

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: BANGLADESH

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Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05
Region: South Asia
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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: Bangladesh

Project Name (ID): Fourth Fisheries (P009468)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 07/20/1999

Midterm Review Date: 06/04/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-32760, JPN-29731

Sector(s): Animal production (52%), Central government administration (30%), Agricultural extension and research (18%)

Theme(s): Rural non-farm income generation (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Export development and competitiveness (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are increased fish and shrimp production for domestic consumption and export as well as strengthening of the Ministry of Fisheries.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

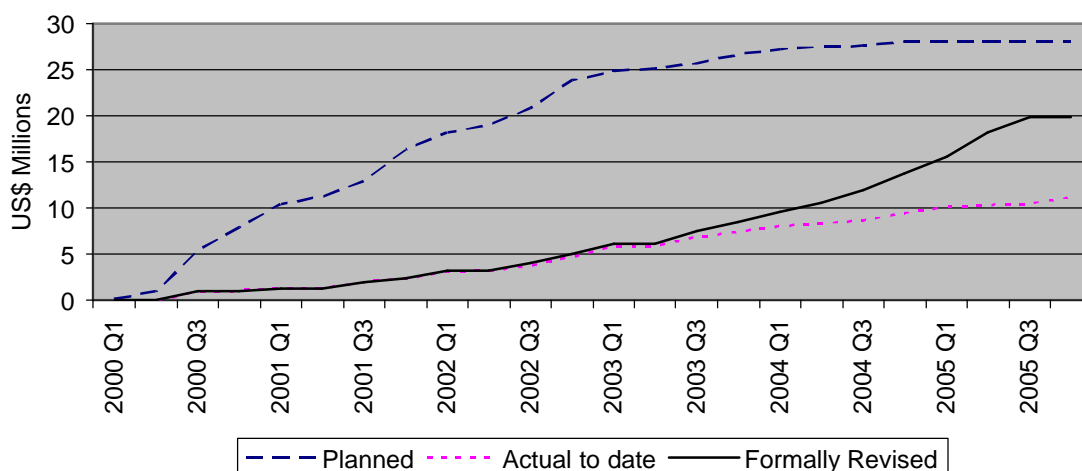
A portion of the project's funds were reallocated to the Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall implementation has made good progress during FY05 and is continuously improving. The Credit closing date has been extended by one and half year up to June 30, 2006 for selected activities. DFID, other co-financier of the project, extended its Grant closing date up to June 2005. The project is likely to achieve most of its development objective by end of the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32760	Effective	30.06	11.14	9.38	8.25
JPN-29731	Closed	0.20	0.14	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): Third Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance (P037294)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 10/01/1998

Midterm Review Date: 11/26/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-N0430

Sector(s): Roads and highways (86%), Central government administration (14%)

Theme(s): Improving labor markets (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

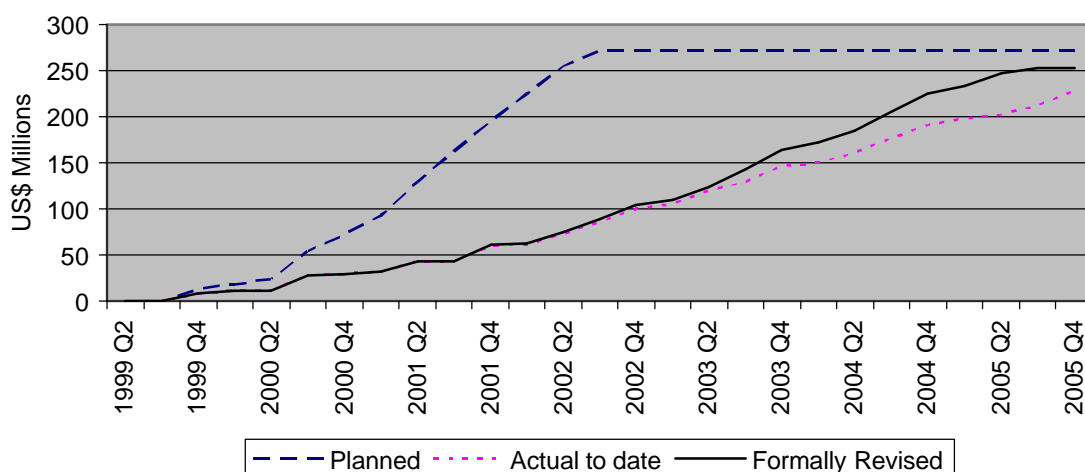
The objectives are to reduce the total cost of road transport on key national highways and regional roads, and to improve the institutional capacity of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made in the fiscal year 2005. All the civil works funded by the project have been completed. As a result, 280 km of new road has been built, 620 km of existing road improved, and 35 black-spots removed. A number of innovation steps have also been taken during the implementation of the project, such as, introduction of toll roads, separate lane for non-motorized traffic on the N-H-B road which has helped in reducing accidents and significantly increasing the efficiency of the new road, introduction of the corridor management concept in the newly constructed by-pass of the D-S road by outsourcing it to a private entrepreneur, and implementation of comprehensive road safety awareness campaigns in the project area. The Institutional Development component also advanced in the following areas: (i) restructuring of RHD; (ii) improvement of RHD financial management system; (iii) enhancement in management and maintenance of RHD road network; and (iv) improved operation, including policy and planning, to develop, manage and maintain a safe and cost effective road transport network.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-N0430	Effective	296.79	227.26	54.70	0.00



Project Name (ID): Municipal Services (P041887)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 03/03/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-31770

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (58%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (20%), Other social services (17%), General transportation (5%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal finance (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To improve urban environment, infrastructure and services, and, to that end, to: (a) strengthen the institutional capacity of selected municipalities and city corporations; (b) improve resource allocation and fiscal discipline; and (c) support governmental efforts to reduce urban poverty and improve the environmental conditions of urban communities.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

A portion of the project's funds were reallocated to the Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program.

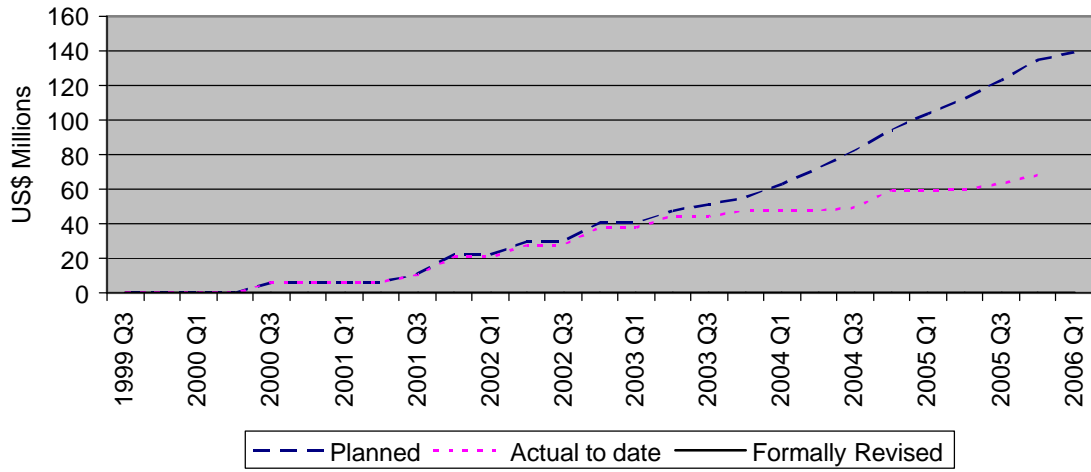
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress is continuing towards achieving the first objective. A minimum program of capacity-building improvements is being implemented in the selected municipalities through a network of regional Municipal Support Units. After a delay the Municipal Development Fund has become functional and demand for its services is substantial. Despite having to cost-share, and to repay a proportion of the funding, almost 150 local bodies have applied to it. To date work has started in 51 municipalities and project proposals have been approved in 73 municipalities. Given the extension of the Credit until June 30, 2007, the component's full allocation will be utilized. Further, Flood Damage Rehabilitation works are being undertaken in 52 municipalities with funds reallocated for this component. The basic infrastructure investments are mostly complete and operational, helping achieve the third objective

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31770	Effective	145.91	67.94	72.65	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Private Sector Infrastructure Development (P044789)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 10/28/1997

Closing Date: 03/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-29950

Sector(s): Power (31%), Telecommunications (30%), Oil and gas (30%), Central government administration (9%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Other urban development (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to promote the development of a modern and efficient infrastructure system in Bangladesh, with the significant participation of the private sector in the financing, construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure facilities.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

Rehabilitation of physical and social infrastructure damaged by the 2004 floods for speedy recovery of affected areas and population particularly the poor and vulnerable emphasizing reduction of vulnerability over long term.

Continue promotion of infrastructure projects for private participation and creation of a framework for the sustained and efficient operation of infrastructure by the private sector including making the Private Sector infrastructure Guidelines (PSIG) operational.

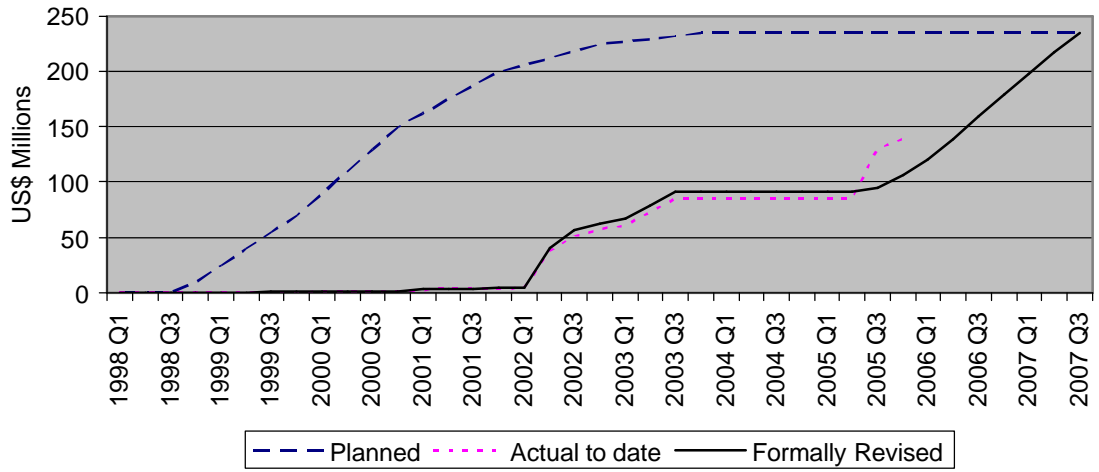
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achieving the project objectives is proceeding. Five special accounts have been opened and initial deposits transferred. Respective Project offices are implementing works, carrying out assessment, and some are preparing bidding documents and procurement plans. Progress on two components (Quick Disbursing Support and Support to IIFC) is on track with moderate progress being made in implementation of the Primary Road Network-RHD, Secondary Road Network-LGED, and Primary Schools-LGED. However, the pace of implementation for the flood rehabilitation a major component needs to be improved substantially. Progress on Component 1 (Livelihood Restoration) and 2 (Infrastructure Rehabilitation) has been slow as well. Progress is expected to pick up in the latter half of the year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-29950	Effective	246.01	138.51	98.38	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Legal and Judicial Capacity Building (P044810)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2001

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34850, WBTF-27508

Sector(s): Law and justice (100%)

Theme(s): Access to law and justice (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Law reform (P), Legal services (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

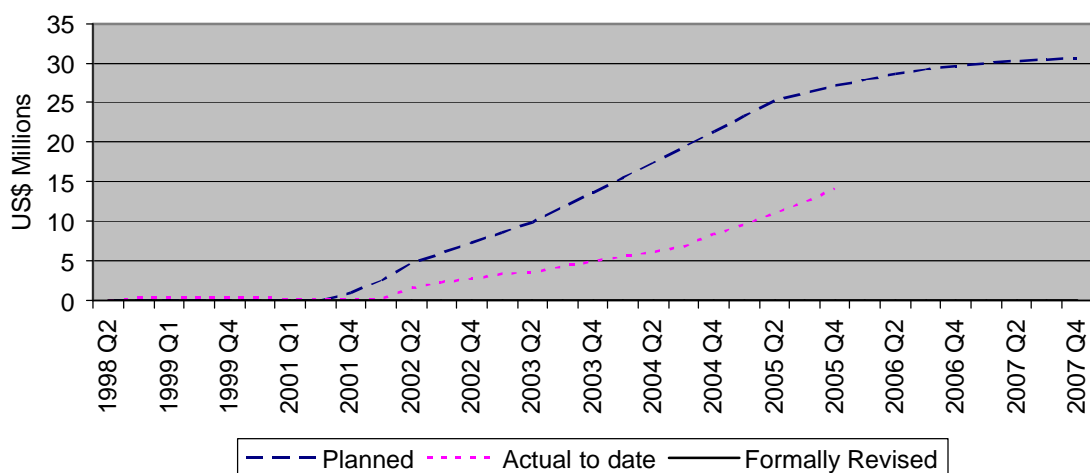
The project development objectives are (a) to improve the legal and judicial environment by improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the civil justice delivery system, and (b) increase access to justice, particularly for women and the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is likely to achieve its development objectives considering the pace of the implementation progress as we progress towards the credit closing date of June 2006. Currently the project has experienced slow progress in administering case management and some delay in hiring consultants. The mid term review in September 2005 will address the issue of possible restructuring of project components and focus on the governance issues including the rule of law for well functioning judicial institutions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34850	Effective	34.44	13.86	20.16	0.00
WBTF-27508	Closed	0.31	0.28	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): Financial Institutions Development (P044811)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 09/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 11/20/2003

Closing Date: 02/28/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-32850

Sector(s): Banking (98%), Central government administration (1%), Law and justice (1%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

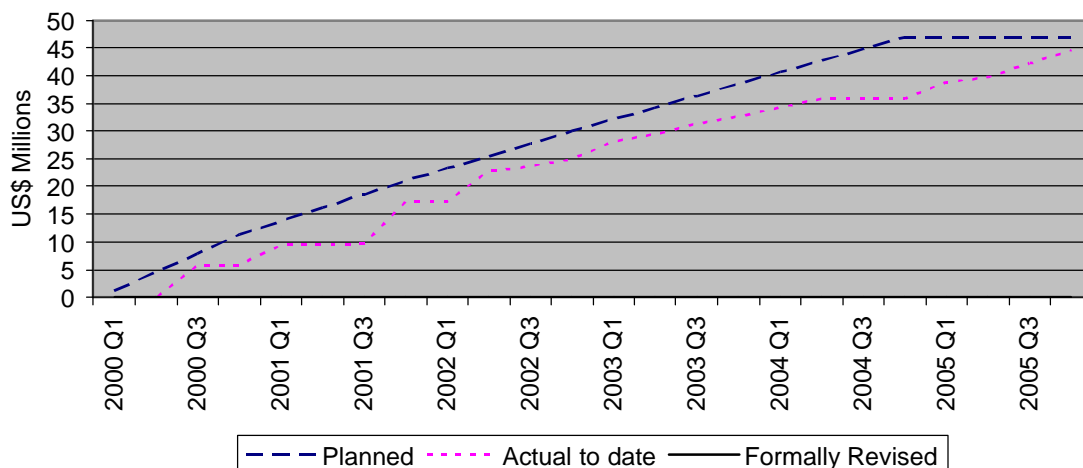
The objective is to promote the development of non-bank financial institutions, in particular, and investment financing, in general, on a sustainable basis contributing to improvements in the quality of intermediation, and the speed and efficiency of industrial growth in Bangladesh.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project has been extended to February 28, 2006, to allow for the completion of the consultants' work on the Reform of the National Savings Scheme, the Implementation of the Issue Rules for Market Traded Instruments and the Capacity Enhancement of the Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs.) The rest of the planned activities have almost been completed. Thus far, the PFIs have provided additional term financing of around US\$45 million to the industrial and commercial sectors, and these PFIs have raised over US\$38 million from the market by issuing bonds, debentures and securitized issues.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32850	Effective	50.34	44.57	1.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Female Secondary School Assistance (P044876)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/12/2002

Midterm Review Date: 10/21/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36140

Sector(s): Secondary education (59%), Other social services (22%), Tertiary education (10%), Central government administration (9%)

Theme(s): Gender (P), Education for all (P), Social safety nets (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objectives are: (1) improving the quality of female secondary education; (2) increasing access and retention of girls; and (3) strengthening management, accountability and monitoring.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

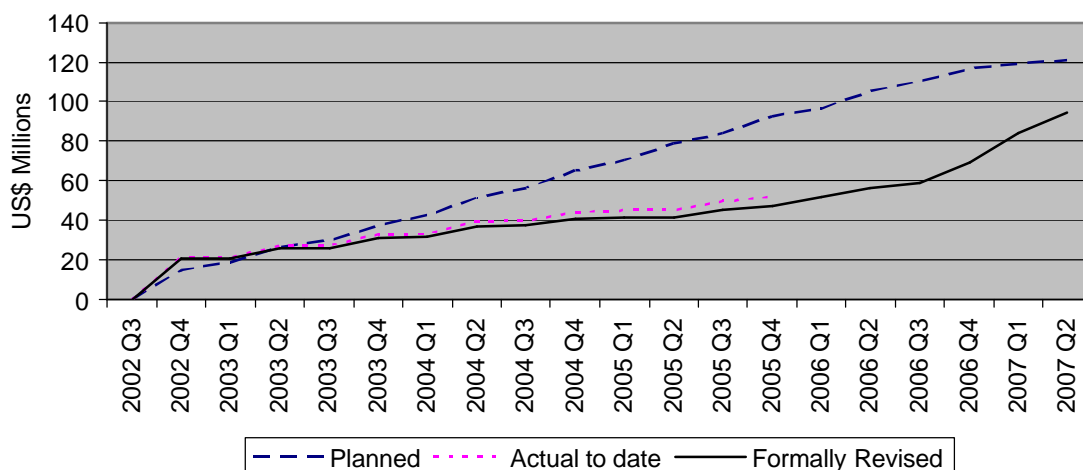
A portion of the project's funds were reallocated to the Post-Flood Recovery Assistance Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made in teacher training, provision of quality awards to schools, excellence awards to students, and fellowships to FSSAPII graduates. The learning environment in FSSAPII institutions has continued to improve through the provision of tube wells and sanitary facilities. A newly introduced SSC incentive award scheme aimed at increasing project's SSC passes is underway. Improvements have taken place in monitoring stipends and tuition disbursements according to agreed criteria. More than 700,000 eligible girls are receiving their stipends on time. This is less than originally envisaged partly due to strict application of eligibility criteria and tighter monitoring. The project has reached more than 1,100 relatively poorer girls through the family attractiveness program and outreach activities. Though management needs to be further strengthened, good progress has been made in terms of accountability, monitoring, stipends integrated database, and project studies.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36140	Effective	140.66	51.88	85.72	50.75



Project Name (ID): Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply (P050745)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 08/27/1998

Midterm Review Date: 03/27/2001

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-31240, SWTZ-21082

Sector(s): Central government administration (28%), Water supply (24%), Health (20%), Other social services (20%), Sanitation (8%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The Development Objective of the project is to reduce mortality and morbidity in rural and urban populations caused by arsenic contamination of groundwater using sustainable water supply, health, and water management strategies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

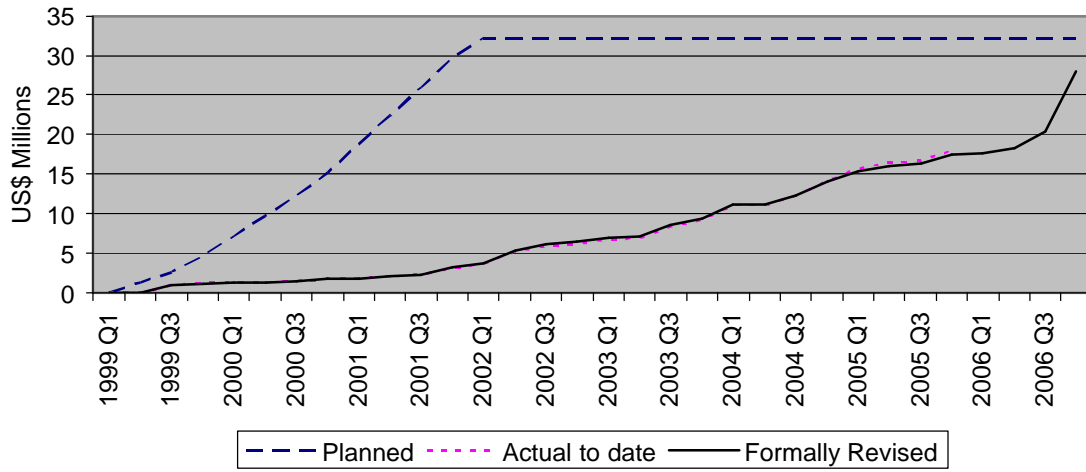
The project continues to move towards achieving its development objectives. Notably, the implementation of non-piped mitigation options is likely to achieve the original target of 4,000 villages supplied with safe water options. On the urban side, the expanded piped water system in Chapai Nawabganj is completed, with some remaining technical issues currently being addressed. Village piped water supply pilots with 12 sponsors are also progressing. The project was extended by one year until June 30, 2006 and this year is crucial for the achievement of the project's objectives. On the Capacity Building side, the key activity now is continuing to build up of a functioning and reliable water quality monitoring system. This progressed well during FY05 and also complements prior work under this component, which focused on capacity building of health workers.

Earlier work which screened (almost) countrywide for arsenic occurrence has been essentially completed. This groundbreaking work constitutes the basis for the arsenic mitigation work that is now going on.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31240	Effective	35.31	17.96	11.53	4.35
SWTZ-21082	Closed	3.00	0.32	2.68	0.00

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Project Name (ID): National Nutrition (P050751)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 05/25/2000

Midterm Review Date: 02/12/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-33560, NETH-27743

Sector(s): Health (90%), Central government administration (9%), Law and justice (1%)

Theme(s): Nutrition and food security (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Gender (S), Child health (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

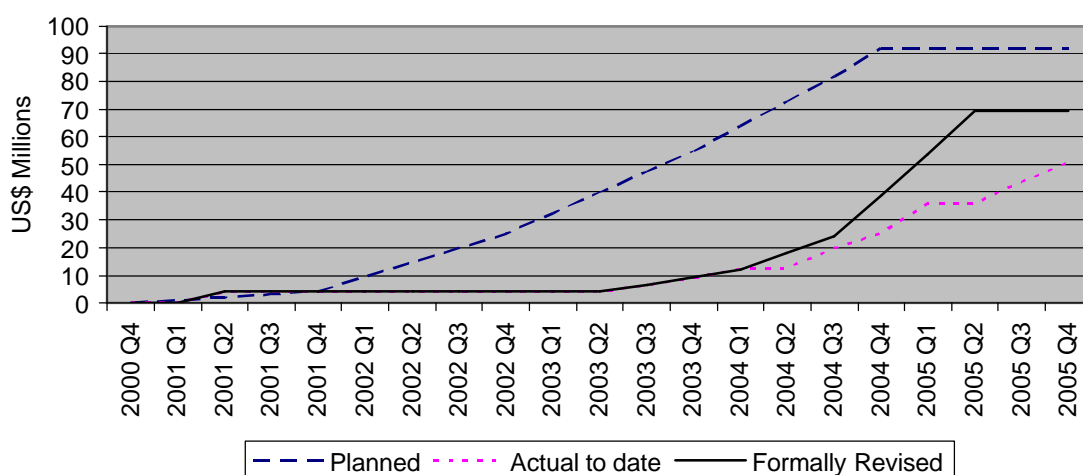
The objective is to contribute to a sustainable improvement in birth-weights and in the nutritional status of vulnerable groups (particularly women and children).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The National Nutrition Project has seen remarkable progress in the past 12 months, disbursing a record \$16 million, and stabilizing key interventions such as the Area Based Community Nutrition (ABCN) Program, implemented by NGOs, and the micronutrient program. Services have correspondingly been delivered in about 25,000 communities, including growth monitoring, supplementary feeding, health and nutrition education and health services. Complementary food security interventions such as nutrition gardens and poultry schemes have also been implemented. Continued motivation and monitoring of NGOs and primary providers will ensure that the development objective is met.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-33560	Effective	99.95	50.71	24.21	24.02
NETH-27743	Effective	12.50	6.32	6.18	0.00



Project Name (ID): Post-Literacy and Continuing Education for Human Development (P050752)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 02/27/2001

Midterm Review Date: 02/14/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34670, SWTZ-28337

Sector(s): Adult literacy/non-formal education (89%), Central government administration (11%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to increase the functional application of literacy skills by providing post-literacy and continuing education to neo-literates through a more comprehensive and enhanced system of non-formal education (NFE). Use of the newly acquired literacy skills is expected to increase neo-literates incomes, improve their welfare, and have them participate fully as citizens.

The Project was restructured during the 2005 Fiscal Year

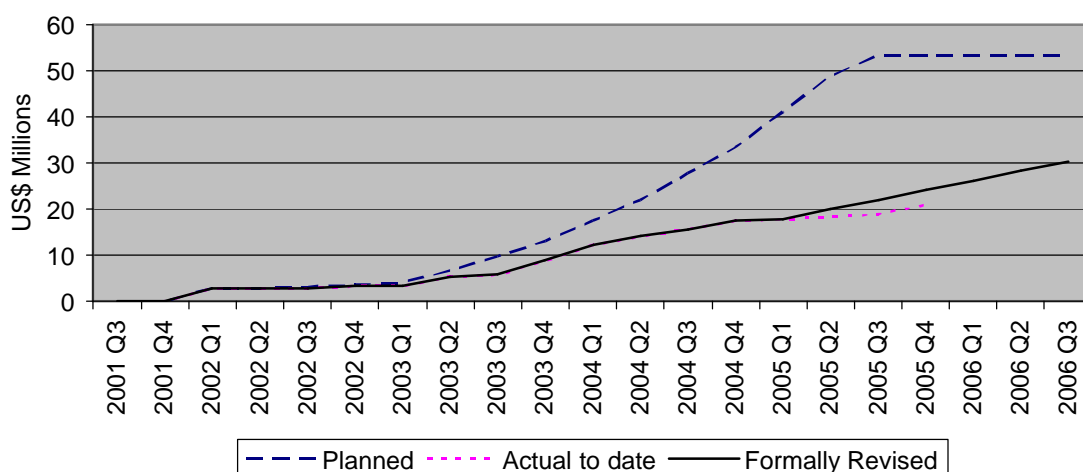
A total of US\$14m was re-allocated to finance post-flood rehabilitation activities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achieving the development objective has slowed considerably this FY due to problems with NGO contracting and a subsequent independent review of the NGO evaluation and selection process. The result has been an almost one-year delay in getting the next round of the learning program underway. A final round of course delivery is scheduled to commence Sept 1. The project is scheduled to close end-2005. An extension could be considered for the purposes of allowing the last round (9-month) learning program to be completed. If an extension is requested and granted the development objective would be substantially achieved, although with a reduced target number of learners. This experience holds important lessons learned for future operations involving NGO service delivery.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34670	Effective	60.99	20.81	39.31	0.00
SWTZ-28337	Effective	7.00	2.51	4.49	0.00



Project Name (ID): Social Investment Program (P053578)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/18/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37400

Sector(s): Other social services (50%), General transportation (40%), Media (5%), General education (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Gender (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

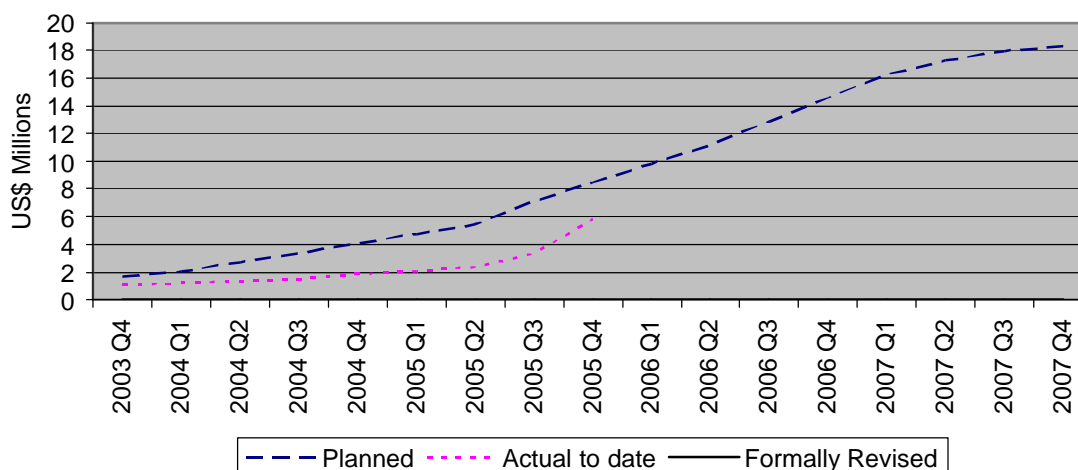
The objective of the project is to develop effective and efficient financing and institutional arrangements for improving the access to local infrastructure and basic services through the implementation of community-driven small-scale infrastructure works and social assistance programs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project appears to be on track in achieving its major objectives. Community participation in all aspects of project activities is evident, and the village level institutions are functioning in a transparent and inclusive way. The majority of Village Development Committees have demonstrated their ability to manage crisis through their participation in the relief and rehabilitation activities following the 2004 floods. The Social Assistance Program, targeted at the hard-core poor women, has started to raise awareness on social and health issues, and is creating a positive impact at the village level. While implementation has picked up speed during the last two quarters, it needs to be strategically monitored to ensure that all targets are met on time. The Social Development Foundation needs to take necessary measures to become a more proactive, flexible and results oriented organization.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37400	Effective	19.70	5.80	13.95	0.00



Project Name (ID): Air Quality Management (P057833)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date: 07/25/2000
Midterm Review Date: 04/20/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34040, JPN-29553
Sector(s): Health (55%), Central government administration (45%)
Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other urban development (P), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The primary objective of this LIL is to learn about options and develop components of urban air quality management by means of pilot activities and institutional support, with the ultimate goal of reducing human exposure to vehicular air pollution in a cost-effective manner.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall progress towards achieving the project objective is good. Some indicators of progress include: Project Management was strengthened by appointing a well qualified project director with management experience and regular meetings of the departmental technical advisory (oversight) committee are now being held. On Vehicular Emissions new Ambient Air Quality Standards and Vehicle Emission Standards were approved for newly imported and in-use vehicles. Continuation of the diesel check post program has raised awareness of the issue of diesel emissions. In addition, the study on policy options to address emissions from diesel vehicles was started.

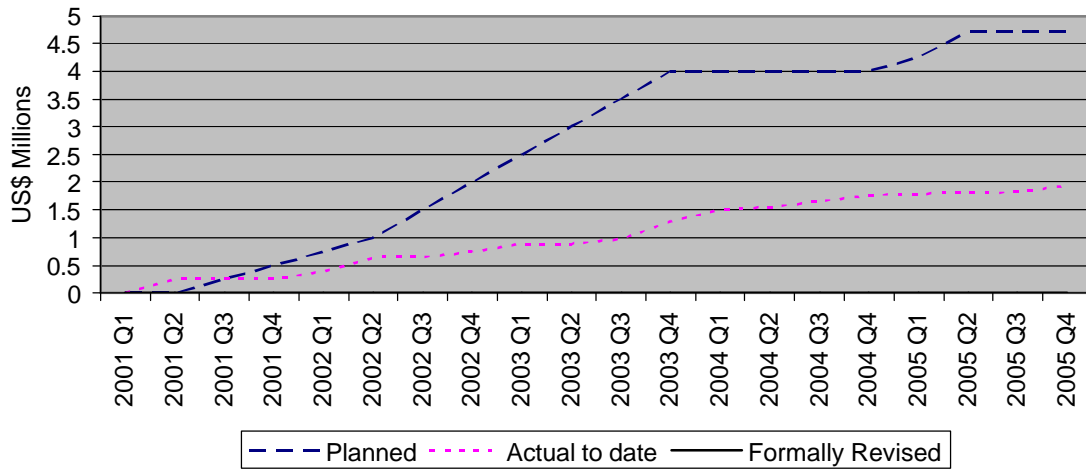
On Air Quality Monitoring: procurement is underway for the extended air quality monitoring network and the process of outsourcing the maintenance of the Dhaka continuous air quality monitoring stations is proceeding.

There has also been a high level commitment to the institutional integration of project staff and activities with the Department of Environment after project closure; this will help strengthen institutional Air Quality Management.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34040	Effective	5.25	1.95	3.16	0.00
JPN-29553	Closed	0.23	0.01	0.00	0.22

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Project Name (ID): Central Bank Strengthening (P062916)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37920

Sector(s): Banking (100%)

Theme(s): Standards and financial reporting (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P), International financial architecture (S)

Project Development Objectives:

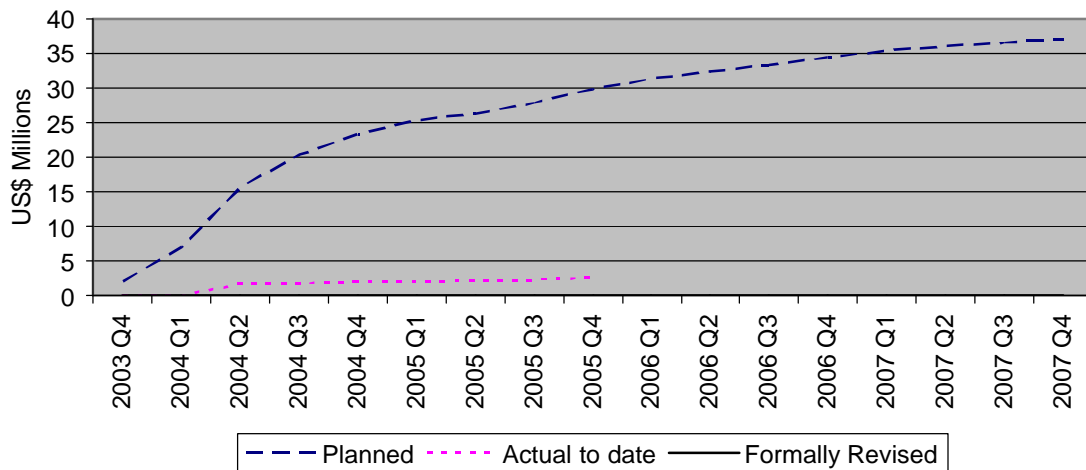
The objective is to achieve a strong and effective regulatory and supervisory system for Bangladesh's banking sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress in achieving the project's development objective has slowed down as the tender evaluation process for the IT procurement is being revised to ensure greater competition, and the original IT package is being altered to allow bilateral donors to finance parts of the original package. The repackaging of the IT component will be completed by the end of September 2005, and fresh tenders would be sought for the different packages in sequence starting from October 2005. The HR consultant has revised the Promotion Policy and recent promotions have been made under the new policy rather than on the basis of seniority.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37920	Effective	39.69	2.62	37.06	0.00



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Prevention (P069933)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date: 12/12/2000
Midterm Review Date: 06/01/2003
Closing Date: 06/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34410, UK-28932
Sector(s): Health (98%), Central government administration (2%)
Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

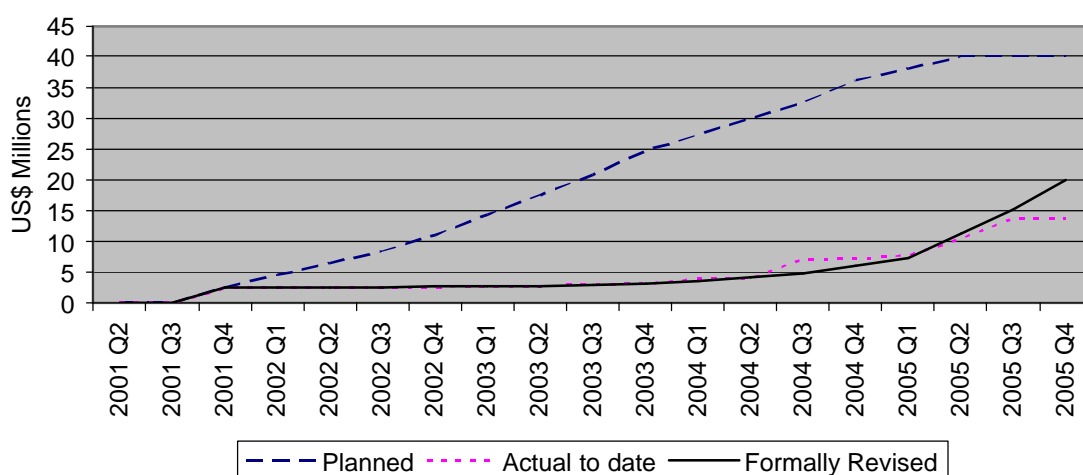
The objectives are to control the spread of HIV infection within high risk groups and to limit its spread to the general population, without stigmatizing high risk groups.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The year ending June 30, 2005 showed continuous progress such as significant outsourcing of service delivery to NGOs targeting high risk groups, initiation of activities related to the Safe Blood Transfusion Project, development of advocacy and communication materials, provision of Technical Assistance to strengthen the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and implementation of HIV/AIDS surveillance system. The ongoing efforts are likely to further the development objectives of the project with assurance of better quality control during the extension period up to June 30, 2006 after which the activities will be folded into the Health, Nutrition & Population Sector Program (2005-2010).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34410	Effective	44.94	13.82	8.49	21.98
UK-28932	Closed	10.86	1.98	3.51	5.05



Project Name (ID): Rural Transport Improvement (P071435)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37910

Sector(s): Roads and highways (80%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

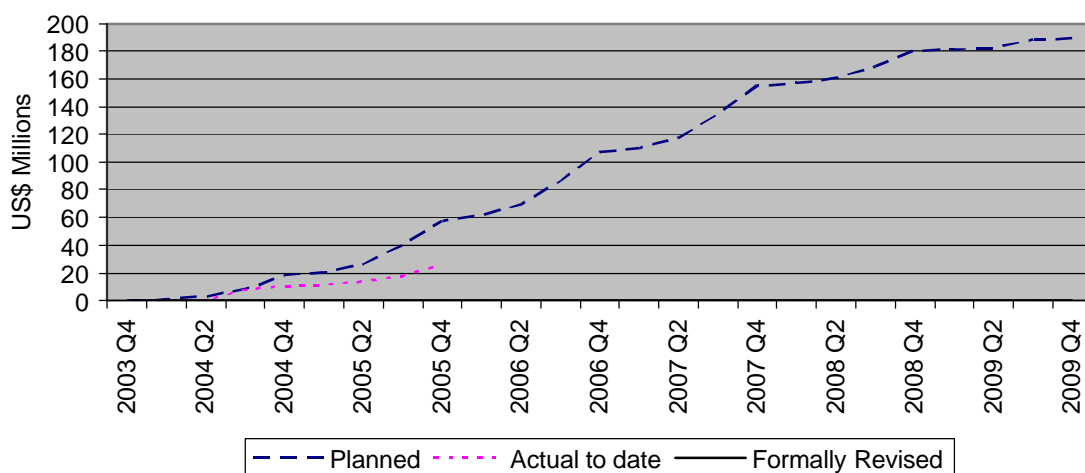
The project's objectives are to provide rural communities with improved access to social services and economic opportunity, and to enhance the capacity of relevant government institutions to manage rural transport infrastructure.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

By end June 2005 about US\$100 million worth of civil works contracts had either been awarded or were under different stages of implementation. This means that, although the civil works component of the project is somewhat behind schedule, its implementation is well underway. Furthermore, during the year, the implementation of Phase I of the Local Government Capacity Building Plan was successfully completed while the implementation of the Local Government Engineering Department Institutional Strengthening Action Plan got fully underway. This means that good progress was made during FY05 towards achieving the project's objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37910	Effective	201.36	25.54	176.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development (P071794)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/25/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36790

Sector(s): Power (91%), Renewable energy (9%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

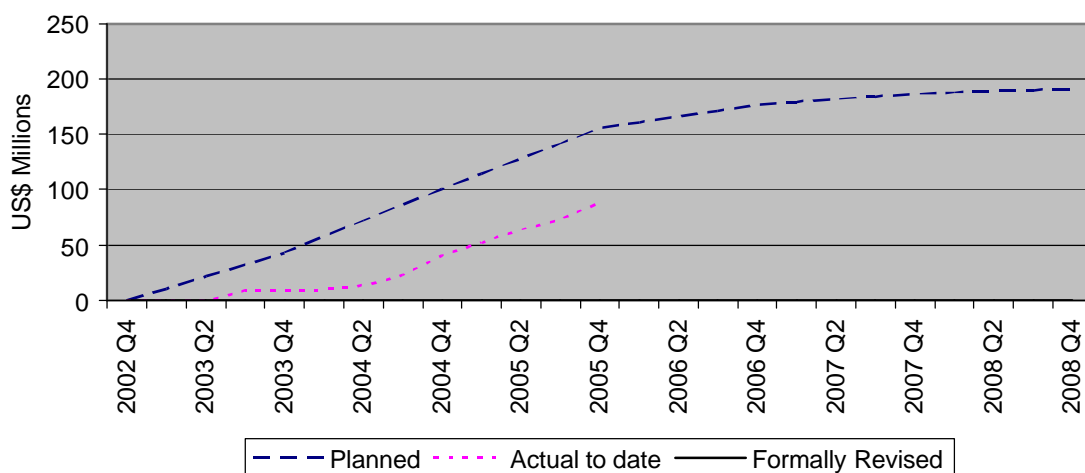
The Project Development Objective is to increase access to electricity in rural areas of Bangladesh.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Construction of new electricity distribution networks and renovation of dilapidated networks to increase access and to improve quality of service have progressed well. By the end of FY 2005 about 13,000 km of lines have been constructed and renovated, more than 60% of the project target. The project has extended access to electricity to more than 233,000 new consumers. The project has installed more than 45,000 Solar Home Systems (SHS). The rate of SHS installation has far exceeded project targets. The project is also supporting activities to evaluate the socio-economic impact of rural electrification and training the rural electric cooperatives on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessments. Achievement of the project objective is likely.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36790	Effective	223.25	88.48	135.32	0.00



Project Name (ID): Financial Services for the Poorest (P074731)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2005

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36810

Sector(s): General finance (60%), Micro and SME finance (40%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P)

Project Development Objectives:

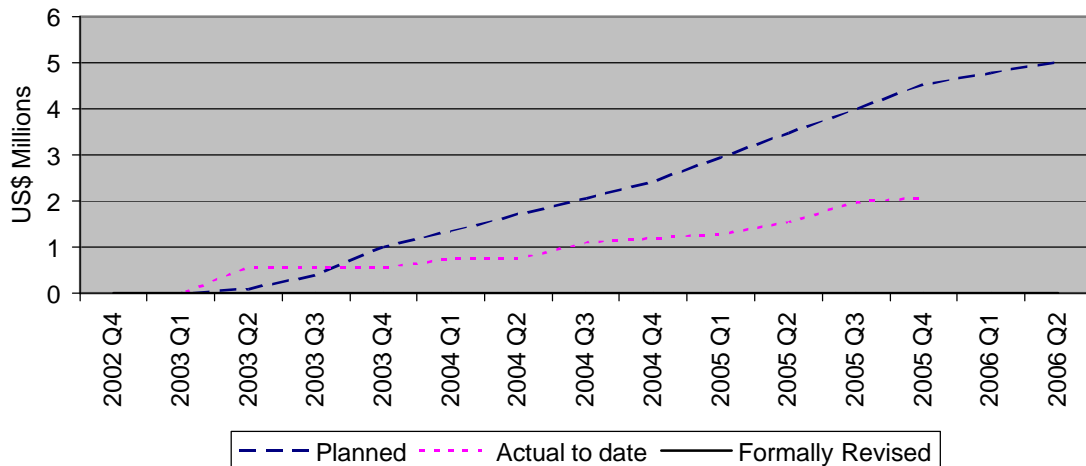
The objective is to find models of sustainable interventions for reducing the number of the poorest through use of microcredit and other financial services to enhance their incomes and livelihood.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made towards achieving the project objectives. To date around 25 percent of the borrowers' earnings have been raised to more than fifty cents a day and around 25 percent of the borrowers have income of more than a dollar a day. The final achievement of these indicators, however, would be measured more accurately after project completion. In addition, all of the 19 participating Partner Organizations have developed innovative delivery mechanisms to reach the poorest of the poor and are extending microcredit with flexible features relating to repayment rates, savings rates, meeting schedules and loan use. A total of 55,718 members have been provided awareness training as of April 30, 2005. Of them, around 50,770 have received loans of Tk.197.76 million (US\$3 million) and have raised Tk.13.5 million (US\$200,000) in savings. The repayment rate is around 100 percent.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36810	Effective	5.69	2.09	3.58	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Nutrition and Population Sector Program (P074841)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 04/28/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40520, JPN-50805

Sector(s): Health (40%), Central government administration (36%), Other social services (11%), General public administration (9%), General education (4%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

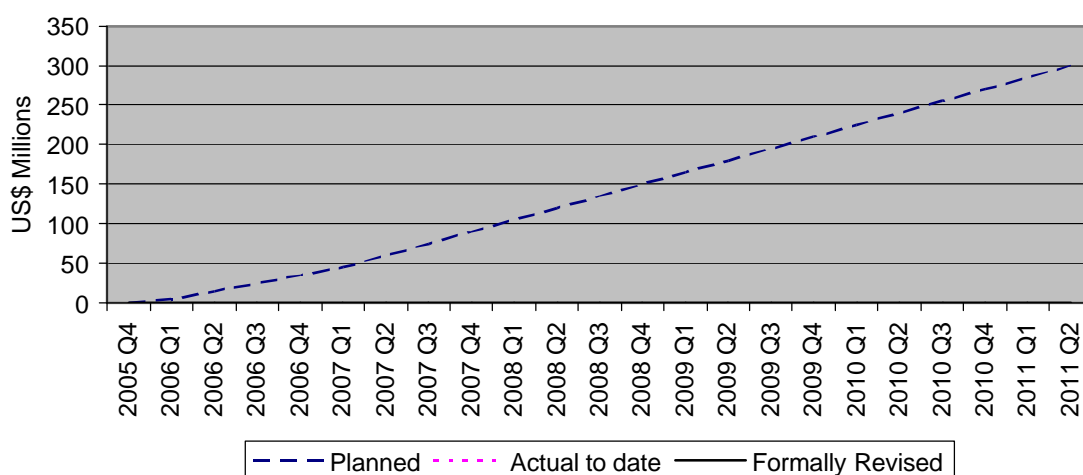
The project objective is to assist the Government of Bangladesh in the implementation of its Strategic Investment Plan (2003-2010), for the Health Nutrition & Population Sector Program. It will do so in cooperation with a large group of Development Partners through a Sector Wide Area Approach (SWAp). The main purpose of this SIP will be to increase availability as well as access and utilization of user-centered, effective, efficient, equitable, and affordable quality services. The program will focus on three major reform areas: (i) Strengthening Public Health Sector Management and Stewardship Capacity; (ii) Health Sector Diversification and; (iii) Stimulating Demand for essential services by poor households through health advocacy and demand-side financing options.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project only became effective mid June 2005 therefore no real progress can be mentioned at this point.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40520	Effective	286.14	0.00	286.14	0.00
JPN-50805	Closed	1.50	0.31	1.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Primary Education Development (P074966)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 02/24/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38570

Sector(s): Primary education (65%), Central government administration (27%), Sub-national government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

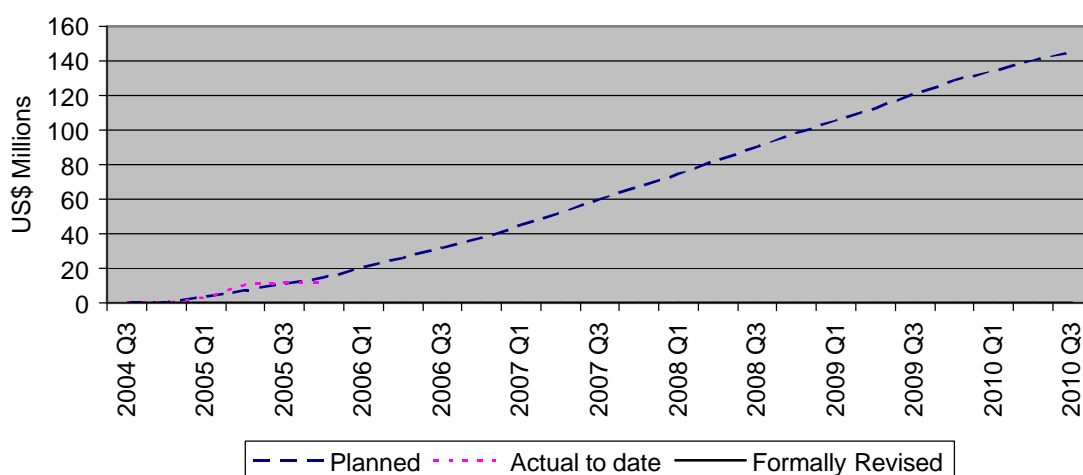
The overall program objective is to improve quality, equitable access, and efficiency in primary education through a sub-sector program approach.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Since the 11-donor supported Program became effective in May 2004, a number of start-up activities have been put in place: a new management structure; training for the Program Coordination Unit (PCU) and line division staff; establishment of appropriate procedures which have resulted in initial implementation delays; development of a common withdrawal application and common reporting format for the common donor pool. Key Program implementation activities underway include: teacher training; timely delivery of textbooks; finalization of Key Program Performance Indicators; and procurement of paper for textbooks. Disbursement has started, albeit slowly. The PCU is currently working on setting up a monitoring and evaluation scheme, including the revitalization of the existing Education Management Information System. Work is also moving apace to fill staffing vacancies at all levels.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38570	Effective	152.04	11.93	140.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Procurement Reform (P075016)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date: 05/02/2002
Midterm Review Date: 05/08/2004
Closing Date: 11/30/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36390
Sector(s): General public administration (100%)
Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

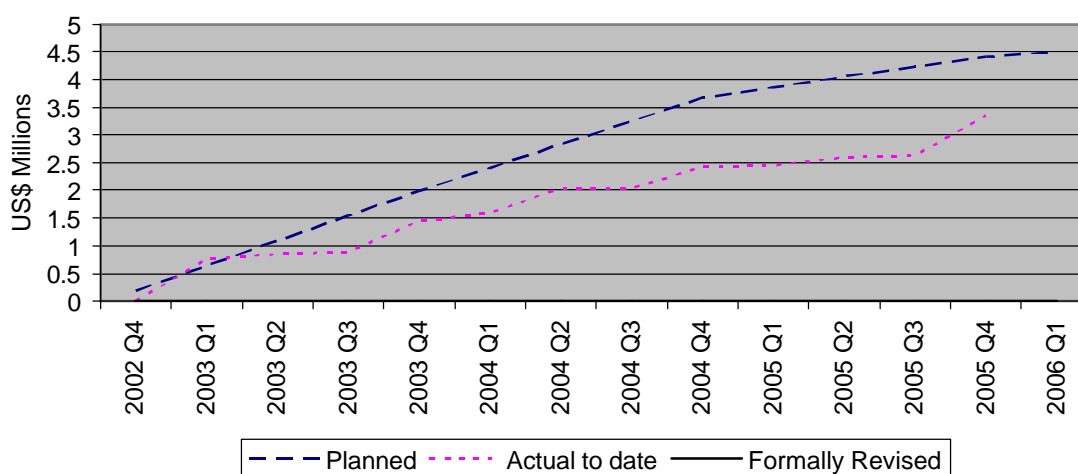
The objective of the Project is to improve governance in public procurement, thereby increasing efficiency, transparency, and accountability, and increasing the perception of probity in the procurement of goods, works and services by the Borrower's ministries, departments, statutory corporations and other public bodies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is about 32 months old and all three components are progressing in accordance with the Project Implementation Plan, with some delay in certain activities. All key actions relating to policy reform are complete. Bangladesh now has a uniform procurement policy across all public sector entities. Policy reforms including initial capacity improvement actions have started building confidence in people about the country's own system, contributing slowly but steadily towards achieving the project's development objectives. Continued progress needs to be made on the establishment of a complaints mechanism. In addition, a permanent procurement policy unit, Central Procurement Technical Unit, was established with adequate staffing funded from its own resources (revenue budget). The Government has completed all key actions on procurement policy reform. With regard to capacity building, a critical mass of 30 local trainers has been developed and some 750 staff from 167 organizations have been trained.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36390	Effective	5.25	3.34	1.82	0.00



Project Name (ID): Power Sector Development Technical Assistance (P078707)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39130, IDA-H0920

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (27%), Oil and gas (9%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Corporate governance (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

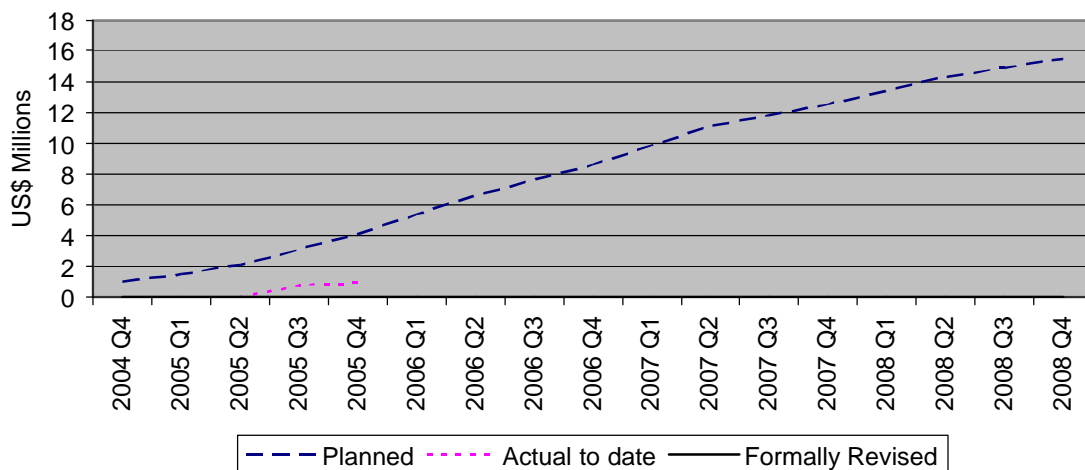
The project aims to create a sound institutional foundation in the power sector - at the policy making, operational and regulatory levels - on which to ramp up the investments and services needed for the sector to contribute more effectively to economic growth and poverty alleviation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress has been made on the preparation of a draft Power Sector Master Plan 2005, a revised sector Road Map 2006-8, and a draft Gas Sector Master Plan, as inputs to the finalization of a mid-term power sector strategy for Bangladesh. A Captive Power and Open Access Policy is under preparation and work on the Financial Restructuring and Recovery Plan has just started. The Government has also agreed to initiate preparation of a Generation Financing Strategy to help secure commitments for new generation. In addition, Power Cell is working to engage preparatory consultants for the South Zone and Sidhhirganj projects, which are in the IDA pipeline for FY06 and FY07 delivery, respectively. However, attention is still required to ensure adequate staffing of Power Cell, and to improving coordination between Power Cell and concerned utilities, ministries and Development Partners. Urgent attention is also required to operationalizing the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39130	Effective	7.15	0.79	6.38	0.00
IDA-H0920	Effective	8.46	0.13	8.34	0.00



Project Name (ID): Telecommunications Technical Assistance (P081849)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Closing Date: 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37900

Sector(s): Telecommunications (100%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P)

Project Development Objectives:

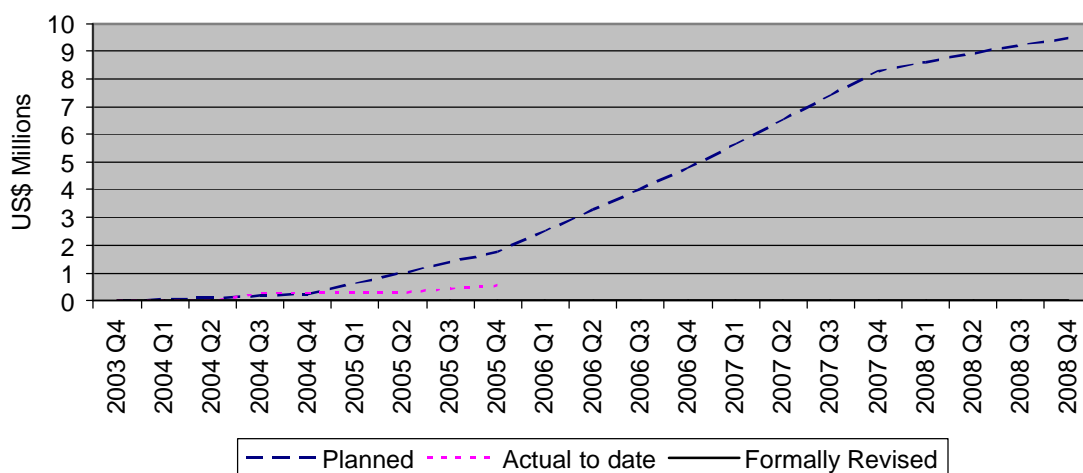
The objective is to improve the performance of the telecommunications sector through establishment of an institutional and regulatory framework favorable to the competitive provision of telecommunications infrastructure and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achievement of the development objectives of the project is moving forward. Major developments are as follows: (i) legal documents for the restructuring of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) into a public limited company have been discussed with BTTB employee and officer unions and broad agreement was reached; (ii) A contract with consultants to assist with BTTB restructuring has been signed and approved; and (iii) Three Commissioners have been appointed and the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has completed a formal public consultation on the national frequency allocation plan and spectrum policy.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37900	Effective	9.78	0.53	9.26	0.00



Project Name (ID): Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization (P081969)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/08/2004

Closing Date: 11/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: DFID-54660, IDA-39170, IDA-Q3920

Sector(s): Central government administration (41%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (36%), Banking (14%), Other industry (5%), Housing finance and real estate markets (4%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Export development and competitiveness (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

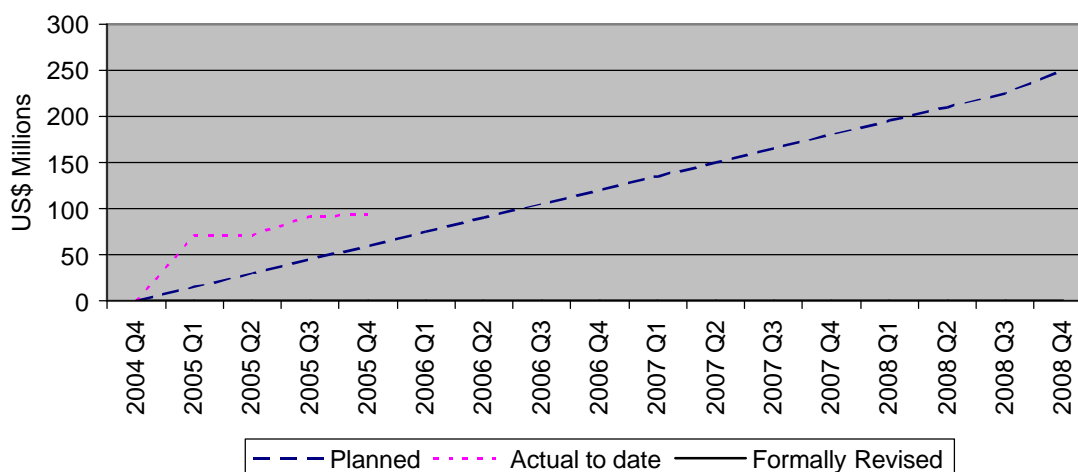
The objectives of the Project are: (a) to trigger employment generation through private sector enterprise growth and modernization of the banking system; and (b) to promote urgently needed reforms within State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and the nationalized Commercial Banks (NCBs).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made significant progress in achieving its development objectives. Despite a tough political environment, the project appears to be continuing to play an important catalytic role in moving the reform agenda forward. The SOE reform process is proceeding well and recent progress with respect to Rupali Bank Privatization has been somewhat of a break through, though it is delayed from January 2005 to May 2006. The Small Enterprise Fund (SEF) created to give small enterprises (the missing-middle) access to finance has taken off extremely well. The IDA money of \$10 million in the SEF is fully disbursed. In spite of the political climate and elections drawing nearer, around 21,000 workers have been retrenched from SOEs and Voluntary Retirement Scheme payments of over \$70 million have been given under the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
DFID-54660	Not Effective	89.75	0.00	89.75	0.00
IDA-39170	Effective	251.41	92.58	159.67	0.00
IDA-Q3920	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): Economic Management Technical Assistance Program (P083890)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/22/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1070

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

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Tax policy and administration (P), Standards and financial reporting (S)

Project Development Objectives:

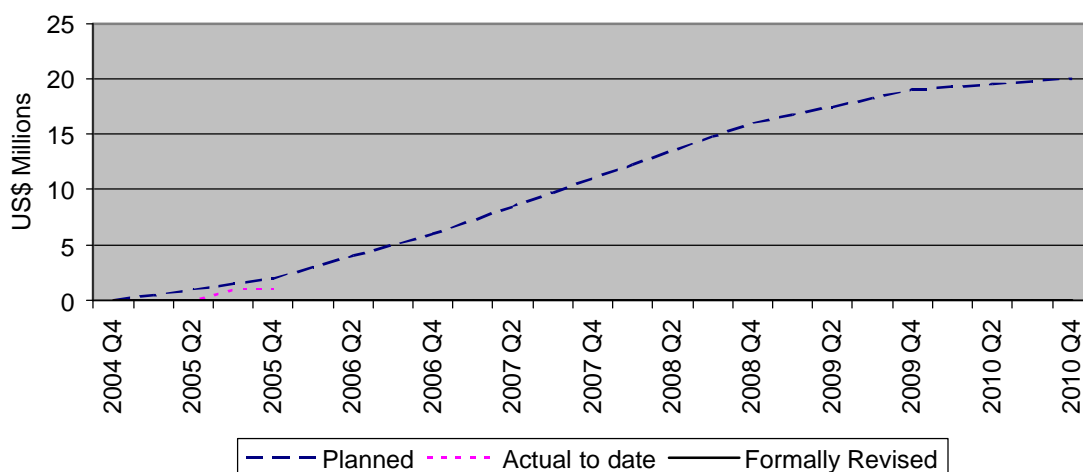
Strengthen capacities in core areas of economic and public sector management and contribute to better policy formulation and implementation, and functioning of the public administration and the corporate sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

While the project is in early implementation considerable work has been done. Progress was made in finalizing the agreed components/sub-projects, and preparing one new sub-project. In tax policy and administration, a strategic development plan for the National Board of Revenue was approved and adopted, and a tax modernization TA project to implement the plan was finalized. For the corporate sector, selection of consultants to prepare a Financial Reporting Act, design the Financial Reporting Council and provide related training has advanced well. The TA sub-project to help strengthen the professional accounting bodies and accounting education was prepared. In addition, the two TA sub-projects for strengthening e-Government, and development of communication between Government and stakeholders were prepared. Preparatory work on a new sub-project for determining the feasibility of an inland container depot was also completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1070	Effective	20.14	1.00	19.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): Water Supply Program (P086661)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1010

Sector(s): Water supply (85%), Micro and SME finance (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

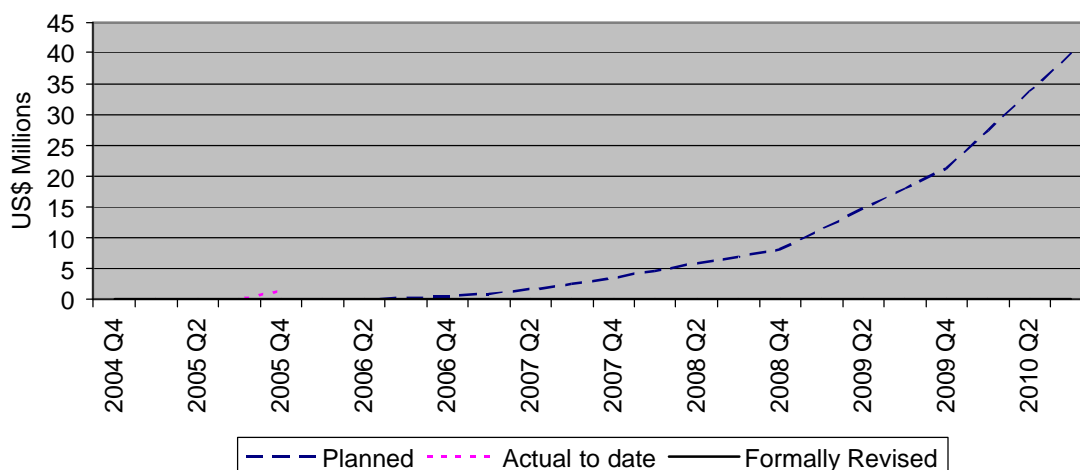
The development objective of the project is to contribute to Bangladesh's efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in water supply and sanitation by 2015. Specifically, the project will pilot innovative measures to scale up the provision of safe water supply free from arsenic and pathogens in rural areas and small towns.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In June 05, the project had only been effective for four months. A work plan for Fiscal Year 06 has been prepared and components are proceeding according to this plan. Important issues being dealt with are staffing of the Project Management Unit and putting in place the requisite processes for procurement and financial management. All these activities constitute the base for the project's achievement of its objectives over the coming years.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1010	Effective	40.27	1.41	38.87	0.00



Project Name (ID): Reaching Out-of-School Children (P086791)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1020

Sector(s): Other social services (55%), Primary education (45%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to reduce the number of out-of-school children through improved access, quality and efficiency in primary education, especially for the disadvantaged children, in support of Government of Bangladesh's education for all goals.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite delays in implementation start-up, overall progress is now on track. Specific accomplishment include the following: About 545 Learning Centers (schools) are now operational. Agreements have been entered into with all three participating agencies, which have started operating. Initial social awareness and mobilization campaigns was launched and completed, and a sound MIS system has been put in place. The establishment of an effective M&E system is on track. Work is also underway to fill project staffing vacancies and provide appropriate training to project staff.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1020	Effective	51.36	2.38	49.05	0.00

