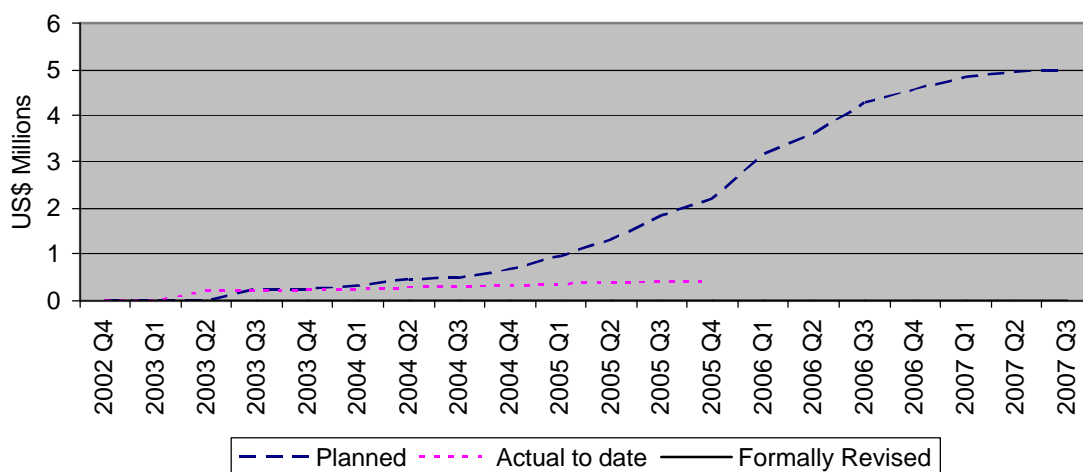
The objectives are to prepare a higher education strategy and pilot the initial phases of implementation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation had been slow during the first two years. However, the project objective is still considered a development priority and implementation progress made over the past several months has sufficiently improved. The draft higher education strategy is being revised after participatory workshops and a medium-term implementation plan is also being prepared. Key pilot reform areas such as the accreditation system and curriculum reforms have started.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36740	Effective	5.98	0.43	5.54	0.00



Project Name (ID): Basic Education Development Program (P076185)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 09/23/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39880, JPN-51357, MULT-53721

Sector(s): Primary education (70%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

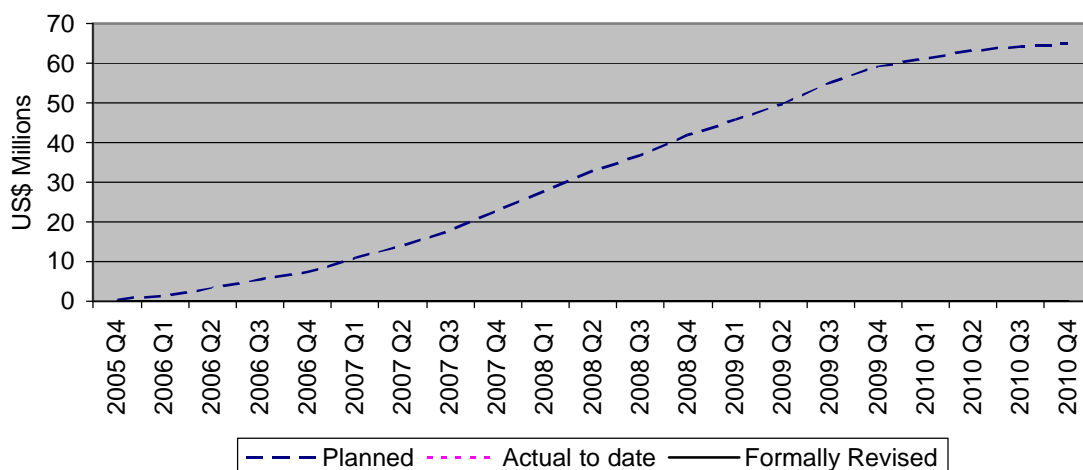
The objective is to expand the provision of quality basic education (grades 1-9) to all, with special attention on gender equity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project recently became effective. It is still too early to assess meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39880	Effective	64.64	2.00	62.66	0.00
JPN-51357	Closed	0.56	0.27	0.30	0.00
MULT-53721	Effective	22.43	0.00	22.43	0.00



Project Name (ID): Third Social Fund for Development (P082498)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 02/26/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: EECT-53450, IDA-38610

Sector(s): Primary education (55%), Water supply (15%), Health (15%), Other social services (10%), Micro and SME finance (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Gender (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

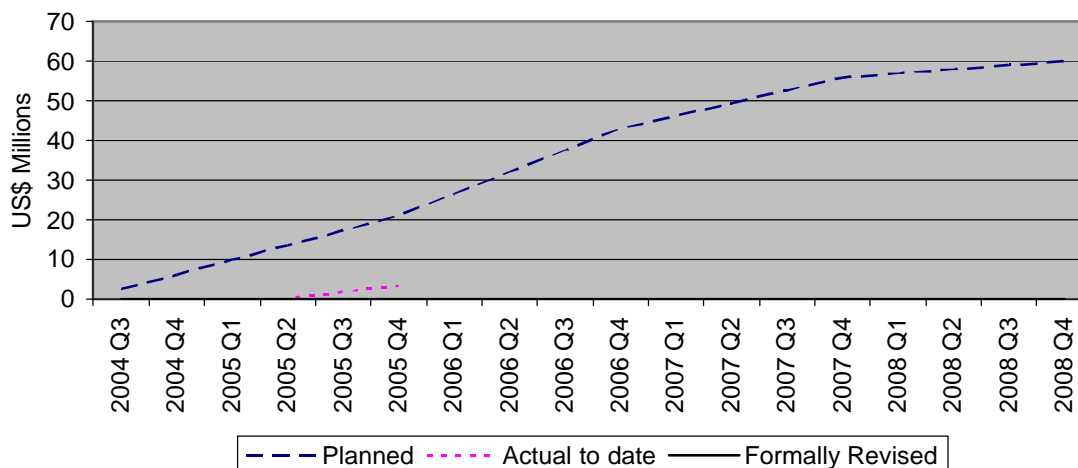
The objective is to further improve access of low income groups to basic social services, while providing an example of an effective, efficient, and transparent institutional mechanism for providing social services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made good progress toward achieving its development objectives. The Social Fund further strengthened the capacity of branch offices to carry out monitoring and evaluation work. It has become a model agency as it consistently and positively affects the development process. The quality of service delivery has considerably improved as a result of the fund's capacity building and other activities. The decrease in the unit cost for basic education and the introduction of community participation approaches in the Ministry of Education exemplify its effectiveness.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
EECT-53450	Effective	9.46	1.01	8.49	0.00
IDA-38610	Effective	60.85	3.24	57.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): Third Public Works (P082976)

Country: Yemen

Board Approval Date: 02/26/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38590

Sector(s): General education (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (30%), General transportation (20%), Health (10%), Other social services (10%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Social safety nets (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other financial and private sector development (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) provide needed infrastructure to improve services and environmental conditions (particularly those affecting women and children); and (b) create short- term employment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Because of very strict screening of environmental aspects, start-up of implementation was delayed. However, construction of infrastructure facilities had picked up until recently, when significant increase in cost of construction materials (steel and cement) somewhat slowed the pace of implementation. Achieving development objectives (DO) is linked to the delivery of sub-projects which is expected to start from the end of CY2005. Progress towards achieving the DO can be monitored after delivery of the subprojects. To date, 128 subprojects have been contracted and are under implementation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38590	Effective	45.67	4.55	41.18	0.00

