

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
SOPE
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COUNTRY: EGYPT

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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: Egypt

Project Name (ID): Egypt Education Enhancement Project (P005169)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 12/24/1996

Midterm Review Date : 02/08/2002

Closing Date : 08/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-N0080

Sector(s): Primary education (56%), Tertiary education (40%), Central government administration (4%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

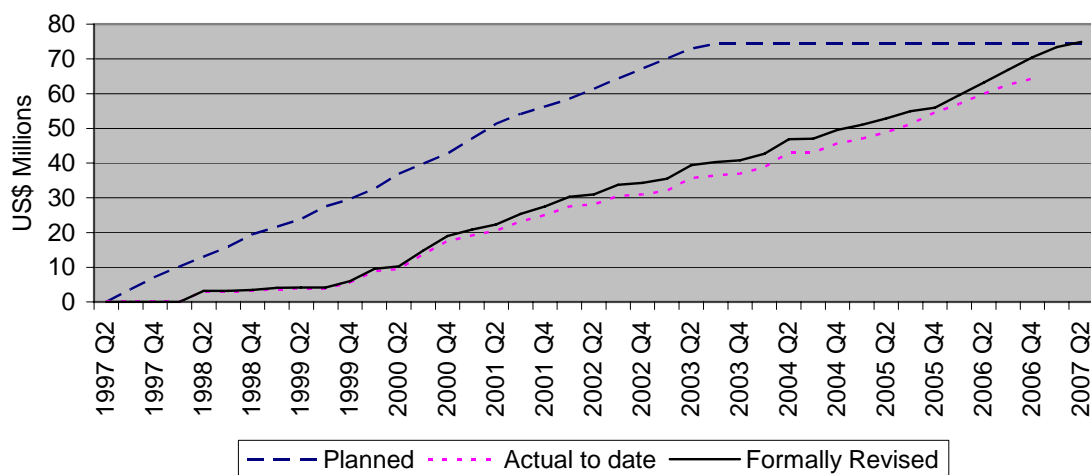
To increase access and equity, improving quality, and enhancing system efficiency.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is closing on August 31, 2006. It has achieved an overall increase in the total enrollment rate of 5.2% (10% for primary girls and 1.1% for primary boys). The mean of Grade 5 student achievement increased from 51.74% to 56.87% in Arabic, from 47% to 50.26% in math and from 48.35% to 51.24% in critical thinking.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-N0080	Effective	75.70	64.43	6.95	0.00



Project Name (ID): EG Irrigation Improvement (P005173)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 12/22/1994

Midterm Review Date : 05/03/2000

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-38320, IDA-26720

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (92%), Central government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resources management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

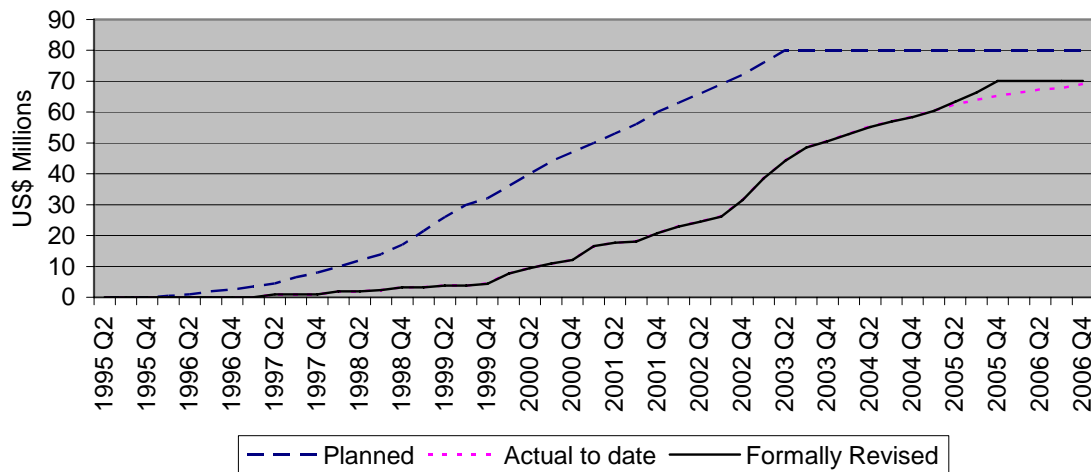
The Project Development Objective is to increase agricultural production and farmers' income through improved, more equitable water distribution and sustainable irrigation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has recently been extended by six months to December 31, 2006, in order to allow the development objectives to be achieved and fully implemented and, to the extent possible, the remaining US\$6,130,000 to be disbursed. To date, about 91% of the construction has been completed. The W-10 area Pilot activities (electrification vs. diesel; marwas improvement; economic irrigation scheduling; and new and cost effective design criteria) to be completed in the project's last year, will introduce innovative design solutions to irrigation improvements. The results of these pilots will be incorporated in the recently approved Integrated Irrigation Improvement and Management Project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-38320	Effective	26.70	21.95	4.75	0.00
IDA-26720	Closed	52.48	47.06	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Sector Reform (P045175)
Country: Egypt
Board Approval Date : 05/21/1998
Midterm Review Date : 12/13/2001
Closing Date : 09/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-30760, JPN-27142
Sector(s): Health (70%), Compulsory health finance (30%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Gender (S), Child Health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to: (i) expand health coverage with a basic package of primary health care and public health services to the poor population in two pilot governorates (Alexandria and Menoufia); and (ii) improve access, efficiency, and quality of primary health care services through rationalization of health infrastructure in the two pilot governorates.

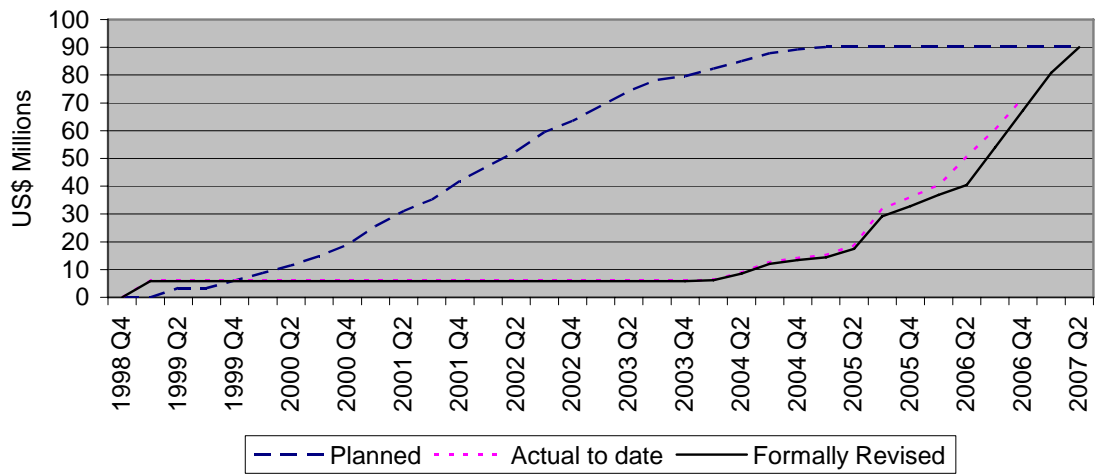
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The objectives are likely to be achieved by the end of the project as more family health facilities become operational during the course of implementation. In terms of coverage with a basic package of primary health care in Alexandria and Menoufia, the project has expanded its coverage to 1.7 million persons representing 80 percent of the end of project target. From these, almost one million persons, representing 94% of the end of project target, were not previously covered by the Health Insurance Organization. In terms of accessibility, the package of primary healthcare services became accessible to 1.96 million persons, representing 54 percent of the end of the project target.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-30760	Effective	98.19	71.79	26.15	0.00
JPN-27142	Closed	0.31	0.30	0.00	0.01





Project Name (ID): The Second National Drainage Project (P045499)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 06/15/2000

Midterm Review Date : 04/09/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-45620, JPN-26126

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (95%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) increase the agricultural productivity of about 0.8 million feddans of irrigated land by improving drainage conditions through evacuation of excess irrigation water with subsurface drains into existing open drains; and (b) avoid yield and production losses on this land, which would result if water logging and soil salinity problems were to persist.

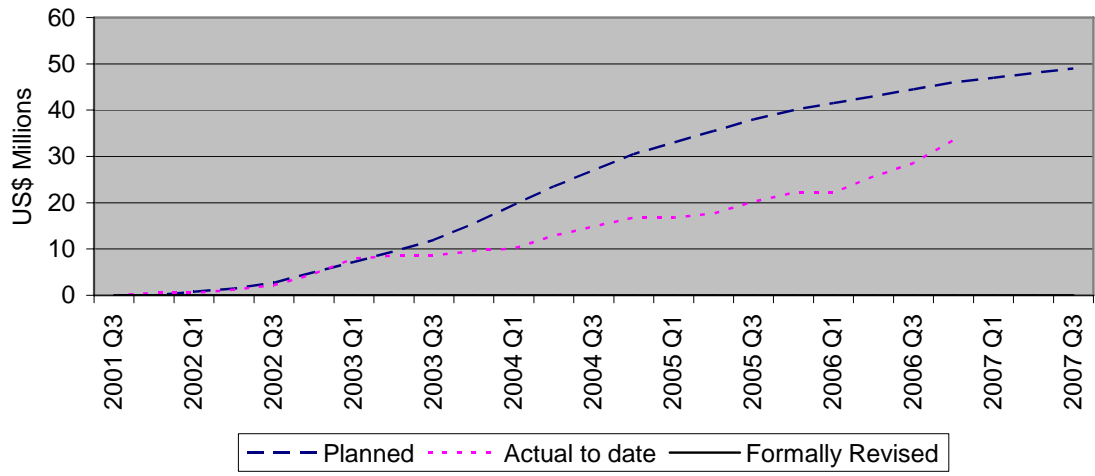
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

To date, progress has been made and physical targets are gradually being achieved. About 0.65 million feddans have been provided with subsurface drainage, and 0.3 million feddans with open drains. Sixty-six months have been allocated for technical assistance and 1,500 months for training, all of which have had a positive effect on yields (15% increase), on salinity (45% of the areas with no salinity problems (up from 0%) and depth to groundwater (more than 1 m) in all areas provided with new or rehabilitated subsurface drainage as well as surface drainage. The number of families benefiting from the improved conditions to date totals 240,000.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45620	Effective	50.00	33.49	16.51	0.00
JPN-26126	Closed	0.25	0.24	0.00	0.01





Project Name (ID): EG East Delta Ag. Serv. (P049166)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 11/04/1997

Midterm Review Date : 02/21/2002

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-30020, IFAD-04160

Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance (41%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry (22%), Agro-industry (21%), Water supply (13%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Rural markets (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective are to provide support services to facilitate the settlement and increased agricultural production of about 26,000 low-income families settling on about 130,000 feddans of reclaimed lands in the East Delta.

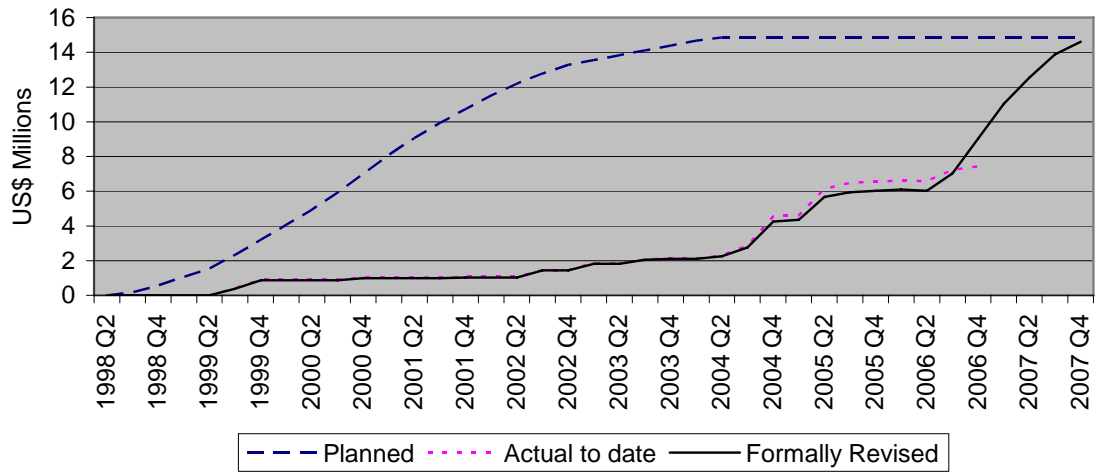
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Progress Report as of June 2006 confirms that an area of 103,000 feddans is being cultivated during the 2006 summer cropping season, which amounts to 80% of the Project Development Objective end-of-project target. The Community Development Program has accomplished much: 17 Community Development Associations have been formed and trained; 310 Water User Associations have been formed, surpassing the end-of-project target of 300, and registered; and 6 Water User Unions have been formed and trained. The Community Development Training Program is going full speed with 354 trained in various income-earning activities from January to June 2006. With project closure in June 2007, and significant infrastructure activities completed, the Government will need to accelerate works to ensure successful completion.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-30020	Effective	16.32	7.41	8.75	0.00
IFAD-04160	Effective	25.43	13.76	11.11	0.00





Project Name (ID): SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (P049702)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date : 07/01/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71890

Sector(s): Vocational training (75%), Central government administration (25%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Other public sector governance (S), Improving labor markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

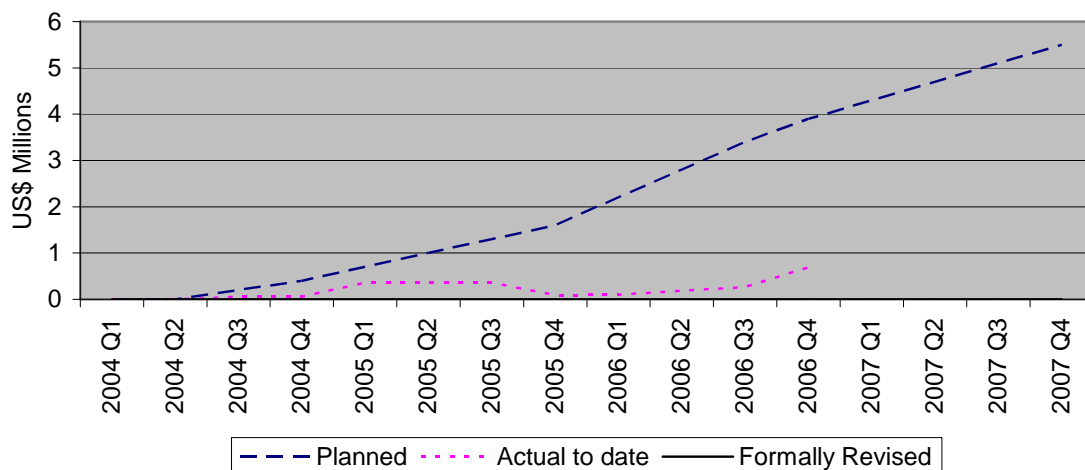
The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower in carrying out a pilot program to stimulate private sector demand for skills training development through a demand-driven and competitively-based mechanism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Though the project had a slow start, it has picked up significantly over the past 6-8 months, including disbursements which have reached 10% of the loan amount, versus 0.4% in October 2005. The project has outreached around 5,000 firms to raise their awareness of the importance of training. They have conducted training needs assessments for 476 beneficiary firms, and have offered training to 254 firms (3,400 trainees within 309 training courses), with 220 firms in the pipeline. Inputs, outputs and outcomes will be closely monitored and evaluated to continuously identify issues and make recommendations for risk mitigation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71890	Effective	5.50	0.70	4.80	0.00



Project Name (ID): Secondary Education Enhancement Project (P050484)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 04/15/1999

Midterm Review Date : 03/05/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31940

Sector(s): Secondary education (80%), Other social services (5%), Sub-national government administration (5%), Tertiary education (5%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

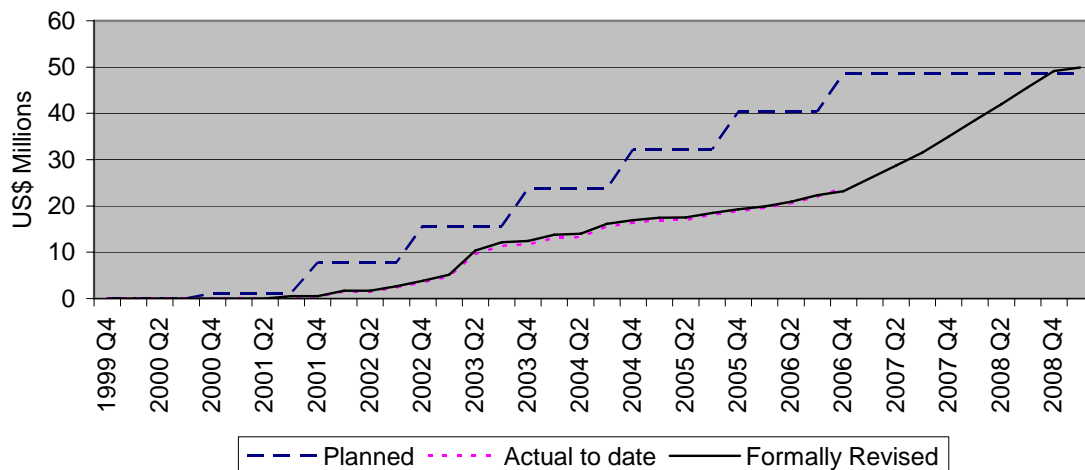
To improve the quality and opportunity in secondary education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress toward achieving its development objectives. Share of general secondary schools (vis-a-vis commercial/ technical schools) has increased to 39% (from 30%) and National Standards for effective school management have been developed and training is in progress. The project is working towards modernizing 200 additional general schools with science labs and professional development activities for the schools administrators and teachers. The project is moving ahead in the area of quality improvement/curriculum revision for the secondary level.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31940	Effective	52.62	23.79	27.35	0.00



Project Name (ID): Higher Education Enhancement Project (P056236)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 04/16/2002

Midterm Review Date : 06/18/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-46580

Sector(s): Tertiary education (49%), Law and justice (20%), Vocational training (18%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Law reform (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To create conditions fundamental to improve quality and efficiency of the higher education system through legislative reform, institutional restructuring, and establishment of independent quality assurance mechanisms and monitoring systems.

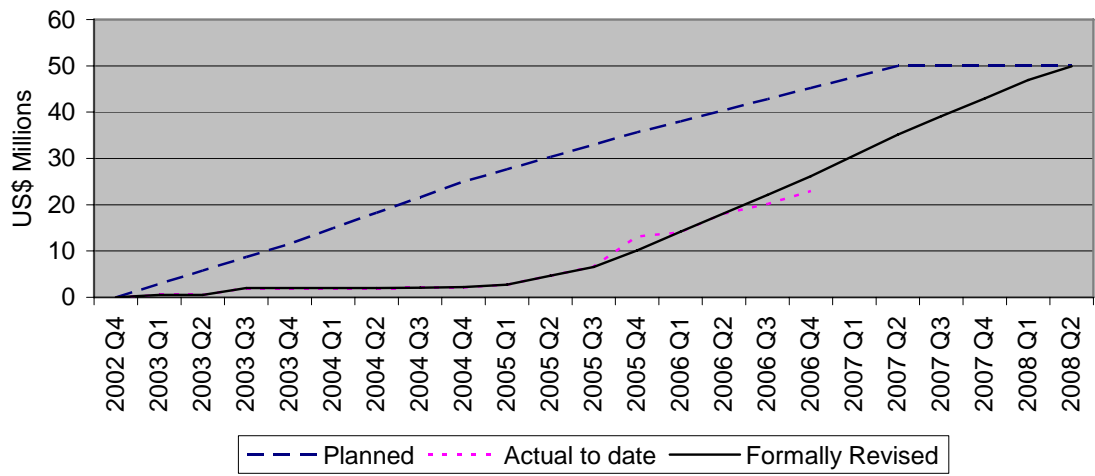
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is moving toward achieving its developmental objectives as it has engendered a very conducive context in higher education institutions for improvement in quality and efficiency through the execution of competitive grants (159 projects in 12 universities, exceeding the target); faculty leadership and training programs (40,000 staff trained, or 100% of the planned target, and 63% of the total number of faculty in all universities); the law to establish the National Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (NQAAA) was approved, in principle, by both the Shura Council and the Parliament on May 2, 2006. Bi-laws are to be drafted before the end of 2006. Quality assurance projects (188 projects in all universities under implementation); the Information and Communication Technology Project's Digital Library has been established and now offers online academic and research content and full access to over 22,000 international journals in almost all subjects. This is a major step toward providing information technology access to all faculty and students in all public universities; consolidation of the 45 Middle Technical Institutes into 8 Technical Colleges; and establishing the Supreme Council for Technical Colleges and the Boards of Trustees completed ahead of schedule.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46580	Effective	50.00	22.95	27.05	0.00





Project Name (ID): EG - SOHAG Rural Dev (P040858)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 08/27/1998

Midterm Review Date : 09/25/2003

Closing Date : 04/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31270, IFAD-04420, JPN-29555

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry (42%), General public administration (19%), Water supply (14%), Other social services (14%), Micro- and SME finance (11%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to support the sustainable development (incomes and quality of life) of Sohag rural villages through the participatory approach initiated by the National Program for Integrated Rural Development.

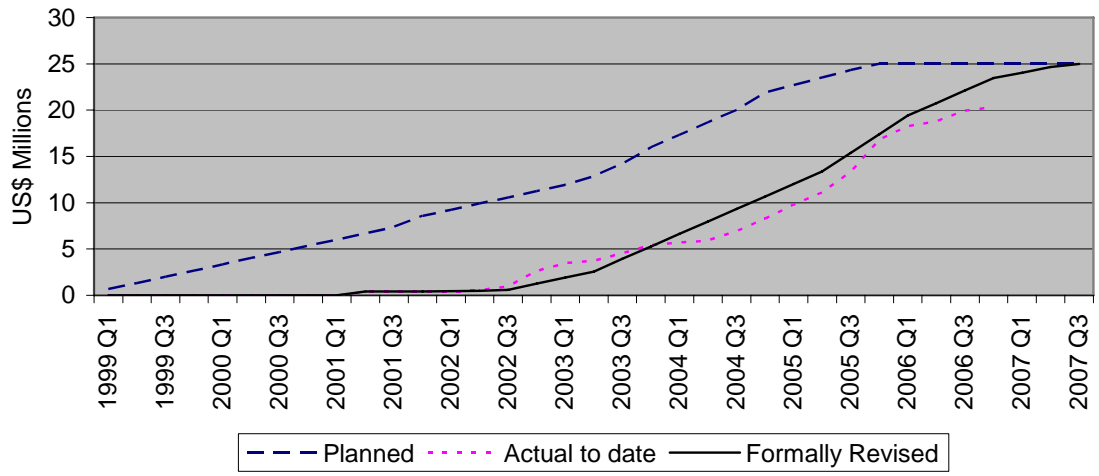
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made remarkable contributions in terms of improving the access and quality of public infrastructure services in the rural areas of Sohag through a large number of subprojects that created good quality infrastructure across Sohag. Community participation in investment costs has reached US\$2.1 million, providing assurances for the sustainability of the investments. The project outcomes are continuing to confirm positive impacts on the livelihoods of the population. The comprehensive social monitoring survey indicates post-construction benefits on the economic, health and social aspects. Detailed indicators are able to quantify improvement in e.g. school enrollment, time taken to reach nearest urban center, cost of veterinary services in village, in those villages that benefited from the different subprojects. 69% of the trainees have used the acquired training knowledge in their daily work at the governorate, district and village levels. The strengthened integrated planning, involvement of sectors at the local level and deepening of the participatory process, including NGO involvement in service management, is contributing to long-term sustainability. Finally, the rural credit lines are complementing the services with needed financing of small scale activities. The pilot micro-finance program under the Sohag BDAC has the potential to become a new innovative business line that can be replicated in other Governorates.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31270	Effective	27.34	20.29	6.54	0.00
IFAD-04420	Effective	27.71	15.54	11.81	0.00
JPN-29555	Closed	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00





Project Name (ID): Pumping Stations Rehabilitation III (P041410)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 08/06/1998

Midterm Review Date : 03/24/2004

Closing Date : 08/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-43860

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (90%), Central government administration (10%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to improve the efficiency and reliability of delivery of irrigation water and timely evacuation of drainage water to prevent the losses in crop yields resulting from aging pumping stations on the irrigation and drainage system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After slow implementation during the first few years, good progress has been achieved during the last three years. To date, about 2 million feddans, serving about 1 million families, have been provided with adequate pumping facilities. Delivered water has dramatically increased, operation and maintenance costs were reduced by about US\$0.7 million per year and energy consumption was reduced by about US\$0.8 million per year. In addition, most of the months foreseen for training have been utilized.

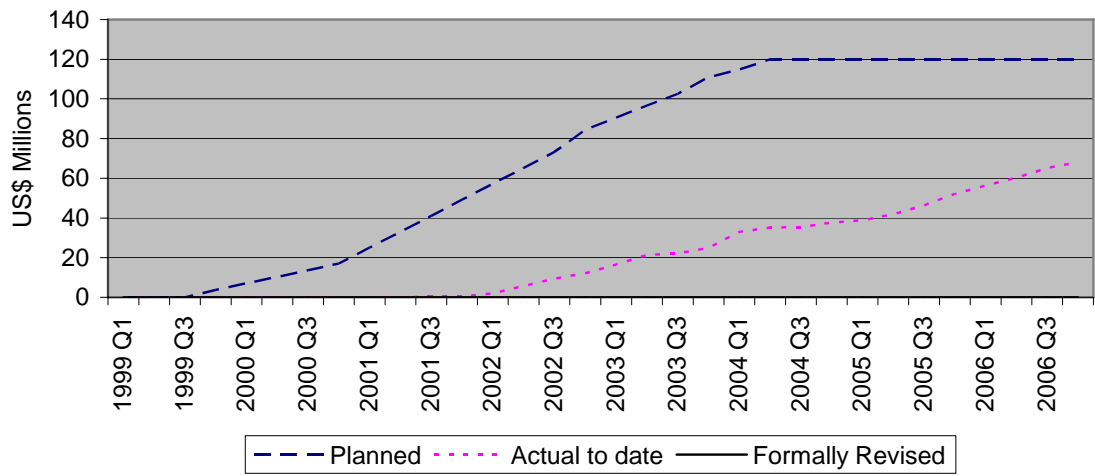
The project closing date was extended to August 31, 2007 and due to lower than expected costs, a cancellation of US\$20.00 million was undertaken in 2004.

It is expected that most of the targets set at the Mid-Term Review will be met by the revised closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-43860	Effective	120.00	67.91	32.09	20.00





Project Name (ID): EGYPT-Integrated Irrigation Improvement and Management Project (P073977)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 05/03/2005

Midterm Review Date : 04/15/2010

Closing Date : 03/31/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72910, JPN-26826

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (94%), Central government administration (4%), Solid waste management (1%), Sanitation (1%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

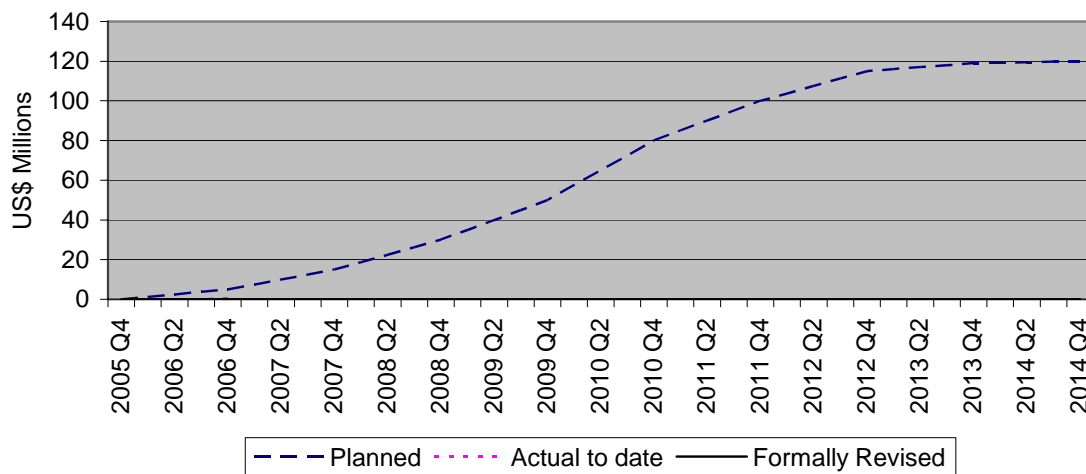
The project development objective is to assist Egypt in improving the management of irrigation and drainage in the project area to increase the efficiency of irrigated agriculture water use and services, expected to have positive impacts on water distribution quantity, quality, equity and timeliness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project was declared effective May 2, 2006. The project's co-financiers, KfW and the Dutch Cooperation, have completed their relevant appraisals and are currently completing their contractual agreements. The Project Management Unit is in place and facing the challenges of this complex, multi-agency operation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72910	Effective	120.00	0.60	119.40	0.00
JPN-26826	Closed	0.45	0.38	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): EG-AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (P082914)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 03/30/2004

Midterm Review Date : 06/30/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72220

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

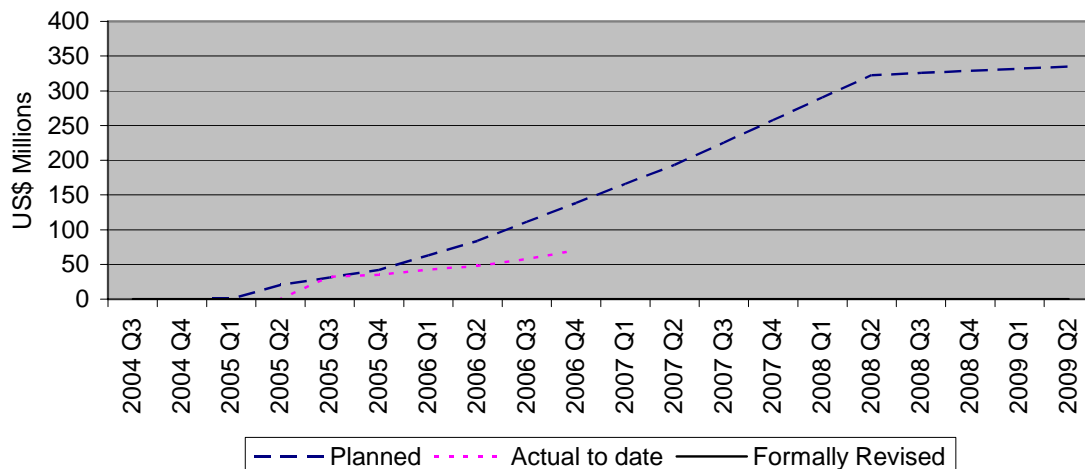
The objectives are to eliminate capacity bottlenecks to growth in airport traffic, raise the quality of services to international best practice standards at Cairo International and Sharm El Sheikh Airports, and promote private sector participation in airport management and service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make good progress towards achieving its development objectives. Works are substantially advanced at both new terminal sites, and all technical assistance studies are underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72220	Effective	335.00	70.17	264.83	0.00



Project Name (ID): Early Childhood Education Enhancement Project (ECEEP) (P082952)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 02/15/2005

Midterm Review Date : 12/31/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72740

Sector(s): Pre-primary education (98%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (S), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To support the Arab Republic of Egypt in providing quality early childhood education that improves the school readiness of 4 and 5 year old children, particularly the disadvantaged.

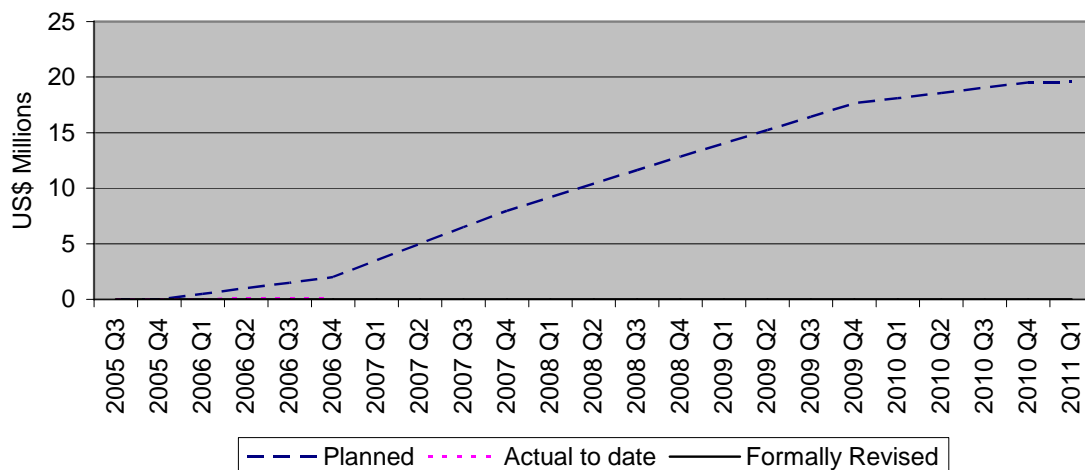
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project was launched in December 2005 and implementation has begun. To begin increasing access to kindergarten (KG), sites for 35 new KG classrooms have already been selected and 151 additional sites will be selected and endorsed by the local communities in six governorates.

The Project began conducting local awareness campaigns in the first 6 governorates and will continue raising awareness about the objectives of the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72740	Effective	20.00	0.10	19.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): Financial Sector Development Policy Loan (P088877)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 06/15/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73910

Sector(s): Banking (50%), Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (30%), Central government administration (15%), General finance (5%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Standards and financial reporting (S), Other financial and private sector development (S), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to assist Egypt move forward in strengthening the enabling environment for financial intermediation, resource mobilization and risk management, and increasing private sector role in the provision of financial services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73910	Not Effective	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Pollution Abatement Project (P090073)

Country: Egypt

Board Approval Date : 03/23/2006

Closing Date : 02/28/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73720

Sector(s): Other industry (35%), Petrochemicals and fertilizers (35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry (20%), Solid waste management (10%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

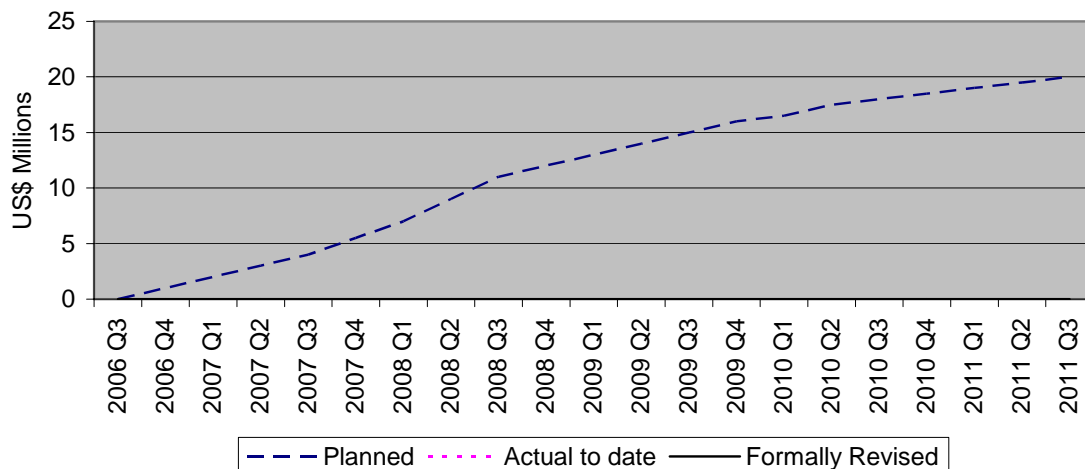
The Project's Development Objective is to demonstrate the applicability of market-based financial/technical approaches in order to decrease pollution in selected "hot spots" in the Alexandria and Greater Cairo areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board March 23, 2006 and the Loan Agreement was ratified by the Egyptian Parliament during its June 2006 session. Project effectiveness is expected early September 2006 with launch mid-September 2006. Prior to effectiveness, coordination with co-financiers is being carried out and early preparation activities are being initiated by the Project Management Unit.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73720	Not Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): EG-EL TEBBIN POWER (P091945)
Country: Egypt
Board Approval Date : 02/16/2006
Midterm Review Date : 11/30/2008
Closing Date : 04/30/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73590
Sector(s): Power (100%)
Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

Assist the Government in enhancing the provision of energy supply through investment in new generation and strengthen sector performance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is at an early stage of project implementation. Procurement of major packages is underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73590	Not Effective	259.60	0.00	259.60	0.00

