

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06**  
**SOPE**  
**REGION: Middle East and North Africa**  
**COUNTRY: WEST BANK AND GAZA**

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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: West Bank and Gaza**

**Project Name (ID):** Solid Waste and Environmental Management Project ( P054051 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 10/10/2000

**Midterm Review Date :** 01/26/2004

**Closing Date :** 10/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** MULT-24696

**Sector(s):** Solid waste management (89%), Central government administration (4%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Other industry (3%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal finance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project Development Objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for the Jenin District.

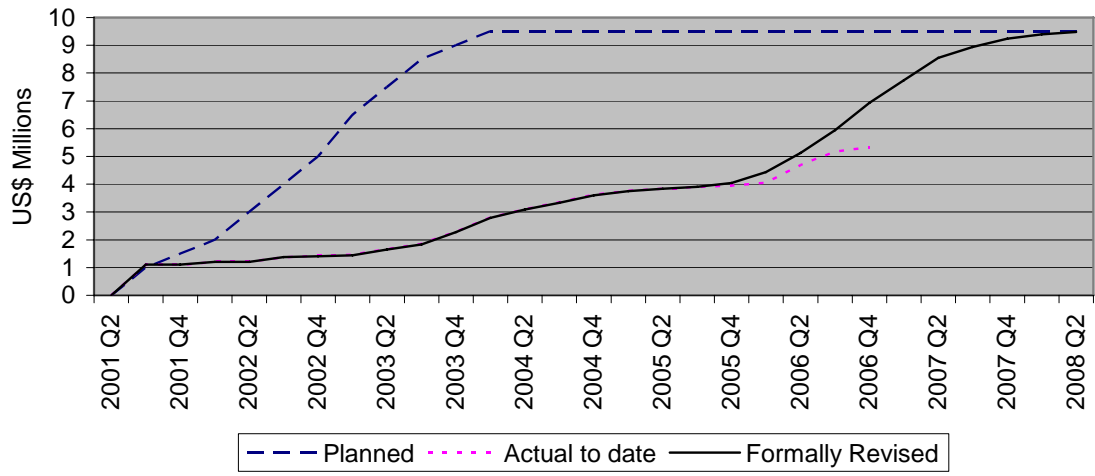
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is progressing well towards its development objective despite a continuously difficult sociopolitical environment. Barring unforeseen logistical or disbursement difficulties, construction of the solid waste landfill is expected to be completed by January 2007. Over 45 uncontrolled dumpsites have been closed and/or rehabilitated resulting in improved waste management within communities. Capacity building activities for landfill operation continue and solid waste mobile equipment has been delivered and is ready for use in waste collection and on the new landfill.

**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>
MULT-24696	Effective	9.50	5.32	4.18	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** GZ-GAZA II EMERGENCY WATER ( P065920 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 06/07/2005

**Midterm Review Date :** 09/30/2006

**Closing Date :** 01/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** WBTF-55245

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration (67%), Water supply (15%), Sanitation (12%), Sewerage (6%)

**Theme(s):** Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Other human development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

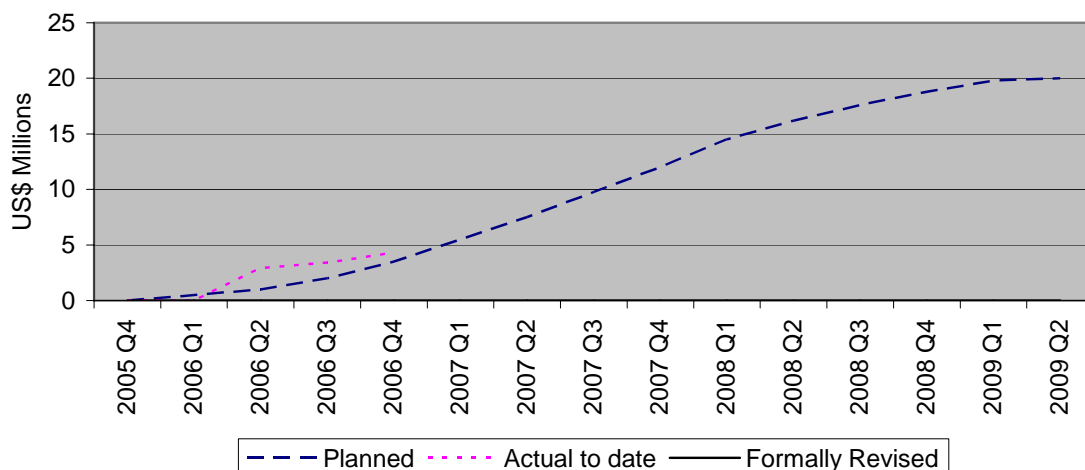
The objectives are to: (a) improve the efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services in Gaza; (b) functionally establish a modern well run water utility in Gaza; (c) strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority.

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

The project succeeded in keeping good level of water and wastewater operations in Gaza despite the extremely difficult security conditions. Some progress has also been made towards the establishment of the functioning utility but overall there is a high risk that it may not be fully achieved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-55245	Effective	20.00	4.32	15.68	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Emergency Water Project ( P065921 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 07/29/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 03/11/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** MULT-52627

**Sector(s):** Water supply (96%), Sub-national government administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resources management (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Other human development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

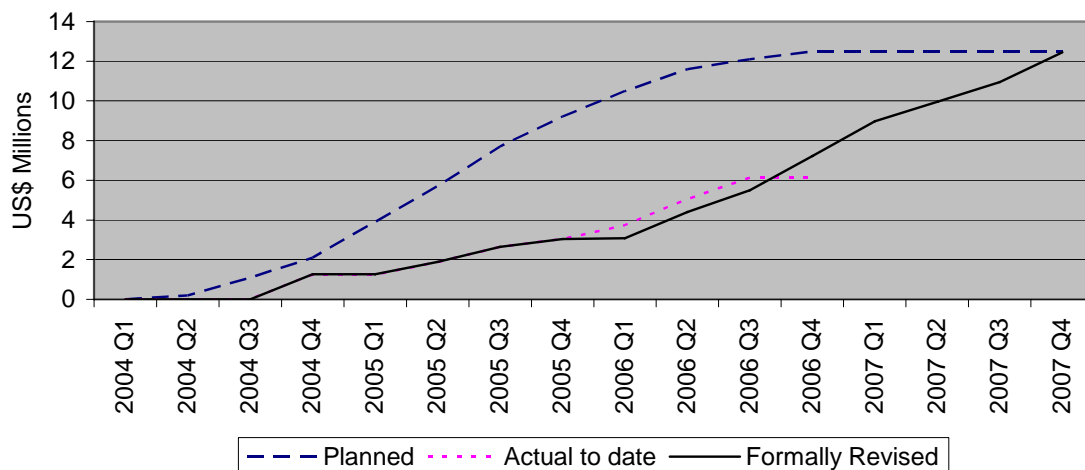
The project objective is to help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies, and reduce system losses, water costs and health risks to the population of the southern West Bank.

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

Progress towards achieving the development objectives has been good. By the construction of water transmission pipelines, rehabilitation and installation of new house connections, distribution networks and supply and installation of equipment for the East Herodian water well, the quantity of water supply available to household will increase by 1.7 million cubic meters by June 2007. Of the seven packages to be implemented under the project, four are completed two are under construction and one under bidding, expected to be completed by early 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-52627	Effective	12.50	6.13	6.37	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Integrated Community Development Project ( P069986 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 05/23/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 12/02/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** MULT-50591

**Sector(s):** General water, sanitation and flood protection (30%), General education (30%), Health (27%), Telecommunications (10%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other social protection and risk management (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project development objective is to improve the quality and availability of basic social and economic services in poor and marginalized communities of the West Bank and Gaza which would be realized through financing investment in local infrastructure and institutions.

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

Despite the past political and security context in the West Bank and Gaza, the project is meeting its overall objectives.

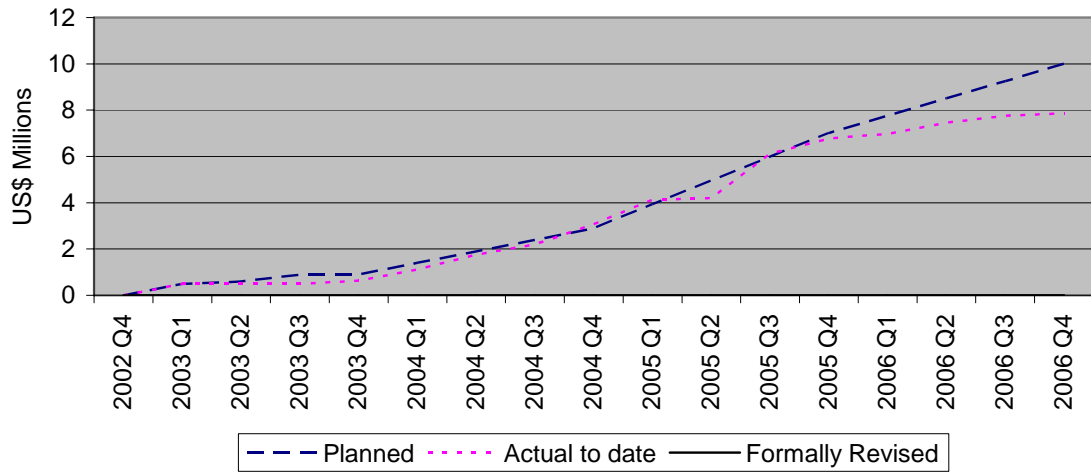
To date, 82 out of the targeted 100 MPs in basic social and economic services have been completed –55 in the West Bank and 27 in Gaza – and 12 Micro-projects are ongoing. There is a high level of satisfaction from the local beneficiary communities according to the recent social assessment.

The project original closing date of June 30, 2006 was extended at the request of PECDAR; Hence, the new closing date for the project is December 31, 2006.

**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>
MULT-50591	Effective	10.00	7.87	2.13	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** Northern Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment (NGEST) Project ( P074595 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 09/07/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 08/31/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** MULT-54208

**Sector(s):** Sanitation (50%), Sewerage (50%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resources management (S), Other human development (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (i) mitigate the immediate and gathering health and environmental safety threats to the communities surrounding the effluent Lake at Beit Lahia wastewater treatment plant; and (ii) provide a satisfactory long-term solution to the treatment of wastewater for the Northern Governorate in Gaza.

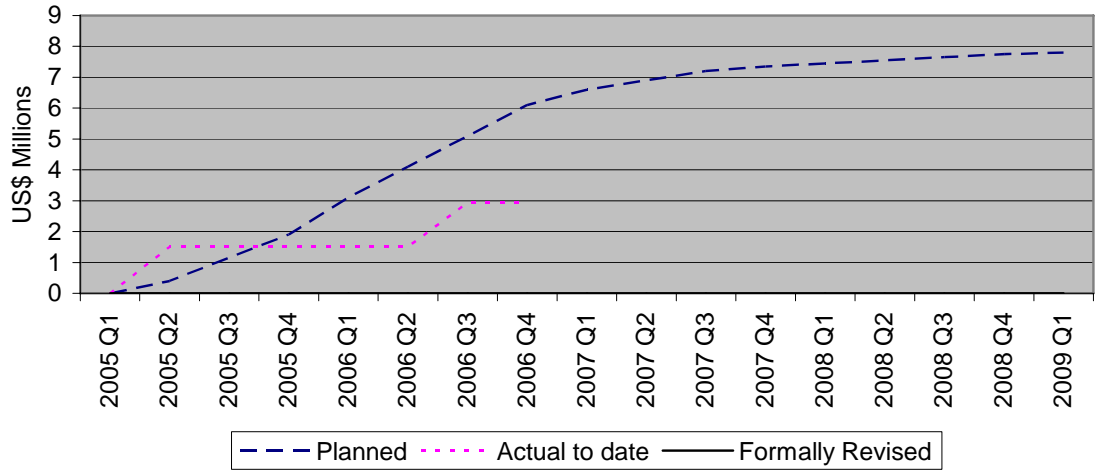
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Implementation has been slower than expected due to the extremely difficult conditions. Packages designed to drain the lake at Beit Lahiya are under construction and expected to be completed early 2007. As for the wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 35,000 cubic meters per day, it is expected that as soon as the committed funding has been confirmed, the construction contract will start in 2007, and expected to be completed in 2009. The total project value is ~ \$45 million with contribution from donors: France (\$14.4m), European Commission (\$7.2m), Sweden (\$5.0m), Belgium (\$4.8m), and World Bank (\$7.8) and EIB (\$5.4).

**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>
MULT-54208	Effective	7.80	2.94	4.86	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** GZ-LAND ADMINISTRATION ( P080892 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 01/26/2005

**Midterm Review Date :** 06/23/2006

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** FINN-54637, MULT-54686

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (68%), Sub-national government administration (14%), Law and justice (10%), Other industry (4%), Tertiary education (4%)

**Theme(s):** Personal and property rights (P), Land administration and management (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to assess the feasibility of introducing reforms in land administration within an emerging government structure by enabling the formulation of policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land.

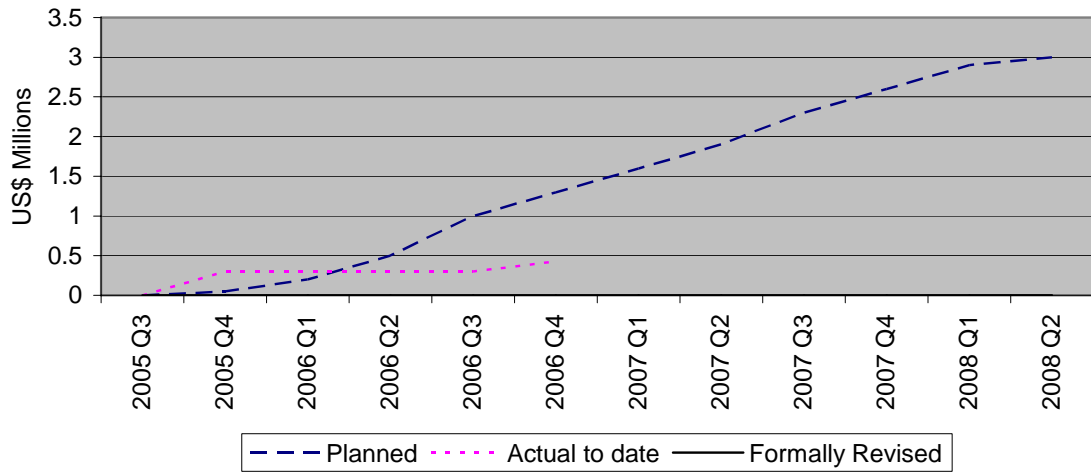
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is on track to meet its development objective despite the difficult political environment in the West Bank and Gaza. The Land Policy Task Force has been established to oversee the reform process during the outgoing Cabinet. The technical and institutional reviews of the Land Authority's operations and the initiation of the modernization and improvement process have been revised. Systematic land registration has officially resumed after a 38-year hiatus. Finally, a draft land law is being reviewed by the Cabinet before it is proposed for approval by the Legislative Council.

**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>
FINN-54637	Effective	1.48	0.30	1.18	0.00
MULT-54686	Effective	3.00	0.43	2.57	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** GZ-Social Safety Net Reform Project ( P081477 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

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

**Midterm Review Date :** 10/15/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** MULT-53377, MULT-53793

**Sector(s):** Other social services (90%), Central government administration (10%)

**Theme(s):** Social safety nets (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Child Health (S), Education for all (S), Other public sector governance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to: (a) mitigate the impact of the present social and economic crisis on the most vulnerable;(b) protect the human capital of poor children in the West Bank and Gaza; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs in order to improve the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the Special Hardship Cases Program and its main social assistance program.

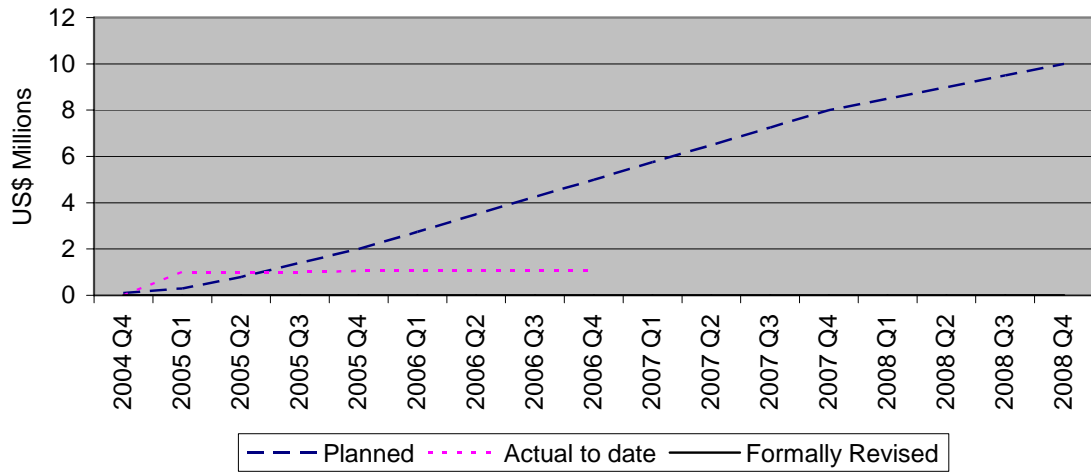
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The Project has been considerably impacted by recent political and fiscal developments. As a result, the Palestinian Authority is unable to contribute to the reformed cash transfer program (the CCT) out of its own funds. It was therefore agreed to launch the CCT program on a pilot basis with a reduced monthly budget. If the pilot is implemented successfully, it may attract additional funds from donors which will make it possible to scale up the program, which would allow the project to make progress towards achieving its development objective. If the funding situation remains, the Project may need to be restructured to align its objectives with the likely reduced impact it would have on alleviating poverty among the Palestinian population.

**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>
MULT-53377	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20
MULT-53793	Effective	10.00	1.05	8.95	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** WBG: Tertiary Education Project ( P083767 )

**Country:** WEST BANK& GAZA

**Board Approval Date :** 04/26/2005

**Midterm Review Date :** 06/30/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** EECT-56121, JPN-53333, MULT-53897, WBTF-55089

**Sector(s):** Tertiary education (80%), Central government administration (20%)

**Theme(s):** Education for the knowledge economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are: (a) to improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, governance and quality assurance, (b) increase internal and external efficiency of the tertiary education system, as a first step toward achieving sustainability, and (c) to create incentives and provide the basis for improvements in efficiency, quality and relevance of tertiary education institutions in order to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Palestinian population.

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

Project implementation started with many activities following the launch of the project in June 2005, such as the implementation of the Competitive Fund for Quality Improvement. Nine proposals have been approved through a transparent competitive process to support Tertiary Education Institutions to develop new programs and/or improve the existing ones.

**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>
EECT-56121	Effective	6.16	0.00	6.16	0.00
JPN-53333	Closed	0.28	0.19	0.00	0.08
MULT-53897	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
WBTF-55089	Effective	10.00	1.04	8.96	0.00



