

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY07 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2007. 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 or Program 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 FY07 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.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts and Graphs for loans/credits/grants 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 Operations, which provide quick-disbursing financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these operations, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed prior actions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus will not include a graph.



Country: Lesotho

Project Name (ID): GEF Maloti Drakens Conservation and Development (P052367)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 09/13/2001

Midterm Review Date : 08/19/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-23723

Sector(s): Forestry(40%), General public administration sector(20%), Other social services(20%), Other industry(10%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Land administration and management(P), Export development and competitiveness(P), Rural non-farm income generation(P), Participation and civic engagement(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to conserve globally significant biodiversity in the Maloti Drakensberg mountains.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After initial implementation delays, the following critical milestones have been achieved: a 20-year transfrontier conservation strategy with a 5-year action plans; and improved conservation of 136,000 ha of off-reserve land.

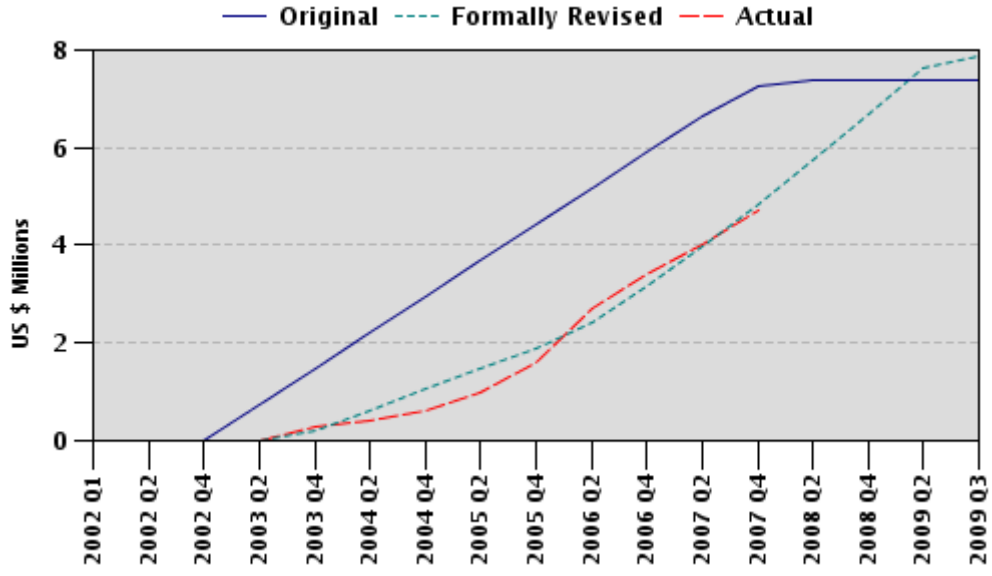
A 12 month extension is being processed to permit completion of the project.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-23723	Effective	7.36	4.72	2.64	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Water Sector Improvements APL (P056418)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 10/26/2004

Midterm Review Date : 05/16/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-Q2740, IDA-39950

Sector(s): Water supply(80%), Central government administration(20%)

Theme(s): Other urban development(P), Participation and civic engagement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

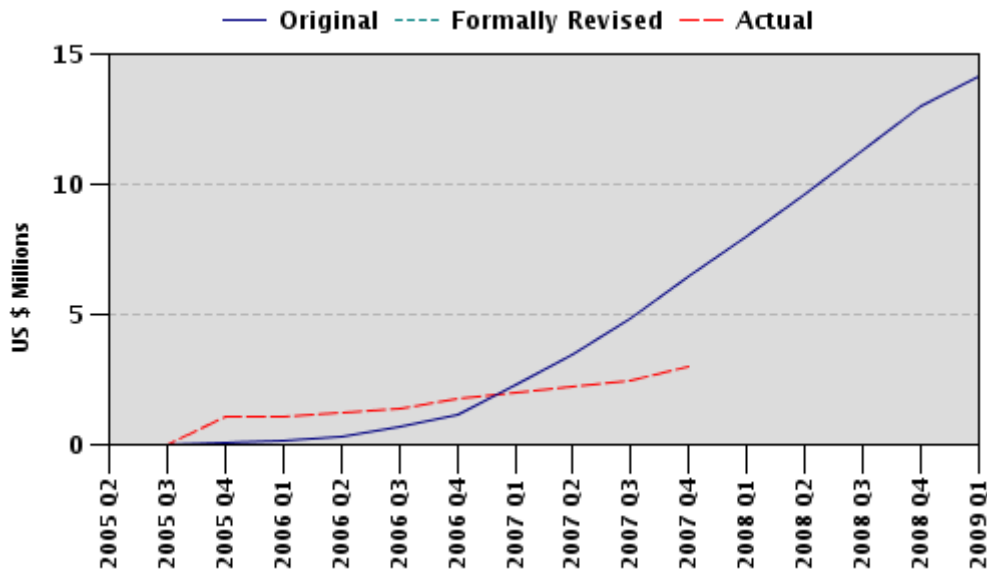
The objective of the project is to support the vision of the Government to secure adequate, sustainable, and clean water supply and to support adequate sanitation services for consumers living in the Lowlands areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Some components have performed well, for example, the performance of the water utility WASA is excellent and has met and exceeded a number of output targets. They include improvements in service continuity, number of people more than 150 meters from a source, unaccounted for water, and water and effluent quality control as well as progress in financial management. However, other components related to the reform agenda have not progressed as well, e.g. two key outputs - new Water and Sanitation Bill and a Water Resources Bill - have been delayed.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q2740	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-39950	Effective	14.55	3.03	11.48	0.00



Project Name (ID): Utilities Sector Reform SIL (P070673)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 03/29/2001

Midterm Review Date : 11/10/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-Q2381, IDA-34840, IDA-Q2380, IDA-Q1200

Sector(s): Central government administration(50%), Power(48%), General finance sector(2%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(P), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S), Regulation and competition policy(S), Legal institutions for a market economy(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality, coverage and economic efficiency of utility services (electricity, telecommunication) under competitive and regulated conditions; (b) improve financial and operational performance of utilities sector closer to international standards and reduce and eliminate the need for budgetary support to utilities; and (c) promote possibilities for local ownership in shareholding of privatized utilities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

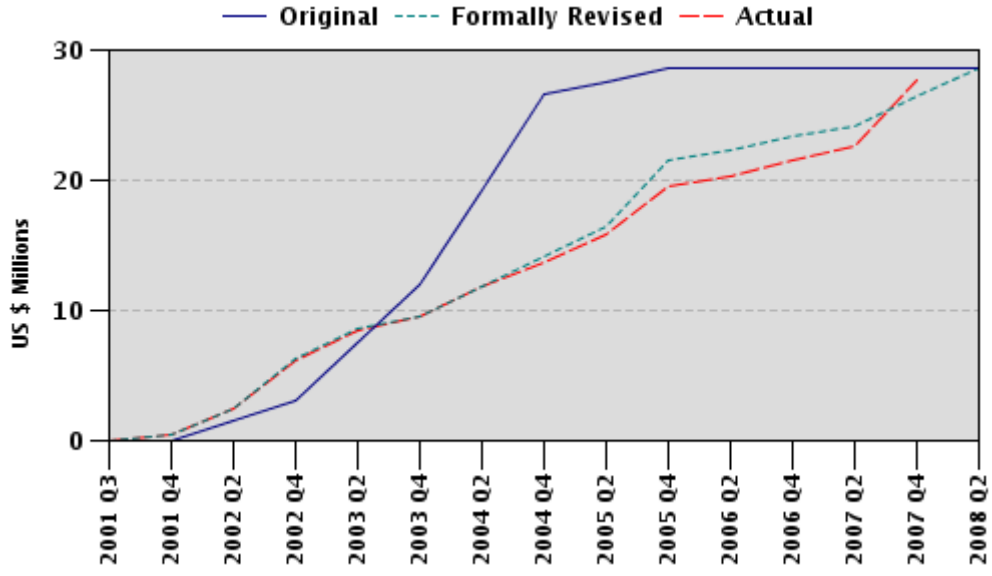
The project development objectives have been met as the project approaches its final stage before closing in December 2007. The rural electrification pilots which had slow implementation have accelerated in their performance and should be completed by the project's closure. Professional management arrangements should be maintained in the Lesotho Electric Company (LEC) to ensure sustainability of the reforms.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q2381	Closed	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20
IDA-34840	Effective	33.65	28.07	3.56	0.00
IDA-Q2380	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-Q1200	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



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Project Name (ID): Integrated Transport SIL (P075566)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 10/19/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42370, IDA-H2550, IDA-Q4230, IDA-Q4231

Sector(s): Roads and highways(67%), Central government administration(30%), Law and justice(1%), Sub-national government administration(1%), General transportation sector(1%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Administrative and civil service reform(S), Trade facilitation and market access(S), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S), Other urban development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve access to services and market opportunities for all citizens in the country through an efficient and integrated transport system that is safe and affordable.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

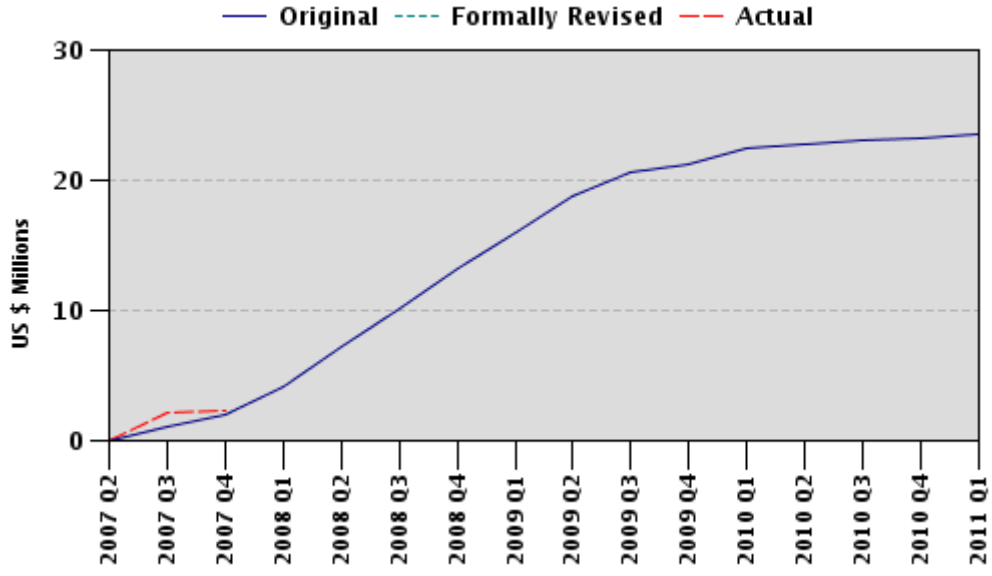
The project became effective in February 2007 and it is off to a good start. The planned road sector reform and sustainable road maintenance financing has been endorsed by Cabinet in September 2005. In mid 2006, the Government enacted an increase in some of the user charges due to the Road Fund. Enactment of increase in toll gate fees is still outstanding. Negotiations in this regard will start in August 2007. Preparations for the establishment of Environment and Social Management Units in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MoPWT) and the Directorate are well underway. MoPWT has undertaken a series of consultations for the complementary small civil works in Senqu/Senqunyane, so these can be implemented in parallel with the construction of bridges and road connections.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42370	Effective	11.52	0.00	11.52	0.00
IDA-H2550	Effective	12.58	2.29	10.27	0.00
IDA-Q4230	Closed	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.76
IDA-Q4231	Closed	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.74



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Project Name (ID): Health Sector Reform Phase 2 APL (P076658)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 10/13/2005

Closing Date : 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-Q4770, IDA-41180, IBRD-P4100

Sector(s): Health(44%), Sub-national government administration(20%), Compulsory health finance(13%), Non-compulsory health finance(13%), Solid waste management(10%)

Theme(s): Health system performance(P), Decentralization(S), Pollution management and environmental health(S), Population and reproductive health(S), HIV/AIDS(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

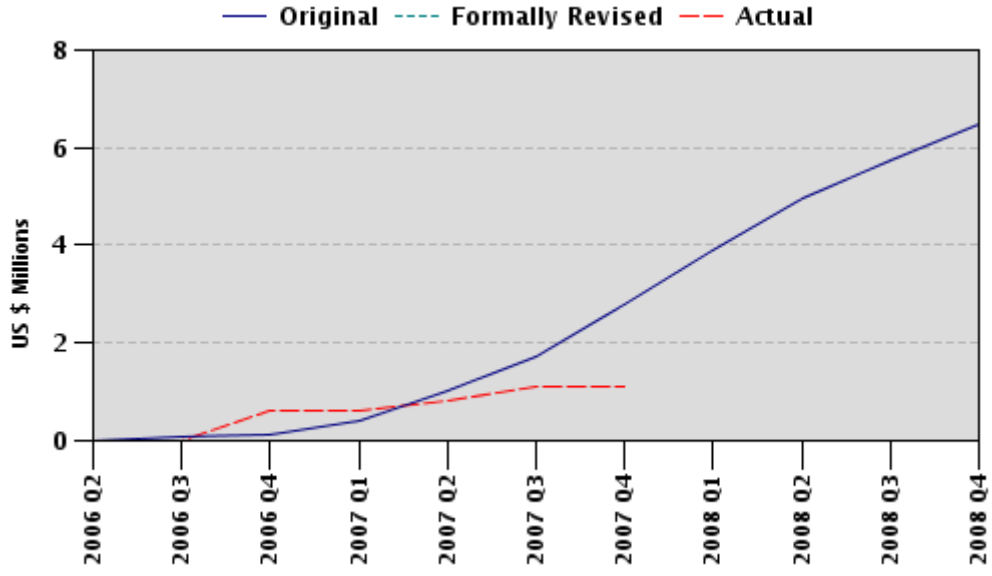
The health sector reform is making steady progress towards its development objectives. Close to 80 percent of households have access to essential health services. Coverage of key health interventions has been scaled up. This includes the national Know-Your Status campaign against HIV/AIDS, launched in 2005, which was rapidly expanded. By now, about 140,000 people have been tested. The tuberculosis case detection and successful treatment rate have improved significantly. Immunization coverage has been maintained at a high level, above 80 percent. The total budget for health was increased last year and reached US\$31 per capita. Some important challenges remain. Decentralization of the health sector has led to issues in service delivery at the district level. Shortages in human resources persist and the available budget remains relatively low.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q4770	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-41180	Effective	6.82	1.11	5.68	0.00
IBRD-P4100	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60



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Project Name (ID): ESDP II APL - Phase 2 (P081269)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 07/17/2003

Midterm Review Date : 04/07/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-56816, IDA-38130

Sector(s): Primary education(52%), Central government administration(20%), Secondary education(20%), Vocational training(5%), Tertiary education(3%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Education for the knowledge economy(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S), HIV/AIDS(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) further improve the access, equity, and quality of primary and secondary education; (b) promote lifelong learning through building capacity in education; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Education and Training.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

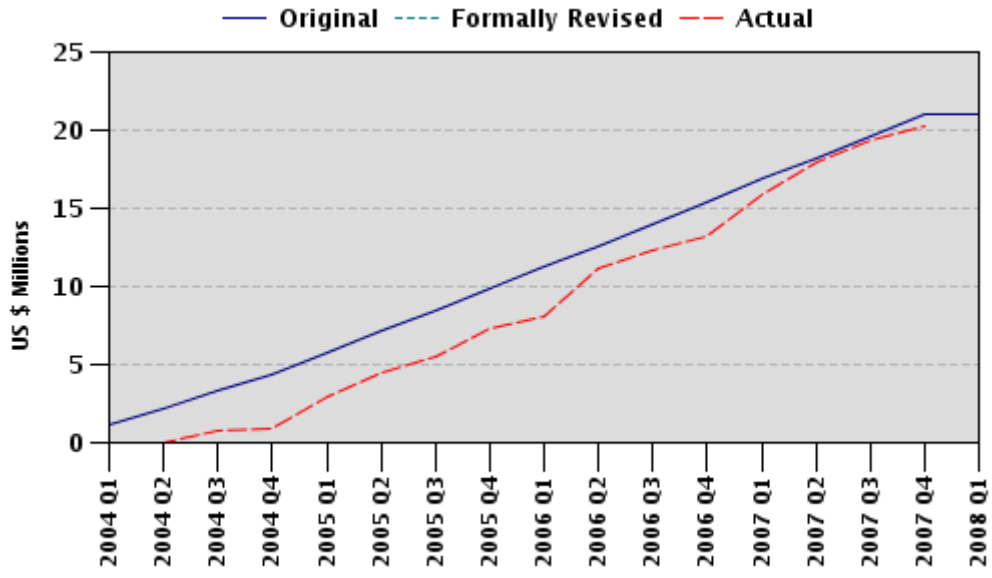
Overall the project is expected to meet its development objectives and critical targets by the closing date of December 31, 2007. One exception is the number of classrooms which will reach 210, short of the targeted 252 by project closing. MoET is considering a reallocation of the remaining funds to: (a) build additional classrooms in IDA-supported schools; (b) train primary and secondary school teachers; and (c) train school principals.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-56816	Effective	7.20	1.80	5.40	0.00
IDA-38130	Effective	23.19	20.19	2.54	0.00



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Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Capacity Building TAL (P087843)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 07/06/2004

Midterm Review Date : 09/25/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H1130

Sector(s): Health(60%), Other social services(23%), Sub-national government administration(10%), Central government administration(7%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS(P), Health system performance(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Decentralization(S), Other accountability/anti-corruption(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase the capacity of the Government and non-governmental institutions responsible for the national response to HIV and AIDS to utilize and assess the impact of funds received for HIV/AIDS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

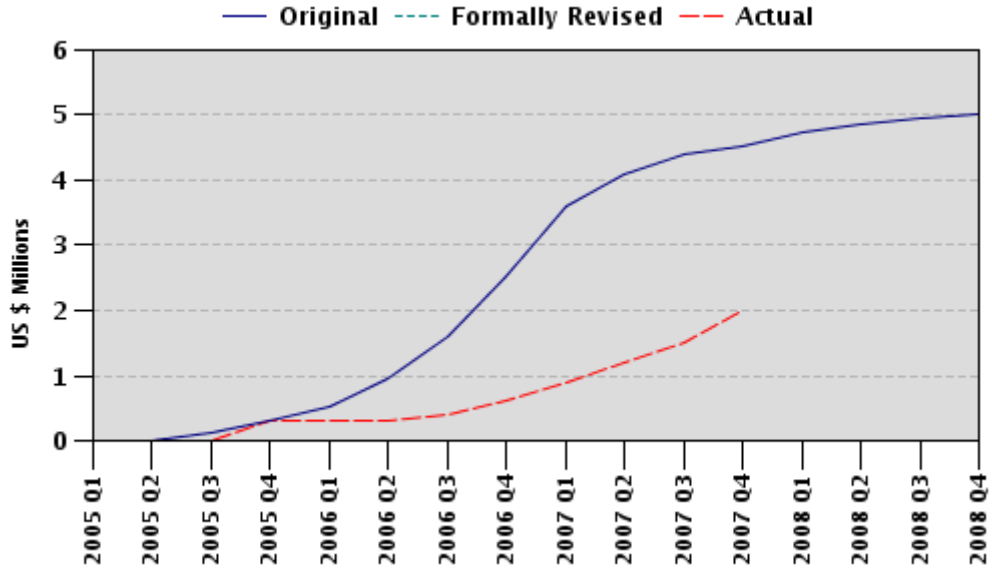
The project is well on its way to achieve the development objectives. The project has helped to fill critical capacity gaps in the agencies which implement the HIV and AIDS program and hence built capacity to respond to Lesotho's HIV/AIDS epidemic. In particular, capacity has been increased at the National AIDS Commission, the HIV and AIDS Directorate in the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and in the districts. Key policy and strategy documents to guide the national response have been developed. The improved capacity has contributed to the improved and now satisfactory utilization of external funds and the expansion and scaling up of major HIV and AIDS interventions.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1130	Effective	5.30	1.99	3.28	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Private Sector Competitiveness (P088544)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date : 03/21/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42750, JPN-56152, IDA-Q5100, IDA-H2810

Sector(s): Central government administration(38%), Other industry(22%), Crops(21%),
General industry and trade sector(13%), Vocational training(6%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support(P), Other financial and private sector
development(P), Export development and competitiveness(P), Regulation and
competition policy(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to facilitate increased private sector investment in the Lesotho economy by improving the business environment and diversifying the sources of growth.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42750	Not Effective	3.94	0.00	3.94	0.00
JPN-56152	Closed	0.98	0.74	0.24	0.00
IDA-Q5100	Closed	0.60	0.10	0.50	0.00
IDA-H2810	Not Effective	4.24	0.00	4.24	0.00

