

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: AFRICA**  
**COUNTRY: CONGO, REPUBLIC OF**

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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**Introduction**

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY06 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on June 30, 2006.

The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. In accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, since FY02, the SOPE Report is available to the public.

The report is intended to bridge 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.

In addition to the project progress description, the FY06 SOPE report<sup>1</sup> contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date for all active projects.

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<sup>1</sup> Notes:

- Amounts for Projects in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Loans, which provide quick-disbursing external financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these loans, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed conditions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus may not include a graph.



**Country: Congo, Republic of**

**Project Name (ID):** Transparency and Governance Capacity Building Project  
( P073507 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 02/07/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 10/17/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-36000, IDA-Q3060, JPN-53314

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (80%), Oil and gas (20%)

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other public sector governance (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve governance and increase transparency and efficiency in the management of petroleum operations, financial operations in the Ministry of Finance, and government's public enterprise reform and privatization processes.

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

The project has made progress towards achieving its development objectives. There were indications that Treasury oil revenues from the National Oil Company (SNPC) have increased by around 60 percent (partly due to the increase in oil prices). However, organizational issues as to the SNPC and the Congolese Refinery (CORAF) still have to be resolved. There are also indications that treasury arrears have been reduced. However, customs exemptions have increased. The Auditor General's Office has been fully staffed and installed, but has yet to play its role as accountability institution. Computerized customs revenues and debt management operate at full scale. The preparation, although slow, of the new procurement code is back on track.

In the context of the enterprise reform and privatization, management guidelines for the transition period that precedes the transfer to new owners or concessionary companies, or the liquidation of a public enterprise, have been prepared. The role, responsibilities and functions of a multi-sector regulatory agency covering all public enterprises have been defined; strengths and weaknesses of the National Management Center (CENAGES) have been assessed, and recommendations to restructure CENAGES has been approved. This agency has become a Center for Training (CFE) to promote private investments in the country.

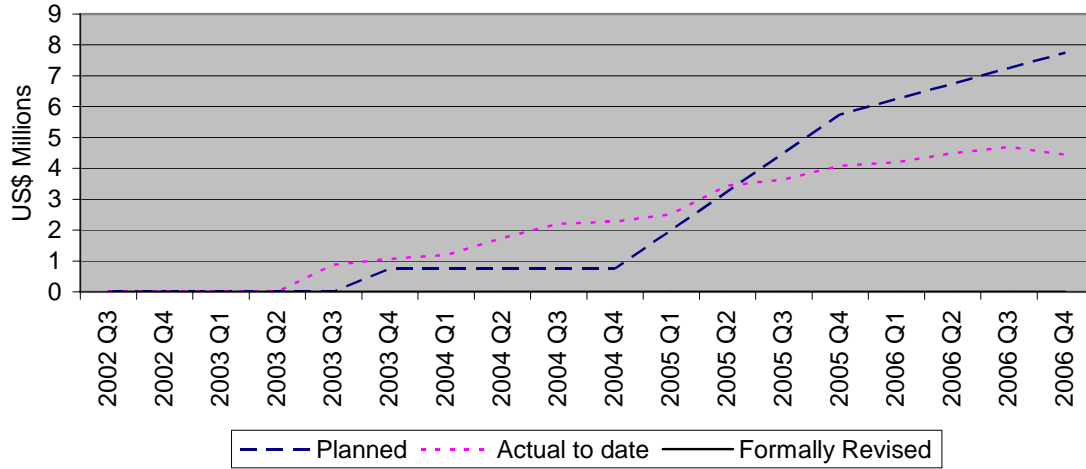
**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2006 )**

<b>Loan/Credit/</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
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**Grant**

IDA-36000	Effective	8.23	4.45	3.74	0.00
IDA-Q3060	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
JPN-53314	Effective	0.67	0.17	0.50	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Living Conditions Improvement Project ( P074006 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 05/02/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 05/24/2005

**Closing Date :** 01/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-36380, IDA-Q3170

**Sector(s):** Railways (33%), Roads and highways (30%), Other social services (27%), Health (5%), General public administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Improving labor markets (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to contribute to the reestablishment of basic economic activities and social services by rehabilitating primary, secondary and urban roads, railways, drainage, and school facilities.

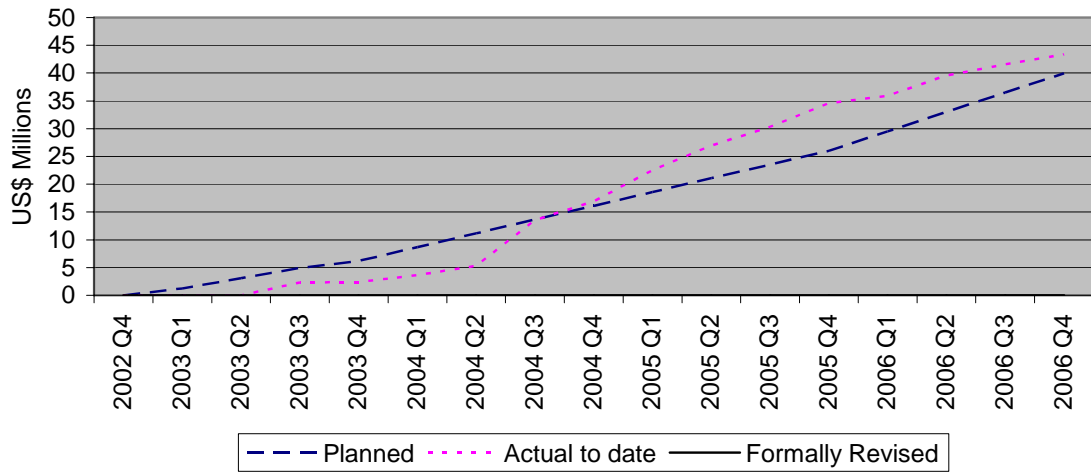
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project had a positive impact on jumpstarting economic activities and improving access to basic social services in line with the development objective. As a result of the rehabilitation of the primary and secondary inter-urban and rural roads, certain regions (such as Bouenza and Plateaux) which had been landlocked for more than 15 years are now being linked to the rest of the country. Tools and equipment provided to the Railways Company have had significant impact on its transport capacity. Merchandise transported by railway between Pointe Noire and Brazzaville increased 57.5%, versus the forecasted 50%. The Project has generated short-term employment for hundreds of unskilled workers and has also contributed to the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS through sensitization and preventive measures.

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IDA-36380	Effective	47.33	43.40	3.92	0.00
IDA-Q3170	Closed	1.03	0.00	0.00	1.03





**Project Name (ID):** HIV/AIDS and Health (MAP program) ( P077513 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 04/20/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 06/30/2007

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H0820, IDA-Q3470, IDA-Q3471

**Sector(s):** Other social services (46%), Health (24%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS and strengthen support and care for people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

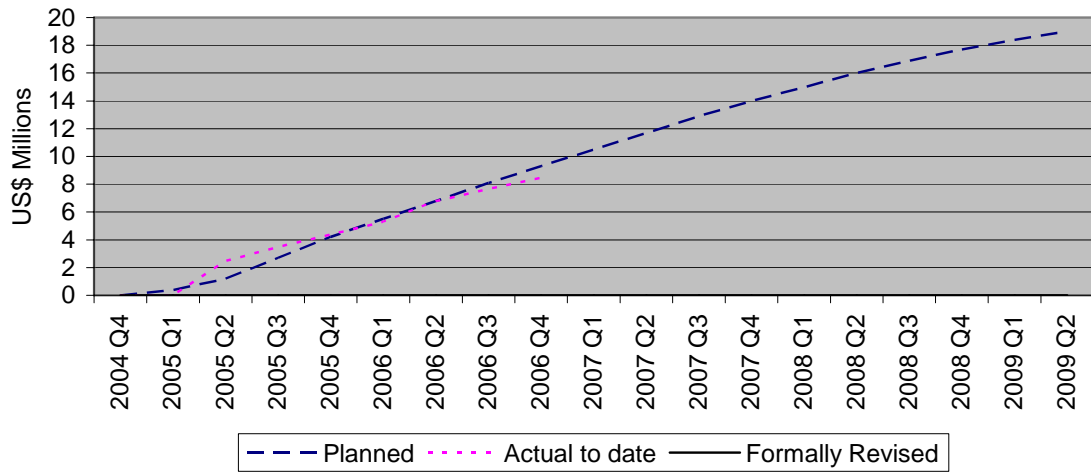
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The Project is expected to reach its objectives. National HIV/AIDS Council has been effective in coordinating all aspects of the program. While the multisectoral activities (13 ministries and non governmental sector) are largely on course, Health sector activities were slow to take off. The situation is improving, despite systemic problems in the sector; the Monitoring & Evaluation framework, including sentinel surveillance, is being set up. The community component is largely on course and support for activities for orphans and People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) are expanding. Preventive activities, incorporating all aspects of Abstinence/Be faithful/Condoms (ABC), are being undertaken. Contracts for Social marketing of condoms have been signed. Institutional mechanisms are in place and activities such Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) and Prevention Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT) have started. Overall, disbursement and all the Project components, to the exception of the health component, are on track. The next supervision mission will be a joint one with other development partners and will herald the entry of Global Fund in Congo.

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IDA-H0820	Effective	18.82	8.47	10.46	0.00
IDA-Q3470	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-Q3471	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40





**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Recovery and Community Support Project ( P081924 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 06/24/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 03/01/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-37980, IDA-H0530, JPN-52882

**Sector(s):** General water, sanitation and flood protection (40%), General education (30%), Health (30%)

**Theme(s):** Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

### Project Development Objectives:

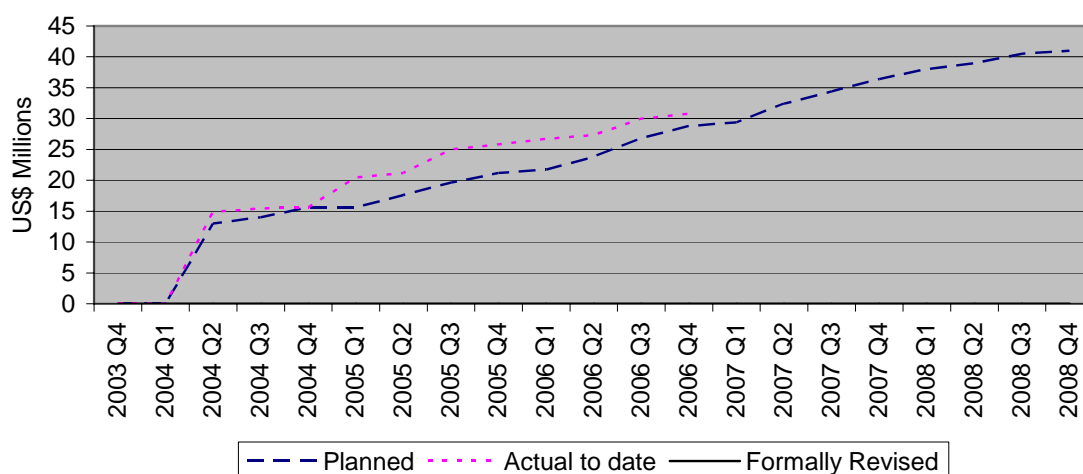
The Project aims at assisting the recovery of communities living in smaller municipalities and rural areas.

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

Over all, implementation is proceeding well and there are solid prospects for the Development Objectives to be achieved. Works have started in all departments and municipalities targeted by the project. More than 80% of the community infrastructure rehabilitation activities have been completed. Capacity building at the central and local government level is under way.

### Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2006 )

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37980	Effective	29.84	21.54	8.02	0.00
IDA-H0530	Effective	13.96	9.29	4.71	0.00
JPN-52882	Effective	0.71	0.22	0.49	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Economic Recovery Credit ( P083627 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 12/07/2004

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-40080

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (75%), Oil and gas (15%), Forestry (6%), Flood protection (2%), Sewerage (2%)

**Theme(s):** Debt management and fiscal sustainability (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives of the credit are to: (a) enhance transparency in the oil sector; (b) rationalize the public investment program (PIP) to ensure accountability and make it more consistent with the pro-poor and sustainable development goals of the I-Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper; and (c) eliminate commercial domestic arrears in an orderly and transparent manner.

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

Shortly before closure, it is not sure whether this project will still be able to fully achieve its project development objectives. In FY06, for the transparency of the oil company, an action plan was prepared following the first audit of the national oil company SNPC. Its implementation is supported by the project. Nine (9) out of twenty (20) actions of this plan have been completed, including the financial audits of the refinery (CORAF) and the adoption of sound procurement procedures at SNPC. Implementation of 5 actions is underway and the remaining 6 actions, (e.g. the modeling of reserves and oil revenues, the reform of SNPC's accounting and analytical framework, and the preparation of a procedure manual for each department of SNPC to clarify division of responsibilities) will be implemented with the support of the Bank-funded Transparency and Governance Capacity Building Project - once the envisaged supplemental credit for this project is available. The triggers for the completion point of the enhanced HIPC debt-release initiative are also reflecting some of these actions.

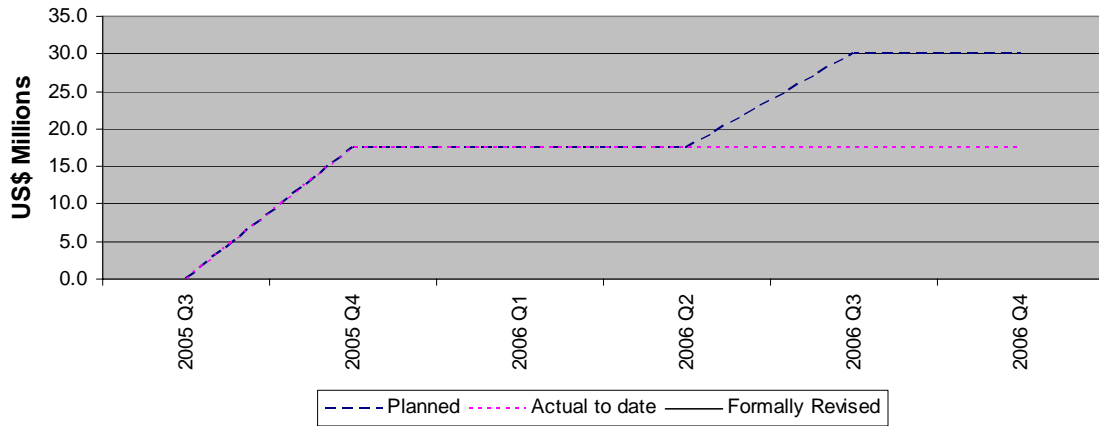
On public investment, physical and financial audits of investment expenditures in 2004 have been carried out, and a draft public investment program for 2006-07 was submitted to the Bank in April 2006. A draft action plan for rationalizing the preparation of the Public Investment Program has been prepared but not yet been finalized and adopted by the Government.

In addition, a strategy to eliminate domestic arrears has been formulated. Its implementation has been effective since December 2005.



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IDA-40080	Effective	30.13	17.58	13.08	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Support to Basic Education Project ( P084317 )

**Country:** Congo

**Board Approval Date :** 09/23/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 12/12/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H1270, IDA-Q4100

**Sector(s):** Primary education (40%), Secondary education (35%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Vocational training (5%)

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

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to improve efficiency in the allocation and management of resources, improve the quality of and reduce the inequities in, the provision of the education services.

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

The Project being effective for 15 months at the end of the reporting period, progress towards achieving the Project Development Objective has been reasonable at this early stage on the basis that: (a) the Ministry of Education's team has a high level of commitment due to ministerial leadership and an excellent level of knowledge and ownership shown by most of its staff and component coordinators; (b) in its first year, the project has shown a very good level of execution; (c) enrollment in basic education continues to improve (completion rate reached 54% in 2005, compared with 50% in 2004); (d) progress has been made in the Country Status Report's preparation, expected to be delivered by the end of 2006. Sector Policy will be updated on the basis of a sustainable scenario to reach MDGs by 2015. In this framework, Congo might be eligible to access EFA/Fast Track Initiative (FTI) in 2007, which would reinforce the achieving of project's PDO.

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IDA-H1270	Effective	20.29	4.53	15.77	0.00
IDA-Q4100	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65



