

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
SOPE
REGION: EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC
COUNTRY: TONGA

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Report on the 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: Tonga

Project Name (ID): Cyclone Emergency Recovery and Management Project (P075171)

Country: Tonga

Board Approval Date : 05/30/2002

Midterm Review Date : 07/23/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : AUSL-50698, EECT-51176, IDA-36470

Sector(s): Housing construction (70%), Flood protection (14%), General public administration (10%), Water supply (3%), Sanitation (3%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

i) to assist in recovering the standard of living of the population affected by the cyclone; and (ii) to strengthen and upgrade Tonga's emergency and risk management capacity

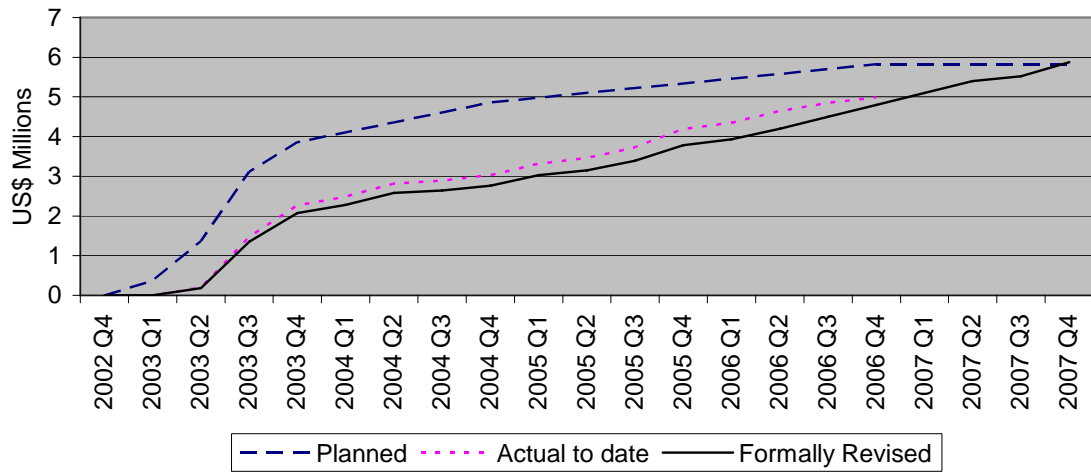
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the objectives is solid. The project has provided 470 cyclone-resistant units, trained approximately 150 unskilled workers in construction jobs, retrofitted approximately 264 businesses and helped generate income during construction. National emergency and risk management capacity has improved through a new National Emergency Operation Center, disaster simulation exercises, updated building codes with improved monitoring and enforcement systems, as well as upgraded geographic information system (GIS) equipment and training.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
AUSL-50698	Closed	0.46	0.36	0.00	0.00
EECT-51176	Closed	0.72	0.66	0.00	0.01
IDA-36470	Effective	6.91	5.04	1.70	0.00





Project Name (ID): Health Sector Support (P075230)

Country: Tonga

Board Approval Date : 07/24/2003

Midterm Review Date : 07/31/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-38140, JPN-51646

Sector(s): Health (90%), Compulsory health finance (7%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to assist the Kingdom of Tonga in improving the performance of its health sector by supporting selected reforms to said health sector, including: (i) the development and implementation of appropriate health financing policies, and health information systems; and (ii) the improvement of the administrative, functional and technical quality of health facilities.

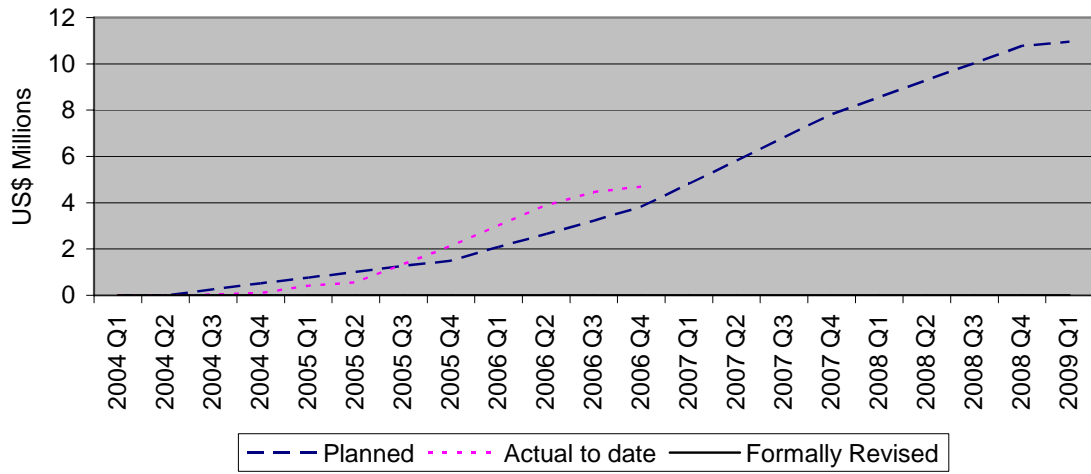
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making satisfactory progress with implementation on schedule. The first two rounds of the National Health Accounts have been completed; option papers for health financing policies are in the final stages of review prior to policy recommendations to Cabinet; and equity issues are being integrated into the user fees policy prior to implementation. New health data and information forms are being widely used in Vaiola Hospital, the Outer Island hospitals, and the health centers and the health sector's information technology infrastructure is currently being upgraded. Refurbishment of Vaiola Hospital is also moving ahead. The health care waste management plan has been fully implemented. The government, with support from the project, is increasing its focus on management support and sustainable financing of recurrent costs in the health sector as the project enters its second half.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38140	Effective	11.76	4.67	7.09	0.00
JPN-51646	Closed	0.20	0.17	0.00	0.03





Project Name (ID): Tonga Education Support Project (P079657)

Country: Tonga

Board Approval Date : 06/16/2005

Midterm Review Date : 05/08/2008

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40810, NZL-54014

Sector(s): Central government administration (50%), Primary education (25%), Secondary education (25%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The development objectives of the project are to: (i) create an environment that supports the development of effective mechanisms for the consistent and equitable improvement in basic schooling for all children; and (ii) improve the quality of education through school and community empowerment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The vehicle for meeting these objectives is a school grants program, which is on track for delivery of school grants in 2007. The Ministry of Education will be submitting a draft cabinet paper for approval on school grants policy, and work on minimum service standards is progressing and is expected to provide the base upon which grants will be awarded.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40810	Effective	0.97	0.00	0.97	0.00
NZL-54014	Not Effective	3.82	0.00	3.82	0.00

