

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
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COUNTRY: BANGLADESH

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Report on the 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: Bangladesh

Project Name (ID): Municipal Services (P041887)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date : 03/03/2002

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31770

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (58%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (20%), Other social services (17%), General transportation (5%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal finance (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To improve urban environment, infrastructure and services, and, to that end, to: (a) strengthen the institutional capacity of selected municipalities and city corporations; (b) improve resource allocation and fiscal discipline; and (c) support governmental efforts to reduce urban poverty and improve the environmental conditions of urban communities.

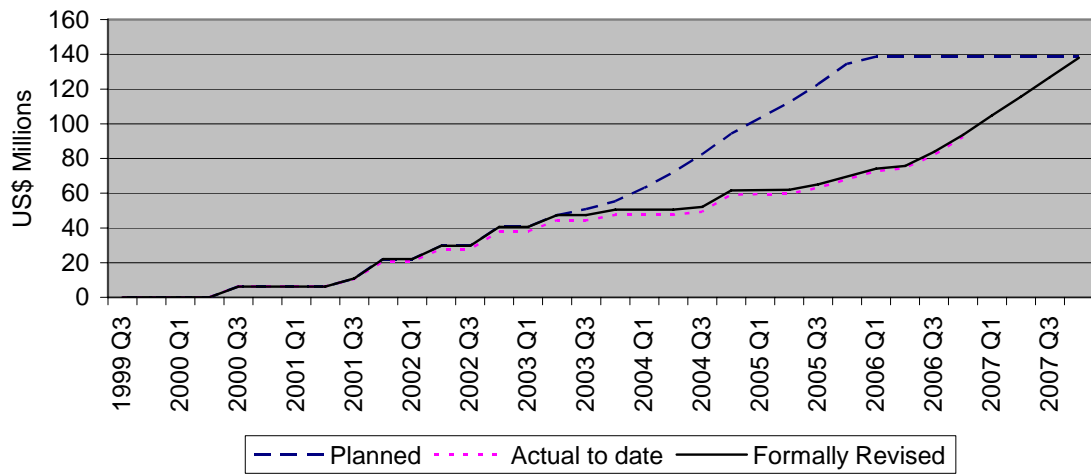
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress is continuing towards achieving the project objectives. The minimum program of capacity-building improvements is being implemented in selected municipalities through a network of regional Municipal Support Units (RMSU). As the project nears completion the capacity-building needs of a growing number of new, smaller municipalities which lack the skills and resources for providing adequate services will have to become the focus of MSU activities. The demand for the services of the Municipal Development Fund has been substantial with funds going to a variety of projects including: road improvements, surface drains, community centers, kitchen markets, slaughter houses, public toilets, bus terminals, street lights and piped water etc. Good progress has been made on the civil works funded with a large portion of them already completed. Despite having to cost-share, and to repay a proportion of the funding, over 200 local bodies have applied to the fund. In addition, Flood Damage Rehabilitation works are being undertaken in 119 municipalities.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31770	Effective	147.00	92.26	47.93	0.68





Project Name (ID): Private Sector Infrastructure Development (P044789)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 10/28/1997

Closing Date : 03/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-29950

Sector(s): Power (31%), Telecommunications (30%), Oil and gas (30%), Central government administration (9%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Other urban development (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to i) rehabilitate physical and social infrastructure damaged by 2004-floods for speedy recovery of affected areas and population particularly the poor and vulnerable, while emphasizing on reduction of vulnerability over long time and ii) continue promotion of infrastructure projects for private participation and creation of a framework for the sustained and efficient operation of infrastructure by private sector including making the Private Sector Infrastructure Guidelines operational.

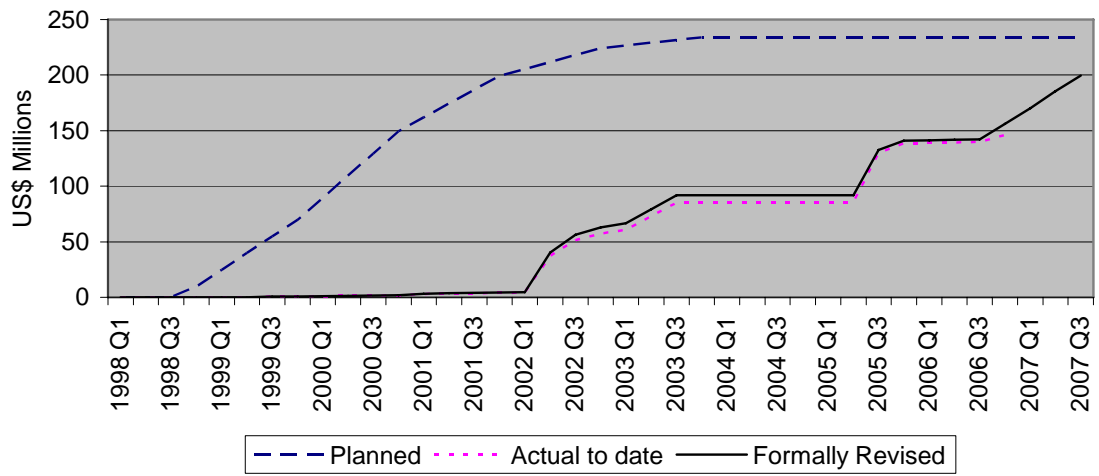
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made in infrastructure implementation and the progress towards achieving the project objectives is proceeding. Current disbursements are at 74%. SDR 25.35 million was cancelled and the whole Primary Road Network component was dropped (misprocurement). Respective executing agencies are implementing the rehabilitation works. Currently about 42% of construction of Secondary Roads, 55% of Municipal Infrastructure, 30% of Primary Schools and 22% of Secondary Schools are completed. Almost 100% of the contracts are awarded under these components. Progress on Support to the Infrastructure Investment Facility Center on private sector development in infrastructure is on track. The progress on Livelihood Restoration Component, however, is slow and the issue of channeling IDA fund to PKSF (Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation) by MOF on a loan or grant basis needs to be resolved promptly. Almost all infrastructure rehabilitation works are expected to be completed by the project deadline in March 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-29950	Effective	247.84	146.07	54.29	36.41





Project Name (ID): Legal and Judicial Capacity Building Project (P044810)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 03/29/2001

Midterm Review Date : 09/26/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34850, WBTF-27508

Sector(s): Law and justice (100%)

Theme(s): Access to law and justice (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Law reform (P), Legal services (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

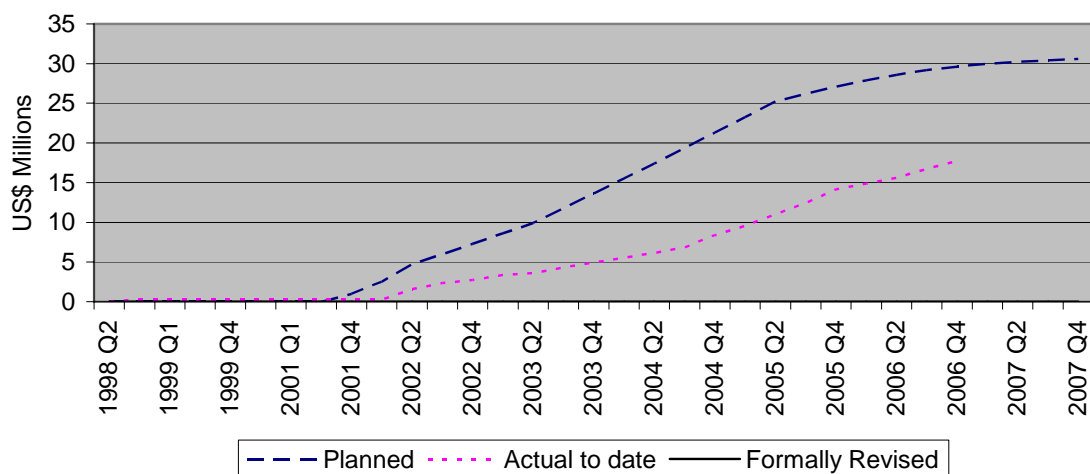
The project development objectives are (a) to improve the legal and judicial environment by improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the civil justice delivery system, and (b) increase access to justice, particularly for women and the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is likely to achieve its development objectives especially in improving the efficiency of the civil justice system. This will be accomplished largely through reforms in case management and court administration. To improve access to justice for the poor, the project is now allowing NGOs to participate in the delivery of legal aid. The Government has requested an extension of the project closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34850	Effective	34.69	17.43	16.69	0.00
WBTF-27508	Closed	0.31	0.28	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): Female Secondary School Assistance Project-II (P044876)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 03/12/2002
Midterm Review Date : 10/21/2004
Closing Date : 12/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36140
Sector(s): Secondary education (59%), Other social services (22%), Tertiary education (10%), Central government administration (9%)
Theme(s): Gender (P), Education for all (P), Social safety nets (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objectives are: (1) improving the quality of female secondary education; (2) increasing access and retention of girls; and (3) strengthening management, accountability and monitoring.

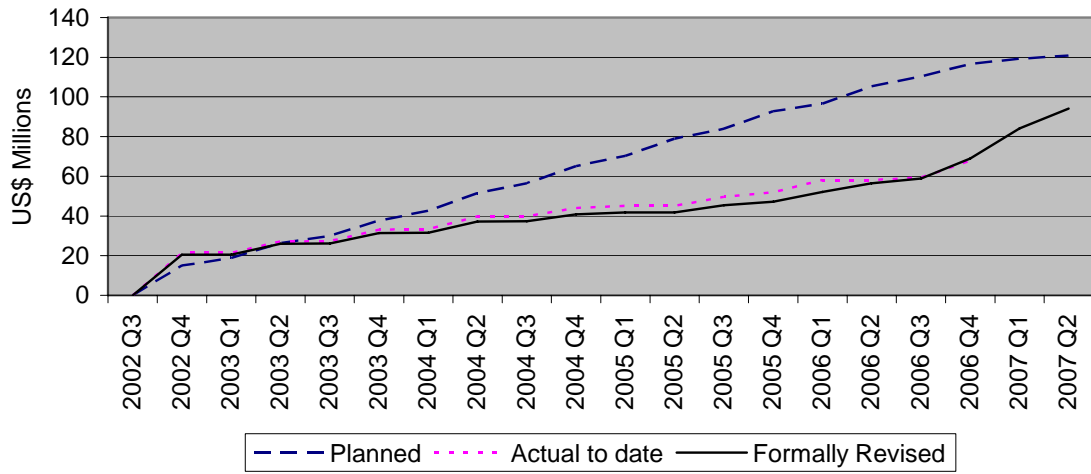
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made in teacher training, provision of quality awards to schools, excellence awards to students, and fellowships to project graduates. The learning environment in project institutions has continued to improve through the provision of tube wells and sanitary facilities. The Secondary School Certificate incentive award scheme introduced at the mid term review is proving beneficial. Improvements have also taken place in monitoring stipends and tuition disbursements. More than one million girls are enrolled in project upazilas, and over 750,000 are receiving stipends. The project has reached more than 1,100 relatively poorer girls through the family attractiveness program and outreach activities. Project management has strengthened since November 2005, and progress has been made in accountability, monitoring, stipends integrated database, and project studies. An impact evaluation is nearly complete and several studies are ongoing. To increase the impact on project objectives, the project was extended one year to December 31, 2007. The project is on track to achieve its objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36140	Effective	141.71	67.84	38.88	31.06





Project Name (ID): National Nutrition Project (P050751)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 05/25/2000
Midterm Review Date : 02/12/2003
Closing Date : 08/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-33560, NETH-27743
Sector(s): Health (90%), Central government administration (9%), Law and justice (1%)
Theme(s): Nutrition and food security (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Gender (S), Child Health (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to contribute to a sustainable improvement in birth-weights and in the nutritional status of vulnerable groups (particularly women and children).

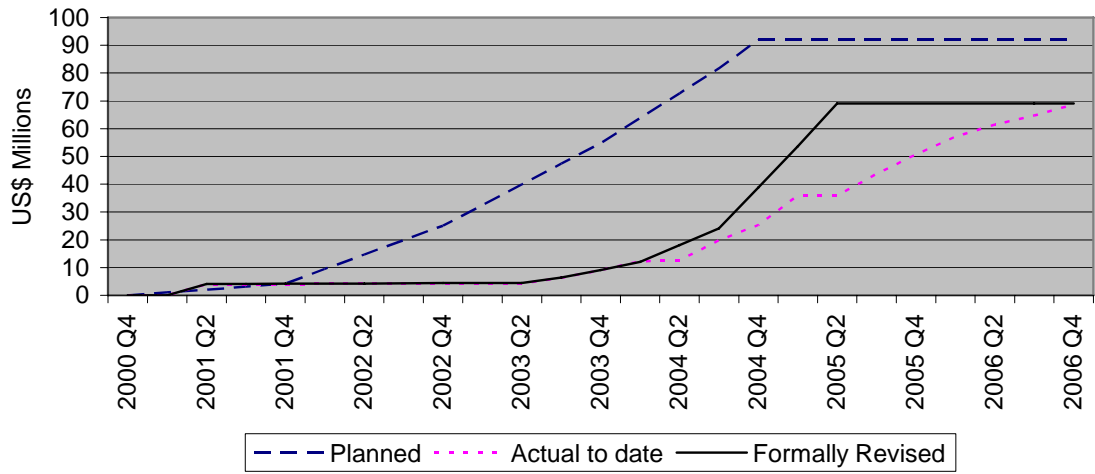
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was extended for a 2nd time for an additional 8 months to facilitate the transition of the project (NNP) into the recently approved Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (Cr. 4052-BD) and to avoid interruption of NGO-delivered services while the HNPSp becomes fully established. The project will be closing at the end of August and nutrition services will be provided through the HNPSp project once the package of nutrition services to be delivered under HNPSp financing is defined. Program impact is difficult to measure as no endline survey has been carried out. Although the baseline survey did compare areas covered under the previous project, the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BINP), with those who initiated coverage under NNP to assess the effects of program exposure, the comparisons did not show any clear patterns. However, NNP has only been in full operation for 2 years and thus it may be too early to measure impact.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-33560	Effective	100.69	68.69	6.00	24.22
NETH-27743	Effective	12.50	9.01	3.49	0.00





Project Name (ID): Post-Literacy and Continuing Education for Human Development Project (P050752)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 02/27/2001

Midterm Review Date : 02/14/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34670, SWTZ-28337

Sector(s): Adult literacy/non-formal education (89%), Central government administration (11%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Improving labor markets (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to increase the functional application of literacy skills by providing post-literacy and continuing education to neo-literates through a more comprehensive and enhanced system of non-formal education (NFE). Use of the newly acquired literacy skills is expected to increase neo-literates incomes, improve their welfare, and have them participate fully as citizens.

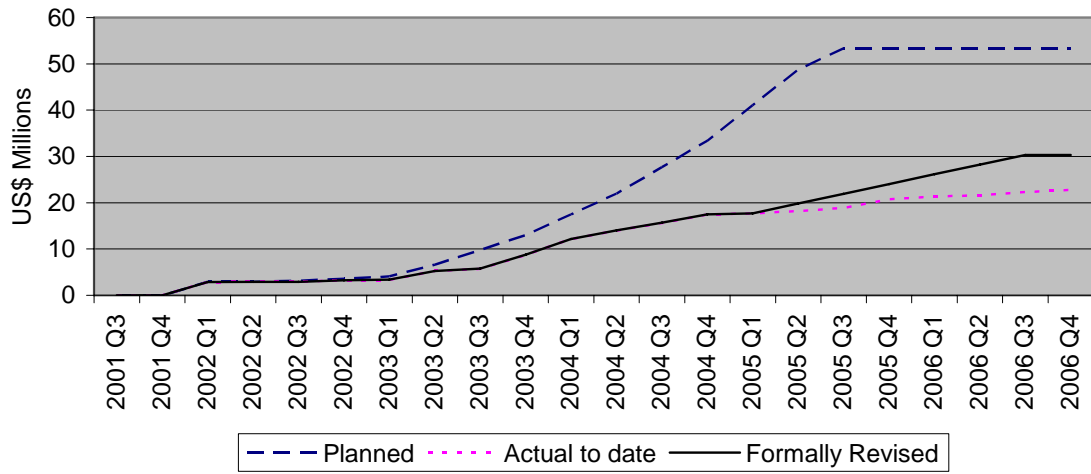
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The prospects for achievement of the project objective have improved with resumption of the learning program. Another two full rounds of the learning program will be carried out prior to the project's extended closing date of December 31, 2007. It is expected that 91 percent of the project's original beneficiary coverage target will be reached. Establishment of the Bureau of Non-Formal Education will help to solidify institutional arrangements. Other achievements in 2005/06 include completion of a full tracer study with generally positive results, particularly in terms of females' community and household participation. Approximately 150,000 learners completed the last full round of the learning program, and the next round is scheduled to begin August 2006. Contracts have recently been awarded to 264 Project Implementation NGOs for operating 4,410 centers under the third full round of course delivery.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34670	Effective	61.44	22.77	37.61	0.00
SWTZ-28337	Closed	7.00	2.93	4.07	0.00





Project Name (ID): Social Investment Program Project (P053578)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 03/18/2003

Midterm Review Date : 05/23/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37400

Sector(s): Other social services (50%), General transportation (40%), Media (5%), General education (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Gender (S), Poverty strategy, analysis, and monitoring (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to develop effective and efficient financing and institutional arrangements for improving the access to local infrastructure and basic services through the implementation of community-driven small-scale infrastructure works and social assistance programs.

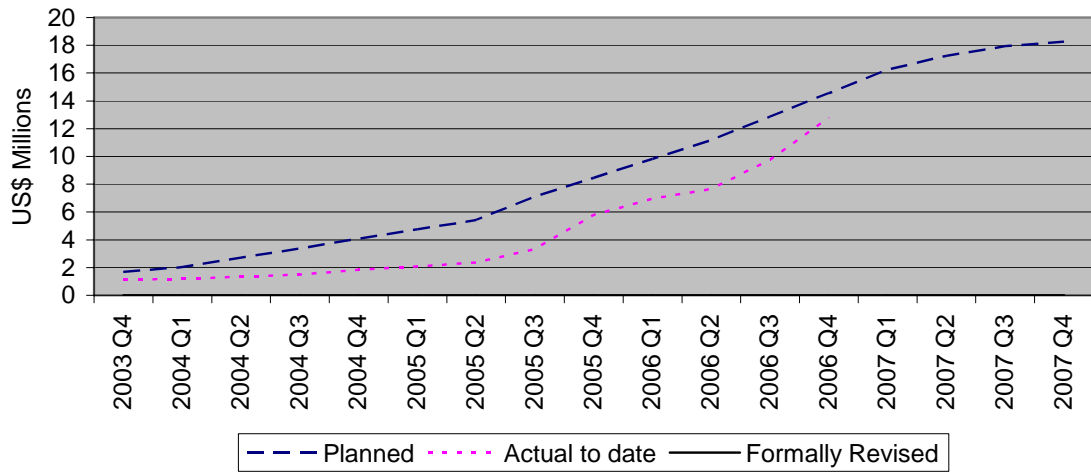
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has completed three years of implementation and is scheduled to close June 30, 2007. Results to date have shown that the project is largely on course to achieve its intended outcomes and development objectives. There has been a positive community response to the project approach in community participation in the planning and implementation of village level activities; this has enhanced the information and empowerment base at the village level and made improvements in the quality and cost of community implemented infrastructure. Experience to date indicates that performance and outcomes can be improved if more focus is put on sustaining gains made during implementation and community institutions are strengthened and empowered. To implement these measures will require additional funding (\$8M). It is expected that the Government will submit a detailed proposal for these funds.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37400	Effective	19.84	12.81	6.98	0.00





Project Name (ID): Air Quality Management Project (P057833)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 07/25/2000

Midterm Review Date : 04/20/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34040, JPN-29553

Sector(s): Health (55%), Central government administration (45%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The primary objective of this LIL is to learn about options and develop components of urban air quality management by means of pilot activities and institutional support, with the ultimate goal of reducing human exposure to vehicular air pollution in a cost-effective manner.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

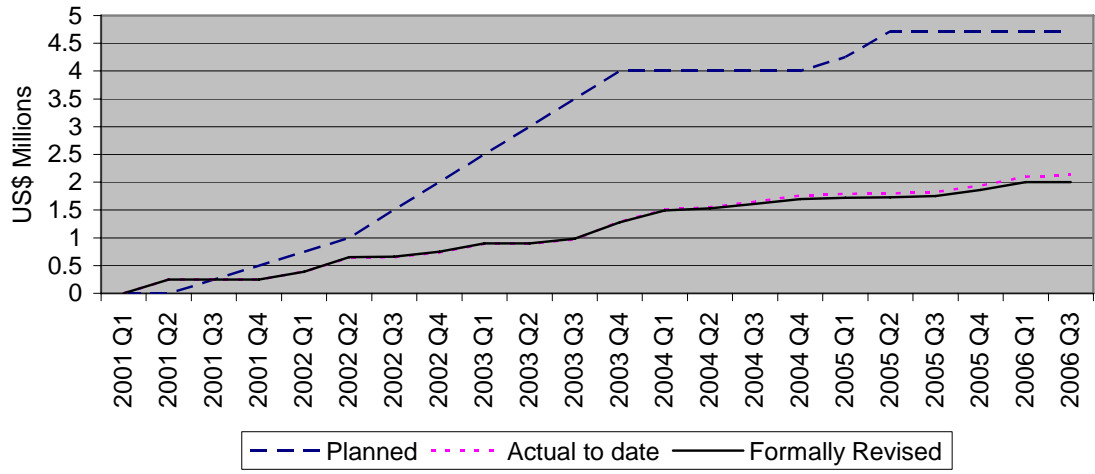
Overall progress towards achieving the project objective is good. Some indicators of progress include, strong and consistent project management, appointment of international technical assistance consultants and procurement of air monitoring equipment to cover areas beyond Dhaka. There are also active deliberations on the policy options for addressing emissions from commercial diesel vehicles by a committee chaired by the Director General of the Department of Environment (DoE) and a strengthened vehicle emissions enforcement program including random checking. There is good media coverage of air quality issues; and a high level of commitment to the institutional integration of project resources and activities with the DoE after project closure.

A request for a new full-scale project has also been forwarded to the Bank through the ERD. In addition, a third one-year extension has been sought for the current project to "bridge" the existing and proposed projects, so that there is a seamless transition between the two projects

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34040	Effective	5.29	2.14	3.00	0.00
JPN-29553	Closed	0.23	0.01	0.00	0.22





Project Name (ID): Bangladesh Central Bank Strengthening Project (P062916)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date : 12/31/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37920

Sector(s): Banking (100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

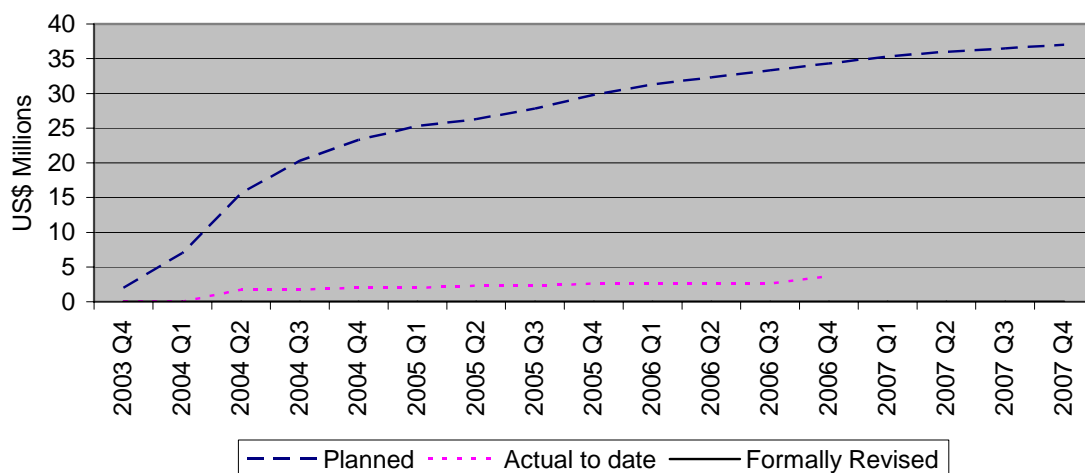
The objective is to achieve a strong and effective regulatory and supervisory system for Bangladesh's banking sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Research Department has been strengthened and good progress is being made in strengthening the supervisory capacity of Bangladesh Bank. However, progress in achieving the project's development objectives has slowed down considerably due to the difficulties encountered in implementing the automation component where anticipated efficiency enhancements through automation are yet to be achieved pending procurement and installation of the IT packages which is progressing much slower than expected

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37920	Effective	39.98	3.68	36.28	0.00



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Prevention Project (P069933)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 12/12/2000

Midterm Review Date : 06/01/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-34410, UK-28932

Sector(s): Health (98%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to control the spread of HIV infection within high risk groups and to limit its spread to the general population, without stigmatizing high risk groups.

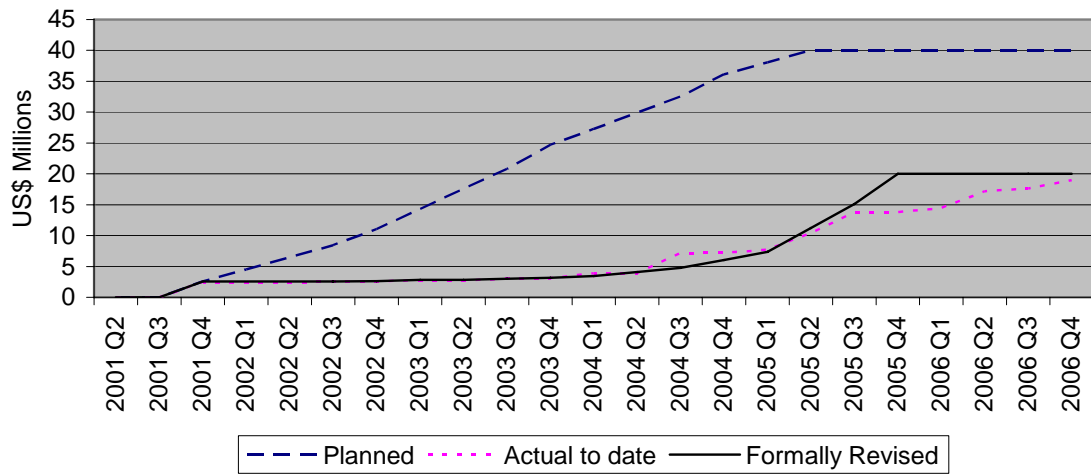
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project closing date was extended to December 31, 2007 to increase the coverage of prevention interventions and allow for a smooth integration into the Health, Nutrition & Population Sector Program (2005-2010). The project continues to make progress towards its objective, however, there is close to a concentrated epidemic among Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) with rates having risen to 4.9%. The program is addressing this trend by focusing a large share of resources on prevention interventions for high risk groups, with a large share of resources targeting IDUs. Coverage of targeted interventions for high risk groups was expanded and quality of interventions improved. Progress achieved on blood safety has been more limited, and has been primarily limited to the procurement of equipment and reagents, and some training. The technical assistance provided for institutional strengthening has assisted in the development of technical strategies and guidelines for program components. However, the program needs to urgently focus on strengthening its capacity to lead the national response to the epidemic.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34410	Effective	45.69	18.97	3.38	21.98
UK-28932	Closed	11.15	3.77	4.05	2.95





Project Name (ID): Rural Transport Improvement Project (P071435)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 06/19/2003
Midterm Review Date : 12/15/2005
Closing Date : 06/30/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37910
Sector(s): Roads and highways (80%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%)
Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objectives are to provide rural communities with improved access to social services and economic opportunity, and to enhance the capacity of relevant government institutions to manage rural transport infrastructure.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made towards achievement of the project objectives since the mid-term review in December 2005. Disbursements have increased by 12 percent confirming that implementation is picking up. Phase I contracts started in 2004/2005 should be mostly completed by end of dry season 2006. Phase 2 contracts awarded in 2005 and 2006 should be completed by end of dry season 2007. All phase 3 contracts are expected to be awarded before October 2006. This timing is within the implementation period defined at appraisal.

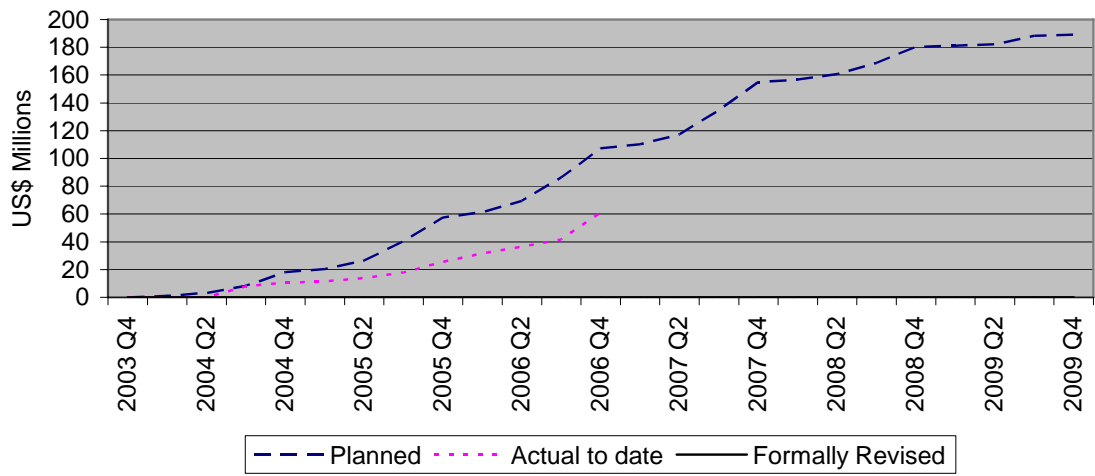
Outcome indicators also show good progress with average travel times and transport costs reduced by 15 percent for passengers and freight compared to a targeted reduction of 25%, even though only part of the investment program has been executed. At this point 5,045 km of rural roads are in good condition in the project area compared to a target of 6,200 km at end of project. Executed civil works contracts have resulted in 9,500 person-years of employment and the target of 24,000 person-years is expected to be achieved when the on-going program of civil works is completed.

Implementation of the Local Government Engineering Department focused Institutional Strengthening Action Plan and the Local Government Institutions Improvement Plan is progressing strongly. Several budgetary targets and financial indicators also indicate strong progress.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37910	Effective	202.86	61.16	141.68	0.00





Project Name (ID): Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development (P071794)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/25/2002

Midterm Review Date : 07/10/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36790

Sector(s): Power (91%), Renewable energy (9%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to increase access to electricity in rural areas of Bangladesh.

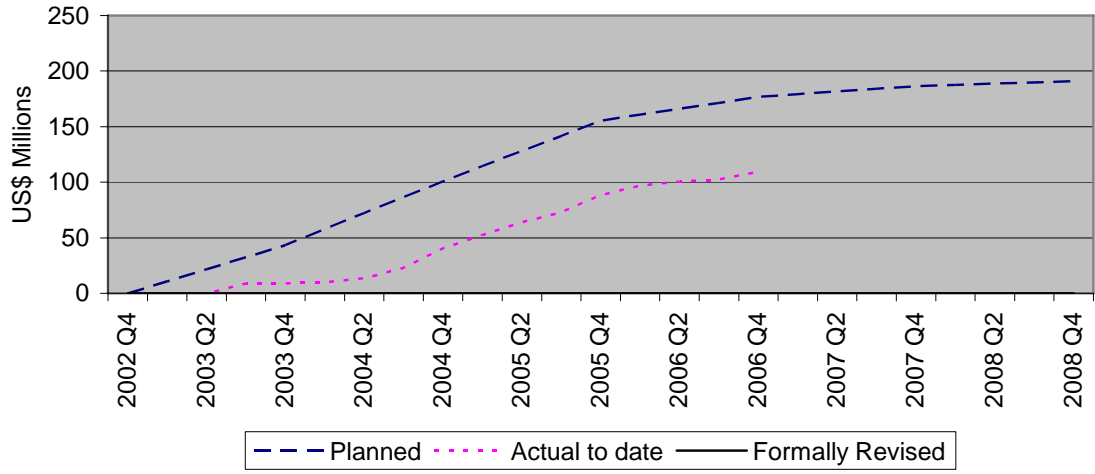
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is continuing successfully to increase access to electricity. The work on construction of new electricity distribution networks and the renovation of dilapidated networks is progressing well and this has improved both access and the quality of service. More than 16,000 km of lines have been constructed and renovated, which is about 75% of the project target. About 400,000 new consumers have been connected through grid extension. The project has also installed more than 75,000 Solar Home Systems (SHS). The rate of SHS installation has far exceeded project targets. The project is also supporting activities to evaluate the socio-economic impact of rural electrification and training the rural electric cooperatives in carrying out Environmental Impact Assessments. Achievement of the project objective is likely.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36790	Effective	224.91	109.27	115.38	0.00





Project Name (ID): Financial Services for the Poorest (P074731)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/19/2002

Midterm Review Date : 05/31/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36810

Sector(s): General finance (60%), Micro- and SME finance (40%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P)

Project Development Objectives:

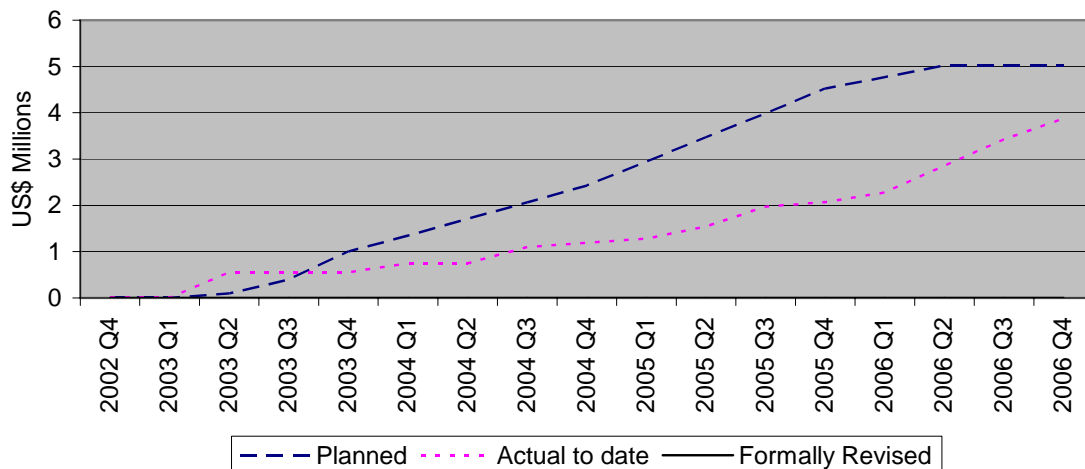
The objective is to find models of sustainable financial interventions for reducing the number of the poorest population in Bangladesh.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Achievement of project development objectives has far exceeded the original targets in terms of outreach and impact. Recognizing the success of this Learning and Innovation project the Government has provided funds to the Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) the implementing agency, for replicating this project all over Bangladesh. Remaining project funds will be utilized to finance skill building of the poorest borrowers under the replicated project

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36810	Effective	5.73	3.89	1.79	0.00



Project Name (ID): Health Nutrition and Population Sector Program (P074841)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 04/28/2005

Midterm Review Date : 04/01/2008

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40520, JPN-50805

Sector(s): Health (40%), Central government administration (36%), Other social services (11%), General public administration (9%), General education (4%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Nutrition and food security (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Child Health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to assist the Government of Bangladesh in the implementation of its Strategic Investment Plan (2003-2010), for the Health Nutrition & Population Sector Program. It will do so in cooperation with a large group of Development Partners through a Sector Wide Approach (SWAp). The main purpose of this SIP will be to increase availability as well as access and utilization of user-centered, effective, efficient, equitable, and affordable quality services. The program will focus on three major reform areas: (i) Strengthening Public Health Sector Management and Stewardship Capacity; (ii) Health Sector Diversification and; (iii) Stimulating Demand for essential services by poor households through health advocacy and demand-side financing options.

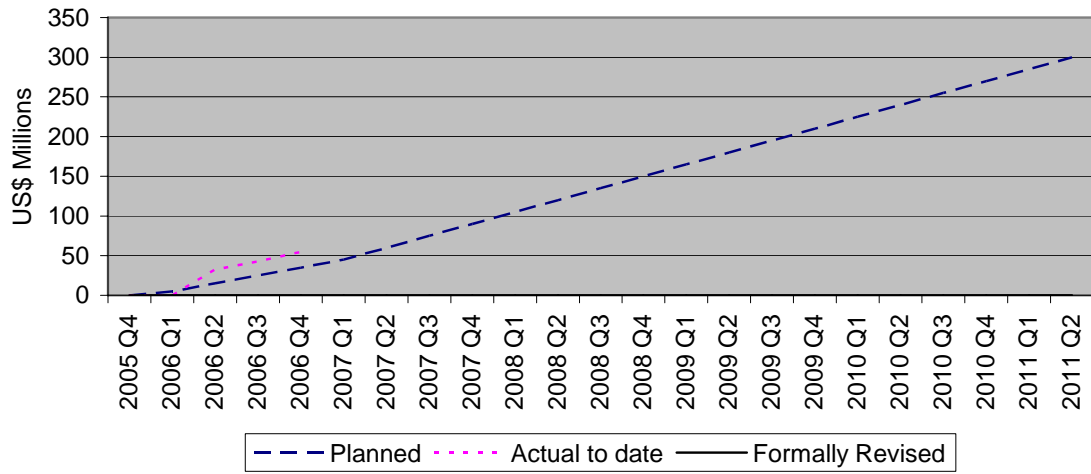
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective mid June 2005 and this initial project period has been focused on preparatory activities e.g., making needed revisions to operational plans to ensure consistency with the Strategic Investment Plan etc. While only limited progress can be mentioned at this point cooperation and coordination amongst development partners is exemplary and it is expected as the pace of implementation picks up so will progress towards achievement of the project objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40520	Effective	288.26	54.57	233.00	0.00
JPN-50805	Closed	1.50	0.17	0.00	1.33





Project Name (ID): Primary Education Development Project II (P074966)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 02/24/2004

Midterm Review Date : 04/01/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-38570

Sector(s): Primary education (65%), Central government administration (27%), Sub-national government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

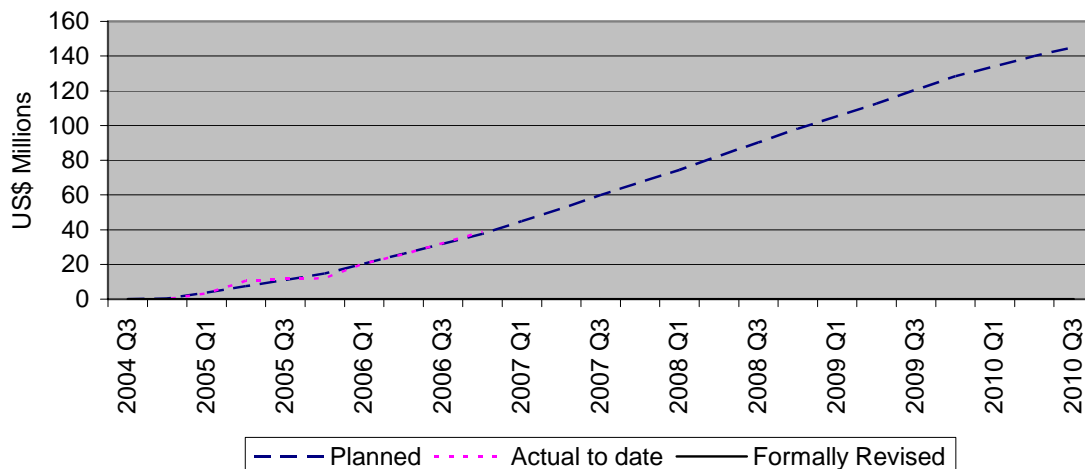
The overall program objective is to improve quality, equitable access, and efficiency in primary education through a sub-sector program approach.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This 11-donor supported Program has made progress in several areas which include: greater Government ownership and leadership of the Program; continuing efforts to further harmonize and standardize reporting mechanisms; implementation of a large-scale infrastructure program with matching teacher recruitment; and development of action plans to encourage more equitable student access to schooling. Areas that need further strengthening to ensure full achievement of the project/program objectives include: capacity of the education system for data collection, and analysis; availability of data on all key performance indicators e.g., student learning achievement; filling of substantial vacancies and developing capacity at the field levels (e.g., Upazila Education Offices, Primary Teacher Institutes); and program management capacity.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38570	Effective	153.17	38.94	114.25	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Procurement Reform Project (P075016)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 05/02/2002
Midterm Review Date : 05/08/2004
Closing Date : 06/30/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-36390
Sector(s): General public administration (100%)
Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to improve governance in public procurement, thereby increasing efficiency, transparency, and accountability, and increasing the perception of probity in the procurement of goods, works and services by the Borrower's ministries, departments, statutory corporations and other public bodies.

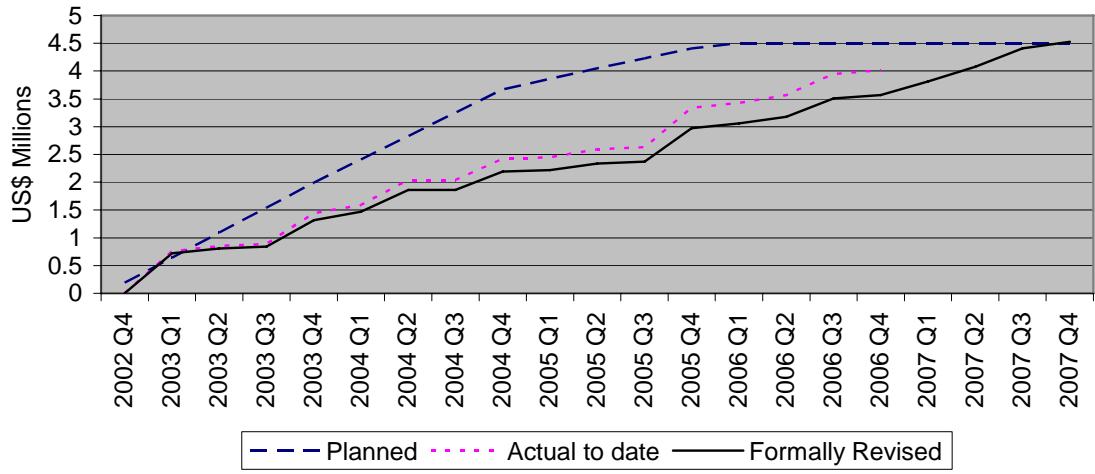
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is about 4 years old and all three components are progressing as planned, but with considerable delay in certain activities. Most policy related actions are complete and Parliament recently passed the procurement law. Bangladesh now has a uniform procurement policy across all public sector entities. While most public sector agencies have started using the regulations and initial review indicates some improvement in reducing excessive procurement delays, still substantial challenges remain for its full implementation and monitoring. Continued progress needs to be made on the establishment of a complaints mechanism and the MIS system for procurement tracking. The Government has completed most key actions on procurement policy reform. In addition, a permanent procurement policy unit, Central Procurement Technical Unit, was established which needs further strengthening. With regard to capacity building, a critical mass of 30 local trainers has been developed and some 1400 staff from about 200 organizations have been trained.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36390	Effective	5.29	4.03	1.13	0.00





Project Name (ID): Power Sector Development Technical Assistance Project (P078707)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date : 12/31/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39130, IDA-H0920

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (27%), Oil and gas (9%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Corporate governance (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to create a sound institutional foundation in the power sector - at the policy making, operational and regulatory levels - on which to ramp up the investments and services needed for the sector to contribute more effectively to economic growth and poverty alleviation.

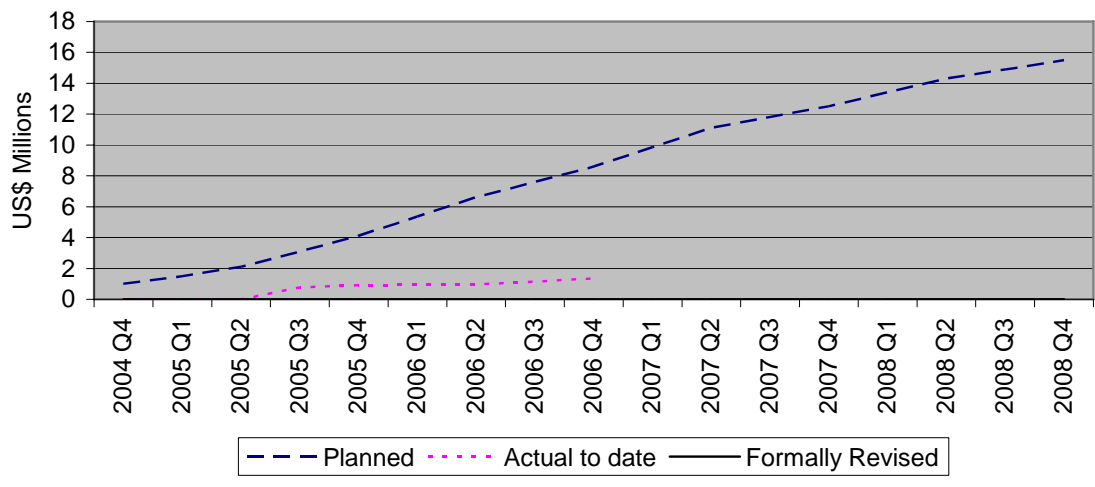
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress is being made in multiple areas of the project. The Mid-Term Power Strategy of Bangladesh has been endorsed by donors and is awaiting GOB approval. The Gas Master Plan has been finalized and accepted by Petrobangla. A Captive Power Policy, to open up the grid to private operators, is complete and GOB has sought expressions of interests to contract surplus captive power. The work on the Financial Restructuring and Recovery Plan is at an advanced stage. GOB is reviewing the first phase actions of the plan for implementation. Selection of consultants is underway to prepare a Generation Financing Strategy. Consultants have been engaged to begin initial preparations of two investment projects (Siddhirganj Peaking Power Plant and South Zone Distribution Project). Improved coordination within the Power Cell, concerned utilities, ministries and Development Partners has been observed and coordination to optimize investments in power and gas is continuing. However, attention is still required to ensure required skill-mix and staffing of the Power Cell. GOB also needs to ensure that the Power Cell functions in accordance with its mandate and not involve it with ad hoc measures. Prompt action is also required to operationalize the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39130	Effective	7.20	0.79	6.43	0.00
IDA-H0920	Effective	8.53	0.56	7.96	0.00





Project Name (ID): Telecommunications Technical Assistance Project (P081849)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 06/19/2003
Midterm Review Date : 12/16/2005
Closing Date : 06/30/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-37900
Sector(s): Telecommunications (100%)
Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P)

Project Development Objectives:

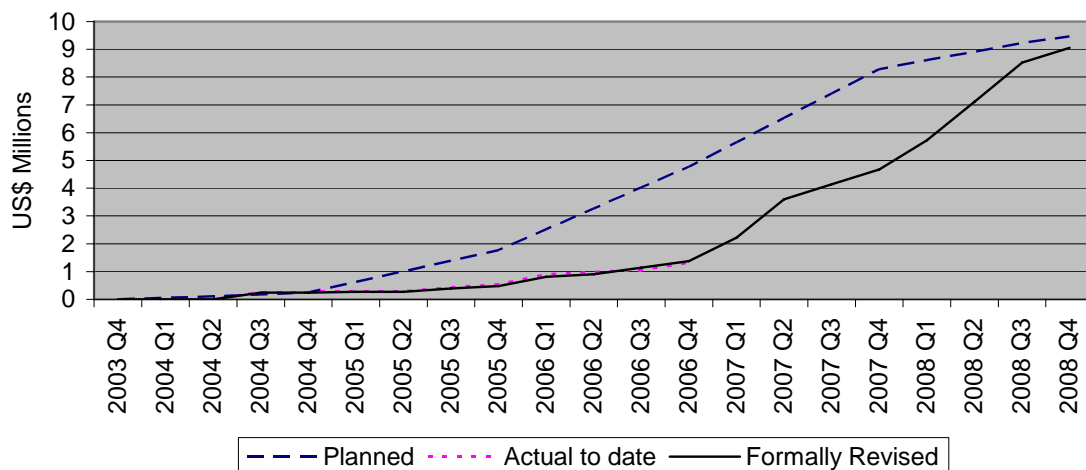
The objective is to improve the performance of the telecommunications sector through establishment of an institutional and regulatory framework favorable to the competitive provision of telecommunications infrastructure and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achievement of the development objectives of the project is moving forward albeit slowly. The Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission has undertaken important initiatives to improve the regulatory environment, including improvement of the interconnection regime and making more radio spectrum available for operators. Private operators have started providing fixed services in areas outside of the greater Dhaka metropolitan area. Little progress has been made on restructuring Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board into a public limited company as there is little will to undertake reforms prior to elections.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37900	Effective	9.85	1.31	8.55	0.00



Project Name (ID): Enterprise Growth & Bank Modernization (P081969)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/08/2004

Midterm Review Date : 02/15/2007

Closing Date : 11/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : DFID-54660, IDA-39170, IDA-Q3920

Sector(s): Central government administration (41%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (36%), Banking (14%), Other industry (5%), Housing finance and real estate markets (4%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Export development and competitiveness (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the Project are: (a) to trigger employment generation through private sector enterprise growth and modernization of the banking system; and (b) to promote urgently needed reforms within State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and the nationalized Commercial Banks (NCBs).

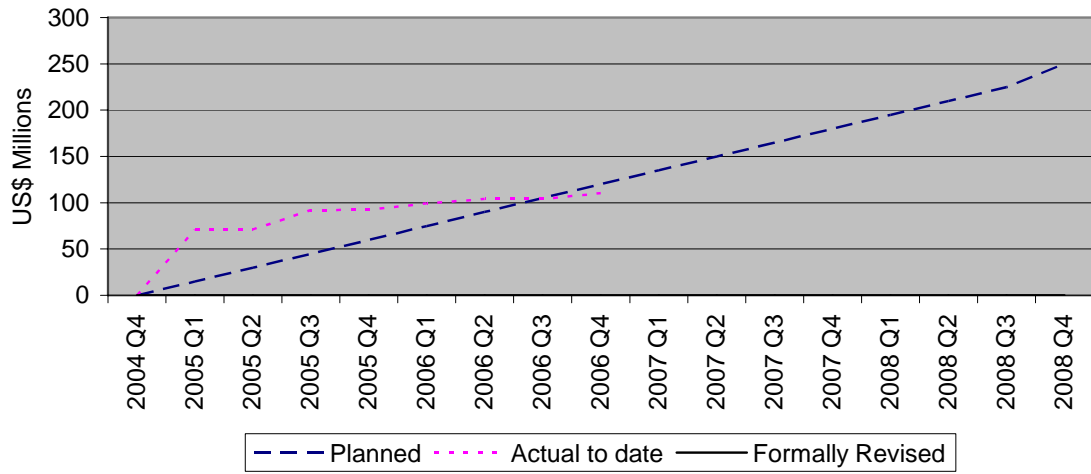
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made significant progress in achieving its development objectives. Two closed State Owned Enterprises have been converted into Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and new private industries have started to operate there creating new employment. Once fully completed these two new EPZs could create 100,000 new jobs. The Rupali privatization is in its final stage. With elections coming disbursements on the Voluntary Retirement Schemes has slowed down. It is expected to pick-up after the election.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
DFID-54660	Effective	90.35	13.80	76.21	0.00
IDA-39170	Effective	253.28	110.40	142.73	0.00
IDA-Q3920	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00





Project Name (ID): Economic Management TA Program (EMTAP) (P083890)
Country: Bangladesh
Board Approval Date : 06/22/2004
Midterm Review Date : 08/01/2006
Closing Date : 12/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H1070
Sector(s): Central government administration (100%)
Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P),
 Administrative and civil service reform (P), Tax policy and administration (P), Standards
 and financial reporting (S)

Project Development Objectives:

Strengthen capacities in core areas of economic and public sector management and contribute to better policy formulation and implementation, and functioning of the public administration and the corporate sector.

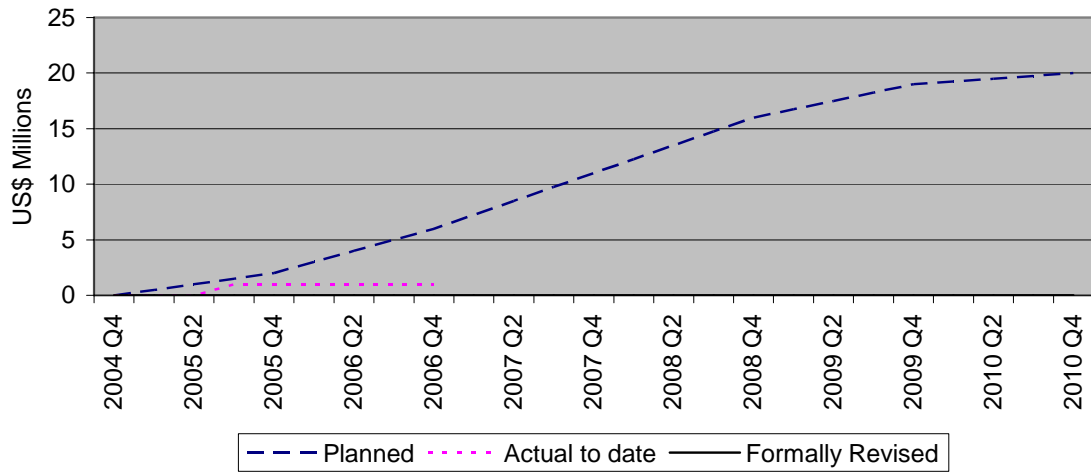
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Two years after project approval, progress in meeting development objectives remains limited, largely because of the slow pace of project implementation. Limited progress has been made in Tax Modernization and Automation, Strengthening e-Government and Strengthening Development Communication between Government and Stakeholders. However, prospects for reforms in legal and regulatory framework for corporate financial reporting have improved with preparation of a draft Financial Reporting Act and design of a proposed Financial Reporting Council. Institutional strengthening is also being supported with the selection of consultants to help strengthen two professional accountancy bodies through twinning arrangements, and reform of the accounting curriculum and related training programs. Good progress is also being made in preparation for the introduction of e-Government procurement. Work is also proceeding on preparation of three new sub-projects. Overall project management is still weak and is in the process of being strengthened. The Government is exploring various options for augmenting project personnel, as well as changing project implementation arrangements.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1070	Effective	20.29	1.01	19.32	0.00





Project Name (ID): Bangladesh Water Supply Program Project (P086661)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date : 03/31/2007

Closing Date : 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H1010

Sector(s): Water supply (85%), Micro- and SME finance (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective of the project is to contribute to Bangladesh's efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in water supply and sanitation by 2015. Specifically, the project will pilot innovative measures to scale up the provision of safe water supply free from arsenic and pathogens in rural areas and small towns.

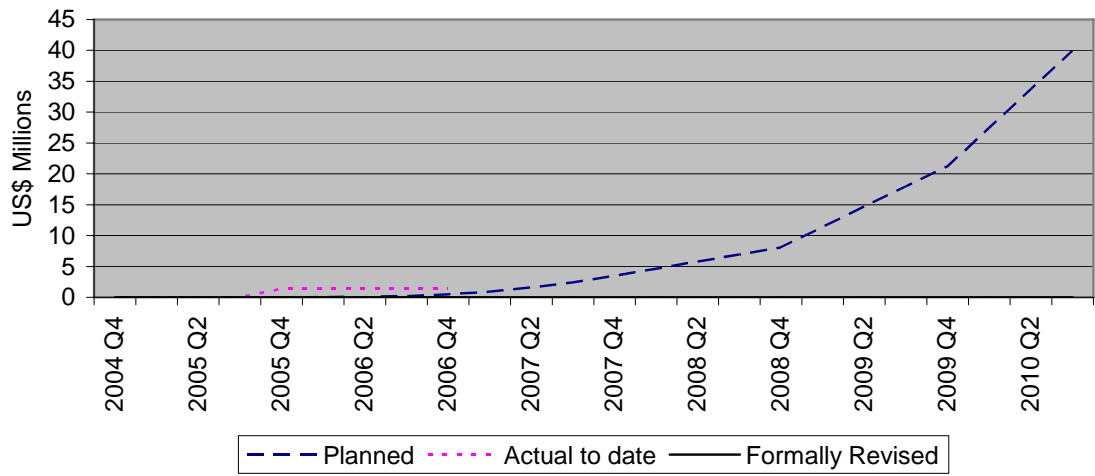
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In the past year the project has laid the foundation for private-public partnerships in rural piped water supply schemes, which are at the core of this project. Almost 90 prequalified sponsors have applied to provide piped water supply in densely populated villages, and have submitted initial proposals, based on their identification of villages and discussions with these villages and union parishads. The other project components, notably the urban water supply component, are evolving very slowly. The non-piped rural component had, by design, been deferred in order to permit the project management unit to complete the predecessor project Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project (BAMWSP). The component, which builds on lessons learned from BAMWSP will now be activated. This coming year it will be essential for the project to build on the work done to date and accelerate the pace of implementation showing that it can reach the project goals on time.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1010	Effective	40.57	1.52	39.05	0.00





Project Name (ID): Reaching Out of School Children (P086791)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date : 07/31/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H1020, SWTZ-53677

Sector(s): Other social services (55%), Primary education (45%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

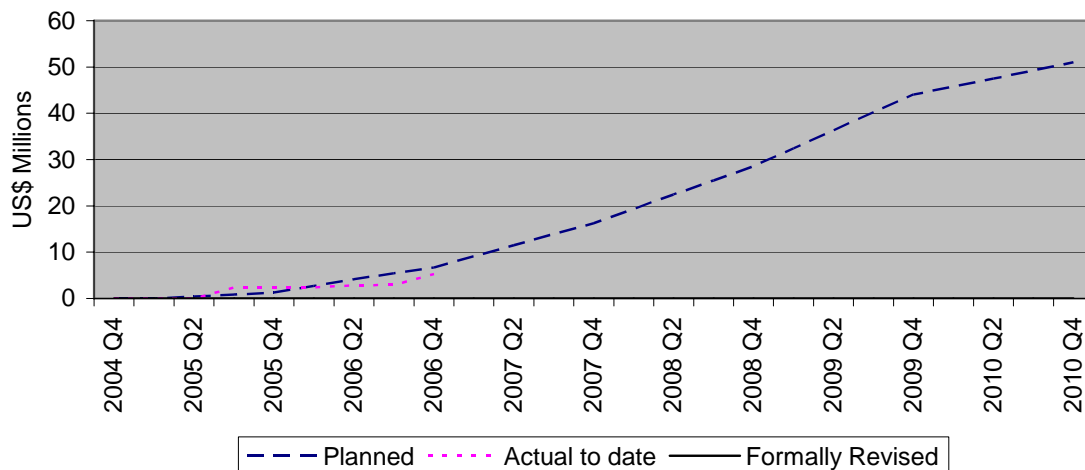
The project development objective is to reduce the number of out-of-school children through improved access, quality and efficiency in primary education, especially for the disadvantaged children, in support of Government of Bangladesh's education for all goals.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite delays in implementation at start up, the project is now on track to achieve its objective. Specific accomplishments include the following: (a) about 800 Learning Centers (schools) are now operational; (b) substantial improvements have been made in project management with key staff now in place; (c) capacity building activities are underway, with enlisted NGOs carrying out training of teachers; (d) monitoring and evaluation activities are on track and the second round of monitoring is underway.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1020	Effective	51.74	5.26	46.53	0.00
SWTZ-53677	Effective	6.00	0.60	5.40	0.00



Project Name (ID): Investment Promotion and Financing Facility (P089382)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 05/02/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-41690

Sector(s): Banking (55%), Power (15%), General transportation (15%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (8%), Other industry (7%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

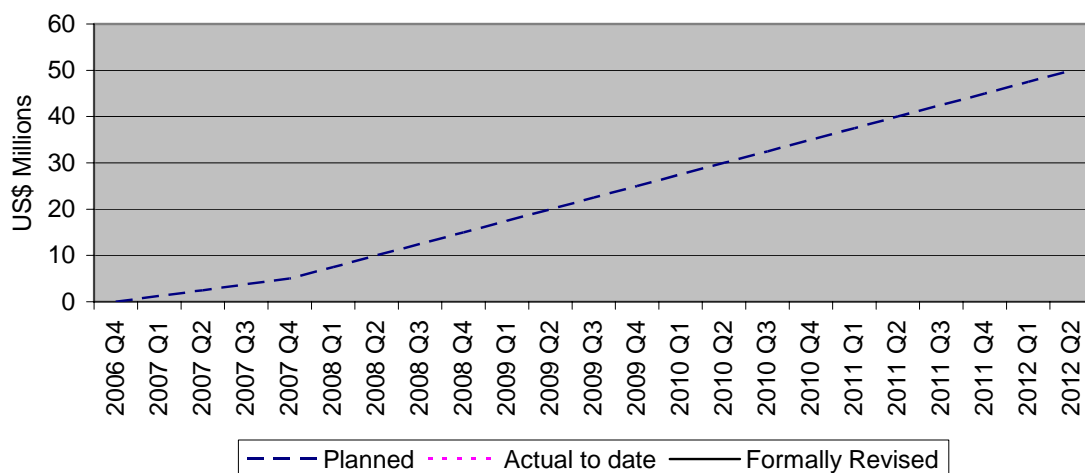
The project objective is to accelerate private sector-led growth by providing term finance for infrastructure development and promoting domestic infrastructure finance capacity. The project will make available partial debt financing through private sector financial intermediaries for eligible, government-endorsed infrastructure projects to be developed by the private sector and will strengthen capacity for ensuring the sustainable provision of private infrastructure.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved late in the fiscal year and it is too early to provide an indication of progress towards achievement of the project objectives

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41690	Not Effective	51.30	0.00	51.30	0.00



Project Name (ID): Local Governance Support Project (P098273)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date : 06/15/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-41930

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (96%), Central government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Decentralization (P), Public expenditure, financial management, and procurement (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objective is to help develop accountable local governments providing services that meet community priorities, supported by a predictable and transparent fiscal transfer system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved late in the fiscal year and it is too early to provide an indication of progress towards achievement of the project objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41930	Not Effective	112.16	0.00	112.16	0.00

