

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: Middle East and North Africa**  
**COUNTRY: JORDAN**

**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: Jordan**

**Project Name (ID):** JO-AMMAN WATER & SANITATION ( P048521 )

**Country:** Jordan

**Board Approval Date :** 03/16/1999

**Midterm Review Date :** 04/16/2002

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-44450, JPN-27144

**Sector(s):** Water supply (45%), Sewerage (45%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Water resources management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other urban development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other financial and private sector development (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to improve efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services for the Amman Service Area and lay the groundwork for sustainable involvement of the private sector in the country's overall management of water and wastewater services.

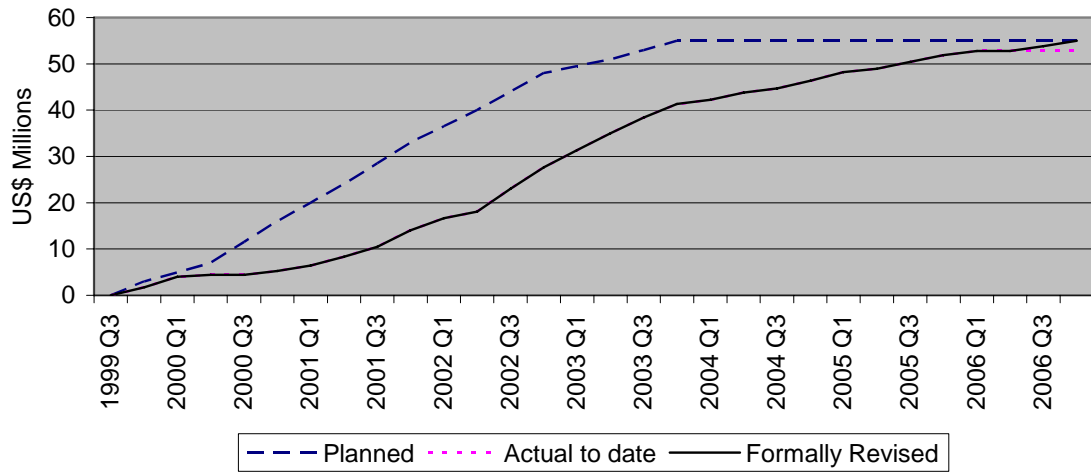
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project was successful in transferring management of water and wastewater infrastructure and services in Greater Amman from a dysfunctional public institution to the private sector through a performance-based management contract. The Government has expanded the role of private sector partnership in the operation and management of the water sector beyond Amman to the other major urban centers in the country. The project also achieved the highest practical efficiency in conveyance, distribution and application of water services through a comprehensive capital investment program to restructure and rehabilitate the whole water system in Greater Amman.

**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-44450	Effective	55.00	52.77	2.23	0.00
JPN-27144	Closed	0.30	0.28	0.00	0.02





**Project Name (ID):** JO: ODS PHASEOUT II ( P049706 )

**Country:** Jordan

**Board Approval Date :** 10/06/1996

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** WBTF-22004

**Sector(s):** Petrochemicals and fertilizers (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Environmental policies and institutions (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project Development Objective is to phase out the import and use of ozone depleting substances in the country by January 2010, with the interim steps of import freeze at 1996 level by 2000, 50% reduction by 2005, and 85% reduction by 2007.

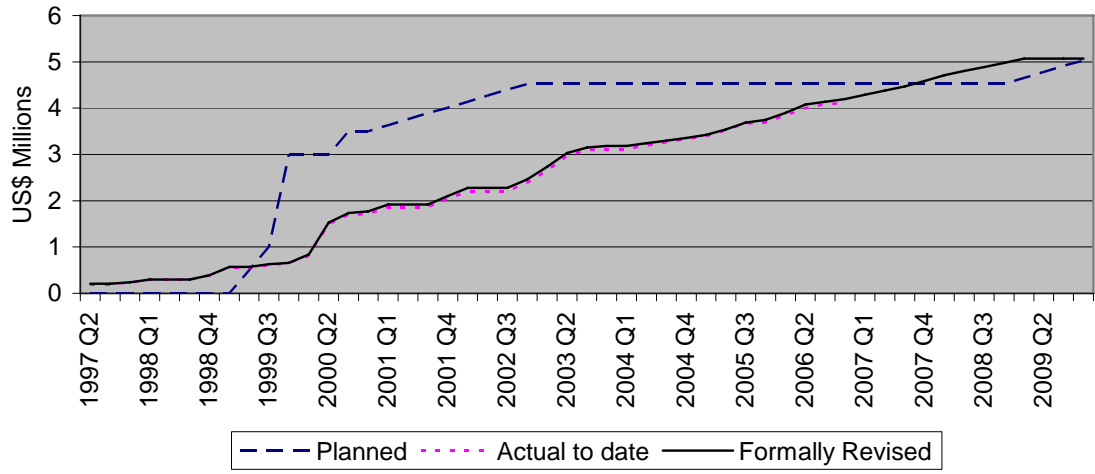
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is achieving its development objective by reducing the importation of ozone depleting substances in 2005 by 611 metric tons, which is equivalent to 91% of the baseline value (673 metric tons), surpassing the 50% reduction target. The project expects to complete the phase-out of the remaining 9% in 2007, three years earlier than the closing date, when all the newly started sub-projects, which will reduce the ozone depleting substances (halons), are completed. Towards that goal, a number of significant activities have been undertaken during Fiscal Year 06, such as the financing of the Arab Center for Pharmaceutical and Chemicals subproject, a training program on ODS management in the solvent sector, and the tendering of a sub-project on mobile air-conditioning recycling.

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<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
WBTF-22004	Effective	5.00	4.08	0.92	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Jordan Higher Education Development ( P069326 )  
**Country:** Jordan  
**Board Approval Date :** 02/29/2000  
**Midterm Review Date :** 06/12/2003  
**Closing Date :** 06/30/2007  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-45390, JPN-27719  
**Sector(s):** Tertiary education (99%), Central government administration (1%)  
**Theme(s):** Education for the knowledge economy (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to initiate improvements in the quality, relevance, and efficiency of Jordan's higher education. The project would: (a) establish system-wide IT, MIS, and Library infrastructure; (b) support a Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF); (c) initiate reforms of higher education governance; and (d) support rationalization of the community college sub-sector.

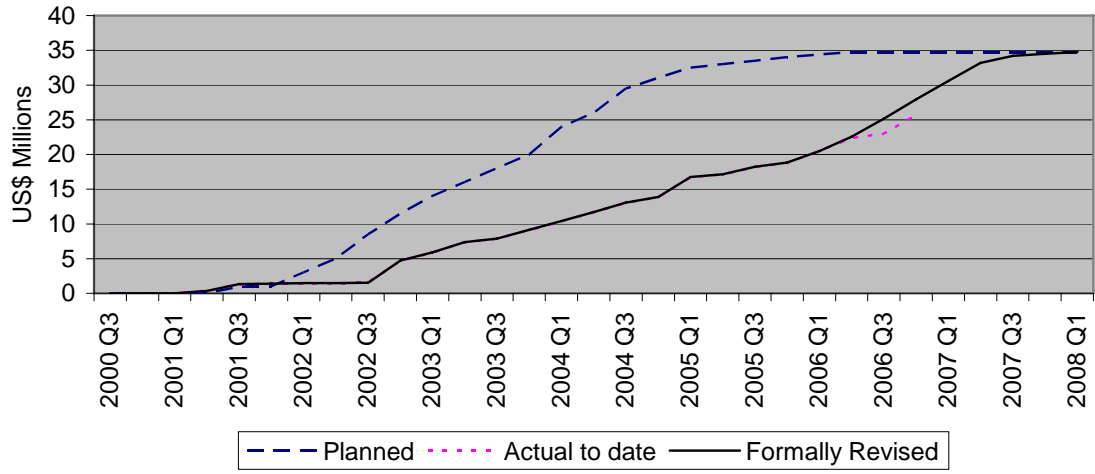
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Progress toward achieving some of the development goals has been good. The Higher Education sector has reached important achievements and considerable discussions on policy implications for future reform have taken place in the past few months. Notable among these achievements are: (i) the participation of Jordanian Universities in international testing with good results compared to other universities in the region; (ii) the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research has engaged in a series of discussions towards the development of a National Strategy for Higher Education and Scientific Research for 2006-2010; (iii) Cabinet approval of an independent Higher Education Accreditation and Quality Assurance body; and (iv) legislative approval on setting-up a Research Fund.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45390	Effective	34.70	25.66	9.04	0.00
JPN-27719	Closed	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Conservation of Medicinal and Herbal Plants Project ( P069847 )  
**Country:** Jordan  
**Board Approval Date :** 05/06/2003  
**Midterm Review Date :** 06/30/2007  
**Closing Date :** 12/16/2008  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** WBTF-23719, WBTF-52299  
**Sector(s):** General agriculture, fishing and forestry (100%)  
**Theme(s):** Biodiversity (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Gender (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project aims at designing and testing models to improve the conservation of medicinal and herbal plants and the livelihood of rural communities.

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

In the last year, the project has been able to make considerable progress towards implementing the key components and achieving real impact on the ground. An amendment to the Trust Fund Grant Agreement was instrumental as it provided more flexibility in expediting implementation of respective activities by the partners. Specific progress includes: (i) establishment of health and safety standards for medicinal/herbal plants and their products; (ii) National Center for agricultural Research and Technology (NCARTT): commenced in-situ activities in the central upper slopes, as well as launched of a comprehensive botanical survey launched; ex-situ activities on pilot sites including experiments on Medicinal and Herbal (M/H) plants multiplication (iii) Royal Society for Conservation of Nature (RSCN) : commenced in-situ activities commenced in Mujib Nature Reserve; defining vegetation communities in Mujib NR, and identifying hotspots for M/H using community distribution maps; (iv) Development of outreach and education programs is underway; and (v) income generation activities being carried out in partnership with Enhanced Productivity Program (EPP) and cooperative associations.

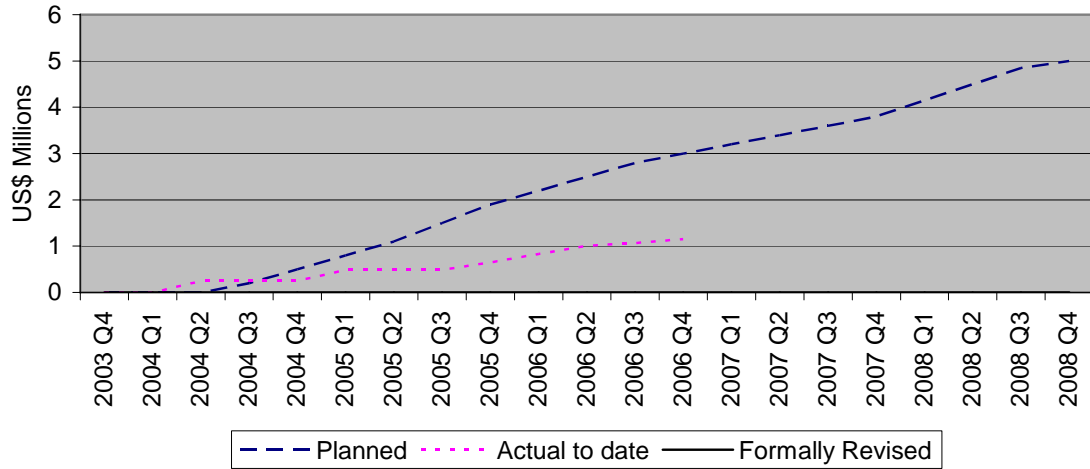
Meanwhile there has been some delay in the socioeconomic program due to modifications in the strategy and work plan, and the recruitment process for the staff has not been finalized. Additionally, the Private Sector have cultivated only 6 out of the 12 green-houses, and the proper agricultural practices for the cultivated species have not been adopted.

Overall while disbursement is still lagging, the project is now fully underway and progress towards the DO and impact on the ground can be seen. This will likely improve as the PMU is now fully functional.



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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-23719	Closed	0.35	0.29	0.00	0.06
WBTF-52299	Effective	5.00	1.15	3.85	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Education Reform for Knowledge Economy I Program ( P075829 )

**Country:** Jordan

**Board Approval Date :** 05/08/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 01/16/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** CIDA-53276, IBRD-71700

**Sector(s):** Secondary education (35%), Primary education (35%), Pre-primary education (30%)

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

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to transform the education system at the early childhood, basic, and secondary levels to produce graduates with the skills necessary for the knowledge economy.

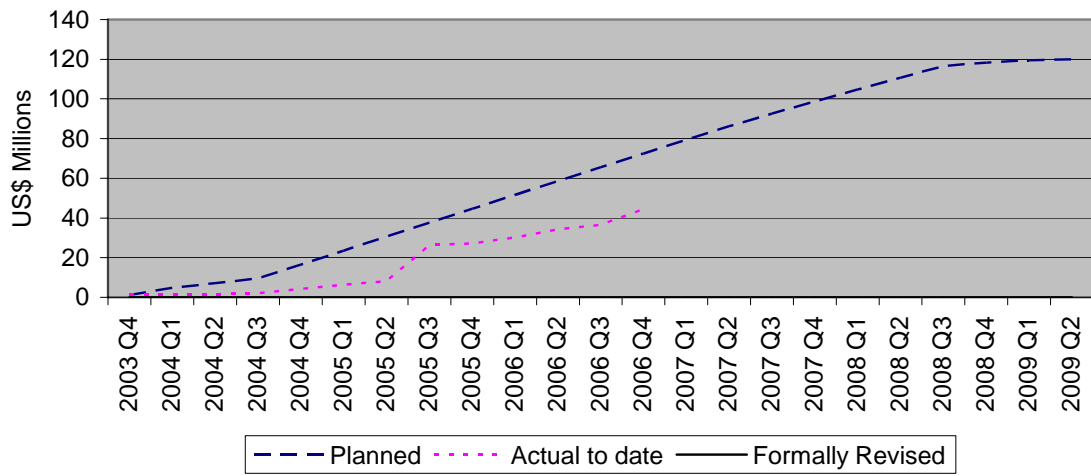
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Among the major accomplishments achieved so far in the reform of the education system are: (i) formulation of a national education sector strategy; (ii) development of an outcome-based curriculum framework; (iii) completion of a first phase of curricula, textbooks, and teacher guides; (iv) launching of a classroom-based student assessment system; (v) extensive program of teacher training related to the development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills and pedagogical methods associated with the development of knowledge economy skills, and the development of e-learning products; and (vi) substantial introduction of learning resources in schools for ICT, science, and vocational streams. In addition, a school construction program has been launched with 148 new schools completed or under construction, as well as a number of classroom extensions. Finally, a fully operational public Early Childhood Education system has been developed and is being implemented (this includes development of a new kindergarten curriculum, related material, comprehensive teacher training and certification program, and refurbished classrooms).

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CIDA-53276	Effective	4.37	1.20	3.09	0.00
IBRD-71700	Effective	120.00	44.31	75.69	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Horticultural Exports Promotion and Technology Transfer Project ( P076961 )

**Country:** Jordan

**Board Approval Date :** 06/26/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 06/01/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-46680

**Sector(s):** Agricultural marketing and trade (45%), Agricultural extension and research (35%), Central government administration (20%)

**Theme(s):** Export development and competitiveness (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Rural markets (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Technology diffusion (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government to improve horticultural export marketing by pilot testing (i) outgrower farming and (ii) the building of farmers' technical capacity.

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

During the past three years of implementation, the project has succeeded in identifying and providing access to information about new marketing opportunities in high-value markets, improving capacity for export-oriented production and marketing, with an increasing number of horticultural producers now meeting export standards. As a result of project activities, some large-scale farmers/exporters have started to establish integrated enterprises including investments in post-harvest infrastructure and engagement in export contract arrangement with small-scale farmers. Shipments of fresh produce have successfully been made, with an increase in export value (only from beneficiary farmers) from US\$3.1 million in 2004 to US\$4.7 million in 2005. Eight farmers have acquired EUREP GAP certification with project assistance since project effectiveness, cultivating a total of 1208 ha of horticultural land compliant with EUREP GAP standard. A total of 581 farmers have participated in export promotion events (including the 279 participants in export awareness workshops), and 63 farmers have engaged in 11 outgrower schemes / contract farming arrangements since project effectiveness. The project continues to make an effective contribution to the transformation of the agricultural sector towards high-value-added production, targeting export and high-end domestic markets, improving food safety and creating economic incentives for agricultural investments, such as post-harvest facilities. Lessons-learned on the role of contract farming arrangements in the process of increasing horticultural exports are being drawn. The project's information management continuously captures lessons-learned in real time through quantitative indicators, case studies, and short analytical notes.

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

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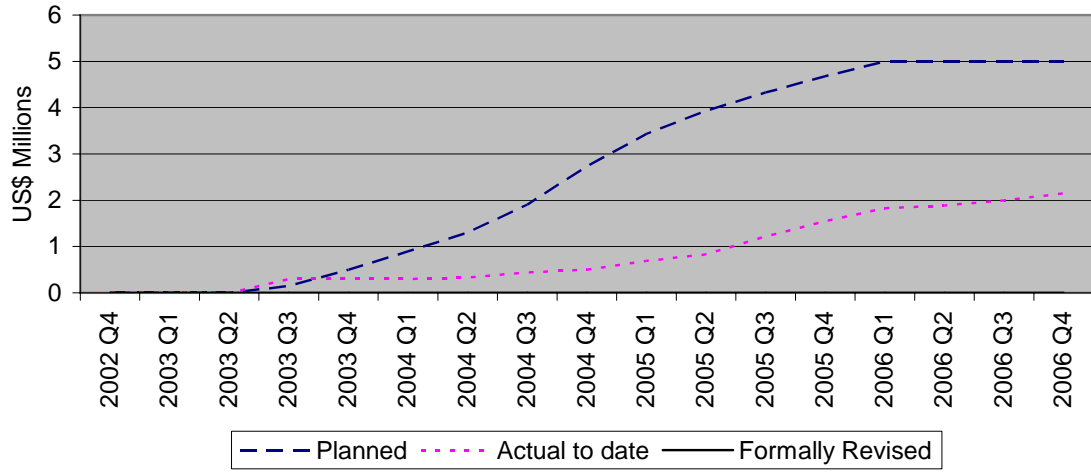
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**Project Name (ID):** JO-AMMAN DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR ( P081505 )

**Country:** Jordan

**Board Approval Date :** 06/03/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 03/31/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72280, JPN-51885

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (76%), Central government administration (16%), General transportation (8%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regional integration (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

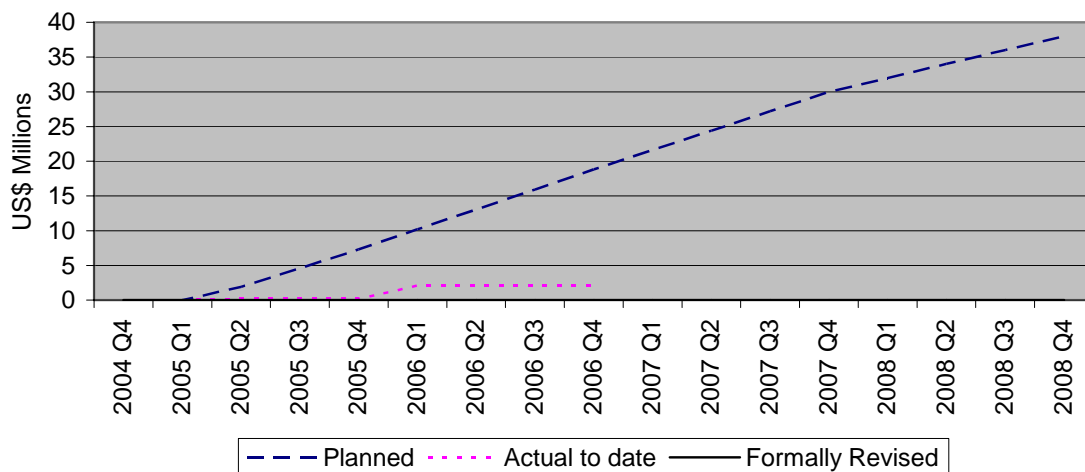
The objectives are to: (a) support more efficient transport and logistics services by removing key infrastructure transport bottlenecks; and (b) provide access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development purposes.

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

The project is likely to achieve its objectives in spite of the slow start. Major contracts for works and services have all been awarded, and construction of the Amman Ring Road (the project main component) will be launched in September 2006. The Ministry of Transport has appointed a full-time Project Manager for the Inland Port who began working on critical issues to launch the implementation of the Inland Port Component. With the implementation of these two main components, the project will accomplish its development goals.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72280	Effective	38.00	2.09	35.91	0.00
JPN-51885	Closed	0.49	0.49	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Public Sector Reform Capacity Building Loan ( P091787 )  
**Country:** Jordan  
**Board Approval Date :** 03/22/2005  
**Midterm Review Date :** 12/10/2007  
**Closing Date :** 03/31/2009  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72790  
**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)  
**Theme(s):** Administrative and civil service reform (P), Economic statistics, modeling, and forecasting (S), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project's principal goal is to support the ongoing implementation of the Government's public sector strategy by ensuring that the requisite institutional infrastructure is in place and functioning. It also seeks to support an important set of cross cutting reforms in areas ranging from policy coordination to improved financial and human resource practices. It will be deemed successful if the capacity is strengthened within the Government of Jordan so that performance monitoring, administrative reform and policy coordination functions are established and functioning well by project completion. Another indication of success is that the broader set of reforms has been implemented effectively.

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

The project became effective in July, 2005. Since effectiveness, the Government has requested that the project amount be reduced to US\$ 6.5 and the project component slightly modified. The modification in the project amount reflect the intention of the Jordanian Government to reduce the Kingdom's debt burden, but in no way indicates that the Government is losing interest in the program.

The Bank and the Government have worked over the past several months to making this reduction possible while ensuring that the development objectives are met and as a result the expectation is that these will be met in the timeframe originally envisaged.

Restructuring is expected to be completed in August 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72790	Effective	15.00	0.58	14.43	0.00



