

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

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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: Western Samoa

Project Name (ID): Health Sector Management (P064926)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date : 09/14/2000

Midterm Review Date : 05/08/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34210, JPN-25831, JPN-26602

Sector(s): Health (78%), Central government administration (21%), Law and justice (1%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Law reform (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to strengthen the Department of Health's capacity in developing and implementing appropriate health legislation and regulation, and to improve the functional and technical quality of health facilities within the health sector reform strategy.

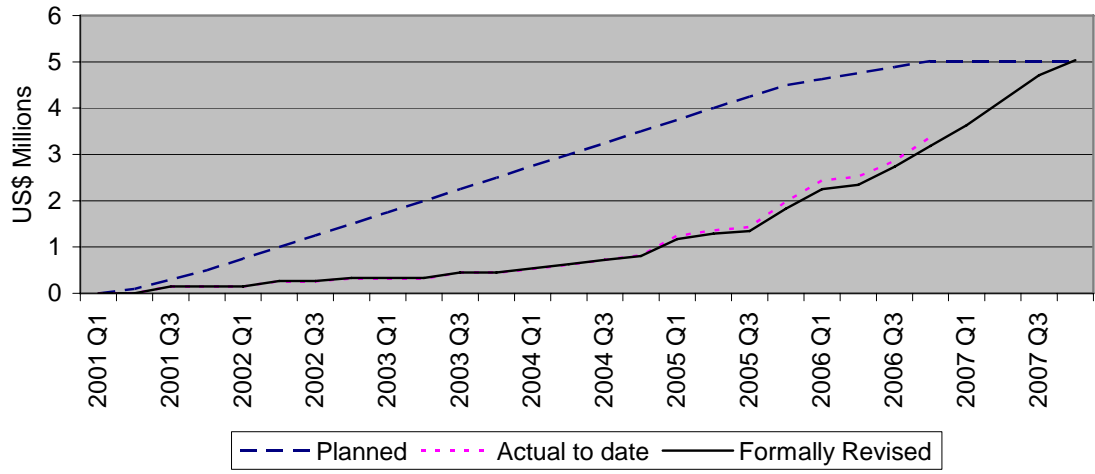
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Capacity in the Ministry of Health has been built in areas of policy analysis, health financing and health planning, procurement as well as financial management. Three national health accounts have been completed and the process is institutionalized within the Ministry of Health. The refurbishment of the national hospital, Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital, is complete and there is evidence for improved service delivery at the hospital. Three rural health facilities are being replaced and medical equipment has been provided. Health care waste management is being implemented.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34210	Effective	5.59	3.38	2.14	0.00
JPN-25831	Closed	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00
JPN-26602	Closed	0.34	0.32	0.00	0.02





Project Name (ID): Second Infrastructure Asset Management Project (P075523)
Country: Western Samoa
Board Approval Date : 12/29/2003
Midterm Review Date : 06/01/2006
Closing Date : 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-38480, JPN-50506
Sector(s): Roads and highways (74%), Central government administration (18%), Flood protection (8%)
Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

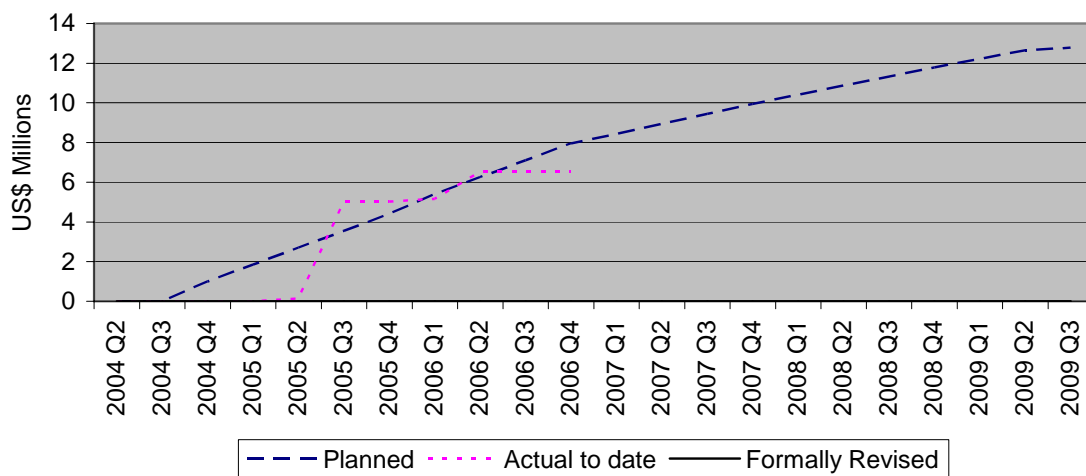
Key infrastructure assets are sustainable and managed effectively by a partnership of stakeholders.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Physical implementation is progressing well as civil works are approximately 50 percent complete. Though there have been some delays, the key institutional strengthening activities are all underway. Progress toward reaching some sector goals, such as maintaining the Asset Management System, is lagging behind original targets, but the development objective of sustainable and efficient sector management remains achievable.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38480	Effective	13.23	6.53	6.79	0.00
JPN-50506	Closed	0.48	0.45	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): Samoa - Telecommunications and Postal Sector Reform Project (P075739)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date : 12/17/2002

Midterm Review Date : 10/24/2005

Closing Date : 04/15/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37240

Sector(s): Telecommunications (50%), Postal services (40%), Law and justice (10%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government of Samoa (GOS) in implementing a comprehensive reform of the telecommunications and postal sectors. This reform focuses on: (a) introducing competition and private participation in telecommunications and postal sectors; (b) advancing regulatory reform, and developing sector institutional capacity; and (c) extending access to basic communications, postal services, and information technologies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made progress towards achievement of the PDO. The telecommunications components are highly successful, while the postal component is not fully satisfactory. The Government of Samoa:

(a) has reached a conciliatory solution to the outstanding licensing issues with TSC;

(b) has awarded a GSM license to Digicell (April 2006), following a best-practice international competitive bidding process; Digicell is expected to start operations before end September 2006;

(c) has approved the establishment of an independent regulator for the telecommunications sector, and is selecting a qualified candidate.

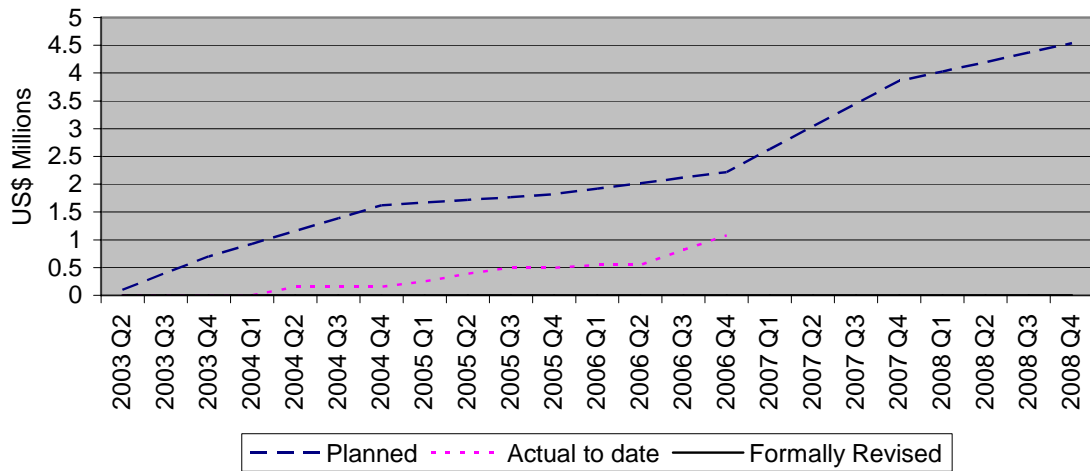
The postal sector component is lagging. In addition to procurement delays, the advice of the consultants does not seem solid, and SamoaTel's management is not capable of formulating and implementing a development strategy for the postal sector. The task team is working closely with the management team of SamoaTel and with the



consultants, to make sure that the postal component reaches fully satisfactory outcomes.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37240	Effective	5.00	1.07	3.93	0.00



Project Name (ID): Cyclone Emergency Recovery Project (P088246)

Country: Western Samoa

Board Approval Date : 04/29/2004

Midterm Review Date : 06/15/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-38850, IDA-H0830

Sector(s): Flood protection (75%), Roads and highways (20%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To assist the Borrower to recover from the damage caused by Cyclone Heta and reduce the vulnerability of its people to prevailing natural hazards

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Civil works are now commencing, but the overall pace of works is behind schedule. The fragile ecosystem recovery actions are underway and communities are working with Non-Governmental Organizations to implement various activities (e.g. coral farming). Many of the damaged road sections, bridges and culverts have been rehabilitated or replaced and communications restored. The project is expected to meet its objectives, but an extension of the Credit Closing Date will be needed.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38850	Effective	2.06	0.00	2.06	0.00
IDA-H0830	Effective	2.35	2.04	0.33	0.00

