

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
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COUNTRY: AZERBAIJAN

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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: Azerbaijan

Project Name (ID): Rehabilitation and Completion of Irrigation and Drainage Infrastructure (P008284)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/22/2000

Midterm Review Date : 07/31/2003

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P2480, IDA-33900, IDA-33901, JPN-25537

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (88%), Central government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other urban development (P), Water resources management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) prevent decline in water supply to Baku City;(b) eliminate deterioration in irrigation water supply to approximately 86,000 hectares (ha) along the Samur-Apsheron Canal (SAC); and (c) improve drainage conditions and reduce waterlogging and salinity on approximately 36,500 ha along the Main Mill-Mugan Collector (MMMMC).

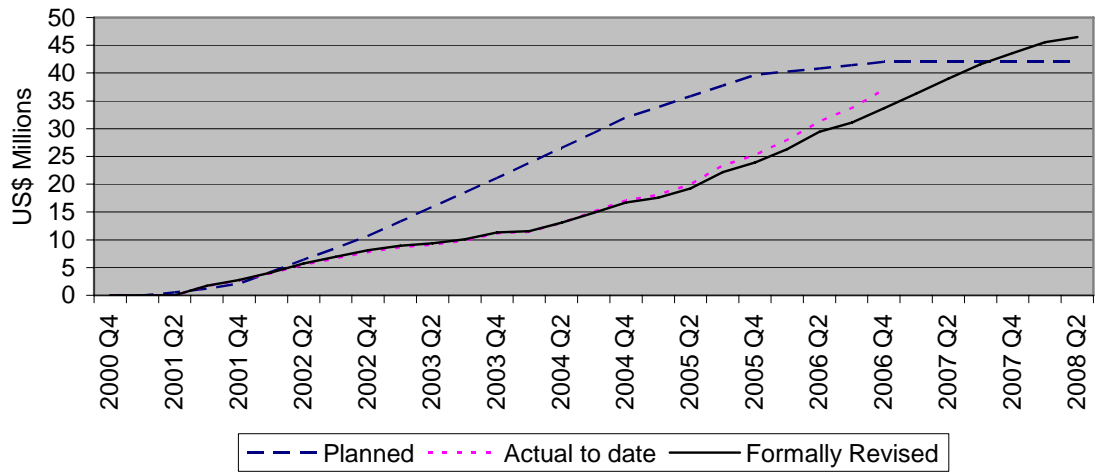
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress is being made toward achieving the development objective. Infrastructure rehabilitation completed thus far in the SAC has guaranteed required water abstraction and conveyance to Baku City and irrigation areas. Work in the MMMC area is complete and benefits have started to accrue, especially related to lowered groundwater tables.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P2480	Closed	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.80
IDA-33900	Effective	46.60	37.06	8.07	0.00
IDA-33901	Effective	5.14	0.00	5.14	0.00
JPN-25537	Closed	0.31	0.27	0.00	0.04





Project Name (ID): Irrigation Distribution System and Management Improvement (P008286)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/17/2003

Midterm Review Date : 09/10/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37890, JPN-26258

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (80%), General public administration (20%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resources management (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

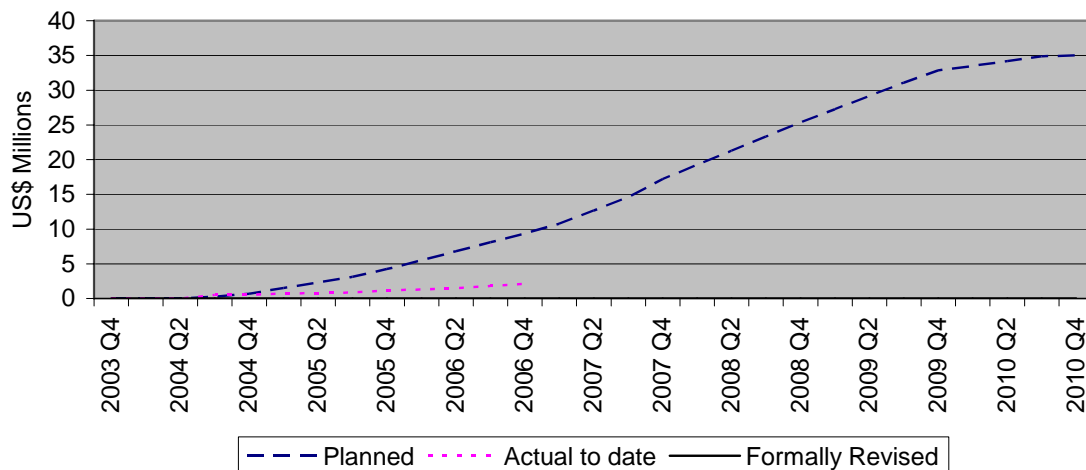
The objective is to improve the effectiveness and financial viability of irrigation water distribution and management on 56,000 ha, through provision of support to Water Users Associations (WUA) and the State Amelioration and Irrigation Committee (SAIC).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving the development objective is lagging behind. Support to WUAs is progressing well and WUAs are gradually becoming ready to manage, operate, and maintain irrigation infrastructure. Implementation of the rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure component is only now reaching the detailed design phase and so far no physical results have been achieved in WUA areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37890	Effective	37.78	2.12	35.65	0.00
JPN-26258	Closed	0.46	0.42	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): Pension and Social Assistance (P049892)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/10/2004

Midterm Review Date : 02/15/2007

Closing Date : 02/28/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39230, JPN-25796

Sector(s): Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (90%), Other social services (10%)

Theme(s): Social risk mitigation (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Other social protection and risk management (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to significantly improve the effectiveness and transparency in the provision of public pensions and social assistance to eligible beneficiaries.

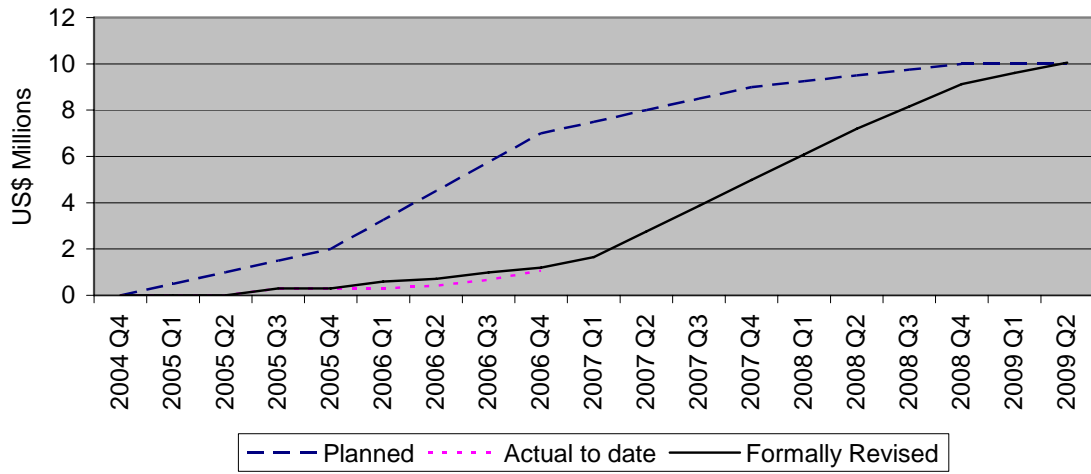
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing satisfactory. The State Social Protection Fund (SSPF) is rapidly moving ahead with automation of its business processes. The new system has been developed and tested and currently, applications for social insurance cards are being accepted. Moreover, the SSPF has begun the process of issuing social insurance cards. The new pension law that streamlines the pension system and establishes a base for utilization of individual records was adopted at the end of 2005 and is being implemented. The SSPF is taking actions to improve transparency of its operations through intense information sharing with beneficiaries and the general public. Extensive training for operation of the new system is underway. The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MOLSP) is in the final stages of introducing targeted poverty assistance.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39230	Effective	10.00	1.08	8.92	0.00
JPN-25796	Closed	0.41	0.27	0.00	0.14





Project Name (ID): Cultural Heritage Preservation (P058969)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 05/13/1999

Midterm Review Date : 02/24/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-32070

Sector(s): Other social services (83%), Central government administration (17%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objectives of the project are to enhance the awareness of, and support for, preserving Azerbaijan's cultural heritage, which will help strengthen national identity and social cohesion at a difficult time of national transition.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

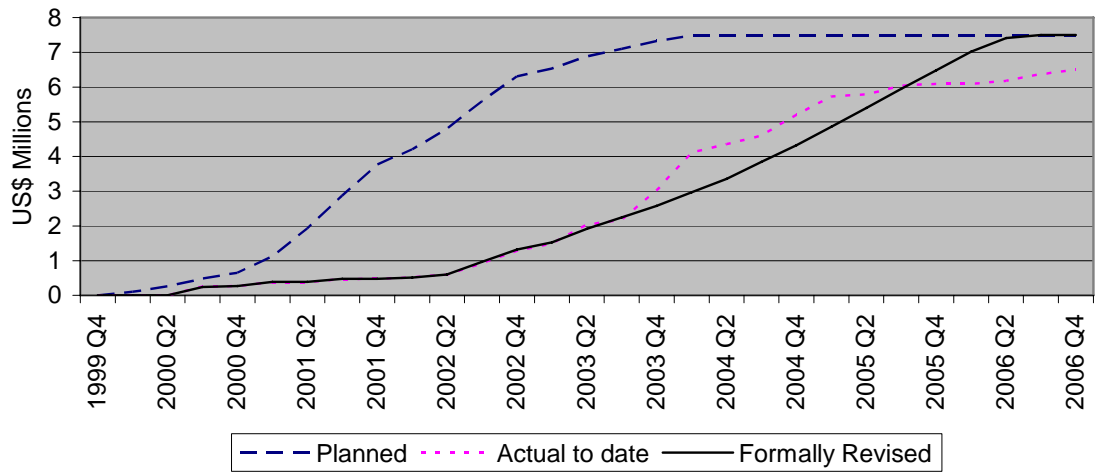
For two of the three indicators of achievement of the project development objective--long-term and short-term involvement of community members in cultural heritage site activities--the project has exceeded its targets. There is greater general awareness and support for cultural heritage activities, and enhanced national identity and social cohesion as a result of project activities.

However, there have been delays on the third indicator--enhancing institutional capacities for restoration and conservation of historical monuments through preparation of a management plan for Icheri Seher, and a study on sustainability of the Cultural Property Sub-sector. Preparation of the management plan for Icheri Sheher is still in its early stages, as is the study on sustainability, but action plans have been developed to complete them both by the project completion date.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32070	Effective	8.23	6.49	1.36	0.00





Project Name (ID): Highway (P040716)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2001

Midterm Review Date : 11/11/2003

Closing Date : 10/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-35170

Sector(s): Roads and highways (94%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

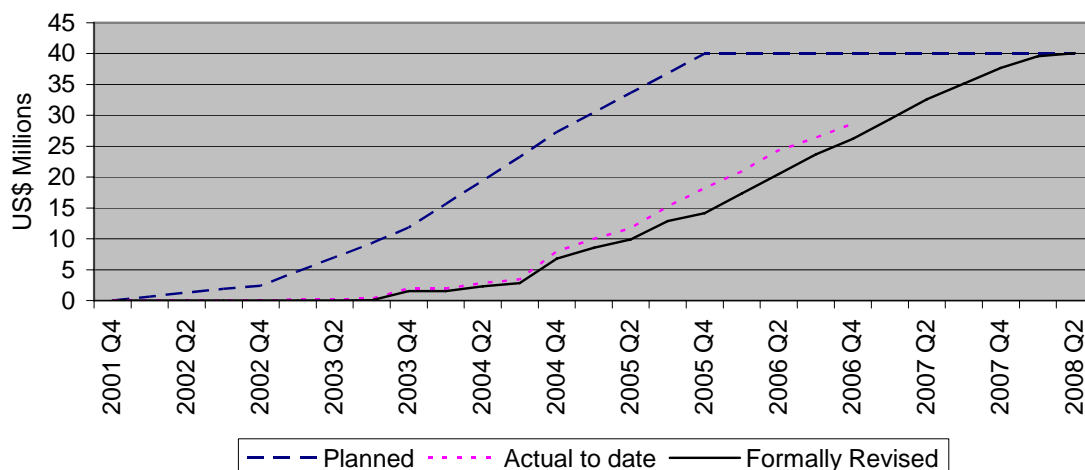
The objectives are to: (a) promote trade and economic growth by improving road access and lowering transport costs; (b) improve the organization, management, efficiency and maintenance practices of Azerbaijan's national road administration; and (c) improve the quality of roads and transport services available to the low-income rural population served by the East-West Highway and the tertiary road network connected to it.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project, albeit behind schedule, is on track to achieve development objectives. Three road rehabilitation work contracts are completed. Maintenance on four rural roads has been completed, two are on-going and are expected to be completed in October. The last works have been tendered and will start when the land acquisition is completed. The quality of the rehabilitation works is very good.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35170	Effective	46.30	28.60	17.60	0.00



Project Name (ID): Institution Building Technical Assistance 2 (IBTA 2) (P066100)
Country: Azerbaijan
Board Approval Date : 06/18/2002
Midterm Review Date : 06/01/2004
Closing Date : 06/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36630, IDA-Q1960, JPN-26109
Sector(s): Law and justice (25%), General public administration (25%), Banking (25%), General finance (25%)
Theme(s): Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The original objectives were to (a) increase accountability in public financial management by strengthening public procurement and external audit; (b) improving expenditure management practices in public investment planning and treasury functions; (c) reforming social spending by strengthening the tracking of poverty-reducing public expenditures and monitoring their impact; and (d) promoting private sector development by enhancing the privatization process for gas and water distribution and implementing reforms in the business environment.

The Project was restructured during the 2006 Fiscal Year

The project was restructured to utilize cost savings to provide urgent support to address the Avian Flu threat facing Azerbaijan.

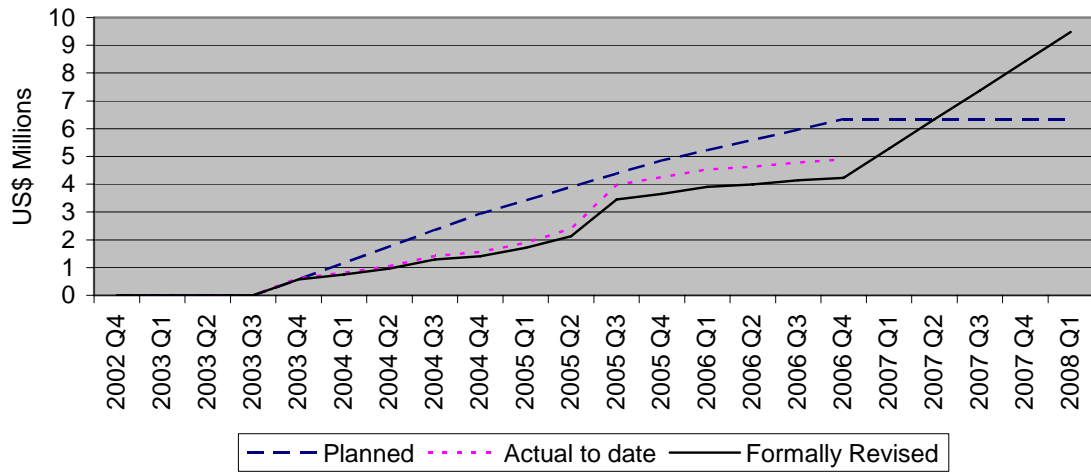
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

At the time of restructuring, considerable progress had been made toward some of the development objectives, particularly in external audit, procurement, public investment planning, development of the treasury systems. In addition, significant cost savings had accumulated because Azerbaijan had obtained alternative grant funding for several activities and there was a shift in privatization strategy in gas and water distribution so the support for labor redeployment was not yet needed. The government is now proceeding full force with activities to stem and mitigate the spread of Avian Flu, while continuing to implement activities in the original project areas, including a targeted social insurance scheme, with own and other partner resources. As such, both the original and revised development objectives are likely to be achieved upon completion.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36630	Effective	10.98	4.89	6.11	0.00
IDA-Q1960	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
JPN-26109	Closed	0.23	0.21	0.00	0.02





Project Name (ID): Rural Environment (P066199)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/09/2005

Midterm Review Date : 01/14/2008

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40750, JPN-26811, JPN-54739

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry (50%), Forestry (20%), Animal production (15%), General industry and trade (10%), Crops (5%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Other environment and natural resources management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

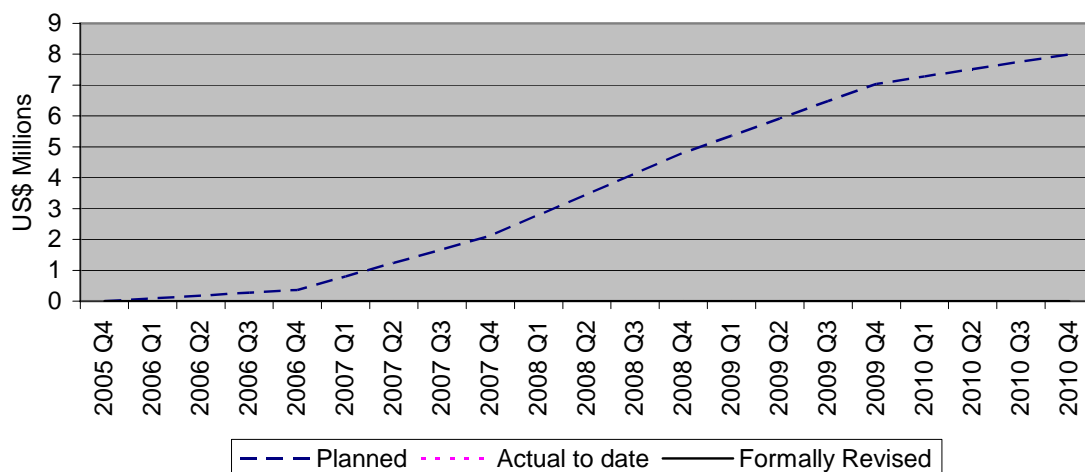
The project development objective is to improve biodiversity conservation and introduce more sustainable natural resource management and economic activities in two mountainous areas of Azerbaijan, to restore the ecological health and productivity of their natural forests and pastures. The Global Objective is to protect biodiversity in two globally significant biodiversity areas within the Caucasus and Zangezur mountains, and introduce and pilot an ecosystem-based approach for protected area management in Azerbaijan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40750	Not Effective	7.94	0.00	7.94	0.00
JPN-26811	Closed	0.50	0.44	0.00	0.06
JPN-54739	Not Effective	2.72	0.00	2.72	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Reform LIL (P069293)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2001

Midterm Review Date : 09/15/2003

Closing Date : 09/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-35230

Sector(s): Health (73%), Central government administration (20%), Compulsory health finance (7%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

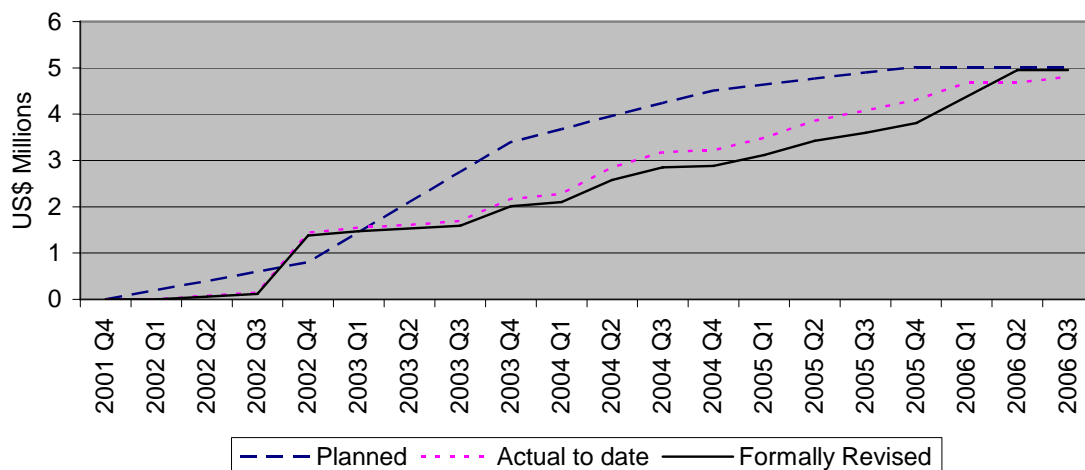
The objective is to increase knowledge of Ministry of Health officials in appropriate strategies to strengthen and reform district primary health care services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is going to close September 30, 2006. It has achieved most of its development objectives. The concept of primary health care is now a widely-accepted approach and health sector staff have received substantial training in health care management, policy formulation, and other areas. It also allowed the building up of the evidence base on health financing through household surveys which contributed to the write-up of a health sector review note completed in June 2005. Both the sector note and this learning innovation loan meant to be a precursor to a larger and reform-minded IDA operation (US\$ 50) which has now been approved by the Board at the end of June 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35230	Effective	5.88	4.80	0.85	0.00



Project Name (ID): Financial Sector Technical Assistance (P070973)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2001

Midterm Review Date : 10/15/2003

Closing Date : 10/01/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-35180

Sector(s): Banking (56%), Central government administration (37%), Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement (7%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

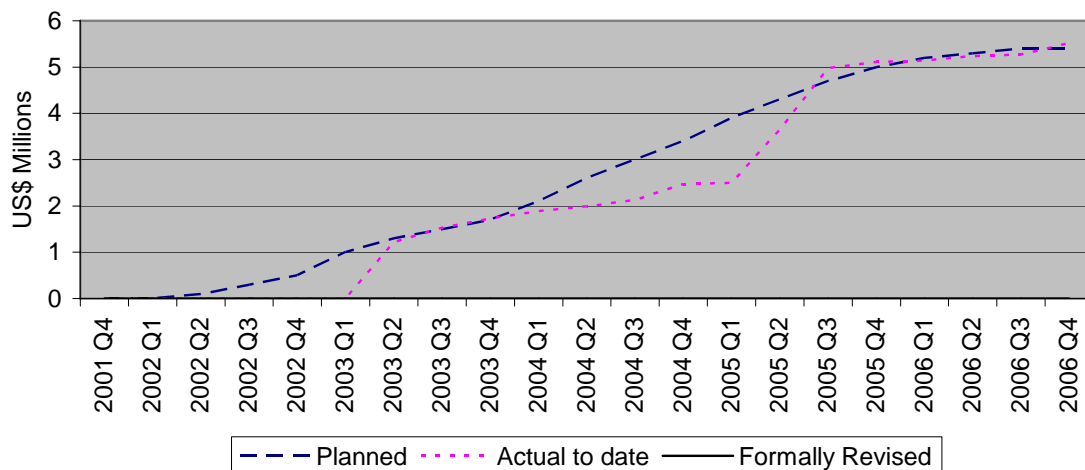
The objective is to provide technical assistance for implementation of the financial sector development strategy with a focus on bank restructuring and divestiture, and enhancement of banking infrastructure and banking supervision.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to achieve the development objectives. The financial infrastructure has been enhanced to meet the Basel standards for systemically important payment systems. The Card Processing Center was completed in record time. The infrastructure to allow electronic payments is in process of being installed. The credit risk register is operational, and its use has resulted in a significant increase in credit volume. Kapital (former Bus) Bank's majority is now private.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35180	Effective	6.32	5.50	0.72	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Sector Development (P070989)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 05/27/2003

Midterm Review Date : 03/06/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37690, JPN-26438

Sector(s): Primary education (40%), Central government administration (25%), Secondary education (20%), Tertiary education (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Education for all (S)

Project Development Objectives:

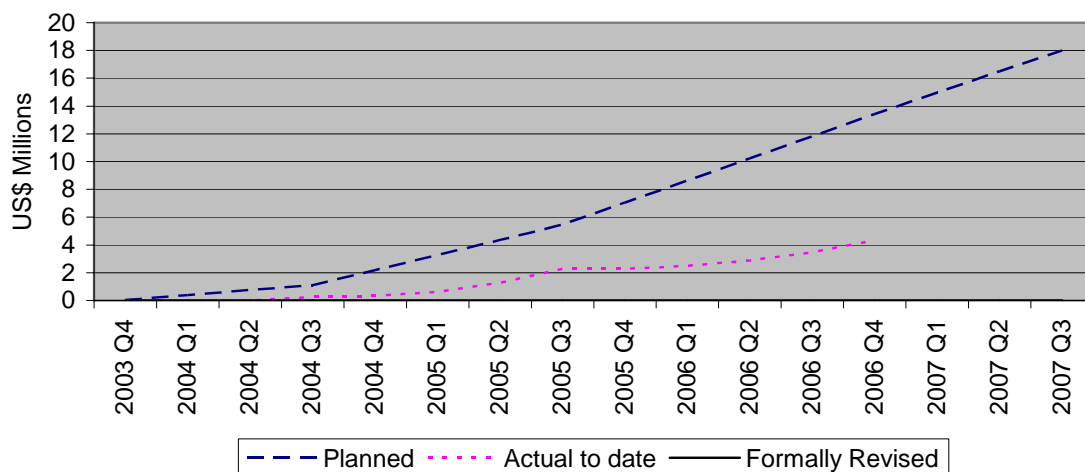
The objective is to increase learning achievements for all students to meet the needs of a market economy and improve the efficiency of general education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation has improved, and work on rationalization in pilot districts and the school grant program is proceeding well, implementation across components continues to need further attention. Progress toward meeting the development objective is expected to accelerate now that several major technical assistance groups have been mobilized and produced their work. The project is well-positioned to make good progress in the coming year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37690	Effective	19.40	4.34	15.10	0.00
JPN-26438	Closed	0.48	0.46	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): Rural Investment (AZRIP) (P076234)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date : 09/15/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39120, JPN-51649, JPN-53553

Sector(s): Power (20%), Roads and highways (20%), Sanitation (20%), Water supply (20%), Sub-national government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To improve living standards and increase use of economic and social infrastructure services in rural communities.

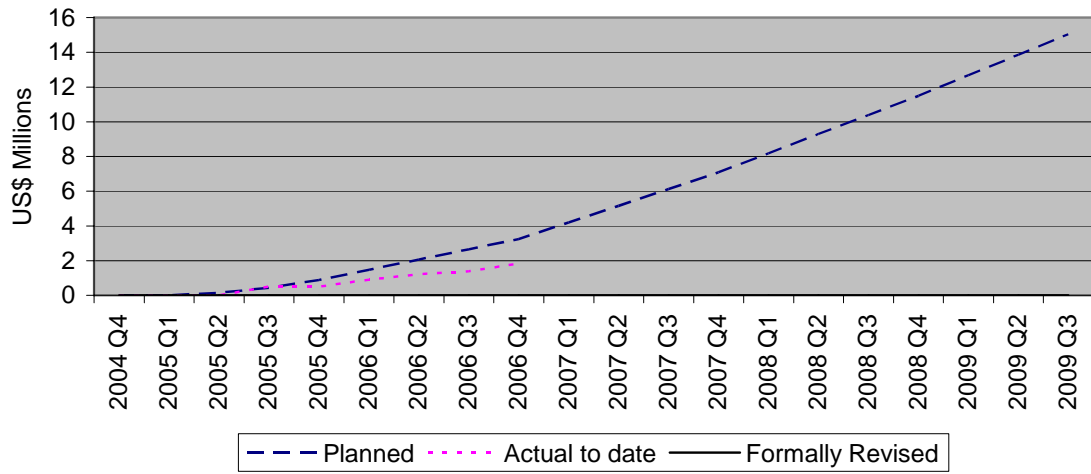
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is now working with about 160 communities (about 50% of the targeted communities) in different stages of mobilization and micro-project implementation. As a result of intensive consultation activities, there is now improved communication between the communities, municipalities and their rayon authorities. There is a greater willingness of local authorities to link local plans to the micro-projects being planned by the project-supported communities. Infrastructure rehabilitation in the project sites have brought tangible benefits to the local population. At the same time the capacity of local communities to solve local development issues have been raised through the training and implementation of micro-projects.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39120	Effective	14.99	1.85	13.16	0.00
JPN-51649	Closed	0.38	0.32	0.01	0.04
JPN-53553	Effective	3.30	0.87	2.43	0.00





Project Name (ID): Financial Services Development (P081616)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 01/06/2005

Midterm Review Date : 06/11/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40300

Sector(s): Postal services (89%), Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement (8%), Banking (3%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Rural markets (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to facilitate implementation of the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy and economic reform programs related to regional and non-oil sector development through improvements in the financial architecture and enhanced access to financial services by the rural population.

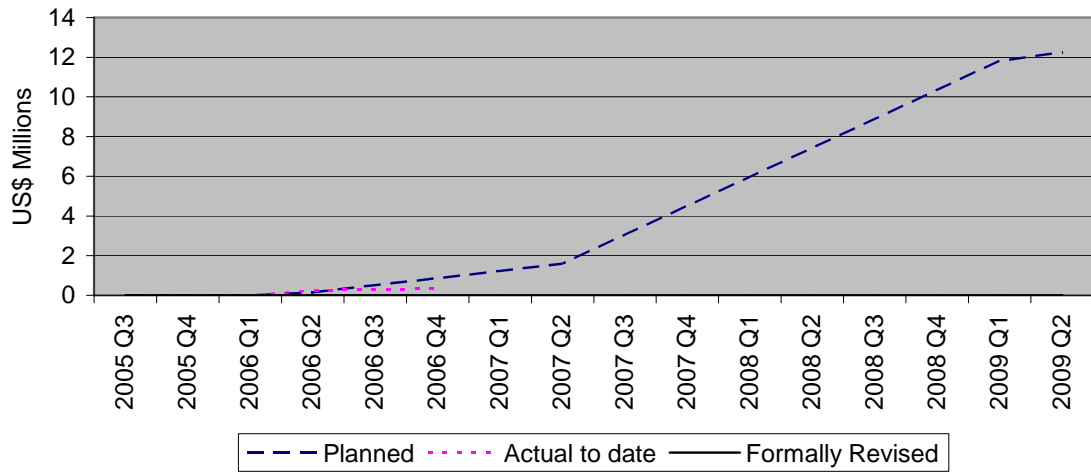
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in October, 2005, and has been on a right track since then. There are three project components. (1) a component for Azeri Post to build the financial service capacity in rural areas; (2) a component for the National Bank, to finalize the development of the National Payment System Architecture; and (3) a project management component. The progress to date has included the following: the feasibility study for the integrated Azeri Utility Payments Service and the inter-connectivity study for 1,200 postal offices have been completed. The Azeri Post has drafted a new chart of accounts, and the clearance process with the Ministry of Finance has started. The Bank Training Center in Baku has started training programs for Azeri Post staff and management.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40300	Effective	12.35	0.32	12.02	0.00





Project Name (ID): Power Transmission (P083341)
Country: Azerbaijan
Board Approval Date : 05/17/2005
Midterm Review Date : 10/31/2007
Closing Date : 12/31/2010
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72940, JPN-52680
Sector(s): Power (100%)
Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

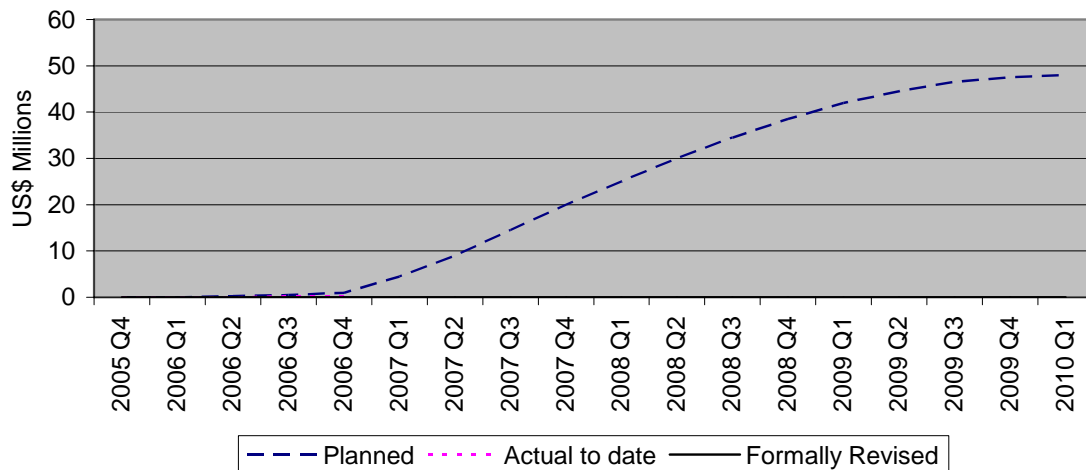
The objective is to improve the efficiency of power transmission through technical and institutional strengthening of the generation/transmission utility.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The loan became effective on March 24, 2006. The current focus is on executing procurement of a major sub-component that will provide the Azerbaijan power system with a modern management and control system ("SCADA"). Steps are being taken to enhance project management capacity.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72940	Effective	48.00	0.27	47.73	0.00
JPN-52680	Closed	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): IDP Economic Development Support (P089751)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 02/15/2005

Midterm Review Date : 12/31/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40340

Sector(s): Other social services (20%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (20%), Roads and highways (20%), Primary education (20%), Housing construction (20%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Other social protection and risk management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

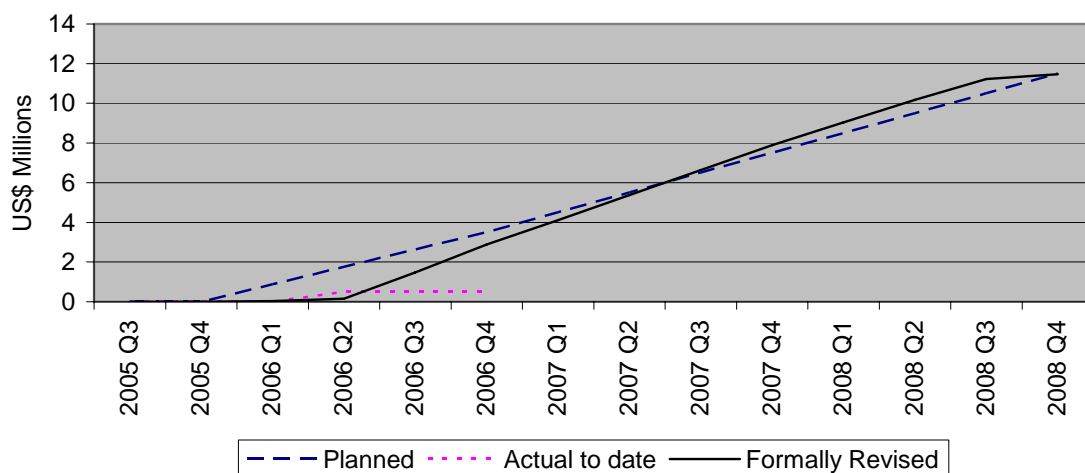
The project is a repeater project that replicates part of the Pilot Reconstruction Project, and its objective is to help improve the living conditions of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and enhance their economic opportunities and prospects for social integration.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in late 2005 and the first round of micro-projects has been identified. Two Partner Lending Institutions have been selected for the micro-credit component and all micro-credit funds have been disbursed to the two PLIs to support micro-loans to IDPs.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40340	Effective	11.02	0.50	10.51	0.00



Project Name (ID): AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CREDIT PROJECT-II
(P090887)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/27/2006

Closing Date : 05/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42070, IDA-42080, JPN-55806

Sector(s): Agro-industry (55%), Agricultural marketing and trade (35%), Agricultural extension and research (10%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's main objective is to further increase rural productivity and incomes by enhancing the access of farmers and small and medium rural enterprises to rural business and agricultural support services including financial, advisory and veterinary services and by stimulating market-oriented investments in rural areas. The project will build on ADCP-I's achievements by: (a) strengthening the credit union system established under ADCP-I and stimulating commercial financial services suited for agricultural businesses; (b) expanding the outreach of the rural advisory services established under ADCP-I; (c) developing private veterinary services and modernizing and streamlining the State Veterinary Services; (d) improving access to adapted technologies by one or possibly two selected agricultural research institutes; and (e) assisting producers and processors in marketing and improved product quality.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42070	Not Effective	8.82	0.00	8.82	0.00
IDA-42080	Not Effective	20.73	0.00	20.73	0.00
JPN-55806	Effective	0.40	0.12	0.28	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Sector Reform (P094220)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42100, JPN-55805

Sector(s): Health (83%), Central government administration (14%), Compulsory health finance (3%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Improving labor markets (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objective is to improve the overall health system stewardship and financing, and enhance equitable access to, and technical and perceived quality of essential healthcare services, in the selected districts in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner with a view to improving health outcomes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on June 29, 2006, and was not yet effective by 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-42100	Not Effective	50.42	0.00	50.42	0.00
JPN-55805	Effective	0.58	0.08	0.51	0.00



Project Name (ID): Highway 2 (P094488)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 01/17/2006

Midterm Review Date : 03/31/2008

Closing Date : 02/28/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73560

Sector(s): Roads and highways (99%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

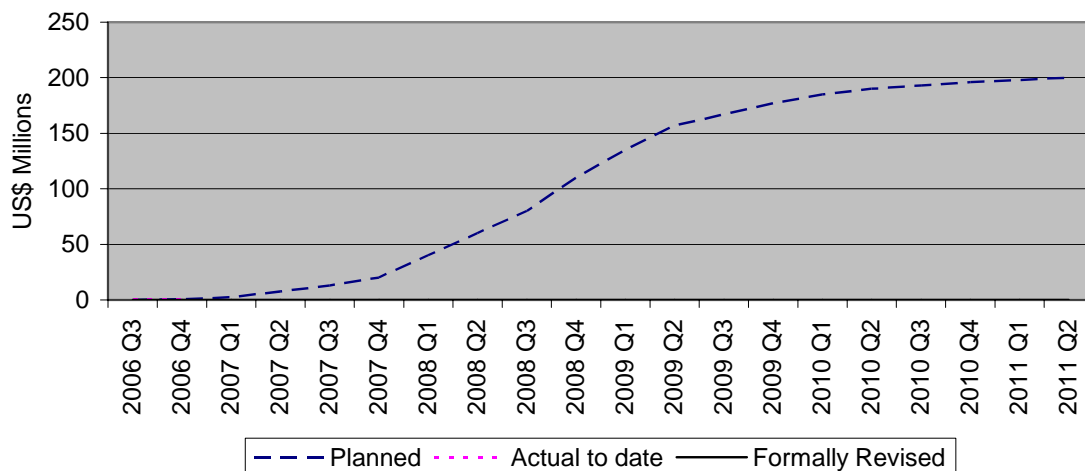
The main project development objective is to reduce road transport costs and improve access, transit and road safety within Azerbaijan's East-West and North-South corridors, through upgrading some sections of the Alat-Masalli road of the Baku-Iran highway (M3) and rehabilitating the Baku-Shamakhi road (M4).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The loan agreement has been signed, and effectiveness is planned for August 2006. The first contract of works is expected to be signed in September 2006, and next three by December 2006, representing a commitment of about \$110 million.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73560	Not Effective	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Judicial Modernization (P099201)

Country: Azerbaijan

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42090

Sector(s): Law and justice (100%)

Theme(s): Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Access to law and justice (S), Legal services (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to develop and initiate a long-term judicial modernization program by building management capacity in judicial institutions, upgrading court facilities, strengthening professionalism of judges and judiciary staff, and improving citizen information.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42090	Not Effective	21.76	0.00	21.76	0.00

