

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: Paraguay

Project Name (ID): FOURTH RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION (P039983)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 08/28/1997

Midterm Review Date : 09/15/2001

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-42220, IBRD-42230

Sector(s): Water supply (68%), Sewerage (22%), Central government administration (9%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Decentralization (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to (a) increase the access of rural communities to water supply and sanitation; and (b) establish SENASA (National Environment Sanitation Service) as an efficiently managed promoter of water supply and sanitation activities.

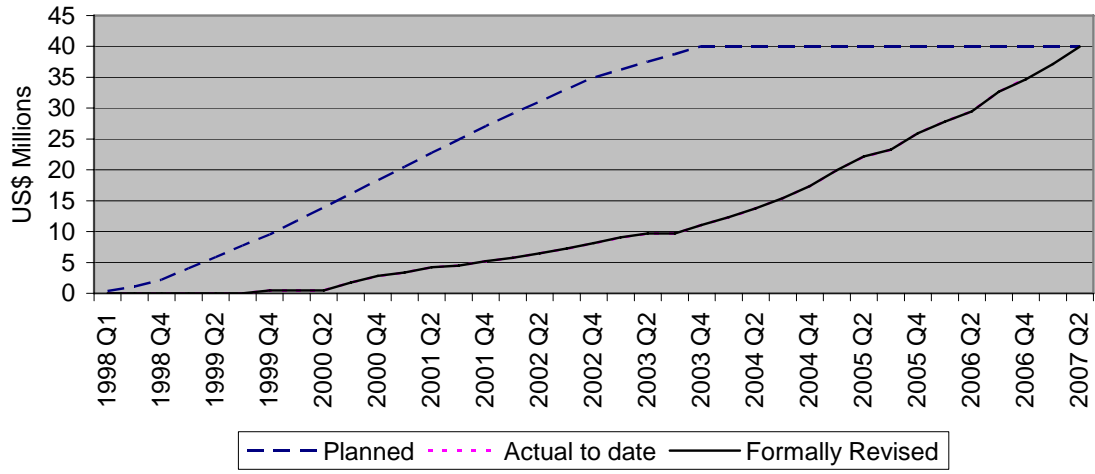
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make good progress toward its development objectives. 263 water supply systems in rural communities are operational and 158 systems are under construction; 421 systems will be operational by project closing (compared to the planned target of 330). 60 indigenous communities in the El Chaco Region are benefiting from water systems and sanitation facilities and additional 68 systems are under construction or upgrading; in total 128 indigenous communities will benefit from new (71) or improved (57) water and sanitation facilities (the target was 35). SENASA is becoming a more effective promoter rather than a direct provider of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Services. As of June 2006, five privately supplied systems are in operation, benefiting six communities, and an additional system, benefiting 2 communities has been constructed and is starting operations and connecting new users, to benefit additional 2,000 families. SENASA continues to promote and strengthen five Associations of "Juntas de Saneamiento" -local water users committees.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42220	Effective	20.00	19.89	0.11	0.00
IBRD-42230	Effective	20.00	14.94	5.06	0.00





Project Name (ID): Programmatic Financial Sector Adjustment (P039994)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 04/05/2005

Closing Date : 09/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72880, JPN-27085, JPN-51360

Sector(s): Banking (53%), General finance (28%), Central government administration (13%), Law and justice (6%)

Theme(s): Standards and financial reporting (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to strengthen the financial system and enhance the Government's capacity to reduce vulnerabilities, thus improving economic growth prospects and increasing the flow of credit in the country.

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-72880	Effective	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
JPN-27085	Closed	0.75	0.60	0.00	0.15
JPN-51360	Closed	0.68	0.59	0.09	0.00



Project Name (ID): Pilot Community Development (P069269)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 03/21/2002

Midterm Review Date : 10/31/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71090, JPN-26317

Sector(s): Central government administration (25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry (25%), General industry and trade (25%), Other social services (25%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Improving labor markets (P), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to contribute to poverty reduction among poor urban and rural households in the Itapua, Misiones and Neembucu Departments.

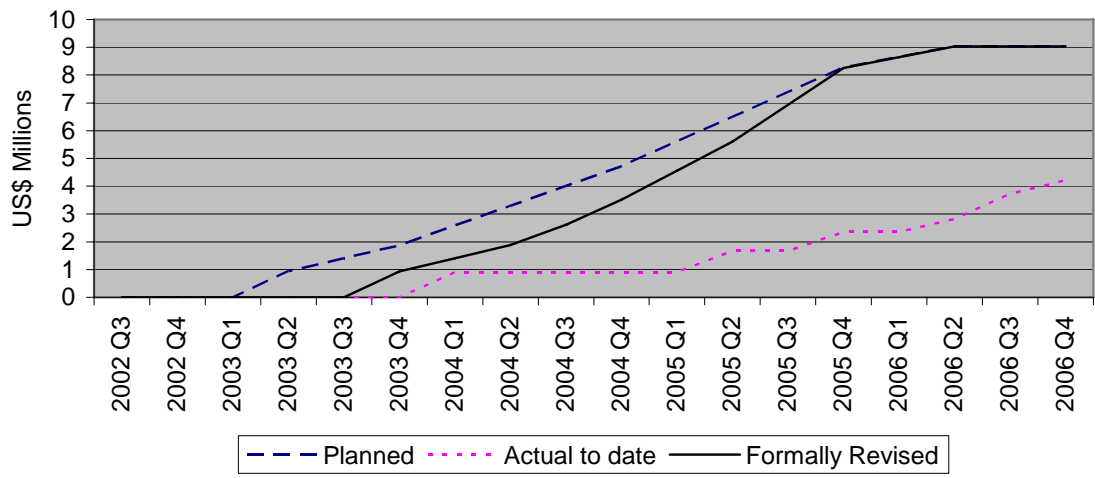
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After initial delays project implementation has picked up and results on the ground are strong. The latest data show that 201 sub-projects have been approved reaching more than 2,000 families or 11,000 direct beneficiaries, of which 40% are women and 12% indigenous peoples. This represents a major acceleration from 2004, when less than 30 sub-projects had been approved, and mid-2005, when 85 subprojects had been approved. The average investment per family is approximately US\$1,600. One of the project's strongest aspects has been its capacity to decentralize decision making at the departmental and municipal levels. All Local (44) and Departmental (3) Development Committees are operating, and training of these committees has continued. Institutional mechanisms have been developed at the local level.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71090	Effective	9.00	4.22	4.78	0.00
JPN-26317	Closed	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00





Project Name (ID): EDUCATION REFORM (P073526)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date : 03/06/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71900, JPN-54361

Sector(s): Secondary education (60%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Other social services (5%), Tertiary education (5%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Education for all (P), Access to urban services and housing (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to improve management and efficiency of the education system, and to raise educational outcomes and equity at the secondary education level.

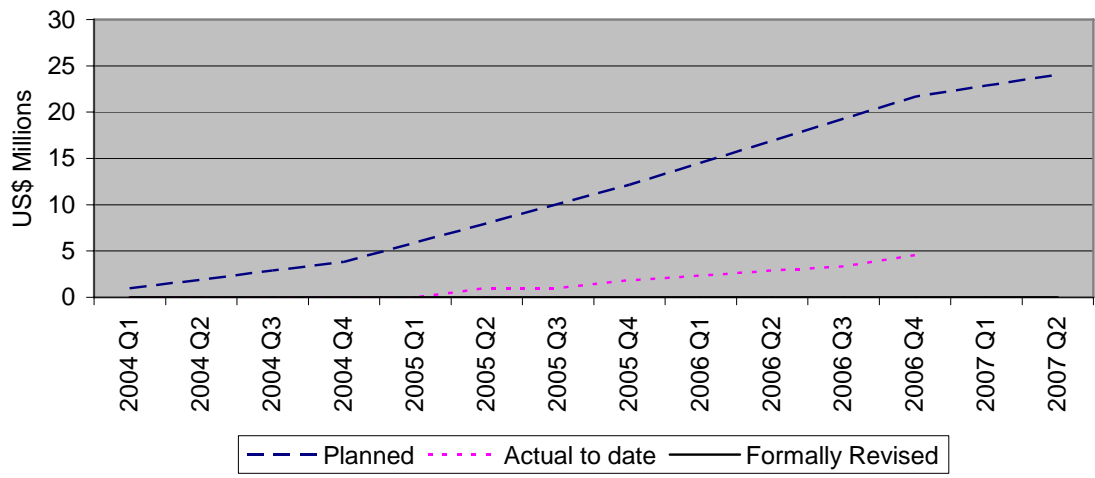
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is moving well despite early delays in obtaining Assembly approval. Education system management is being improved through re-engineering of the Ministry of Education's human resource management and supervision system, and training education leaders (second group of 50 will begin their Master's program this year). New secondary school textbooks and materials were prepared and are being distributed. Equity of access to education has been improved through the scholarship program that already allowed about 2,800 poor students to attend secondary school. Strict eligibility criteria were applied and the process has been transparent and highly publicized. Steps have already been taken to initiate the process of redesigning the management system in the Ministry of Education, with active participation from key stakeholders. The design of accreditation and certification systems is also underway in close consultation with teacher training institutes (for accreditation) and teacher unions as part of the process.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71900	Effective	24.00	4.56	19.44	0.00
JPN-54361	Effective	0.87	0.08	0.79	0.00





Project Name (ID): Mother and Child Basic Health Insurance (P082056)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 10/20/2005

Closing Date : 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73330, JPN-53771

Sector(s): Health (55%), Central government administration (22%), Sub-national government administration (16%), Other social services (7%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (S), Child Health (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

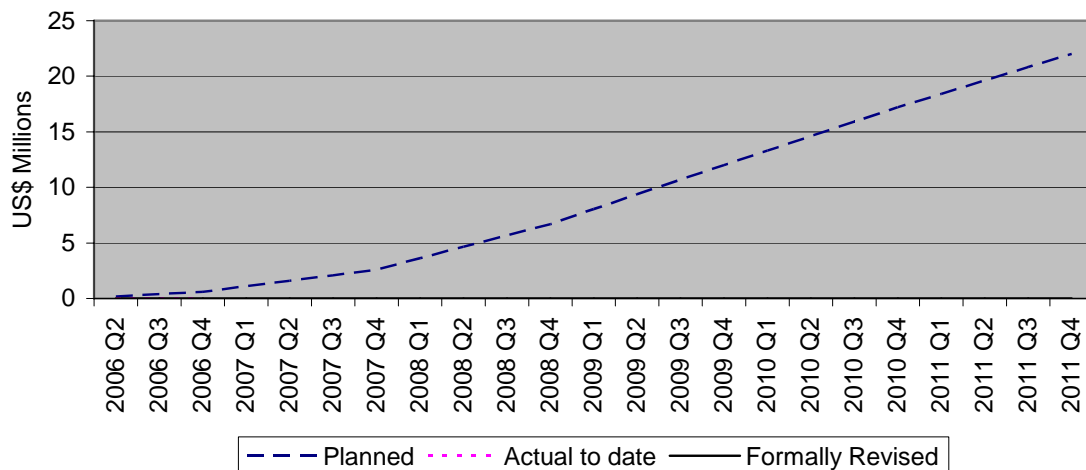
The objective is to reduce maternal and infant mortality by increasing the use of selected life-saving services included in the Mother & Child Basic Health Insurance by women of child-bearing age and children under age six.

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-73330	Not Effective	22.00	0.00	22.00	0.00
JPN-53771	Closed	0.59	0.23	0.37	0.00



Project Name (ID): Modernization of the Ministry of Finance (P087036)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 04/05/2005

Midterm Review Date : 11/05/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72860, JPN-53141

Sector(s): Central government administration (98%), Law and justice (2%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Tax policy and administration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve fiscal sustainability and quality of public expenditures.

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-72860	Not Effective	7.50	0.00	7.50	0.00
JPN-53141	Closed	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00

