

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07**  
**SOPE**  
**NIGER**

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: Niger**

**Project Name (ID):** Basic Education SIL ( P061209 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 07/17/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 05/21/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H0600, IDA-Q3360, IDA-38120, IDA-3812A, NETH-54461, NETH-53053

**Sector(s):** Primary education(75%), Adult literacy/non-formal education(13%), Central government administration(12%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all(P), Rural services and infrastructure(S), Gender(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives of the Project are to: (i) increase the enrollment and completion rates in basic education programs; and (ii) strengthen the administrative and managerial capacities in the basic education sector.

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

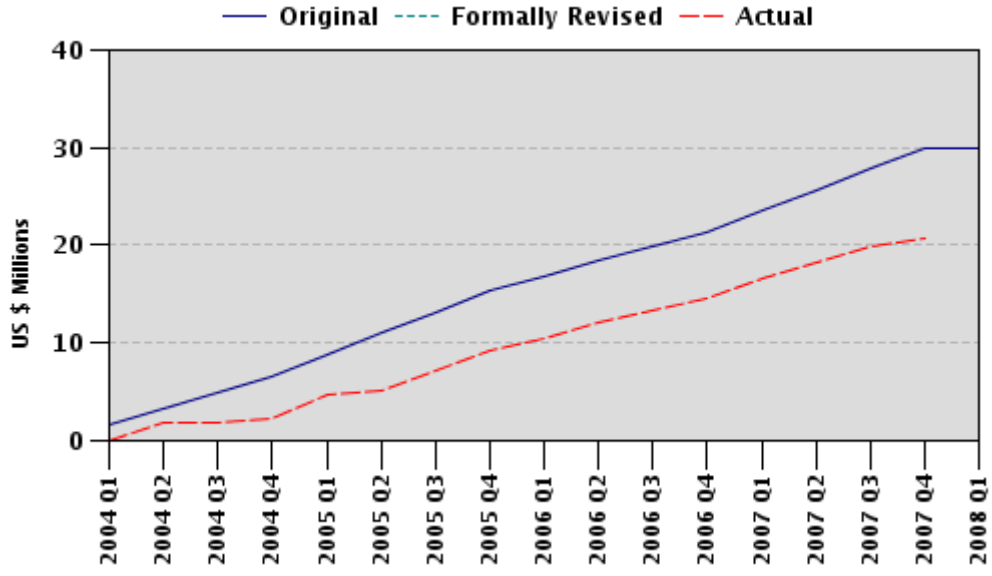
The project is advancing well. The Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) has increased from 41.7% (2002/2003) to 54% (2005/2006), while the girls' GER rose from 39.8% (2002) to 44% in (2005/2006). This progress was possible thanks to a massive recruitment of contractual teachers: 4,400 contractual teachers were recruited in 2006/2007. Learning achievements did not fully achieve the expected targets, but substantial progress was made: in French, the percentage of pupils having a satisfactory note increased from 27% in 2000 to 40% in 2005, and in Mathematics, it increased from 25% to 41% during the same period. In non-formal education, the number of adults in literacy classes reached 72,499 (HE'D HAD 52,000) (up from 17,500 in 2002), with a pass rate rise to 53 (from 50). Progress has been made in improving institutional capacity, at the regional and local levels. The experience of empowering local communities in school management is being expanded as planned.

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

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IDA-H0600	Effective	26.83	17.94	8.42	0.00
IDA-Q3360	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-38120	Effective	5.83	2.52	3.27	0.00
IDA-3812A	Effective	0.39	0.38	0.00	0.00
NETH-54461	Effective	8.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
NETH-53053	Closed	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Water Sector SIL ( P061558 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 05/03/2001

**Midterm Review Date :** 04/26/2004

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H2590, IDA-Q1760, IDA-3505A, IDA-35051, IDA-35050

**Sector(s):** Water supply(87%), Sanitation(10%), General public administration sector(3%)

**Theme(s):** Water resource management(P), Regulation and competition policy(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Participation and civic engagement(S), Access to urban services and housing(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives of the project are: (a) improving water production and distribution efficiency and providing affordable sanitation services, (b) strengthening institutional capacity, policy formulation, monitoring and regulation and, (c) rehabilitating rural water facilities, developing on-site sanitation services and implementing community-based management of rural water facilities involving private sector participation.

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

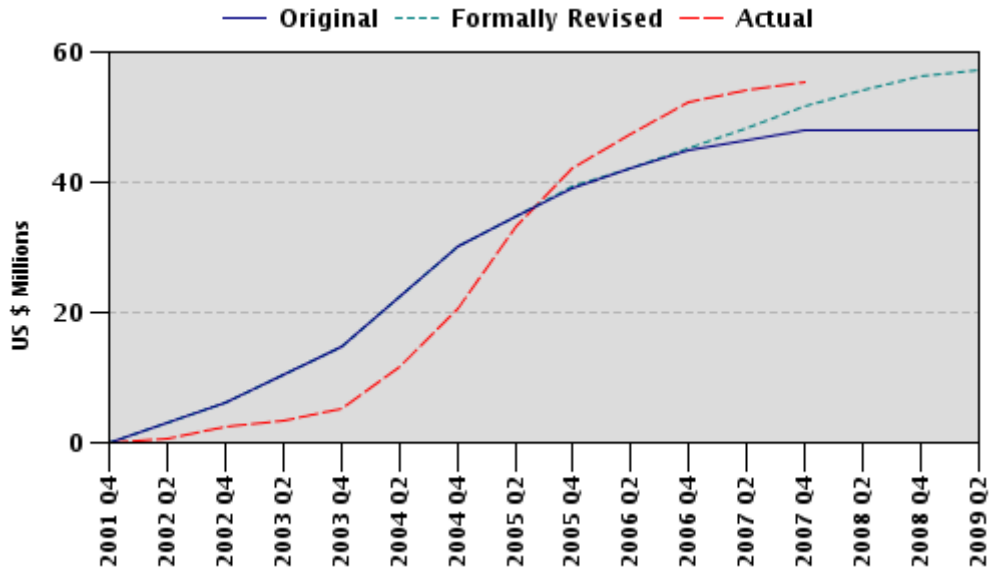
The project has surpassed most of its development impact targets. With regard to water access expansion, about 130 percent of the initial objective has been realized in urban cities: 302,800 additional people have had direct access to potable water compared to the initial target of 230,000 people, while in rural areas covered by the project, 70 percent of the population has gained access to potable water, compared to the initial target of 55 percent. More than 100,000 people have had access to adequate sanitation services compared to the initial target of 75,000 people.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2590	Effective	10.61	1.03	9.58	0.00
IDA-Q1760	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10
IDA-3505A	Closed	12.96	12.47	0.00	0.00
IDA-35051	Closed	10.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
IDA-35050	Effective	43.57	41.83	0.12	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Community Action Program ( P065991 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 03/20/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 03/07/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H0250, IDA-Q2450, IDA-Q2451, JPN-26176

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration(35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(20%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(20%), General education sector(15%), Health(10%)

**Theme(s):** Decentralization(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Other social protection and risk management(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are: (a) design and implement decentralized, participatory and transparent financing mechanisms that enable communities and local governments to carry out development plans; and (b) promote community-based integrated ecosystem management, and foster multiple global environmental benefits.

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

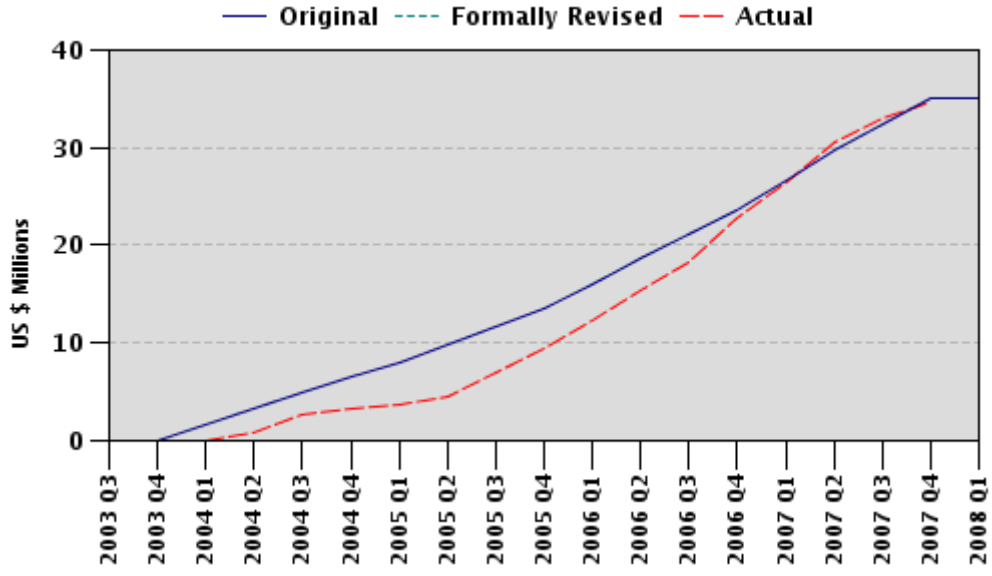
The Project (PAC) is on track to achieving its development objectives. Overall, PAC has achieved significant results in local and communal development across the 270 community groups and 54 communes covered by PAC Phase-1. In particular, target groups developed local/communal development plans (LDPs) for each given community group/commune. Nearly 2000 micro-projects have been implemented through these LDPs through a successfully implemented adaptable matching grant financing mechanism. PAC also succeeded in promoting community-based integrated ecosystem management with the implementation of a biocarbon initiative (17,000ha of arabic gum to be planted on degraded land over a 12 year period), and the promotion of environmentally sustainable natural resource management practices on the selected GEF pilot sites, intended for subsequent scaling up.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0250	Effective	38.50	34.66	2.94	0.00
IDA-Q2450	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-Q2451	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
JPN-26176	Closed	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01



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**Project Name (ID):** Multisector STI/HIV/AIDS 2 ( P071612 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 04/04/2003

**Midterm Review Date :** 07/03/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H0310, IDA-Q3460

**Sector(s):** Health(40%), Other social services(35%), Central government administration(20%), Sub-national government administration(5%)

**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS(P), Population and reproductive health(P), Participation and civic engagement(S), Health system performance(S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to slow the spread of STI/HIV/AIDS and mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

**The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 07**

The restructuring which was approved by the Board on June 29, 2007, aims to maximize the effectiveness of Bank support to the countries through improved Monitoring and Evaluation capacity, indicators realigned to national strategies, funds directed to priority and high impact interventions and better coordinated institutional arrangements. This will lead to more effective and efficient responses to HIV/AIDS prevention, care/treatment and mitigation interventions at the country level.

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

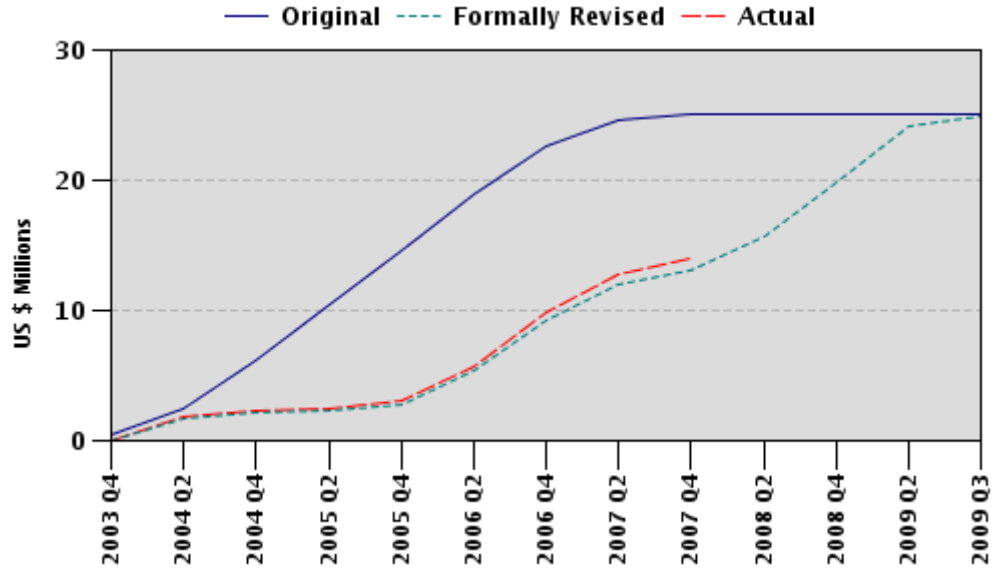
Niger's progress toward meeting the development objectives of the project was good. HIV/AIDS prevalence among young adults actually decreased from 0.87% in 2002 to 0.7% in 2006. Condom use also rose between 1999 and 2006, from 13.7% of men and 1.5% of women using condoms during their 'last risky sexual act', to 45% and 15%, respectively. Similarly dramatic increases in condom use were demonstrated in the young population (15-24) between 2002 and 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0310	Effective	27.58	13.96	13.18	0.00
IDA-Q3460	Closed	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.57



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**Project Name (ID):** Priv Irrigation Promotion SIL ( P072996 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 03/19/2002

**Midterm Review Date :** 11/30/2005

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** WBTF-26717, IDA-3621A, IDA-36210, IDA-Q3190

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage(60%), Central government administration(19%), Agricultural extension and research(16%), Other social services(5%)

**Theme(s):** Water resource management(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Other rural development(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Technology diffusion(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to increase production and profitability of high-value irrigated crops by private and smallholder farmers with simple and low-cost technologies.

**The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 07**

The overall goal of the restructuring was to enhance the contribution towards achieving the PDO. It was a 2-step CD-approved restructuring. On the operational side, the scope of activities was narrowed to take into account the zones of concentration of irrigation in Niger, and the supply-chain approach, with a focus on advisory services. On the institutional side, the third-party agreement between ANPIP (NGO) and MDA (line ministry) which gave ANPIP the responsibility for project management and implementation on behalf of MDA, was terminated. The project is now implemented by a PIU which reports directly to MDA.

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

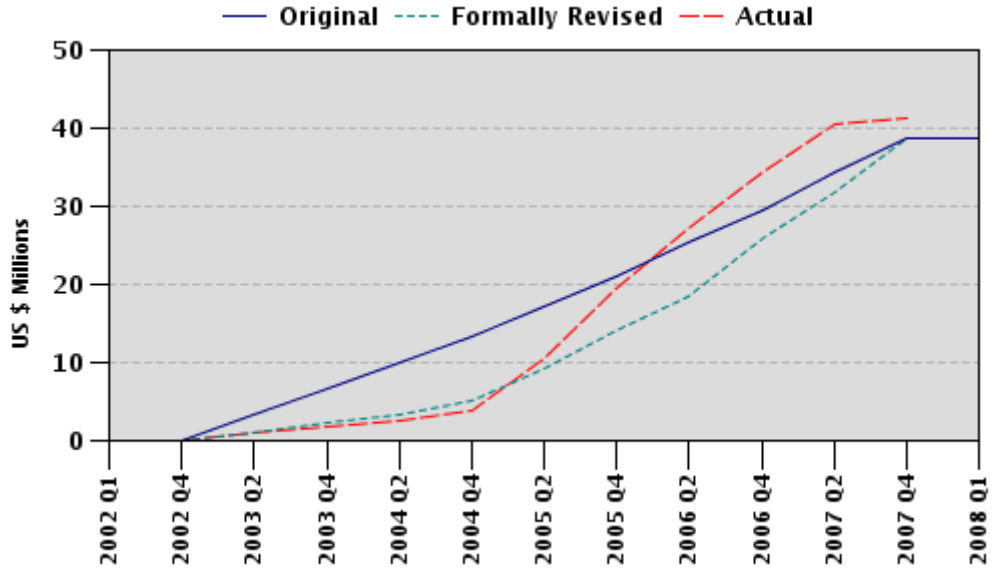
Several milestones were achieved this FY07 that bring the project back on track towards achieving its PDOs. In addition, several hundred eligible micro-projects have been co-financed by the project and successfully implemented. Further, data from the project's M&E unit show an increase in both production and profitability of irrigated crops.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-26717	Closed	0.37	0.35	0.00	0.02
IDA-3621A	Effective	2.88	2.79	0.00	0.00
IDA-36210	Effective	44.56	38.49	4.97	0.00
IDA-Q3190	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40



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**Project Name (ID):** Financial Sector ( P074316 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 02/19/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 01/15/2007

**Closing Date :** 04/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-38560, IDA-Q3270, IDA-Q3271

**Sector(s):** Banking(30%), Postal services(30%), Housing finance and real estate markets(20%), Micro- and SME finance(15%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance(5%)

**Theme(s):** Other financial and private sector development(P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(S), Legal institutions for a market economy(S), Rural markets(S), Social risk mitigation(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve the depth, reach and efficiency of the financial sector as well as access to financial services through: (a) improvement in the legal, regulatory and judicial environment within which financial institutions operate, (b) the restructuring of the housing bank, (c) the strengthening of the micro-finance sector, (d) the restructuring of the postal financial services with the creation of a financial services subsidiary, (e) the conduct of an actuarial audit of the social security institution and (f) capacity building in Ministries and in financial institutions.

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

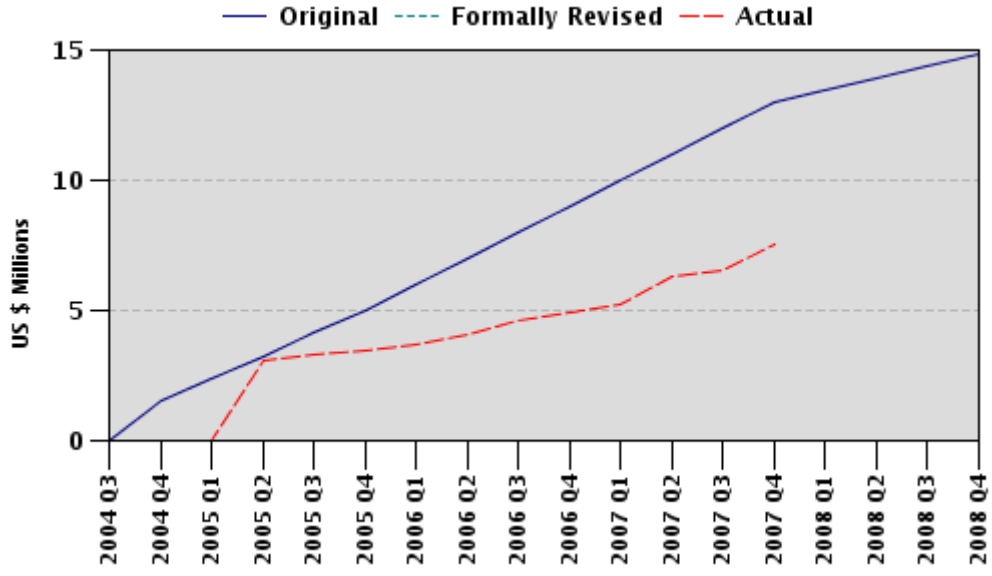
Although achieving the Development Objectives is not in jeopardy, the Government's announced commitment has only been moderately translated into implementation of actions agreed during various supervision missions. However, the following milestones have been achieved by the project: (i) Progress has been made with respect to the privatization of the housing bank (CDN). (ii) Technical assistance to banks is being implemented satisfactorily and has already resulted in improvements with respect to some indicators for improved efficiency. (iii) The supervision of the Microfinance sector has been improved: The decree creating the agreed Regulatory Agency has been adopted in 04/07m, which paves the way for the restructuring of the microfinance sector.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38560	Effective	16.52	7.49	8.94	0.00
IDA-Q3270	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-Q3271	Closed	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.35



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**Project Name (ID):** Institution Strengthening and Health Sector Program ( P083350 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 01/05/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** JPN-53735, IDA-Q4950, IDA-41410

**Sector(s):** Health(65%), Other social services(15%), Central government administration(13%), Sub-national government administration(7%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance(P), Population and reproductive health(P), Child health(S), Other communicable diseases(S), Participation and civic engagement(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve sector capacity, effectiveness and efficiency in the provision of essential health care in Niger and contribute to the reduction of maternal and child mortality.

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

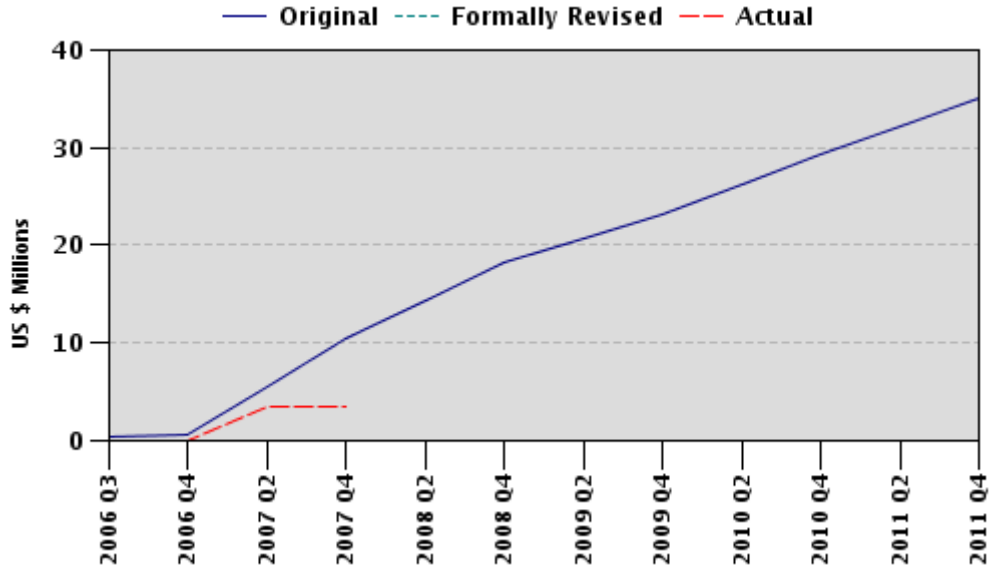
The project is on track to achieve its development objectives. It is too early to attribute many health outcomes to the project, as it became effective in July 2006. However, the project has had an impact on the availability and quality of health services in Niger. During the first year of project implementation, the percentage of districts offering basic emergency obstetric care increased from 26% to 42%, antenatal care coverage increased from 42% to 64%, the percentage of children under five sleeping under bed nets rose from 17% to 68%, and the percentage of cases of malnutrition that were treated increased from 17% to 49%. Furthermore, more than half of all health clinics are undertaking outreach activities, up from zero in 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-53735	Closed	0.47	0.40	0.08	0.00
IDA-Q4950	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-41410	Effective	36.68	3.37	33.23	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Multisector Demographic SIL ( P096198 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 06/19/2007

**Closing Date :** 03/31/2013

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H3090, IDA-Q5480

**Sector(s):** Central government administration(57%), Other social services(27%), Sub-national government administration(11%), General education sector(5%)

**Theme(s):** Population and reproductive health(P), Gender(P), Personal and property rights(S), Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting(S), Education for all(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to address the demographic challenge while increasing general awareness on population and reproductive health issues.

**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 )**

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IDA-H3090	Not Effective	10.15	0.00	10.15	0.00
IDA-Q5480	Effective	0.95	0.20	0.75	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Rural and Social Policy DPL 2 ( P098963 )

**Country:** Niger

**Board Approval Date :** 06/19/2007

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IDA-H3080

**Sector(s):** General public administration sector(30%), Primary education(20%), Health(20%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(20%), Other social services(10%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all(P), Health system performance(P), Rural policies and institutions(P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(P), Social safety nets(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve service delivery to the poor and implement reforms in public sector management.

**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 )**

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IDA-H3080	Not Effective	50.17	0.00	50.17	0.00

