

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: Kazakhstan

Project Name (ID): Road Transport Restructuring (P008499)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 02/09/1999

Midterm Review Date : 11/21/2002

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-44370, IBRD-P2960, IBRD-P2961, JPN-29678

Sector(s): Roads and highways(97%), Central government administration(3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The main development objective of the project is to achieve more efficient road and road transport sub-sectors in Kazakhstan mainly through: (a) improvement of the Almaty-Astana national road; (b) development of routine road maintenance capability on the Almaty-Karaganda section of the Almaty-Astana road; (c) improvement of the institutional capability of the Kazakh road administration (the Roads Committee) and local road contractors; and (d) improvement of road transport regulations and road traffic safety.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

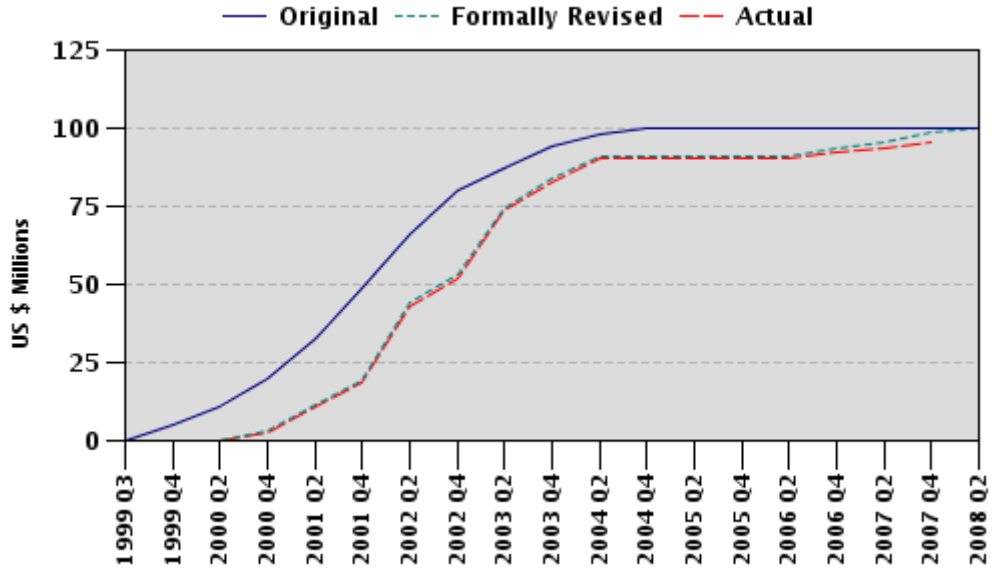
The project is proceeding well towards achieving its development objectives through: (a) lowered costs of road transport on Kazakhstan's main north-south national road due to the rehabilitation of sections of Almaty-Astana road; (b) the increased capability of the Roads Committee to plan, budget, implement, and monitor road expenditures; (c) the increased capability of the Kazakh road construction and maintenance industry; (d) the increased efficiency of Kazakhstan's road transport sector; and (e) the reduced number and seriousness of accidents on the Almaty-Karaganda section of the Almaty-Astana road.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44370	Effective	100.00	95.22	4.78	0.00
IBRD-P2960	Closed	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.80
IBRD-P2961	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
JPN-29678	Closed	0.56	0.56	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Syr Darya Control North Aral Sea (P046045)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 06/05/2001

Midterm Review Date : 07/31/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-46090, IBRD-P3710, JPN-25236, JPN-27108

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(66%), Flood protection(29%), Central government administration(4%), Animal production(1%)

Theme(s): Water resource management(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Biodiversity(S), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are to sustain and increase agriculture, livestock and fisheries production in the Syr Darya basin; and to secure the existence of Northern Aral Sea and improve ecological/environmental conditions in the delta area and around the sea leading to improved human and animal health and biodiversity conservation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

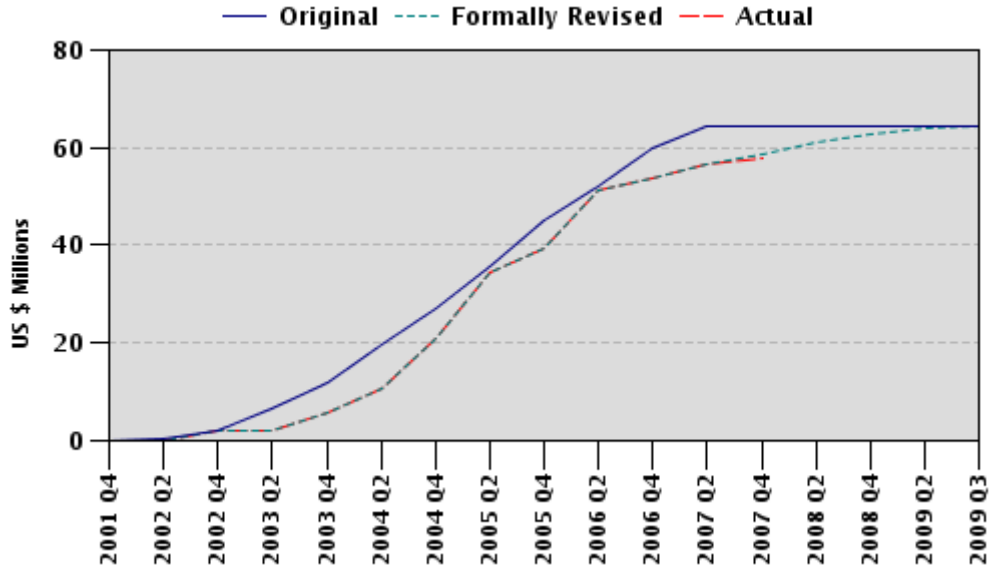
The project is contributing to improvement of living conditions of the population along the Syr Darya by constructing and rehabilitating several hydraulic structures along the river, including flood protection dikes. Water flows to the Syr Darya delta and Northern Aral Sea have increased since August 2005, and the water level has risen about 4 meters. The volume and area of the Northern Aral Sea have increased considerably, which has resulted in improved ecological conditions in and around the Northern Aral Sea and a revival of the fishing industry, with the formal catch increasing from about 200 tons in 2005 to over 2,000 tons in 2006.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46090	Effective	64.50	57.66	6.84	0.00
IBRD-P3710	Closed	1.80	0.00	0.00	1.80
JPN-25236	Closed	0.64	0.62	0.00	0.02
JPN-27108	Closed	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Agriculture Competitiveness (P049721)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 04/28/2005

Closing Date : 07/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-47740, JPN-26444

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research(50%), Agricultural marketing and trade(18%), Animal production(13%), Crops(12%), Central government administration(7%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Rural policies and institutions(S), Rural markets(S), Other rural development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The main project objective is to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector by facilitating access to markets and information and supporting measures to improve the quality and safety of agricultural products, while harmonizing standards.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

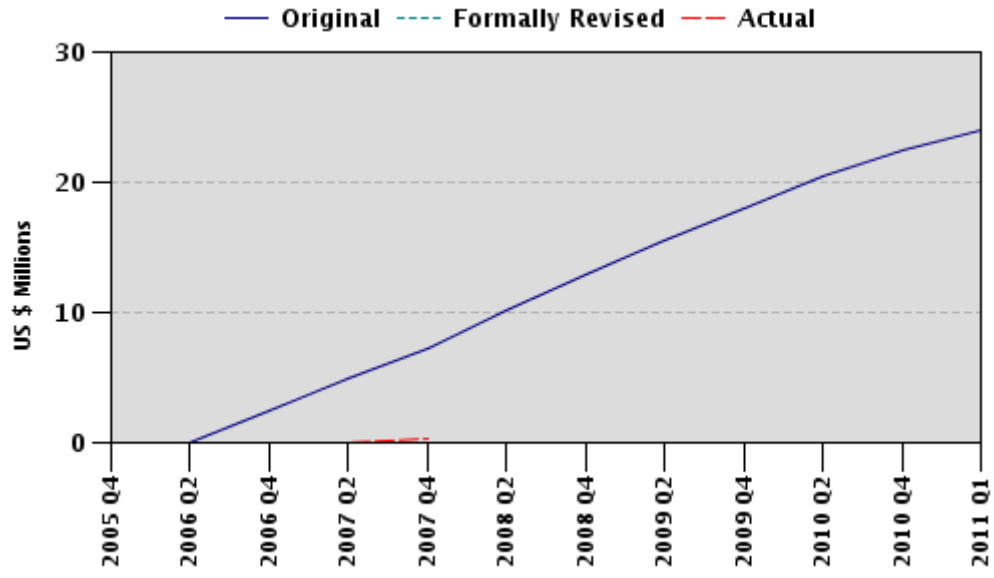
Notwithstanding major delays caused by systemic problems, the project started to reach some important milestones. The main achievement is the completion of the selection under the competitive grant scheme to finance applied research, demonstration and marketing. This is the first of such scheme developed in the country, and maybe even in the region. In addition the project supported a national extension system which facilitates access to information.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47740	Effective	24.00	0.33	23.67	0.00
JPN-26444	Closed	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Agriculture Post-Privitization Assistance (APL #2) (P058015)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 12/13/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-47630, JPN-51894

Sector(s): Agro-industry(89%), Micro- and SME finance(11%)

Theme(s): Rural markets(P), Small and medium enterprise support(P)

Project Development Objectives:

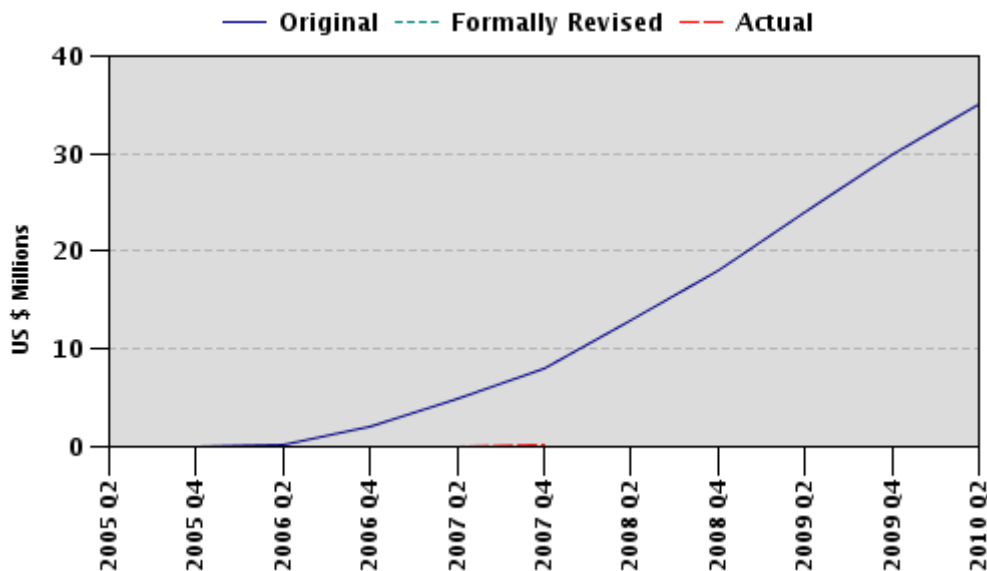
The project will promote rural financial services through (a) expanding rural financial advisory services; (b) improving agricultural risk management; (c) facilitating rural financial product development; and (d) promoting sustainable rural micro-finance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

To date the project has no tangible achievements. There have been no funds disbursed from the World Bank, which finances only the credit lines. A mid-term review is planned for Fall 2007 and will decide whether it makes sense to continue this project.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47630	Effective	35.00	0.17	34.83	0.00
JPN-51894	Closed	0.68	0.28	0.00	0.40



Project Name (ID): Nura River Clean-Up (P059803)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 05/08/2003

Closing Date : 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-25802, IBRD-46930

Sector(s): Petrochemicals and fertilizers(36%), Irrigation and drainage(30%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(17%), Solid waste management(16%), Central government administration(1%)

Theme(s): Water resource management(P), Pollution management and environmental health(P), Other human development(P), Environmental policies and institutions(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the welfare of the population in the Nura River Basin by cleaning up serious mercury pollution in and adjacent to the Nura River while restoring flow control for flood management and ecological purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

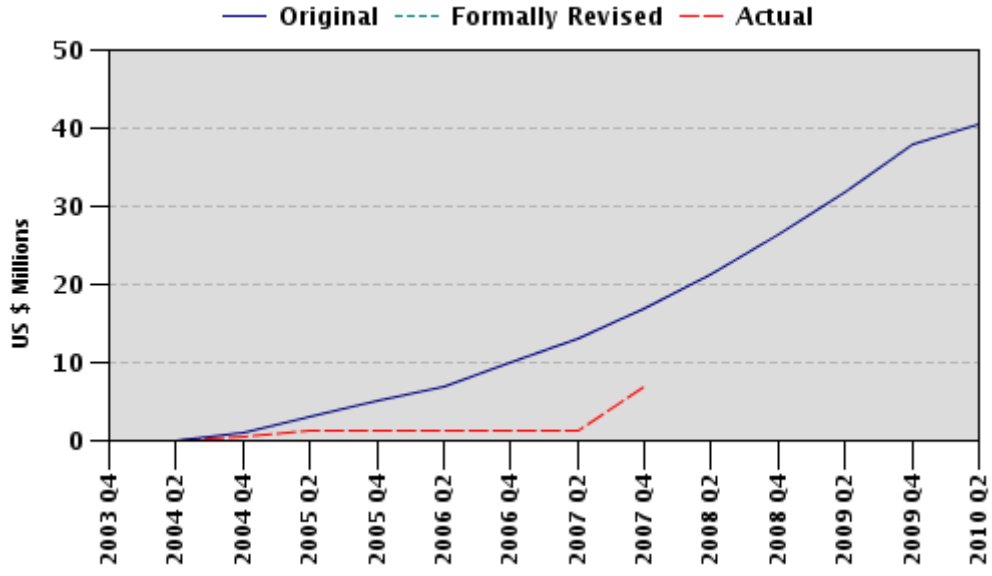
The total cost of the project has increased from US\$63.24 million to US\$97.42 during the phase of detail design, due to increase in costs in the three years between feasibility study and detailed design. The decision on the approval of the overall increased project budget to US\$97.42 has not yet been approved by the Republican Budget Committee. This decision is necessary before the signing of the second contract for civil works. The contract for the construction of the landfill and the clean up of the carbide factory site was signed in late 2006, and the contractor has started work. Progress towards meeting the project development objectives cannot be measured until after completion of these contracts.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-25802	Closed	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00
IBRD-46930	Effective	40.39	6.90	33.49	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Electric Transmission Rehab. (P065414)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 12/21/1999

Midterm Review Date : 10/15/2002

Closing Date : 06/15/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-45260

Sector(s): Power(100%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability and quality of electricity supply; (b) develop competition; and, (c) restructure the Kazakhstan Electricity Grid Operating Company into a financially viable grid company.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

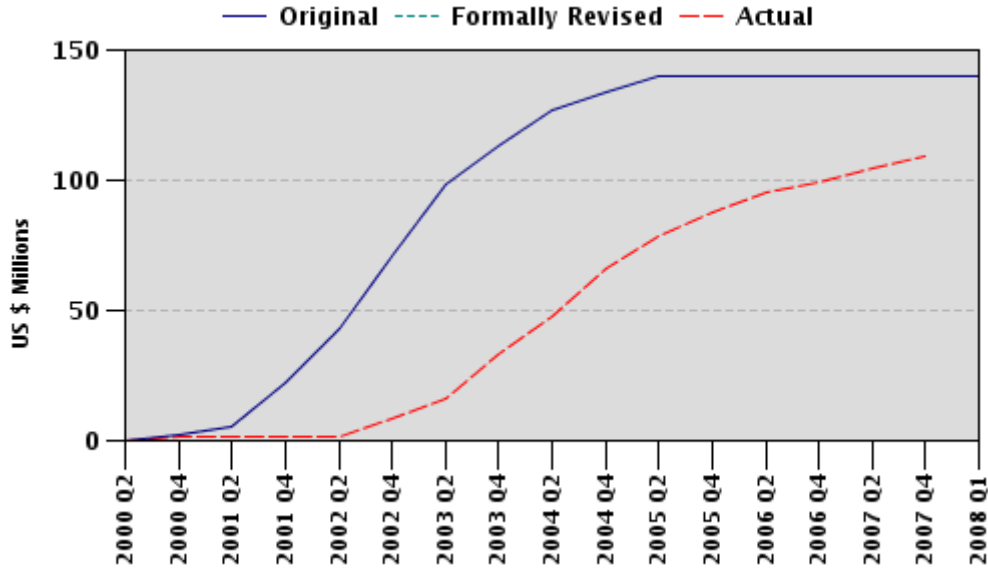
The project is on track to achieve all of the development objectives. Sector reforms have been successfully undertaken. The Kazakhstan Electricity Grid Operating Company has been restructured into a core transmission/dispatch company, and its financial performance has improved steadily under the project. The company has achieved profitable operation from 2001 onwards. A modern electricity grid code was adopted, ensuring a level playing field to users of the high voltage transmission grid. An organized spot market was established and works well, as indicated by the rapidly growing volumes—12 percent of the wholesale electricity trade in 2006. An extensive, nationwide physical modernization of the transmission system has been completed, providing improved reliability and quality of electricity supply.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45260	Effective	140.00	108.98	31.02	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Drylands Management (GEF) (P071525)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date : 10/19/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-24116, WBTF-52161

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(50%), Crops(30%), Animal production(20%)

Theme(s): Climate change(P), Land administration and management(P)

Project Development Objectives:

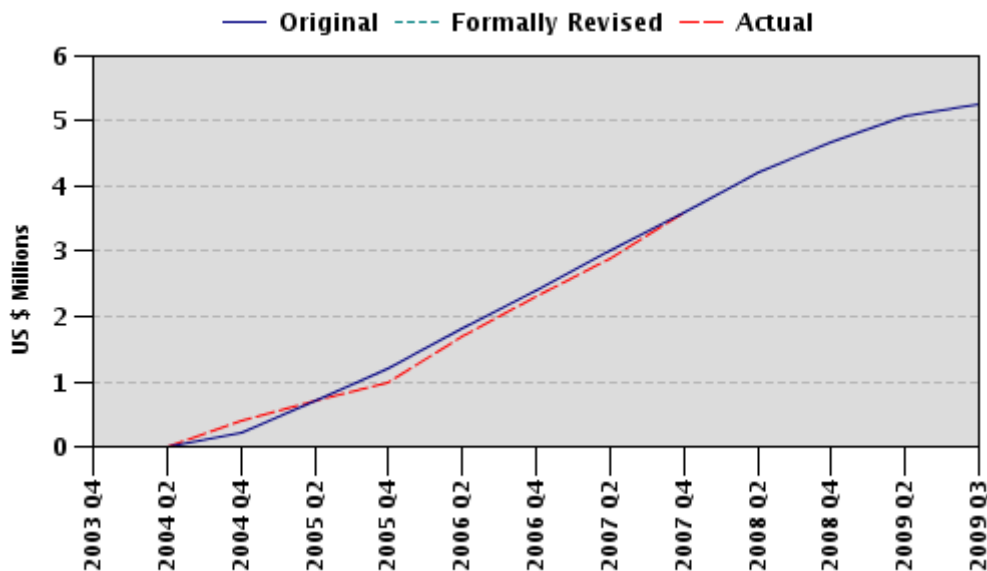
The objective is to demonstrate and promote sustainable land uses in the marginal dry land ecosystem of a pilot area in the Shetsky rayon.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well. Abandoned lands are being planted with perennial grasses. The project assists farmers with accelerating natural vegetation and increasing degraded pastures and rangelands productivity by a technologies demonstration program and restoring water points equipped with windmills. Farmers are supported in marketing through the establishment of milk collection centers and agricultural markets. The project is also providing assistance for improving knowledge to quantify and monitor carbon sequestration.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-24116	Closed	0.35	0.31	0.00	0.04
WBTF-52161	Effective	5.27	3.63	1.64	0.00



Project Name (ID): Forestry (P078301)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 11/29/2005

Closing Date : 11/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-48080, JPN-51351

Sector(s): Forestry(85%), Central government administration(10%), Animal production(5%)

Theme(s): Other environment and natural resources management(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Other rural development(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Biodiversity(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to develop environmental and economic services through the more sustainable use, increased productivity, and enhanced conservation of forest and associated rangeland resources, with a focus on in the northeastern pine forest and southern saxaul woodlands.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The legal agreements were signed in November 2006, and parliamentary ratification was completed in May, 2007, which enabled the project to become effective in July 2007. This is significantly behind Bank norms for project processing, and due to systematic bureaucratic procedures which affect all projects in Kazakhstan. As a result of the processing delays, there has been very little progress toward project objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48080	Not Effective	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
JPN-51351	Closed	0.41	0.40	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): Ust-Kamenogorsk Environment Remed. (P078342)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 02/01/2007

Closing Date : 03/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-48480, JPN-51352

Sector(s): Solid waste management(50%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(35%), Central government administration(15%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Water resource management(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project has two development objectives: (a) to prevent the groundwater contamination plume's further migration towards the residential areas, the city's sources of drinking water supply and eventually into the Irtys River; and (b) to strengthen institutional mechanisms for groundwater quality monitoring to enable control of ongoing groundwater pollution from local municipal and industrial sources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project loan was approved on February 1, 2007, and is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48480	Not Effective	24.29	0.00	24.29	0.00
JPN-51352	Closed	0.86	0.73	0.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): North-South Electric Transmission (P095155)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date : 10/27/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-48050

Sector(s): Power(100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The primary development objective is to ensure that business enterprises and households in southern Kazakhstan have access to reliable, cost effective and high quality supply of electricity. The project also aims to promote competition on the electricity market.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on schedule. Procurement has been completed. The turnkey contractor was selected for construction of phase 2 of the North-South electricity transmission line. Construction to start in Fall 2007. Preparatory work for the establishment of a real time balancing market is on track.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48050	Effective	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00

