

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
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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 report¹ 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.

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: Gambia, The

Project Name (ID): GATEWAY PROJECT (P057394)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date : 02/28/2002

Midterm Review Date : 05/02/2005

Closing Date : 04/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36060, IDA-P8060, IDA-P8061, IDA-P8062, IDA-P8063, JPN-26331

Sector(s): Other industry (34%), Central government administration (33%), Telecommunications (11%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (11%), Roads and highways (11%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to lay the foundation for expanded private investment export-oriented production and employment, through the establishment of a free zone and an improved institutional environment.

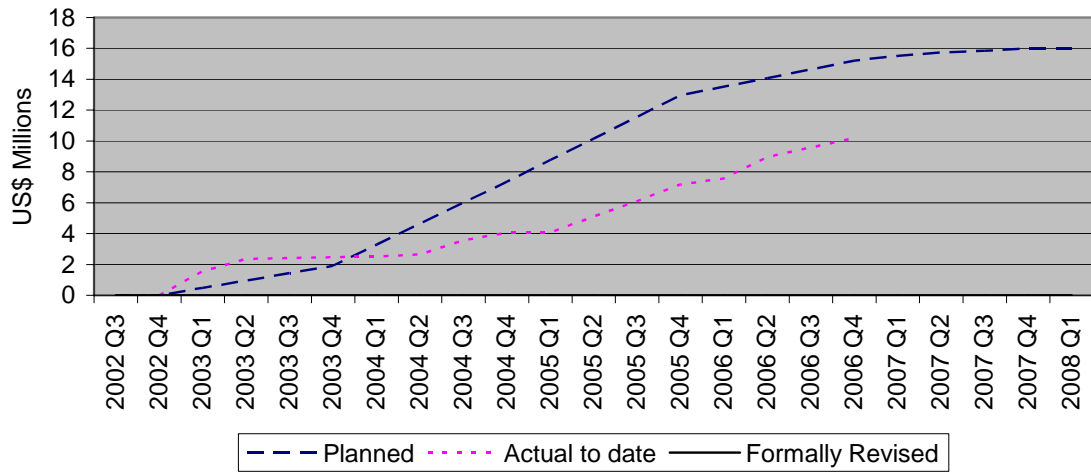
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Ten months before project completion, it is unlikely that the main project objectives can be achieved, except the physical construction and operationalization of the business park. The business environment is still characterized by uncertainty, policy changes, and weak regulatory systems, which are not conducive to existing and potential private investors. Cooperation with FIAS (Foreign Investment Advisory Service) on administrative barriers, Investment Promotion and Free Zone Act and tax reforms was considered and will be confirmed shortly.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36060	Effective	18.23	10.19	7.79	0.00
IDA-P8060	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
IDA-P8061	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20
IDA-P8062	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
IDA-P8063	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
JPN-26331	Closed	0.25	0.19	0.00	0.06





Project Name (ID): CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT (P057995)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date : 07/26/2001

Midterm Review Date : 06/30/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-35550, IDA-P7980, IDA-P7981

Sector(s): Central government administration (92%), Law and justice (5%), Banking (3%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Macroeconomic management (P), Economic statistics, modeling, and forecasting (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to build capacity for economic planning, policy formulation and execution and build the capacity of the judicial and financial systems and to facilitate private sector development.

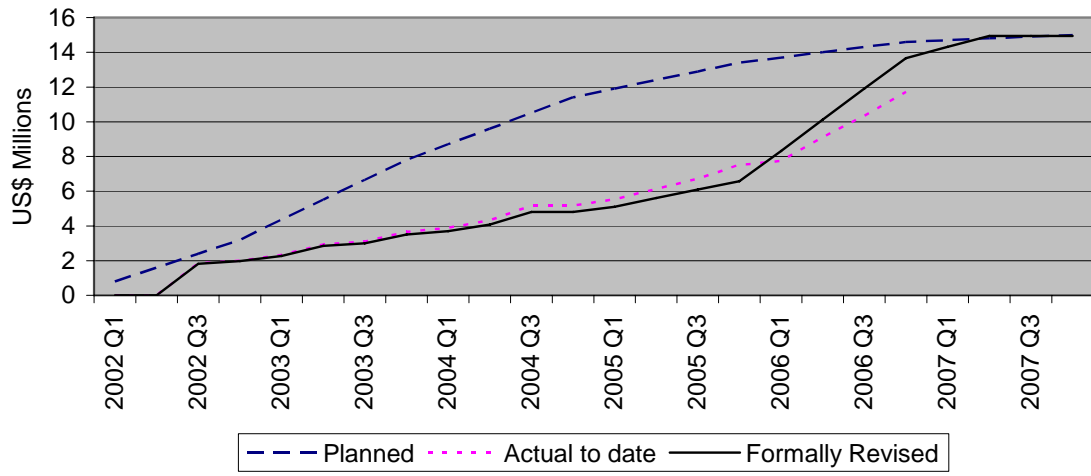
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In January 2006, preliminary results of the household survey were presented in a workshop, as a first step towards establishing a reliable social and economic data base for policy formulation. In view of the establishment of a comprehensive budget based on a rationalized process, a medium term resource envelope was developed for the 2006 budget, and budget classification was updated to international standards. The implementation of the Integrated Financial Management System was started (to be used mainly by Treasury), and a new procurement law enacted in order to establish an efficient procurement process. As a contribution to a timely, accessible and responsive legal and juristic system, the legal sector strategy was finalized and a court case data collection is in progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35550	Effective	17.64	11.70	5.41	0.00
IDA-P7980	Closed	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.55
IDA-P7981	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65





Project Name (ID): GM-Poverty All & Muni Dev (FY99) (P057997)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date : 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date : 11/05/2001

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31760, IDA-31761, IDA-Q1140

Sector(s): General education (36%), Health (36%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (16%), Sub-national government administration (7%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (P), Municipal finance (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the project are: (a) provision of public infrastructure and services based on demand and on fulfillment of clearly defined criteria; and (b) implementation of a capacity building program aimed at improving the Local Government Authorities resource mobilization and management

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

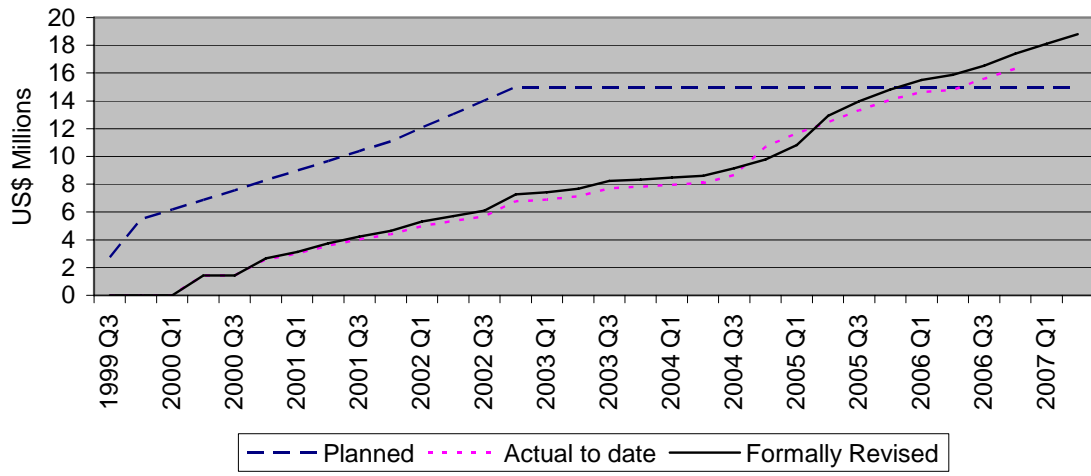
The Project is likely to meet its development objectives. An important number of people have benefited from the provision of infrastructure services under the project (about 340,000 persons, or more than 90% of the project target).

All works are expected to be completed within the current implementation period, with the expected impact. The ongoing works at the Bakoteh dumpsite will be a major improvement in terms of urban environment and sanitary conditions in the capital city. The percentage of project works implemented in poor areas is far above target (70% versus 50% planned). Local revenue mobilization has increased strongly, reaching 18% per annum in average since 2000.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31760	Effective	15.73	14.85	0.00	0.00
IDA-31761	Effective	3.97	1.44	2.52	0.00
IDA-Q1140	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00





Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Rapid Response Project (P060329)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date : 01/16/2001

Midterm Review Date : 05/08/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34550

Sector(s): Health (73%), Other social services (18%), Central government administration (7%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to maintain the current low levels of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, reduce its spread, mitigate its effects and increase access to prevention services as well as treatment, care, and support for those infected and affected.

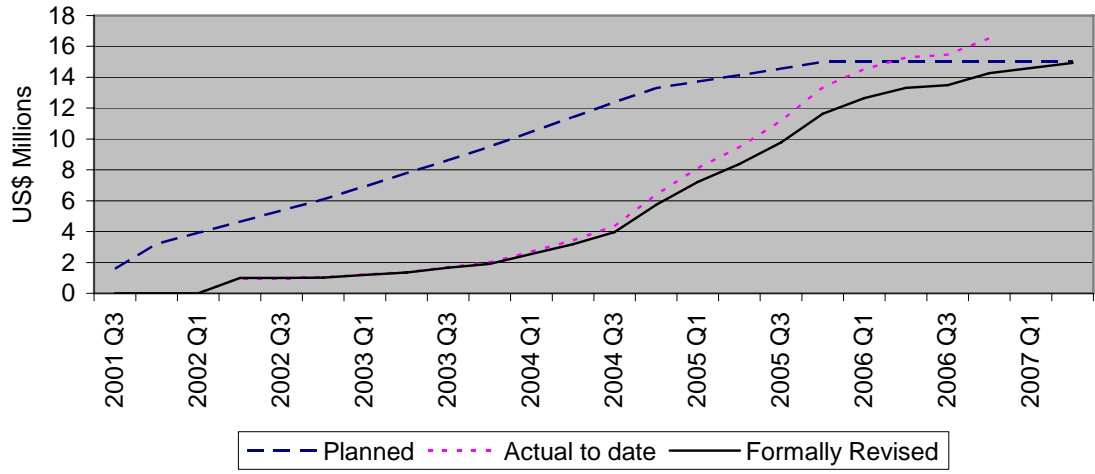
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has been able to regain some of the momentum brought about by the Accelerated Results Implementation launched in 2004. The National AIDS Secretariat has also integrated effectively activities implemented under the Global Fund with those supported by the project with IDA funding. Recent data (from 2005) show that HIV-1 prevalence is no longer increasing (1.2% of adults 15-49 are infected). This might be caused by poor survival rates among HIV infected people. Nevertheless, HIV incidence appears to be decreasing among younger cohorts (15-24). Performance progress indicators using data from the 2005 Sentinel and Behavioral Surveillance, indicate i.e. an awareness of transmission modes of 96.4%, and use of condom at last contact of 70.3%. The percentage of population reached through activities aiming at Information, Education & Communication/Behavior Change Communication is 87.7% (versus a target of 50%) and the number of sentinel surveillance sites have increased from to 8 sites in 2005 (from 6 sites in 2003). HARRP successes include for example: a vibrant community-driven response, and expanded access to Voluntary Counseling and Testing.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34550	Effective	17.35	16.50	0.65	0.00





Project Name (ID): Third Education Project - Phase II (P077903)

Country: Gambia

Board Approval Date : 06/01/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H2300, IDA-Q5220, JPN-51120, MULT-56177

Sector(s): Primary education (41%), Secondary education (25%), General education (22%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (9%), General public administration (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve conditions for teaching and learning in basic education through (a) improving performance of students, teachers and schools; (b) strengthening capacity building and performance management, and enhancing monitoring and evaluation; (c) continuing expansion of effective access to under-served communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project did not become effective before the end of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2300	Not Effective	8.23	0.00	8.23	0.00
IDA-Q5220	Effective	0.58	0.10	0.48	0.00
JPN-51120	Closed	0.65	0.08	0.57	0.00
MULT-56177	Effective	4.00	2.50	1.50	0.00

