

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
SOPE
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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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: Sao Tome and Principe

Project Name (ID): Social Sector Support (P075979)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date : 05/18/2004

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39020, IDA-H0880, JPN-52058, IDA-Q3800, JPN-51124

Sector(s): General education sector(47%), Health(26%), Other social services(14%), Central government administration(13%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Population and reproductive health(S), HIV/AIDS(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to contribute to improving the delivery of basic health and education services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

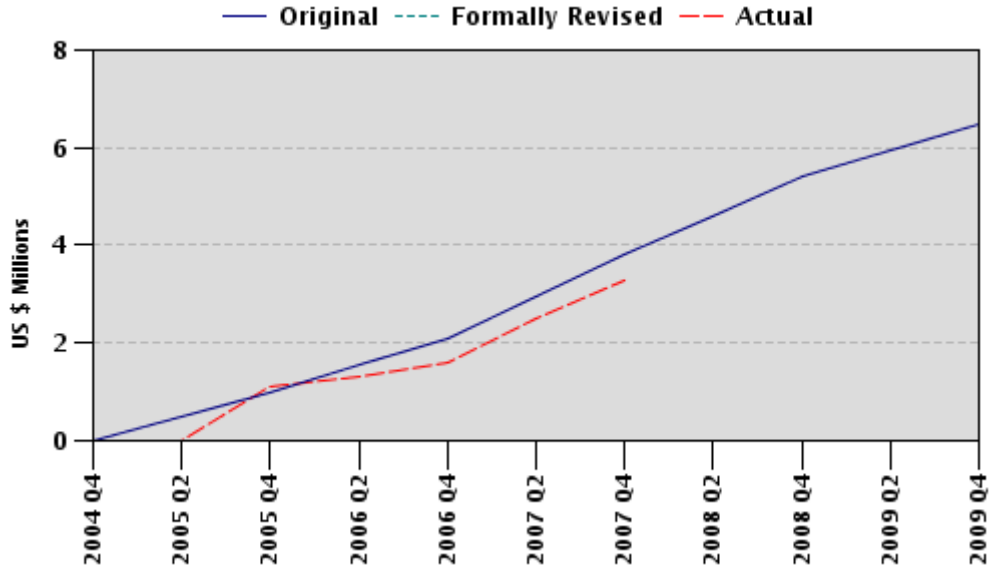
Progress toward achieving the development objective has been encouraging. In education, the survival rate from grade 1 to 6 rose to 61.8% in 2006 from 47% in 2003. The transition rate from grade 4 to grade 5 increased to 72.3% from 60% in the same period. The number of schools working on a triple shift regimen has dropped to 7 from 27 in 2003, and the ratio of one textbook per student has been achieved. The health sector is also showing encouraging outcomes, but further efforts are needed to maintain the path of reforms and ensure sustainability. One of the most important advances was in the proportion of births attended by a skilled birth attendant. There was a 20% increase of the rate, which went up to 90.7% in 2006 from 70% in 2003 (surpassing the Project target of 85%) as a result of improvements in service delivery, particularly in rural areas. At the same time, the proportion of pregnant women receiving antenatal care increased from 94% to 99.5% (one visit), and HIV in pregnant women declined from 5.4% in 2002 to its current rate of 1.5%. Progress is also noted in child healthcare. The immunization rate for measles has improved, reaching 88.3% in 2006 (from 84% in 2003), and substantial progress has been achieved in the fight against malaria. Between 2003 and 2006, the incidence of malaria in children less than five years old (per 1,000) decreased dramatically from 1273 to 492.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39020	Effective	5.15	2.59	2.53	0.00
IDA-H0880	Effective	1.67	0.71	0.95	0.00
JPN-52058	Closed	0.65	0.46	0.19	0.19
IDA-Q3800	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
JPN-51124	Closed	0.35	0.15	0.00	0.20



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Project Name (ID): Government Capacity Building TA (P083400)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date : 10/14/2004

Midterm Review Date : 11/15/2006

Closing Date : 04/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-39930, IDA-Q4370

Sector(s): Central government administration(100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform(P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(P), Tax policy and administration(S), Law reform(S), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the credit are to: (i) modernize and strengthen capacity in economic (financial and budgetary) management and supervision, and (ii) to build up basic institutional and legal infrastructure in the finance and national resources ministries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The progress in achieving the development objectives accelerated in 2006 when elections were held. i) An Organic Law on Public Finance Management and a decree defining the budget codes, including a functional classification were approved and are in use for the 2007 budget. ii) The Government also set up an integrated budget implementation system that produces information that facilitates budget control, monitoring and reporting. iii) In the petroleum sector, the Government is drafting a new petroleum sector legal and contractual framework to exploit its Exclusive Economic Zone. iv) The National Assembly has set up the Oversight Commission and the Public Registry and Information Office that complement the Revenue Management Law. v) Finally, the training for staff from the NPA in specialized petroleum related fields is on-going.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39930	Effective	5.30	2.55	2.70	0.00
IDA-Q4370	Closed	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.54



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