

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**  
**COUNTRY: PANAMA**

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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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 report<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: Panama**

**Project Name (ID): Land Administration ( P050595 )**

**Country: Panama**

**Board Approval Date : 01/16/2001**

**Midterm Review Date : 07/30/2004**

**Closing Date : 12/31/2009**

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-70450**

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (79%), Forestry (16%), Other social services (3%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

**Theme(s):** Land administration and management (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Personal and property rights (P), Law reform (P), Indigenous peoples (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

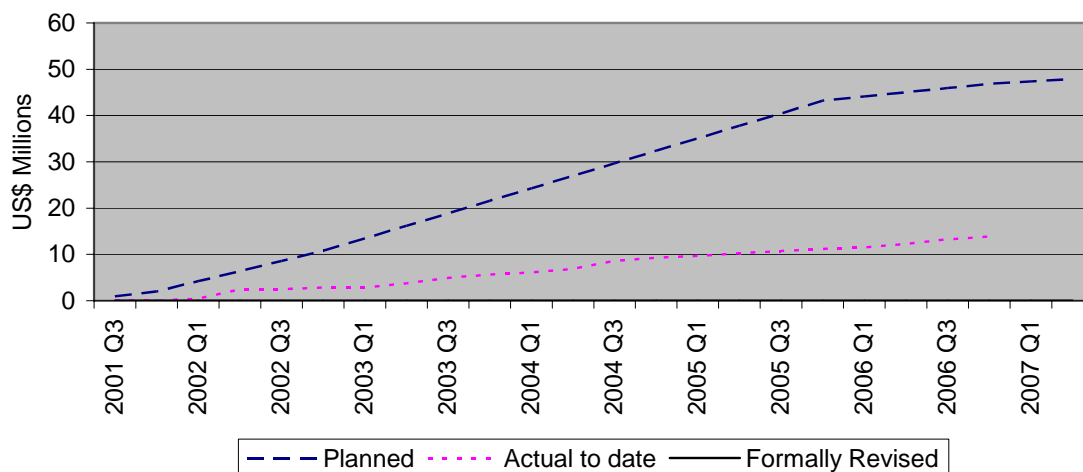
The project objective is to modernize the land administration system, including priority protected areas and indigenous territories.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Following the appointment of a new permanent Project Coordinator in January 2006 and project restructuring in April 2006, project performance has significantly improved. Additionally, the approval of the Massive Land Titling Law on June 30, 2006 is a major step forward and a key reform for successful achievement of the overall project objective.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70450	Effective	47.90	13.84	34.06	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** BASIC EDUCATION II ( P052021 )

**Country:** Panama

**Board Approval Date :** 09/07/2000

**Midterm Review Date :** 10/13/2003

**Closing Date :** 05/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-70320

**Sector(s):** Secondary education (54%), Primary education (32%), Pre-primary education (9%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Rural services and infrastructure (P), Education for all (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Social safety nets (P), Indigenous peoples (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

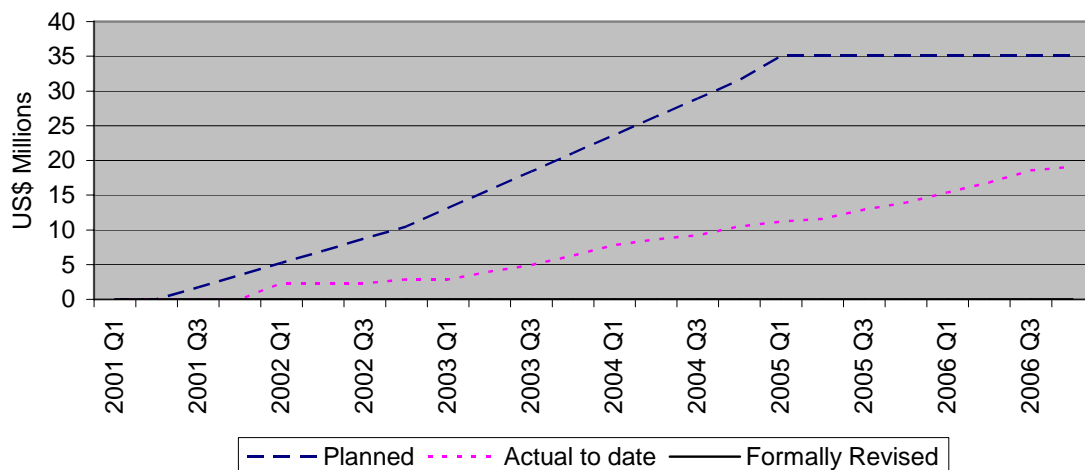
The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and efficiency of education, and (b) increase convergence of primary and preschool education.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Despite early delays, most project components have now met or surpassed their development targets. The only exceptions are the activities linked to school construction and decentralization of management where, despite some recent accomplishments, the milestones are still below target. In 2006, the project completed an evaluation of the Early Childhood Education program (Centros Familiares y Comunitarios de Educación Inicial—CEFACEI and Educación Inicial en el Hogar). The educational materials and associated training for the indigenous groups Emberá, Ngâbe and Kuna were completed successfully.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70320	Effective	35.00	19.12	15.88	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Public Policy Reform Technical Assistance ( P055844 )

**Country:** Panama

**Board Approval Date :** 07/31/2001

**Midterm Review Date :** 01/19/2004

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-46350, IBRD-P3380

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

**Theme(s):** Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S), Other economic management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to support trade policy, strengthen economic management, improve social spending, modernize national statistics, and improve public procurement procedures.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is successfully achieving its objectives. On trade promotion and liberalization, the Panamanian legislation has been adapted to the Free Trade Agreement with the US and database on patents and trademarks in support of protection of Intellectual Property Rights has been set up. On strengthening the Government's economic monitoring, the project helped with the modernization of Government's statistics. As of December 2005 the Directorate of Statistics started publishing, on a regular basis, the Quarterly National Accounts, the new CPI and other economic indicators. On Social Spending and Poverty Reduction, substantial progress was made to include the development of a poverty monitoring system using data from the household survey (financed by this project). Finally on Strengthening Public Procurement, an institutional strategy was developed to assess procurement processes carried out by selected ministries and public entities and promote E-procurement.

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<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-46350	Effective	10.50	9.06	1.44	0.00
IBRD-P3380	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10



