

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

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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: Afghanistan

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Board Approval Date: 04/04/2002

Midterm Review Date: 01/30/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0060

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

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

Project Development Objectives:

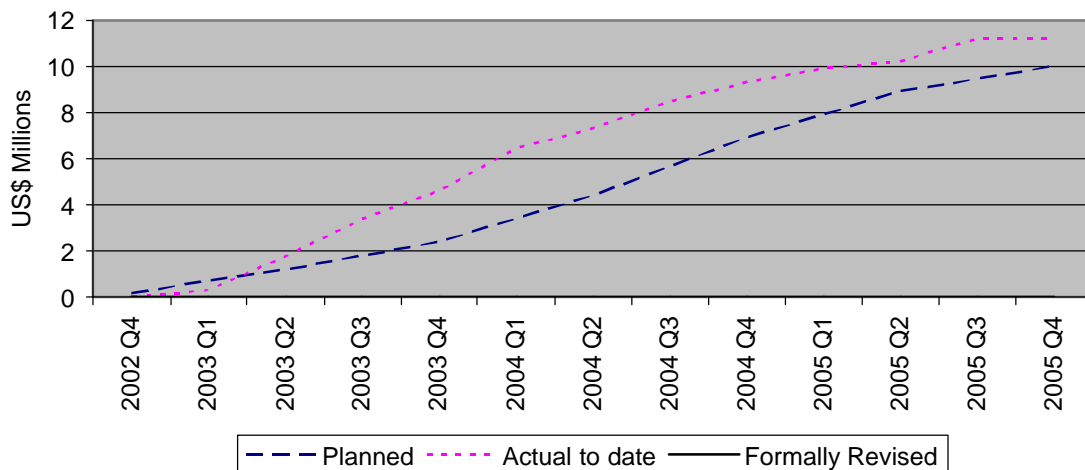
On an emergency basis, to assist the Afghanistan government in putting in place capacity in key public administration areas to facilitate better use of public resources, including donor funds, for urgent reconstruction and development efforts in a transparent, and accountable manner. To lay the foundation for a transparent, well-functioning public administration.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project resources were successfully used to fund the continuing operations of the Procurement Agent, FM Agent, and Audit Agent to support these key functions for the Afghanistan government. This project is now closing so these operations are continuing under a repeater operation, EPAP 2, and a new Bank-funded operation, the Public Administration and Capacity Building Project that became effective in May 2005. The project objective has been substantially achieved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0060	Effective	11.82	11.19	0.27	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Infrastructure Reconstruction (P077779)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/06/2002

Midterm Review Date: 07/01/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0070

Sector(s): Power (45%), Water supply (35%), Sanitation (9%), Central government administration (6%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Other urban development (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

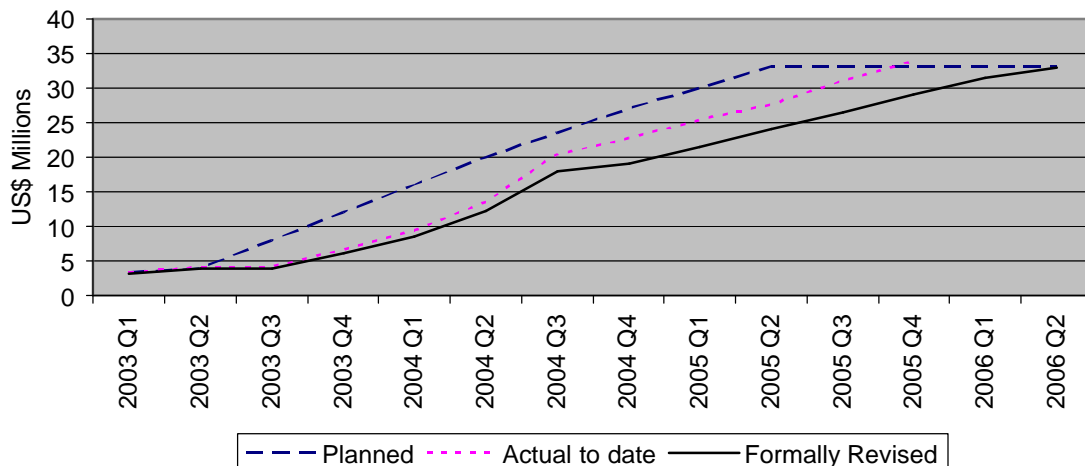
The objective is to improve selected infrastructure delivery/facilities including water & power and support the economic recovery process.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although physical implementation was slow to start, the project continues to make progress toward achieving its development objectives. In the power sector, the objective has already been achieved through the re-commissioning of the thermal plant in Kabul which almost doubled the available capacity for the capital city, the installation of diesel generator sets in 6 provincial cities without alternative power supply, and the finalization of the power sector master plan which provides an investment roadmap for the country. In the urban sector, over 100 labor intensive projects in the five largest cities have been implemented through community participation, generating over 430,000 person days of employment. Rehabilitation of water supply systems in the various provincial towns is underway which should decrease water loss from 50-60% to about 35% of current water production and the number of people served in the 11 towns should increase from about 460,000 to about 715,000. The project has also helped with solid waste management in Kabul City. Over 120,000 cubic meters of solid waste was collected and 46 community organization were formed to help solve sanitation problems in Kabul between October 2002 and May 2004.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0070	Effective	38.67	33.91	4.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Education Rehabilitation and Development (P077896)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/06/2002

Midterm Review Date: 02/25/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0080

Sector(s): Adult literacy/non-formal education (33%), Other social services (31%), General education (30%), General public administration (6%)

Theme(s): Gender (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

Project Development Objectives:

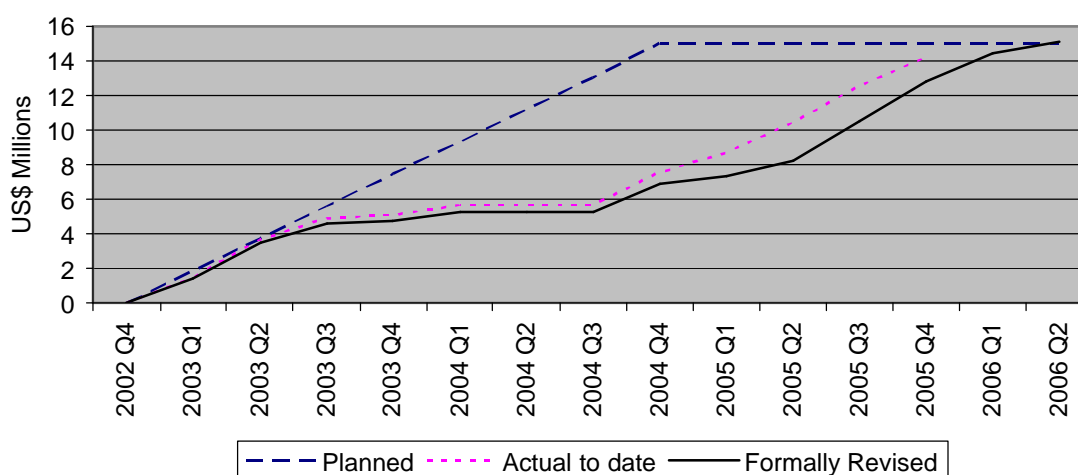
The objective is to address emergency needs of primary education (school rehabilitation, teacher training, teaching-learning materials, etc.) through community participation in some provinces.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has substantially achieved its development objectives with considerable progress in the increase of girls' participation in schooling and social awareness with the formation of School Management Committees. Moreover, there has been increased collaboration between Provincial Education and Finance Departments and communities. The first Education Management Information System has been established in the Ministry of Education with the completion of database development from school survey 2004. Detailed data of teachers, administrative staff and school buildings from approximately 7800 schools and 110,000 teachers is available in the user-friendly Access database in Dari, Pashto and English.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0080	Effective	17.66	14.18	3.21	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Transport Rehabilitation (P078284)
Country: Afghanistan
Board Approval Date: 03/11/2003
Midterm Review Date: 12/18/2004
Closing Date: 06/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37350
Sector(s): Roads and highways (80%), Aviation (20%)
Theme(s): Regional integration (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

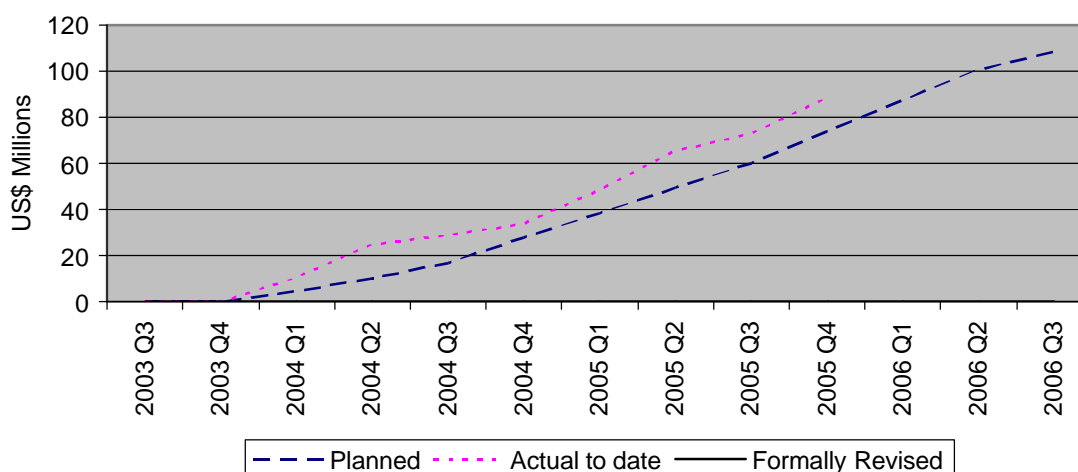
The objectives are to facilitate the country's economic and social recovery through improved physical access to goods, markets, and administrative and social services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress towards achieving the project's objective has been made. Average travel time along the northern corridor was significantly improved by the completion of Salang Tunnel rehabilitation. It is further improving with the on-going pavement and bridge rehabilitation works. These works are somewhat behind their original plan, but most of them are expected to be completed by the planned completion date (12/31/05). Daytime humanitarian flows along the northern corridor are feasible with a stable political situation. Night flows need some precautions, but it is expected to improve with further political stability. International airlines have gradually begun operating to Kabul, and are expected to increase by the end of project. Most rural communities have significantly improved access to markets, social services and administrative centers by the improvement of the northern corridor.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37350	Effective	116.73	88.25	29.41	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Sector Emergency Rehabilitation (P078324)
Country: Afghanistan
Board Approval Date: 06/05/2003
Midterm Review Date: 05/18/2005
Closing Date: 03/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0430, JPN-51711
Sector(s): Health (88%), Central government administration (10%), Health insurance (1%), Water supply (1%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Child health (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objectives are: (i) to assist the MOH in reducing the rates of infant, child and maternal mortality, child malnutrition, and fertility through expanding delivery of the Basic Package of Health Services and increasing equity in the delivery of services; (ii) strengthen the MOH's stewardship over the sector including a greater role in health care financing, coordination of partners, and overseeing the work of NGOs; and (iii) building the capacity of Afghan health workers to provide and manage health services.

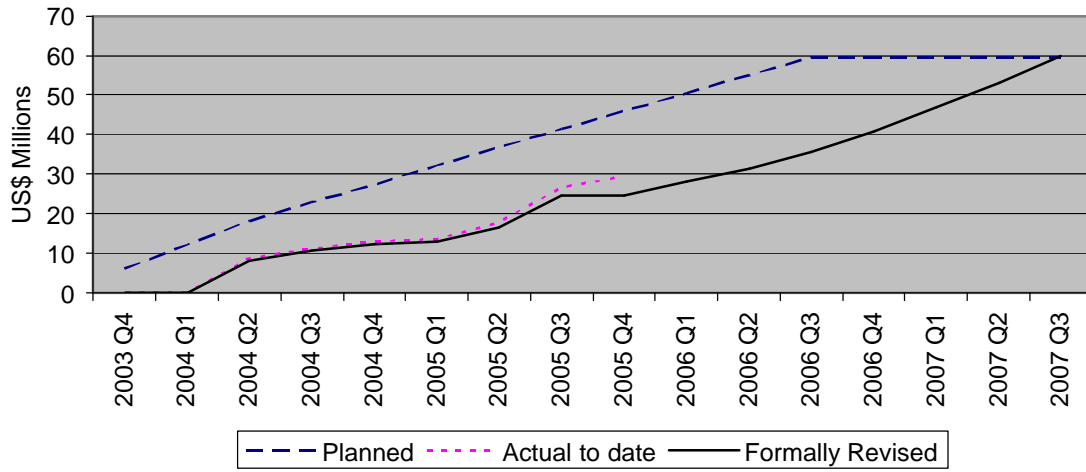
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Ministry of Public Health and its partners have made encouraging progress in delivering the basic package of health services to underserved rural communities. Health management information system data suggests that the amount of services delivered to the population of the project provinces over the last year has increased substantially (e.g., outpatient visits appears to have tripled). These results are consistent with a 68% increase in the number of functioning health centers, a large increase in trained female staff (62% of health centers now have female staff), and deployment of thousands of community health workers. Progress on the other aspects of the project has also been heartening. Rigorously controlled studies of: (i) different approaches to reducing diarrheal diseases; and (ii) community health financing, are far advanced. A significant amount of capacity building has been undertaken, including a high level health sector reform course put on with the World Bank Institute and Johns Hopkins University. Considerable work remains in the project provinces to further increase the coverage of services and strengthen the quality of care. Achieving these improvements in the current security context will be very challenging.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0430	Effective	63.76	29.37	34.84	0.00
JPN-51711	Effective	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Emergency Irrigation Rehabilitation (P078936)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/23/2003

Closing Date: 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38450

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (75%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (10%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

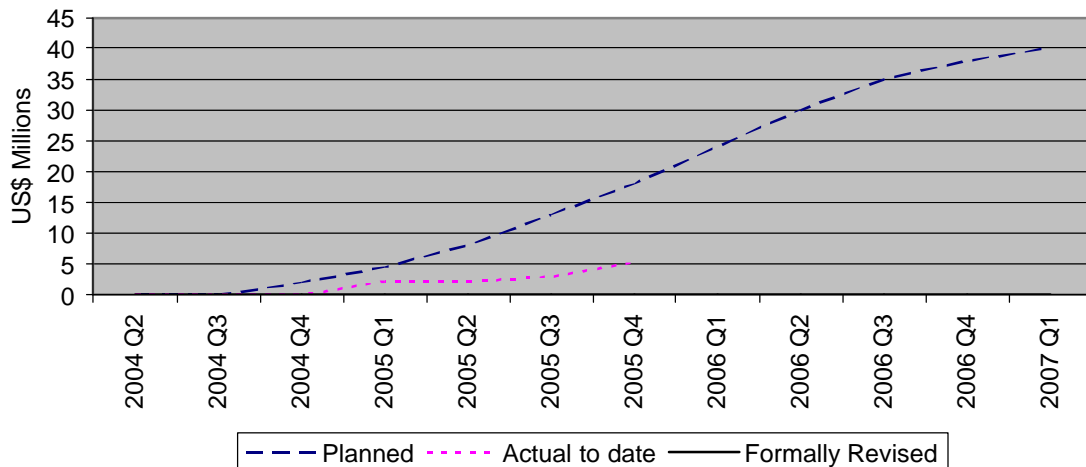
The project development objective is to provide farmers in the project areas with improved, reliable and equitable distribution of irrigation water to increase agricultural productivity and farm income, improved food security and livelihood, and reduce vulnerability due to droughts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been slower than expected. The project had a slow start up due to delayed contract signing and mobilization of the implementation support consultant, which is FAO. FAO was selected at the end of 2003, the contract was signed in June 2004, and mobilization started in August 2004. Security has also affected the start up work and implementation. However, there have been noticeable improvement in progress since May 2005 consequent to actions taken by FAO and IDA. Disbursements have improved and as of June 2005, 164 subproject proposals for rehabilitation of irrigation schemes have been prepared, of which 122 subprojects (benefiting 118,057 ha of irrigated lands) have been approved, and 83 subprojects were ongoing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38450	Effective	40.71	5.24	35.60	0.00



Project Name (ID): National Emergency Employment Program for Rural Access (P082472)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/24/2003

Midterm Review Date: 03/31/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37990, IDA-H0540, JPN-53414

Sector(s): Other social services (50%), Roads and highways (50%)

Theme(s): Other social protection and risk management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S)

Project Development Objectives:

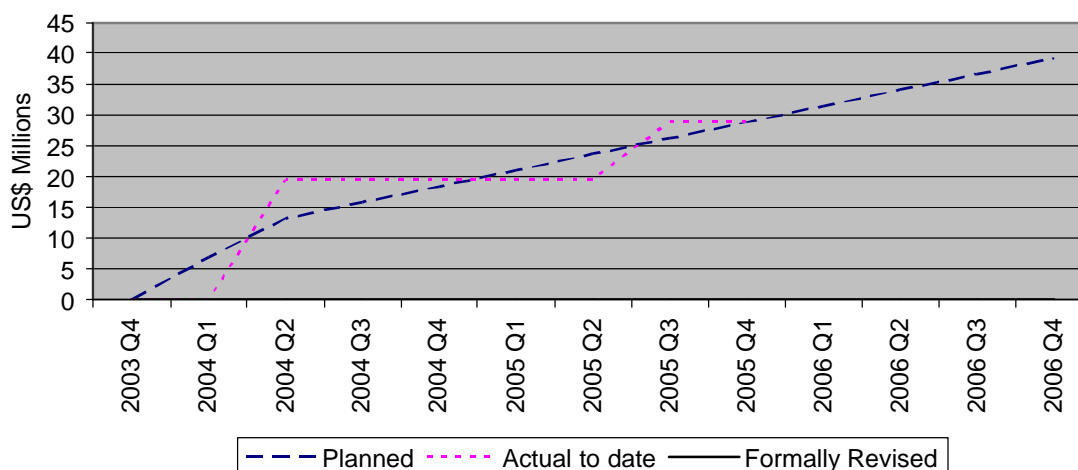
The project objective is to provide targeted social protection and vocational training to ex combatants as well as the provision of alternate livelihoods in poppy growing areas. In addition, it is designed to help improve key rural access infrastructure thus enhancing livelihood opportunities of the rural poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress is on track towards achievement of the project's development objectives. To date more than 300 sub projects have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented generating 3.5 million paid labor days. More than 1,200 ex combatants have been trained, or are under going training. This is a key priority Government program which has recently integrated into its strategic approach the National Rural Access Program (NRAP) thus signifying a gradual shift of focus from emergency social protection needed in the post conflict transitional period, to developing more sustainable and well maintained rural road infrastructure while continuing to create ample long term employment opportunities. The NRAP maintenance strategy shall further continue generating labor intensive interventions as well, ensuring the continued social protection outcomes of rural access development in Afghanistan. Additional funding for NEEP has been committed to by various donors.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37990	Effective	21.60	10.12	11.36	0.00
IDA-H0540	Effective	19.84	18.76	1.35	0.00
JPN-53414	Effective	19.60	9.80	9.80	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Emergency Public Administration (P082610)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/24/2003

Closing Date: 03/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: DFID-52330, IDA-H0550

Sector(s): General public administration (100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Macroeconomic management (P), Other public sector governance (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to enhance accountability, transparency and efficiency in the management and of public resources and the implementation of the National Development Budget.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Key Public Financial Management areas of Procurement, Financial Management, and Audit are functioning well under the Agents that are funded by this project. Progress on more broad-based civil service reform programs has been solid with more ministries and departments implementing Priority Reform and Restructuring status and administrative reforms. Merit-based recruitment is being used for staff at senior levels. These initiatives are laying the basis for the government to achieve its vision of a public administration that is focused on executing its core functions in a transparent manner.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
DFID-52330	Effective	2.96	0.00	2.96	0.00
IDA-H0550	Effective	8.90	6.32	2.70	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Communications Development (P083720)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 10/07/2003

Closing Date: 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38250

Sector(s): Telecommunications (65%), Central government administration (23%), Information technology (10%), Postal services (2%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Other public sector governance (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Emergency Communications Development Project is improvement of government communications capacity and telecommunications sector development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

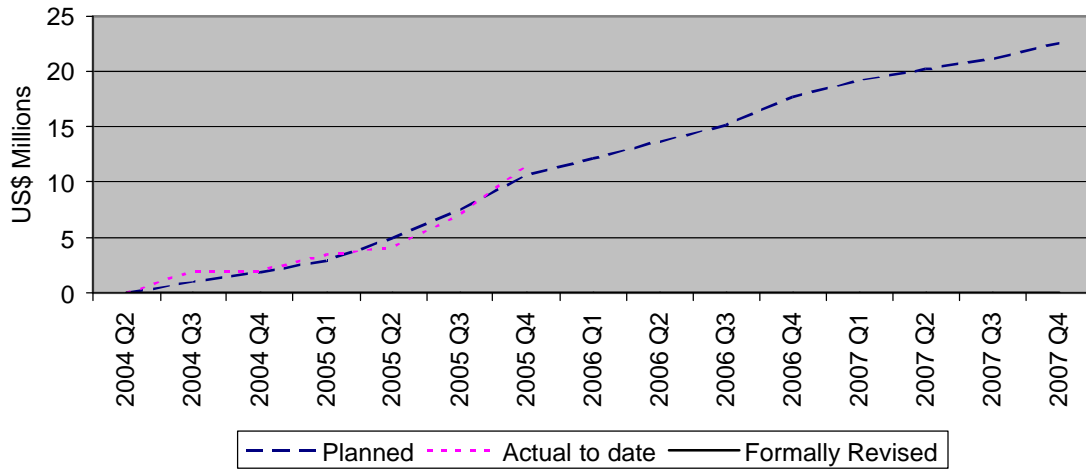
Afghanistan has gone from 20,000 to 700,000 working lines in two years, and the mobile footprint covers as much as 50-60 percent of the country's population, providing services in 23 provinces (with mobile operator plans to extend to 50 cities). The country has a teledensity of 2.6% (up from 0.1% in 2002), which puts it ahead of a considerable percentage of low income countries. Expansion of the government communications network is proceeding with nine provinces now connected to the Government Communications Network. Local Area Network rollout in select Ministry offices in Kabul has commenced, along with site preparation for the Network Operating Center.

While the draft Telecoms Law remains under negotiation the decree creating Afghan Tel as a corporate entity was approved. The Telecommunications Regulatory Board has undertaken a public consultation process to assess the advantages and practicalities of moving towards a unified licensing regime and further liberalizing the sector. Procurement of bicycles, computers and motorcycles needed to improve Postal delivery and services has been completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38250	Effective	22.91	11.48	11.79	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Emergency Customs Modernization and Trade Facilitation (P083906)
Country: Afghanistan
Board Approval Date: 12/23/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38440
Sector(s): Central government administration (100%)
Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Tax policy and administration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

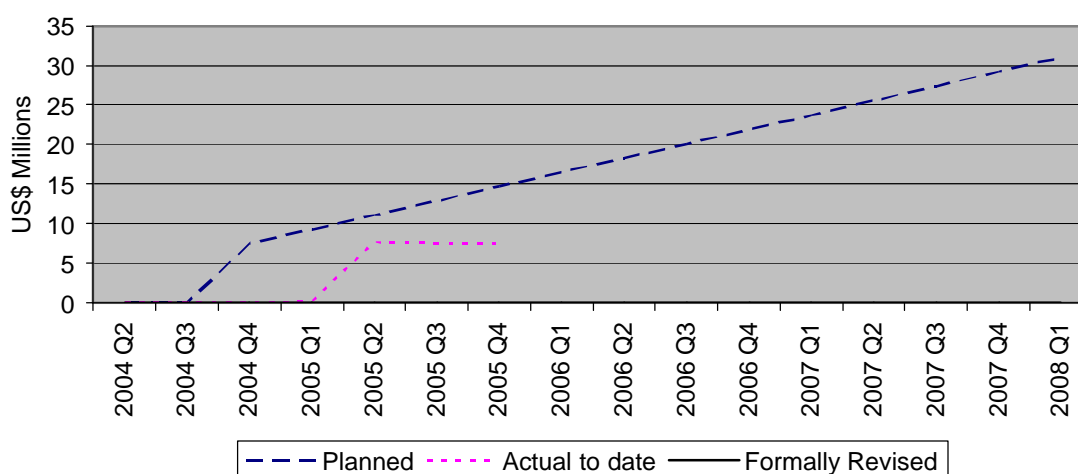
The objective is to help establish a more efficient customs and transit regime, including key customs and related transit infrastructure and communications, and the capacity for customs and transit administration.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been achieved in both physical infrastructure and technical assistance. A new Customs Law is in place and the tariff rationalization process is on track with new tariffs approved and being enforced. Two well attended workshops have helped to accelerate and continue the institutional reforms process with further workshops planned for top and middle management of ACD. The Customs Reform Unit has been established to coordinate donor and implementing agencies efforts on Customs Reform and Modernization. Performance measurements at Kabul ICD and Airport were completed in June 2004, with surveys at multiple locations planned or underway. This will help in establishing a baseline for the measurement, monitoring and evaluation of customs and TF reforms and infrastructure development planned under both the Bank project and the overall customs modernization plan of GoA. Construction, rehabilitation and improvement of border posts, radio rooms and related facilities are underway. Implementation of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) is progressing well. Most of the IT and telecommunication equipment has been procured or in process of procurement. The Afghan SQMT Authority was established, and the draft law on Standards is being finalized.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38440	Effective	31.52	7.50	24.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Power Rehabilitation (P083908)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/22/2004

Closing Date: 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39330, MULT-54718

Sector(s): Power (95%), Central government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

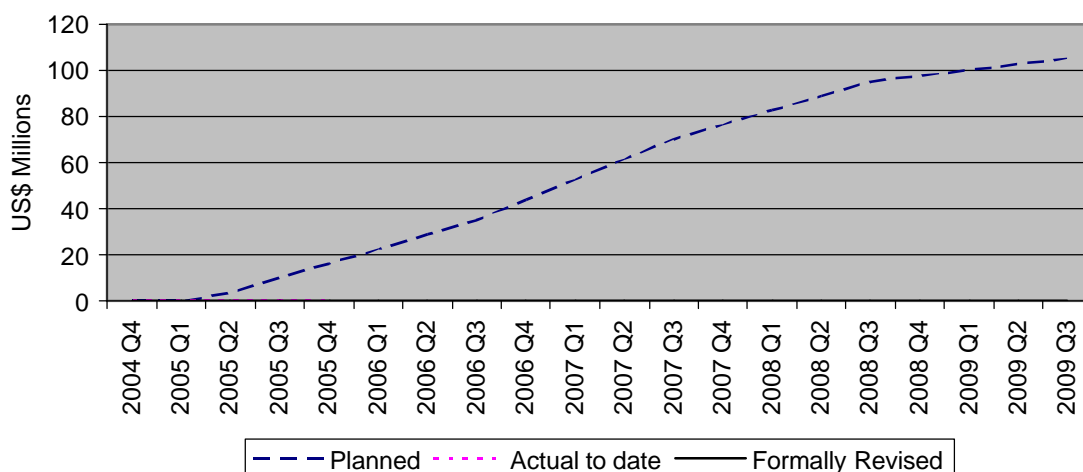
The objective is to provide an improved and more reliable power supply to the people in Kabul.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The major project components are still under procurement and as such it is still too early for meaningful progress to be reported.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39330	Effective	105.64	0.03	105.61	0.00
MULT-54718	Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Kabul Urban Reconstruction (P083919)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39670

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection (40%), Sub-national government administration (35%), Roads & highways (24%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal governance(P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

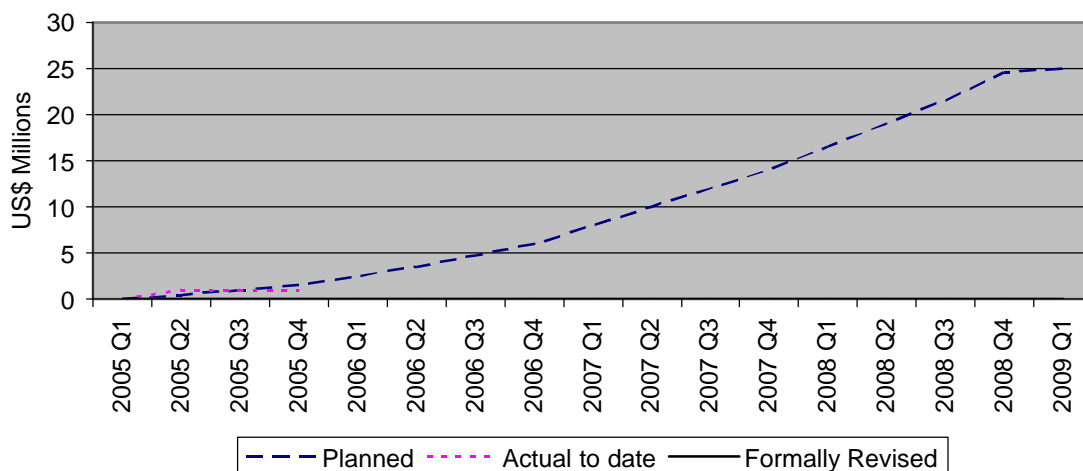
The objective of the Project is to improve urban management and the delivery of urban services in Kabul.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is in its early stages of implementation and progress is being made towards achievement of its objectives. Neighborhoods eligible for upgrading have been identified and selection will occur in August. Staff of the Project Management Unit have been identified. Evaluation of proposals for the Technical Support Unit is underway. Draft TORs for the Municipal Finance component have been prepared.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39670	Effective	24.95	1.00	24.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Quality Improvement Program (P083964)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1190, MULT-54730

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (25%), Sub-national government administration (15%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

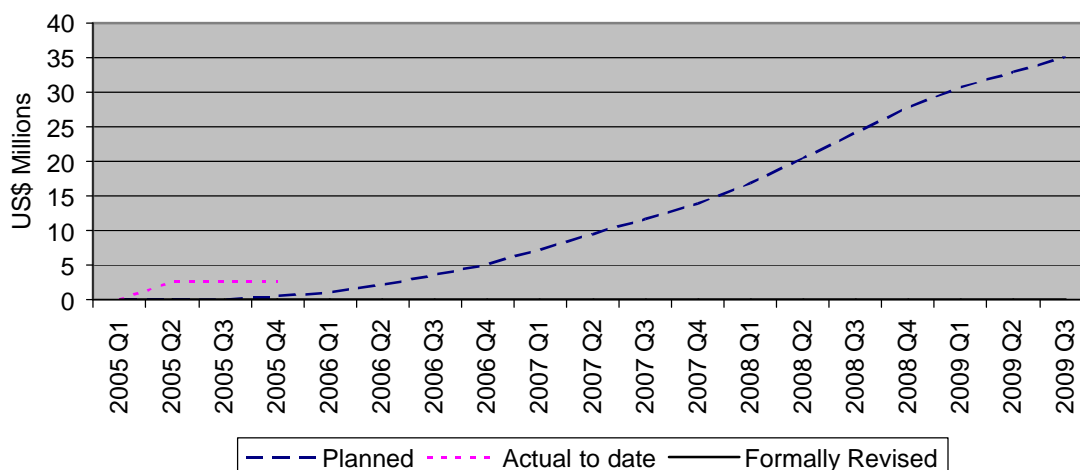
The objective is to improve the quality of education through: (a) a focus on schools and communities to strengthen their capacity to better manage teaching-learning activities; (b) investment in human resources (teachers, principals and educational administration personnel) and physical facilities; and (c) institutional development of schools, District Education Departments, Provincial Education Departments and the Ministry of Education. The overarching aim of the program is to promote education for girls by putting a priority for female teachers and students within each component activity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been slower than expected due to frequent changes in leadership at the Ministry and the general lack of implementation capacity. Nevertheless, progress has been made in establishing an implementation committee with key staff and the first in a series of training workshops for Master Trainers in the nationwide Teacher Training Program has taken place.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1190	Effective	35.02	2.60	32.55	0.00
MULT-54730	Effective	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency National Solidarity (P084329)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/23/2003

Closing Date: 03/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0720, IDA-H1740, JPN-54367, MULT-53939

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (25%), Primary education (25%), Renewable energy (20%), Water supply (20%), Micro and SME finance (10%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Gender (S), Social risk mitigation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to lay the foundations for a strengthening of community level governance, and to support community managed sub-projects for reconstruction and development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

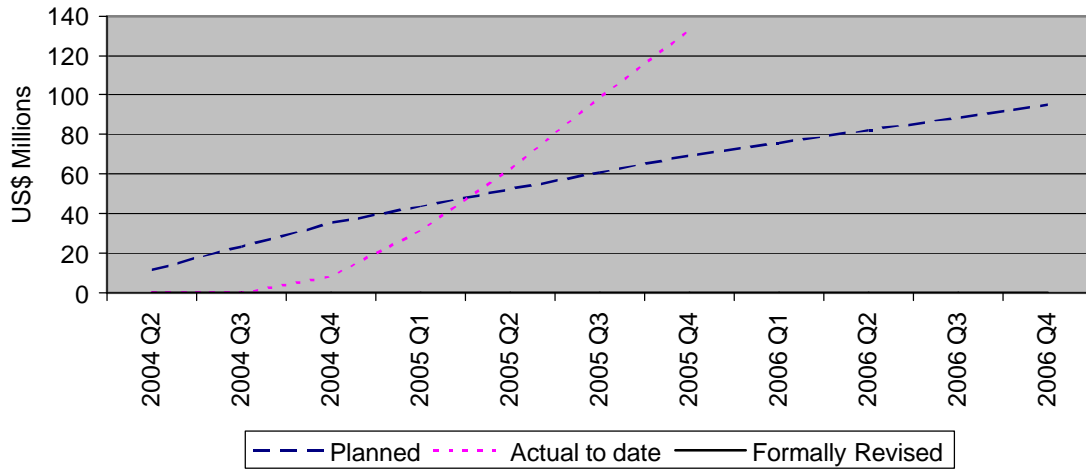
Progress is being made towards achieving the development objectives. The program's emphasis on community participation in program implementation keeps showing very encouraging results. The secret ballot-based election process under the NSP has created thousands of Community Development Councils that contribute to building local governance, while demand-driven community projects have benefited about a third of the poor in rural areas. The following summarizes the number of community projects financed under the NSP through the reporting period:

- Water supply projects 2,100
- Irrigation projects 1,940
- Roads/Bridges 1,906
- Power projects 1,808
- School Buildings 347
- Sanitation 196
- Clinics 6

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0720	Effective	96.45	87.49	10.82	0.00
IDA-H1740	Not Effective	27.37	0.00	27.37	0.00
JPN-54367	Effective	10.97	1.53	9.44	0.00
MULT-53939	Effective	52.00	46.36	5.64	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Public Administration Capacity Building (P084736)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/27/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1440

Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Law and justice(15%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

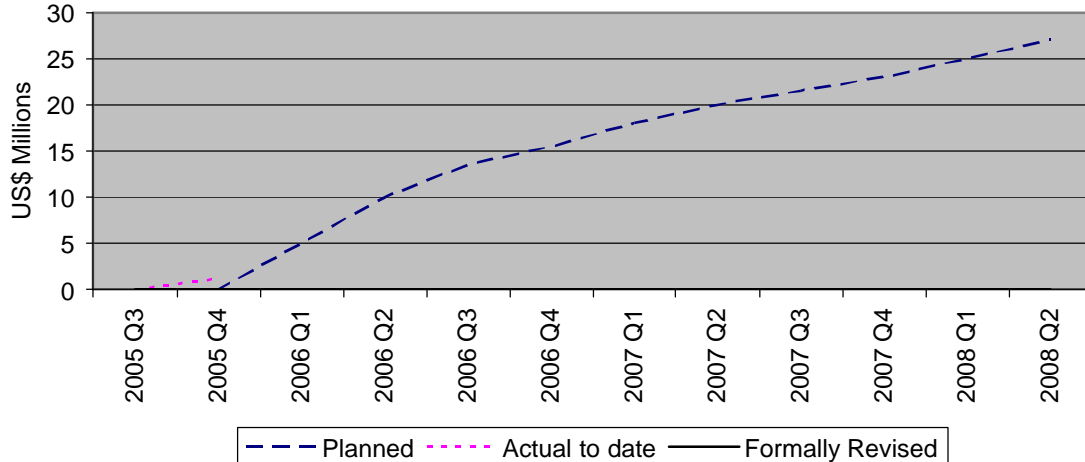
To assist in developing the capacity to manage public expenditures in an effective, transparent and accountable manner to achieve satisfactory and sustainable development outcomes in Afghanistan in public sector procurement, financial management, and accountability systems.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the later part of the reporting period and it is still in too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1440	Effective	26.85	1.18	25.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): Investment Guarantee Facility (P088719)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39680

Sector(s): Non-compulsory pensions, insurance, and contractual savings (100%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

Project Development Objectives:

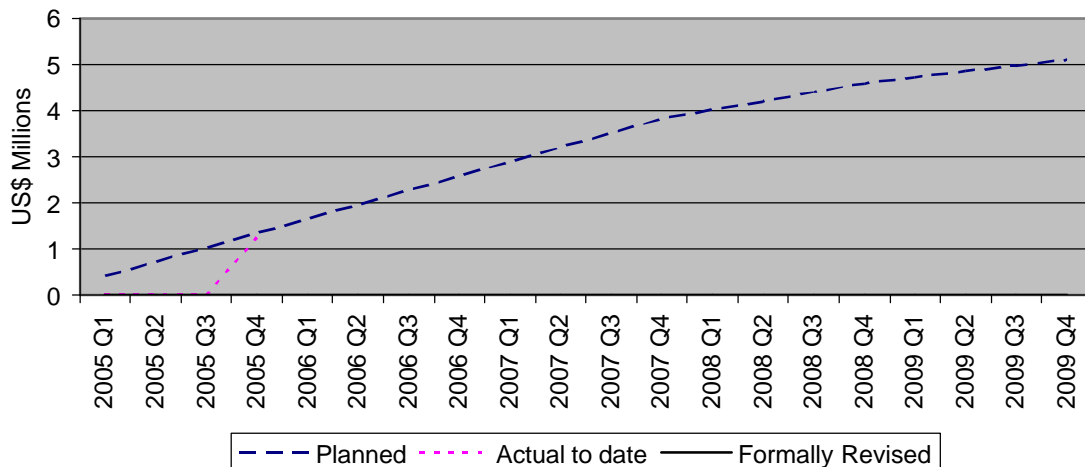
The proposed Investment Guarantee Facility is intended to assist Afghanistan in its reconstruction efforts by stimulating foreign direct investment through a program of political risk assurance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made significant progress in achieving its development objectives. As of May 10, 2005, there are 13 Preliminary Applications in totaling US\$1.4bn. Two applications for US\$2m coverage are being processed. Although some of the projects are unlikely to proceed, the Facility expects about 50% to result in definitive applications. The project is still on target to achieve the budgeted disbursement of US\$1.25 before the end of FY05.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39680	Effective	5.11	1.25	3.88	0.00



Project Name (ID): Strengthening Higher Education Program (P089040)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/19/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1620

Sector(s): Tertiary education (96%), Central government administration (4%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to progressively restore basic operational performance at a group of six core universities. This will provide an institutional basis for an agenda focusing on tertiary education development, capacity building and reform.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not yet effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1620	Not Effective	38.16	0.00	38.16	0.00