

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
SOPE
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COUNTRY: COSTA RICA

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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: Costa Rica

Project Name (ID): Ecomarkets (P052009)

Country: Costa Rica

Board Approval Date : 06/06/2000

Midterm Review Date : 08/30/2004

Closing Date : 09/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-45570, JPN-50508

Sector(s): Forestry (100%)

Theme(s): Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase forest conservation with development of markets and private sector providers for environmental services supplied by privately owned forests.

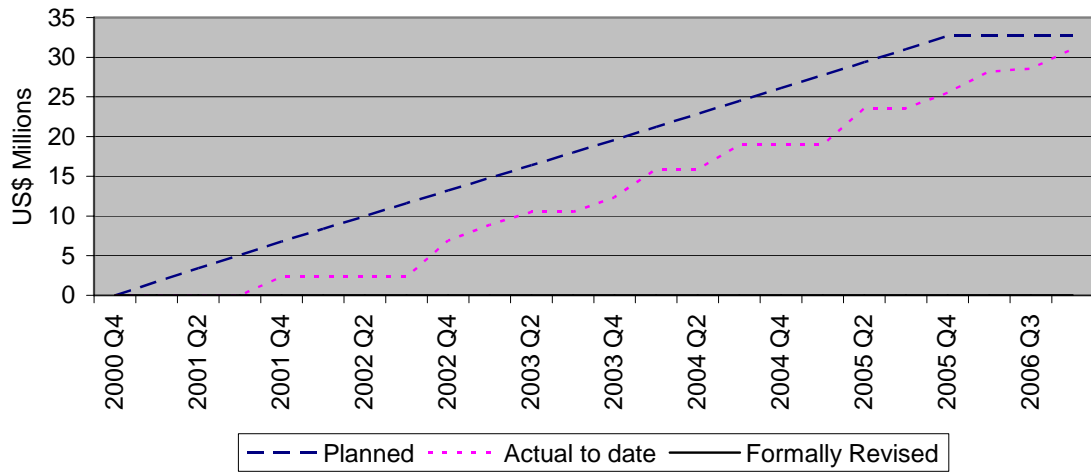
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

As the project comes to an end it has been extended three months in order to allow for a full and successful closure. The project has achieved and surpassed its key objectives and quantitative targets. More than 212,000 ha of land were brought under the Payment for Environmental Service Program - mostly through conservation of forest land in priority biodiversity areas. This was a significant contribution to Costa Rica's unique achievement among developing countries of increasing its national forest cover. On the social front, the project increased female landholder representation from 22 to 474 landholders who benefited from conservation payments. Also, the project led to a significant increase in the support to indigenous areas - from 3,000 ha to more than 25,000 ha. Institutionally, the project was instrumental in strengthening FONAFIFO and establishing it and Costa Rica's environmental program as a model worldwide. Sustainability was further consolidated through the establishment of an endowed fund and the investigation of additional markets for environmental services (water services, carbon financing, etc.) that will be developed under a follow-up project. The project was also successful in attracting significant co-financing, from GEF primarily, but also KfW, NORAD and bi-lateral donors.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45570	Effective	32.63	30.98	1.65	0.00
JPN-50508	Closed	0.30	0.29	0.02	0.00





Project Name (ID): Equity and Efficiency of Education (P057857)

Country: Costa Rica

Board Approval Date : 03/29/2005

Midterm Review Date : 06/30/2009

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72840

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (30%), Central government administration (20%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

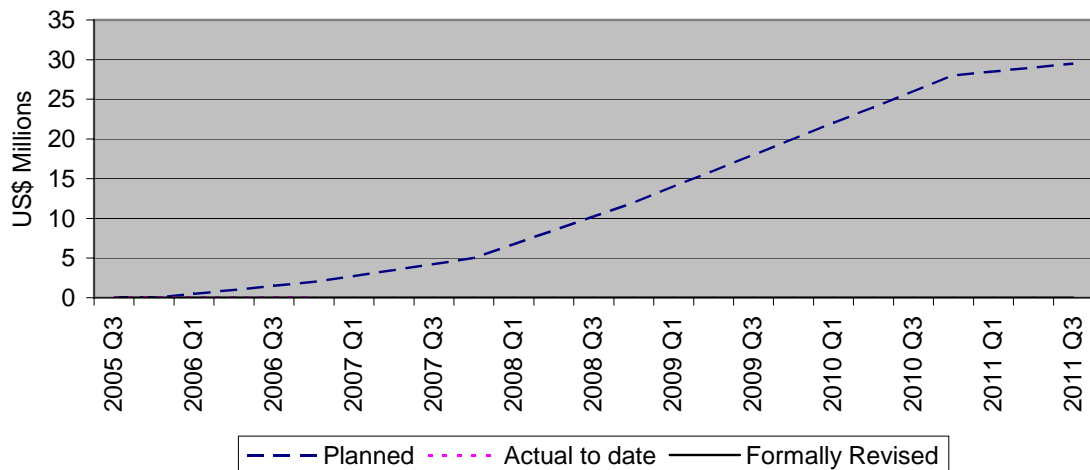
The objectives are to: (a) close existing rural education gaps in access, quality and internal efficiency; (b) improve the impact of equity programs for low-income students; and (c) enhance the capacity of education institutional actors at the central, regional and local levels.

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
IBRD-72840	Not Effective	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Sector Strengthening and Modernization II (P073892)
Country: Costa Rica
Board Approval Date : 07/12/2001
Midterm Review Date : 10/30/2005
Closing Date : 12/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-70680
Sector(s): Health (95%), Central government administration (5%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Decentralization (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

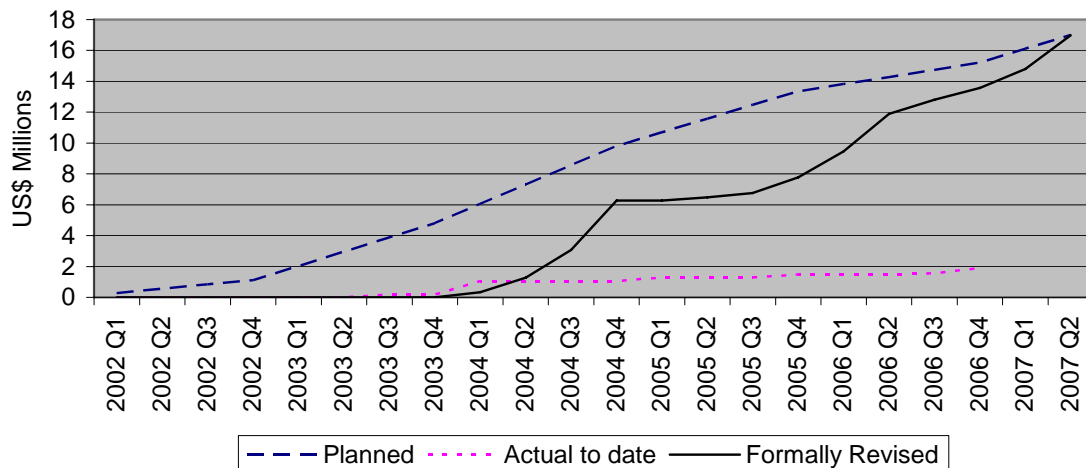
The objective is to improve health system performance and financial sustainability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation accelerated in FY06 following the political transition. Several subprojects are being implemented and respond to local needs. Their financial sustainability is guaranteed by local-central unit agreements. These subprojects, aimed at increasing the share of services, have been executed to provide an outpatient basis of health care processes and to improve quality of services. In addition, training activities have been conducted to strengthen the Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social (CCSS) and the Ministerio de Salud (MINS) capacity. CCSS has adjudicated the consultancy for the Hospital Accreditation System for strengthening Ministry of Health (MOH) stewardship functions. Recently, the Government expressed interest in reactivating the Identification System of Beneficiaries (SIPO) used to target households.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70680	Effective	17.00	1.89	12.11	3.00



Project Name (ID): Mainstreaming Market-Based Instruments for Environmental Management (P093384)

Country: Costa Rica

Board Approval Date : 06/08/2006

Closing Date : 07/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73880, JPN-54616

Sector(s): Forestry (70%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (30%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Biodiversity (P), Water resources management (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to enhance the provision of environmental services of a national and global significance and secure their long-term sustainability through a scaled-up payment for environmental services system in Costa Rica.

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
IBRD-73880	Not Effective	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
JPN-54616	Effective	0.47	0.25	0.22	0.00

