

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
SOPE
REGION: AFRICA
COUNTRY: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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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: Sao Tome and Principe

Project Name (ID): Social Sector Support Project (P075979)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date : 05/18/2004

Midterm Review Date : 01/18/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39020, IDA-H0880, IDA-Q3800, JPN-51124, JPN-52058

Sector(s): General education (47%), Health (26%), Other social services (14%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Population and reproductive health (S), HIV/AIDS (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to contribute to improving the delivery of basic health and education services.

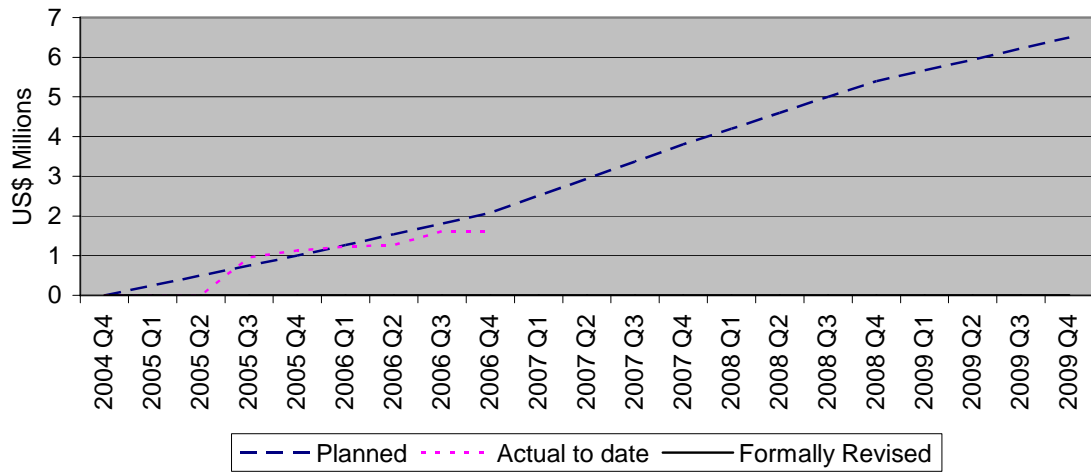
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The progress in the education and health sectors are globally encouraging. In the education sector, more specifically, the access to school and the efficiency of school services are showing signals of improvement. The survival rate from grade 1 to 6 has gone up from 47% (in 2003) to 61.8% in 2006. During the same period, the transition rate from grade 4 to grade 5 has increased from 60% to 72.3%. The number of schools working on a triple shift scheme has dropped from 27 to 12, and the ratio of one textbook per student has been achieved thanks to the distribution of 124,000 textbooks to all primary schools in 2005. The health sector is also presenting encouraging outcomes on key specific areas, in particular on child health and essential obstetric care. For example, the immunization rate for measles has gone up from 84% in 2003 to 88.3% in 2006. The antenatal visits by pregnant women increased from 94% to 99.5% (one visit), and the percentage of delivery attended by skilled professionals increased from 70% to 90.3%. The malaria program with the support of Taiwan is now a success story which should be disseminated worldwide: The incidence of malaria in children less than five years old (per 1,000) decreased dramatically from 1273 to 492.

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

| Loan/Credit/ Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| IDA-39020 | Effective | 5.00 | 1.35 | 3.67 | 0.00 |
| IDA-H0880 | Effective | 1.62 | 0.27 | 1.36 | 0.00 |
| IDA-Q3800 | Closed | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.40 |
| JPN-51124 | Closed | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.00 |
| JPN-52058 | Effective | 0.65 | 0.38 | 0.27 | 0.00 |





Project Name (ID): STP Capacity Building and TA (P083400)

Country: SaoTome and Principe

Board Approval Date : 10/14/2004

Midterm Review Date : 09/30/2006

Closing Date : 04/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39930, IDA-Q4370

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Tax policy and administration (S), Law reform (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the credit are to: (i) modernize and strengthen capacity in economic (financial and budgetary) management and supervision, and (ii) to build up basic institutional and legal infrastructure in the finance and national resources ministries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The progress in implementation has been slower than anticipated due to changes in the Government and three elections in 2006. At the technical level, the acquisition of an integrated budgetary system from a partner country has taken longer than expected. Nonetheless, the project is likely to achieve its development objectives. The Government is making progress on institution and capacity building based on the agreed work programs for reform in public finance and the petroleum sector. The reform program in public finance has already produced draft revised organic budget law and associated regulations and a revised budget nomenclature to international standards, and prepared a clear timeline for the remaining work to be done (including training). In the petroleum sector, the upgrade of the National Petroleum Agency will be finalized by September 2006, an implementation manual was developed to help the Government implement the Petroleum Revenue Management Law, a draft strategy for the petroleum sector was developed and was adopted by the government and the training for staff in specialized petroleum related fields is on-going.

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| Loan/Credit/ Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| IDA-39930 | Effective | 5.14 | 1.59 | 3.57 | 0.00 |
| IDA-Q4370 | Closed | 0.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.54 |



