

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

**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: Dominican Republic**

**Project Name (ID):** Telecom Regulatory Reform ( P052736 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 07/06/1999

**Midterm Review Date :** 12/01/2002

**Closing Date :** 09/30/2006

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-45050, IBRD-P3350

**Sector(s):** Telecommunications (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Rural services and infrastructure (P), Law reform (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Social safety nets (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to strengthen the policy, legal and regulatory environment in the telecommunications sector and improve rural access to services by encouraging private investment in those areas.

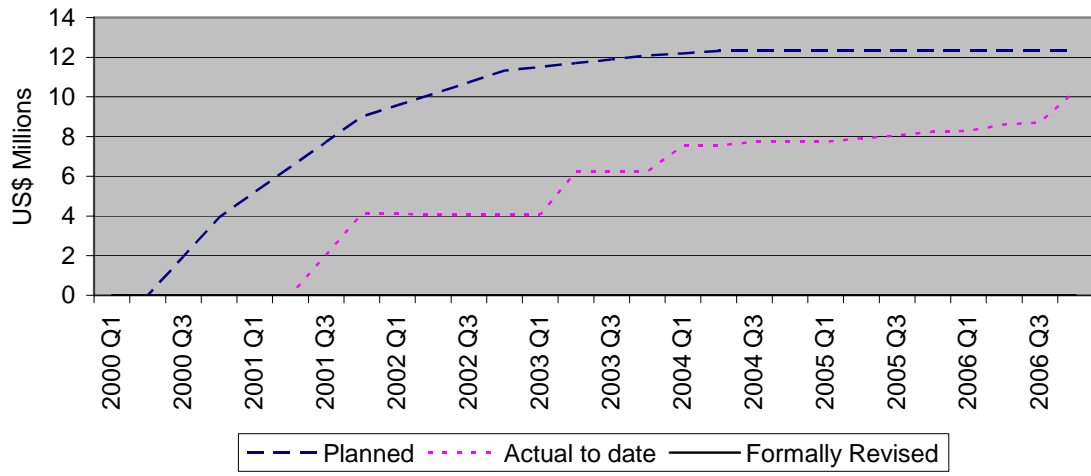
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Closing date of the project has been extended until September 30, 2006, to allow the disbursement of the contracts under the project to finish and the implementation of the components to complete. Main activities that are under final implementation are: 1) the contract for the procurement of the additional monitoring stations for the radio spectrum management system; 2) the digitalization of INDOTEL's records; 3) the drafting of six regulatory decrees; 4) The 65 IT Training Centers; 5) the broadband Internet study. The project is meeting all its development objectives.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-45050	Effective	12.30	10.29	2.01	0.00
IBRD-P3350	Closed	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00





**Project Name (ID):** Early Childhood Education ( P054937 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 09/05/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 11/27/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-71440, JPN-25609

**Sector(s):** Pre-primary education (90%), Other social services (5%), Central government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Child Health (S), Nutrition and food security (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (a) increase access and quality of formal pre-school (kindergarten) education for all children aged five, and (b) improve access to and quality of non-formal early childhood education that is available to children ages zero to five.

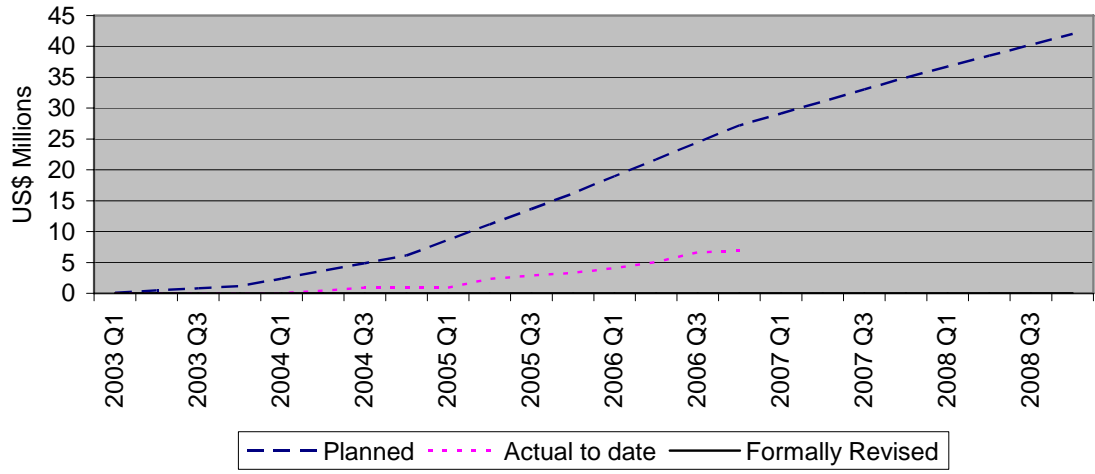
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Project implementation is lagging behind schedule but is still expected to achieve the objectives. Access and quality of formal pre-school education (kindergarten) has begun to increase as the first wave of classroom construction, equipment, and educational materials supply has been completed in 150 schools, and the first series of teacher trainings in pre-school pedagogy have been carried out (reaching over 1,000 teachers). Bidding for all project civil works, classroom equipment and education materials is being launched in 2006, so 2007 should see a very rapid increase in project outputs. Non-formal early childhood development services have been improved and expanded through the financing of 22 sub-projects by the Education Innovations Fund, with another 50 such projects expected to be approved for funding in 2006. A sophisticated baseline study (experimental design) of the quality of preschool education has been completed, in order to measure the project's qualitative impact at its conclusion.

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IBRD-71440	Effective	42.00	6.84	35.16	0.00
JPN-25609	Closed	0.18	0.16	0.00	0.01





**Project Name (ID):** HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control ( P071505 )  
**Country:** Dominican Republic  
**Board Approval Date :** 06/28/2001  
**Midterm Review Date :** 10/08/2005  
**Closing Date :** 12/31/2006  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-70650, JPN-26469  
**Sector(s):** Health (87%), Central government administration (13%)  
**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS (P), Population and reproductive health (S), Child Health (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Gender (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to reduce the risk of HIV transmission and improve the quality of life of those infected and affected by the HIV epidemic by reorganizing the National Response, developing a National Strategic Plan and a corresponding monitoring and evaluation system, and implementing selected interventions.

**The Project was restructured during the 2006 Fiscal Year**

The main goal of restructuring was to expand the scope of eligible expenditures required to strengthen, expand and deepen the response to the epidemic in alignment with the development and implementation of a new 10-year National Strategic Plan.

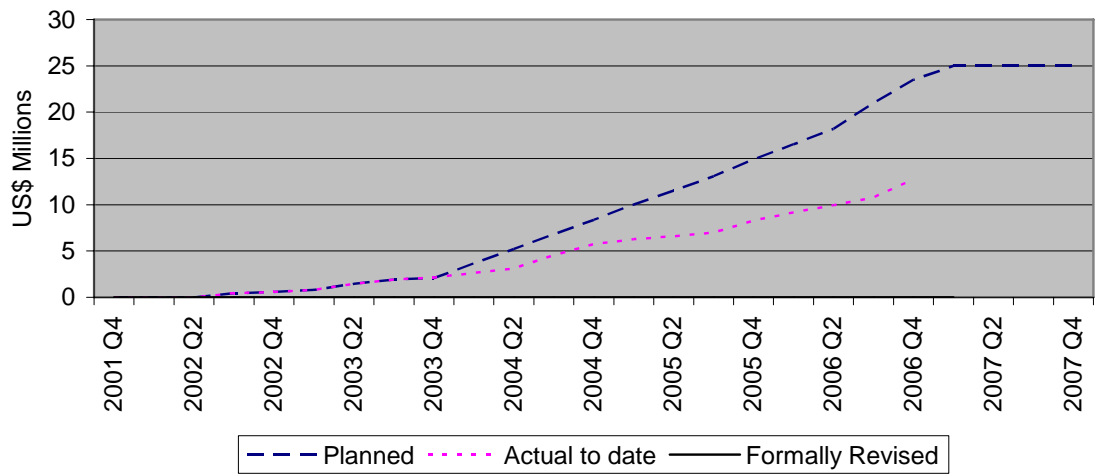
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The timely implementation of the emergency action plan produced the following results (beneficiaries, drop in infection rate, etc.). The project was restructured to expand the scope of eligible expenditures in alignment with the development and implementation of a new 10-year National Strategic Plan.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-70650	Effective	25.00	12.71	12.29	0.00
JPN-26469	Not Effective	0.79	0.00	0.79	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Health Reform Support (APL) ( P076802 )  
**Country:** Dominican Republic  
**Board Approval Date :** 06/26/2003  
**Midterm Review Date :** 02/28/2006  
**Closing Date :** 12/31/2007  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-71850  
**Sector(s):** Health (50%), Non-compulsory health finance (50%)  
**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

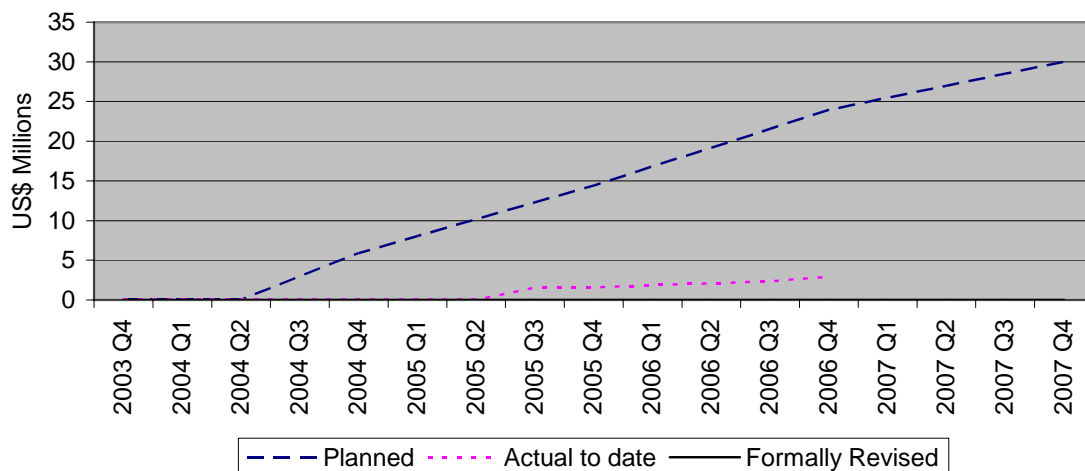
The objective is to implement the new legal framework for the health sector, and prepare, validate and disseminate supplementary norms and regulations to the General Health Law (42-01) and the Social Security Law (87 -01).

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

Analytical work carried out during this past year demonstrated that the project needs to be restructured to contribute more effectively to the reform objectives as envisioned in the legal framework for the health sector adopted in 2001. Based on these research findings, a high-level technical and political agreement was achieved among key public sector organizations on a mid- and long-term agenda to speed up the implementation of the health sector reform.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71850	Effective	30.00	2.94	27.06	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Financial Sector Technical Assistance ( P078838 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 02/12/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 03/31/2006

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72160

**Sector(s):** Banking (38%), Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement (25%), Capital markets (20%), Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (17%)

**Theme(s):** Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Standards and financial reporting (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional capacity of the monetary authorities; and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the financial regulatory agencies.

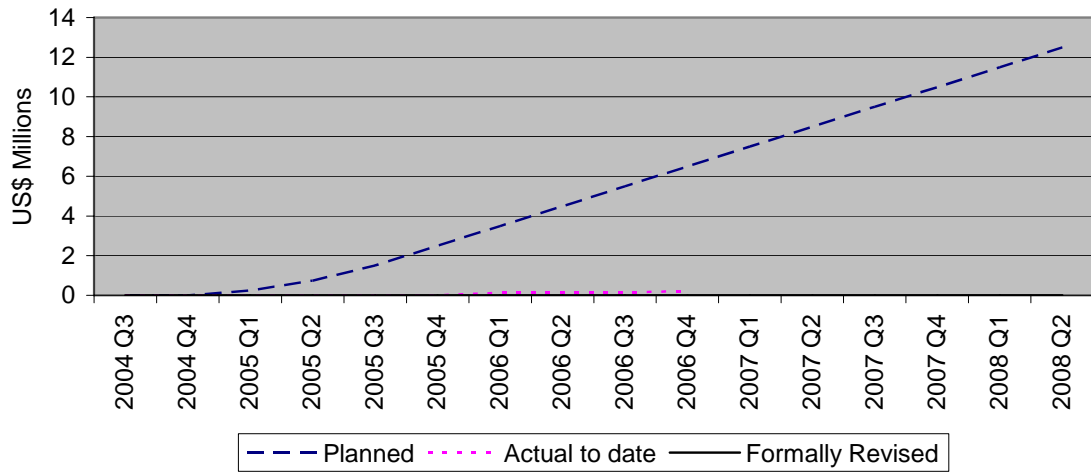
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project became effective in August 2005 and is on track to achieve its objectives. All agencies (BCRD, Superintendencies of Banks, Securities, Pension and Insurance, Ministry of Finance-Treasury) are already implementing their respective subcomponents except the Superintendency of Insurance. The BCRD launched formally the payment system reform project (Proyecto de Reforma del Sistema de Pagos de la Republica Dominicana, SIPARD) with a High Level Sensitization Workshop and consultants are already working for the definition of the technical functionalities of the system. The Superintendencies of Banks, Securities and Pensions are already implementing their strengthening plans, and regulations of the LMF (Ley Monetaria y Finaciera) have been already approved.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72160	Effective	12.50	0.22	12.28	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Power Sector Program - Second Generation Reforms ( P082712 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 05/10/2005

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72920

**Sector(s):** Power (100%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Corporate governance (S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to support the initial phase of the financial recovery of the sector to stabilize power supply, with improving cash recovery, controlling costs and dealing with arrears.

**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 )**

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72920	Not Effective	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Power Sector Technical Assistance ( P082715 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 02/12/2004

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72170

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (97%), Power (3%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to strengthen the Government's regulatory and consumer protection performance; improve policy formulation and implementation; design the transmission grid and the wholesale power market; and increase the quantity and quality of electricity for the poor.

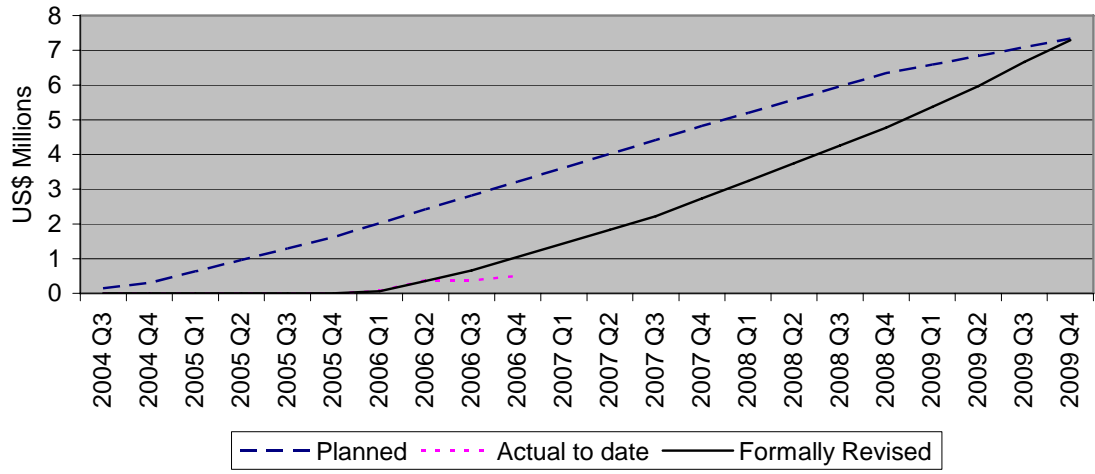
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Significant progress has been made in project implementation, including opening of special account, updating annual procurement plan, finalizing Operational Manual and the Inter-Institutional Agreements, and ensuring adequate counterpart funding. Procurement process for the auditing of the Cash Recovery Index and flow of funds of the distribution companies is almost completed. Procurement process for a number of new activities is also underway and the Comision Nacional de Energia along with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) have made remarkable progress in formulating proposals by most of the beneficiary institutions (i.e., the Comision Nacional de Energia, the Superintendencia de Electricidad, the Organismo Coordinador, the FONPER, and CDEEE for the transmission and hydro company). Priorities for the Comision Nacional de Energia and PIU are to: (a) resolve outstanding legal issues related to the adoption of Bank standard contract for consultants, (b) follow up with beneficiary institutions on new technical assistance, and (c) monitor closely the procurement process for ongoing activities.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72170	Effective	7.30	0.50	6.80	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Youth Development ( P096605 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 03/23/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-73710

**Sector(s):** Vocational training (66%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (21%), Central government administration (13%)

**Theme(s):** Improving labor markets (P), Education for all (S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve the employability of poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills, and expanding second chance education programs to complete their formal education.

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

This project was not yet effective as of 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
IBRD-73710	Not Effective	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00

