

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: Argentina

Project Name (ID): Reduction of Ozone Depleting Substances (P005920)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 01/09/1997

Closing Date : 11/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-22013

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector(96%), Central government administration(4%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) phase out ozone depleting substances consumption through the provision of technical and financial assistance; and (b) strengthen the institutional framework in Argentina to better identify, prepare, evaluate, and administer subprojects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

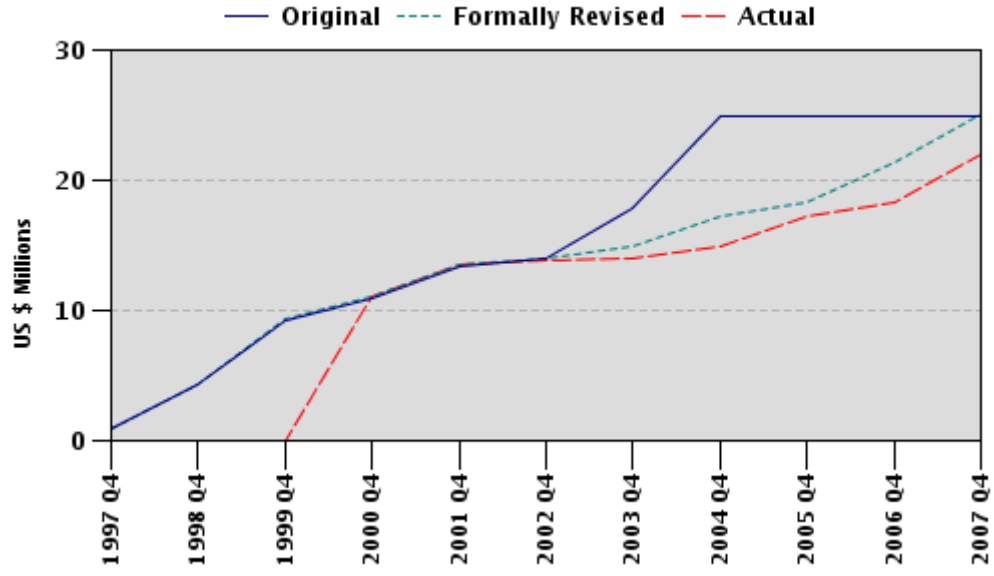
The project has surpassed its target of reducing 1,612 tons of ozone depleting substances (ODS) by roughly 35 percent. To date, around 2,182 tons ODS have been reduced. Currently, there are five active projects, and three more are under preparation. The first is with the operator of a chlorofluoro carbons (CFC) production plant, FIASA. A proposed agreement with FIASA for an accelerated closure of the plant will be presented to the Multilateral Fund for approval in July, 2007 for possible pay-out in November, 2007. Second, work is under way to prepare a Chiller replacement program. Third, in the Methyl Bromide sector, experiments to find viable alternatives to control pests that affect cotton and citrus fruits are underway in cooperation with INTA (the National Agricultural Technology Institute). These research efforts are expected to be completed after the 2007 growing season. Fourth, a refrigeration technology change at IKALA, SA, is expected to be completed by the end of 2007. Finally, a new project to modify the manufacture of Metered Dose Inhalers sector (MDI) is under discussion. The total amount to be granted by these projects is expected to exceed the available undisbursed balance, at which point a grant amendment and additional financing will be requested.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22013	Effective	25.00	21.97	3.03	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Prov. Agricultural Development I (P006010)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 04/22/1997

Midterm Review Date : 05/31/2001

Closing Date : 11/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74250, IBRD-41500

Sector(s): Roads and highways(32%), Water supply(32%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(32%), Sub-national government administration(2%), Central government administration(2%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase and diversify agricultural production and exports; (b) increase and stabilize the agricultural incomes of small and medium-sized commercial farms; (c) improve the effectiveness of basic agricultural support services; (d) improve rural productive infrastructure; (e) strengthen national and provincial institutional capacity; and (f) rationalize public investments and promote an expanded private sector role in agricultural development.

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

An additional financing loan of \$37 million was approved to cover a financing gap, focusing mainly, but not exclusively, on animal health activities at local and regional levels, as well as to continue technical assistance for productive and capacity building activities to consolidate the development impact of the subprojects supported.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

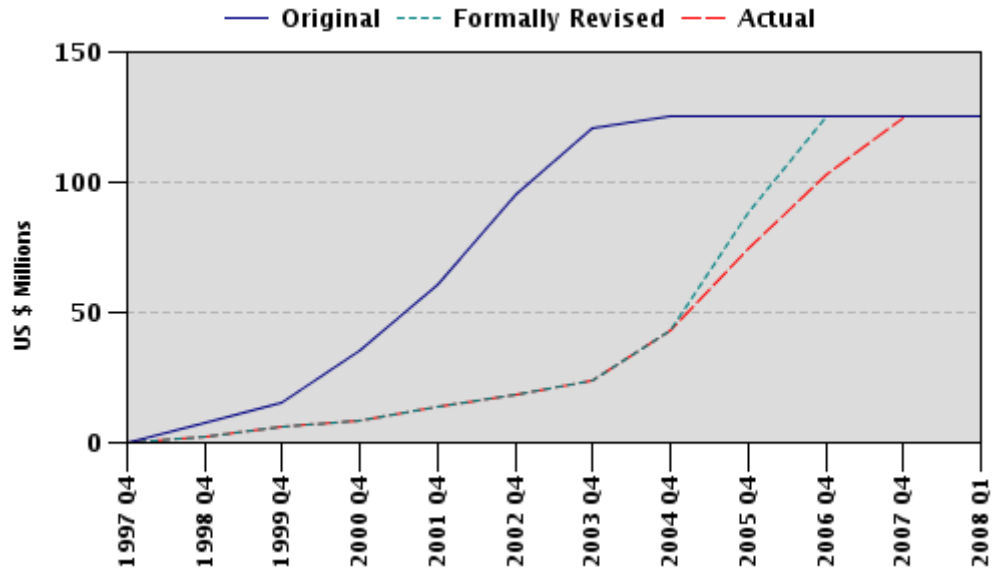
Project implementation advanced well during the past fiscal year meeting all development objectives. Given the good project performance, an additional financing loan was approved to cover a financing gap, focusing mainly, but not exclusively, on animal health activities at local and regional levels, as well as to continue technical assistance for productive and capacity building activities to consolidate the development impact of the subprojects supported. The 22 subprojects in the portfolio continue to support activities concentrating on: (a) irrigation and drainage; (b) rural electrification and rural roads rehabilitation; (c) animal and plant health; (d) food quality; (e) agricultural risk and insurance; (f) commercial development of non-traditional agricultural products; (g) provincial institutional strengthening for rural development planning; and (h) promotion of young rural entrepreneurs.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74250	Not Effective	37.00	0.00	37.00	0.00
IBRD-41500	Effective	125.00	124.78	0.22	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Small Farmer Development (P006041)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 07/17/1997

Midterm Review Date : 12/23/2002

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74780, IBRD-42120, JPN-22731

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(25%), General transportation sector(25%), Central government administration(15%), Sub-national government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Other rural development(P), Rural policies and institutions(S), Indigenous peoples(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase productive and organizational capacity in participating poor, rural communities; (b) emphasize on rural poverty issues in the sectoral agenda and improve coordination of rural development programs and policies; and (c) provide financial assistance to poor, rural producers in areas declared in flood emergency or disaster.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

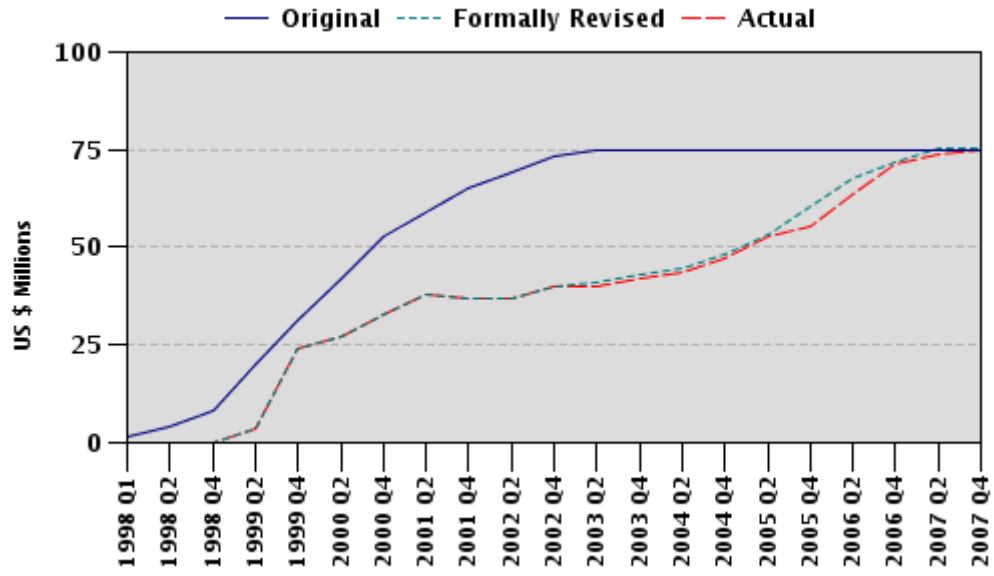
The project is around three month away from closing and has successfully fulfilled its development objectives. The project had financed more than 9,000 subprojects, reaching more than 50,000 families (nearly 250,000 persons). These figures exceed the original target of 30,000 families and 150,000 persons. The aggregate results of both the 2002-5 monitoring and impact assessment surveys found that income and quality of life had improved, as well as organizational capacity and participation. The 2005 survey found that in aggregate producer income had increased 79 percent (measured in constant prices). Field visits and other data confirm that important results are being achieved on the ground. The first catalogue of technologies appropriate for small farmers and rural dwellers has been widely disseminated, as well as the results of 33 appropriate technology projects. The project has produced the critical ingredients of data and analysis of the rural poor, but progress on defining a national rural development strategy is modest. Results are better at the provincial level where six provinces have defined their rural development strategy, seven have completed diagnostic studies, and 11 have created or designated a provincial unit to deal with these matters.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74780	Not Effective	45.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
IBRD-42120	Effective	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
JPN-22731	Closed	0.74	0.79	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Renewable Energy Markets (P006043)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 03/30/1999

Midterm Review Date : 12/14/2001

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-44540

Sector(s): Renewable energy(89%), Sub-national government administration(11%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Other urban development(P), Other financial and private sector development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

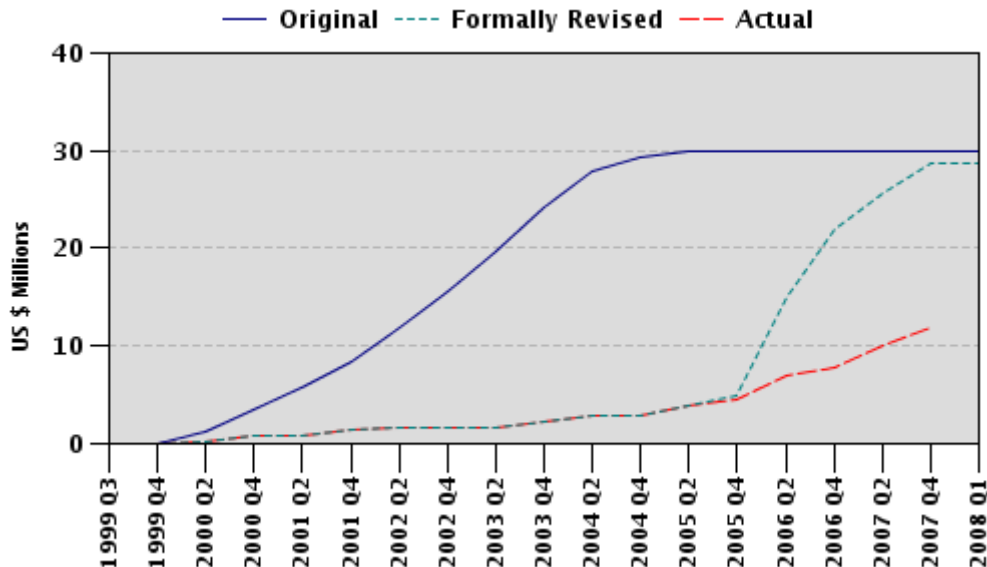
The objectives are to: (a) provide the rural areas of participating provinces with reliable electricity supply in a sustainable manner; (b) advance on the reform of the energy sector; (c) expand the participation of the private sector in the provision of electricity in the rural areas; and (d) support the creation of sustainable business operations for rural energy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is executing sufficiently well. There are now about 6,500 solar home systems installed or being installed, 1,800 solar public systems (mostly in rural schools), and 115 wind home systems already installed and 1,500 under bidding. Fifteen provinces are participating actively and five private concessionaires are involved in the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44540	Effective	30.00	11.94	18.06	0.00



Project Name (ID): GEF Marine Pollution Prevention (P049012)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/26/2001

Midterm Review Date : 07/01/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-28385, WBTF-28491

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration(40%), Central government administration(30%), Ports, waterways and shipping(26%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Pollution management and environmental health(P), Water resource management(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Participation and civic engagement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to support long-term protection of international waters and the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

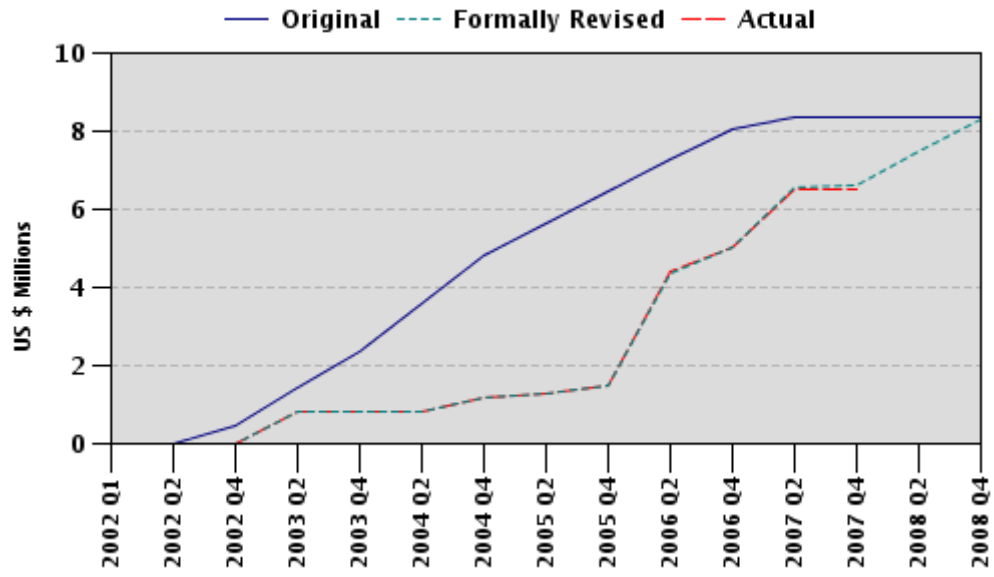
The Project achieved improvement in capacity to prevent potential oil spills by creating institutional capacity of Coast Guard to prevent navigational risks by introducing marine electronic infrastructure program, therefore, effectiveness increased by 75 percent as a result of the technical assistance for replacing the old system. Five Electronic Nautical Charts with new technology for the ports of Rio de la Plata, Mar del Plata, Rio de Bahia Blanca, Comodoro Rivadavia and Caleta Paula were produced. Ten officials of Prefectura Naval Argentina were trained to respond to potential oil spills and 500 handbooks were delivered for additional training. Four regional workshops were conducted on methodologies and tools for effective management of marine protected areas. The Hydrographic Service of Argentina generated hydrodynamic model with "WQmap" software, which will provide input for the "OilMap" software being operated by the Coast Guard in the country. Oceanographic equipment was procured (buoys and beamers) and Sensitivity Atlas is currently underway. A study on incidental fishing was started in January 2007. Forty seven subprojects are under implementation, including the continental platform and provincial coastal zones, amounting to \$2.45 million. Technical staff in four provinces has been trained on Geographic Information Systems, animal rescue, marine and coastal legislation, management of marine protected areas, environmental and waste management in ports, Strategic Environmental Assessment. A methodology to monitor and assess the implementation of the marine protected areas (MPAs) system involved by the project (44 MPAs) was agreed. Four workshops were conducted to design this methodology on a participatory basis.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-28385	Effective	8.35	6.54	1.81	0.00
WBTF-28491	Closed	0.35	0.33	0.00	0.02



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Project Name (ID): Heads of Household Transition Project (P055483)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 03/23/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P3830, IBRD-73690

Sector(s): Other social services(99%), Sub-national government administration(1%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets(P), Improving labor markets(P), Other accountability/anti-corruption(S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) reduce poverty by supporting the workfare component of the Heads of Household Program, including continued improvements in Program management and governance; and (b) promote activities aimed at getting more beneficiaries of this Program into full-time employment, thereby enabling them to graduate from the Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

At the end of the reporting period, the number of beneficiaries in the Heads of Household Program had dropped to 851,564. There continues to be a steady exit from the Program, although the transfers to the Familias conditional transfer program and to the Training and Employment Insurance are slower than projected. As of April 2007, 244,145 beneficiaries have transferred to the Familias Program, compared to the target of 300,000 by end-2006. Slightly less than 56,000 beneficiaries have transferred to the Insurance Program so far. Because of a sharp decline in the quality of the information on compliance at the end of 2006, the Ministry of Labor has agreed with the Bank to use more conservative figures in order to document statements of expenditure. During the last supervision mission, disbursement projections were updated for the Program, and discussions held with the Ministry in reference to a possible extension of the December 2007 closing date. The Ministry of Labor believes that additional time is necessary in order to complete the two components with materials co-financing provided by the project (both for productive activities and small-scale infrastructure). A proposal on arrangements for disbursements on transfers to Heads of Household beneficiaries is also being discussed between the Bank and the Government in the case of an extension of the current closing date. The project is on track to achieve several of the targets set for outcome indicators or intermediate results. As of second semester 2006, the share of beneficiaries in the lower half of the income distribution had risen to 91 percent (from a baseline of 88 percent), compared to the target by closing of 92 percent. The target that no less than 300,000 Heads of Household participants would be interviewed in employment offices, has been exceeded, as has the goal of no less than 5,000 Heads of Household participants having completed either their primary or secondary education cycle.

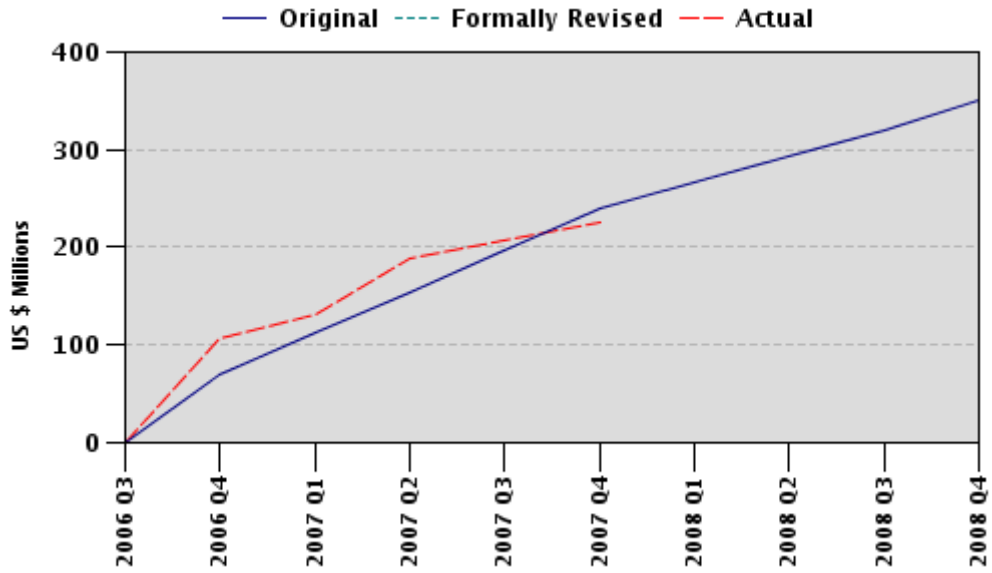
Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
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IBRD-P3830	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IBRD-73690	Effective	350.00	225.47	124.53	0.00



Project Name (ID): State Modernization (P057449)
Country: Argentina
Board Approval Date : 12/17/1998
Midterm Review Date : 07/31/2000
Closing Date : 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P3470, IBRD-44230
Sector(s): Central government administration(100%)
Theme(s): Technology diffusion(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to strengthen public sector management tools to improve transparency and civil society participation as well as to increase the efficiency and quality of management in selected areas of public services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

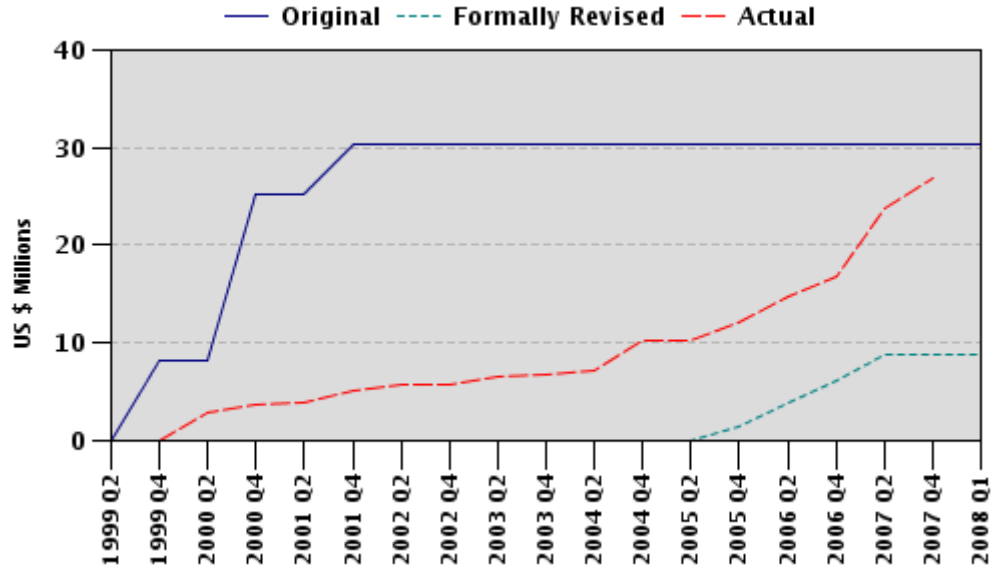
The project has made important advances in different areas, including: (a) 75 percent of service delivery agencies subscribed to the Citizens Charter Program and Administrative Procedures Guide with over 700 administrative procedures included on it; (b) Central Civil Servants Registry (SIREPEVA) available for consultation with over 19,000 files in the registry; (c) National E-Government Strategy including portal www.argentina.gov.ar, www.arcert.gov.ar (security procedures models), and information and communications technology infrastructure needed to implement digital signature; and (d) www.argentinacompra.gov.ar which shows information about public procurement and will be linked to the e-procurement system. During the past two years disbursements have risen considerably, demonstrating Government commitment. Based on Government's request in December 2006, the project was extended for one year until December 31, 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P3470	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
IBRD-44230	Effective	30.30	26.75	3.55	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Basic Municipal Services Project (P060484)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/06/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73850

Sector(s): Water supply(27%), Sanitation(27%), Roads and highways(21%), Sewerage(14%), Sub-national government administration(11%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), Decentralization(P), Water resource management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

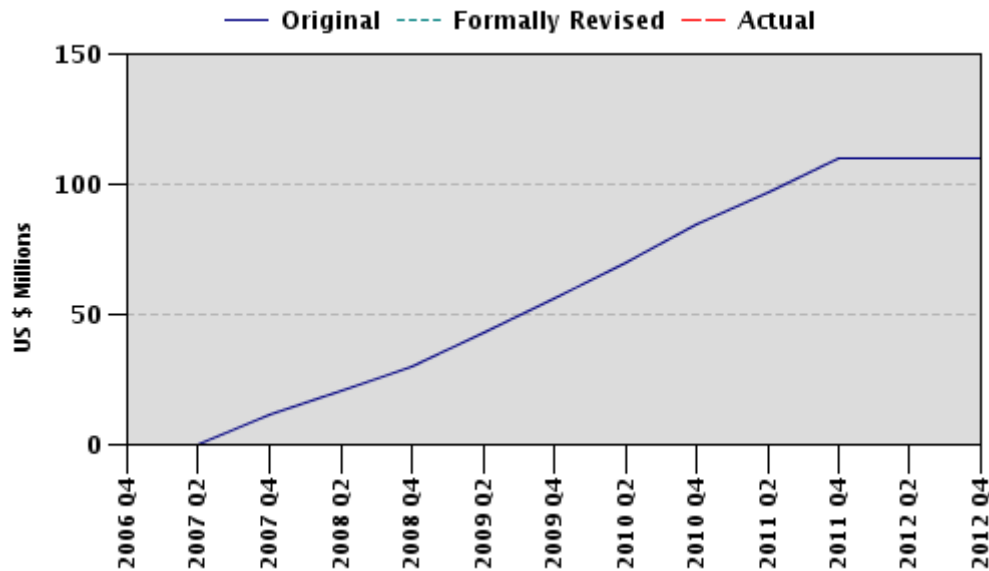
The objective is to improve the quality of life and quality of basic municipal services through the provision of water supply and sanitation, urban drainage, and roads infrastructure in participating provinces and municipalities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in toward the end of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73850	Effective	110.00	0.28	109.73	0.00



Project Name (ID): Buenos Aires Urban Transport (P039584)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 05/15/1997

Midterm Review Date : 11/13/2000

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P3020, IBRD-74420, IBRD-41630, JPN-29187

Sector(s): General transportation sector(90%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Other urban development(P), Pollution management and environmental health(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the service quality and coverage of mass transit through public-private partnership; (b) enhance infrastructure as defined in the concession agreements between government and the private sector; (c) improve the conditions of traffic safety and environmental quality; and (d) develop an integrated urban transport (road and rail) system in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area.

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

An additional financing loan for this project in the amount of \$100 million has been approved to finance the costs associated with: (a) covering a financing gap derived from the reallocation of loan resources to respond to the client's needs; (b) financing implementation of modified project activities as part of a partial project restructuring; and (c) financing the implementation of additional activities to scale up the project's impact and development effectiveness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

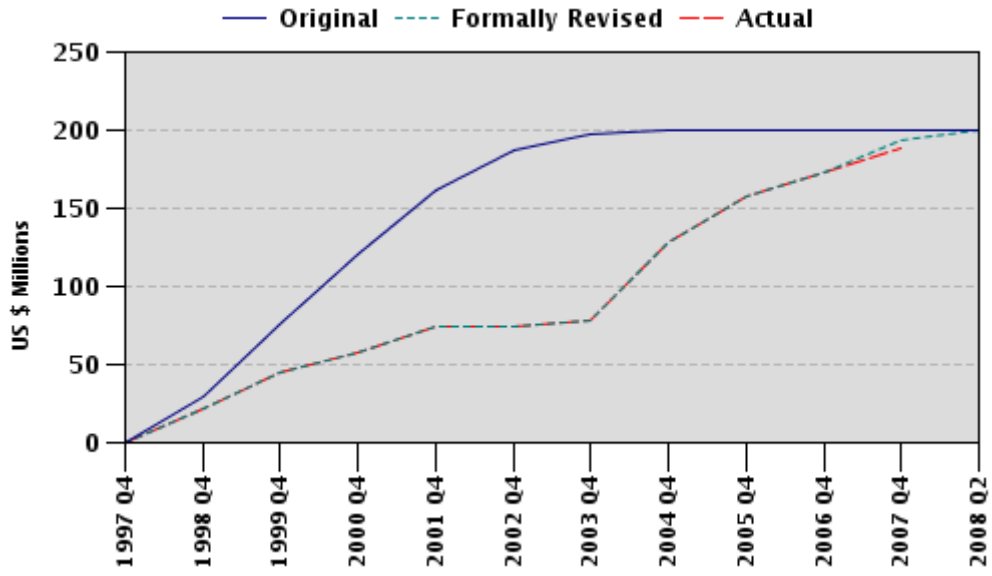
Since 2003, there have been significant improvements in the implementation performance of the project. Most of the civil work contracts have now been completed, with very positive impacts on subway service quality, road safety, and integration of urban transport services. The field work and data processing of the public transport origin-destination survey is expected to be finished in June 2007. An extension of the closing date to June 30, 2010 was approved to fully utilize the loan's undisbursed amount and enable the completion of project activities including several on-going contracts.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P3020	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
IBRD-74420	Not Effective	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
IBRD-41630	Effective	200.00	188.15	11.85	0.00
JPN-29187	Closed	0.71	0.76	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): GEF Biodiversity Conservation (P039787)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 10/21/1997

Midterm Review Date : 07/23/2001

Closing Date : 03/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-28464, WBTF-28372

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(82%), Central government administration(11%), Other social services(7%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Land administration and management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

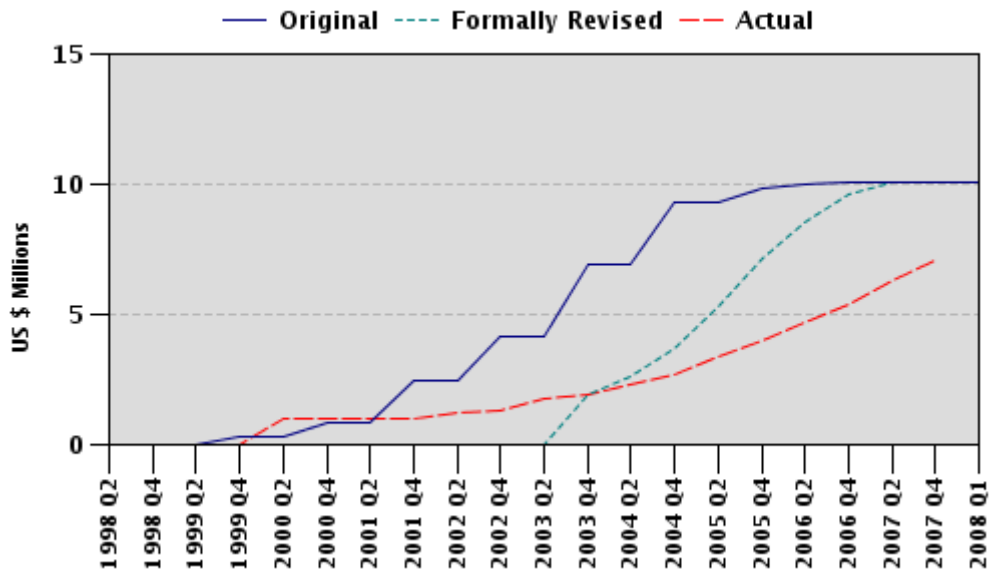
The objective is to conserve biodiversity of global importance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Activities to conserve biodiversity are underway in five of six parks, and in the past year, project activities concentrated on management, infrastructure development, baseline biodiversity studies, and sustainable development in buffer zones. Incorporation of the final park has been slower than expected. Over 368,000 hectares of natural areas are now protected through the project's work. The information system provides an internet database that has access to over 24,268 registered species (or varieties), 198 digital maps, and 206 photos on biodiversity themes in Argentina.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-28464	Closed	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00
WBTF-28372	Effective	10.10	7.13	2.97	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Secondary Education Project (P064614)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 12/07/2000

Midterm Review Date : 12/13/2004

Closing Date : 03/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-45860

Sector(s): Secondary education(97%), Central government administration(3%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Access to urban services and housing(P)

Project Development Objectives:

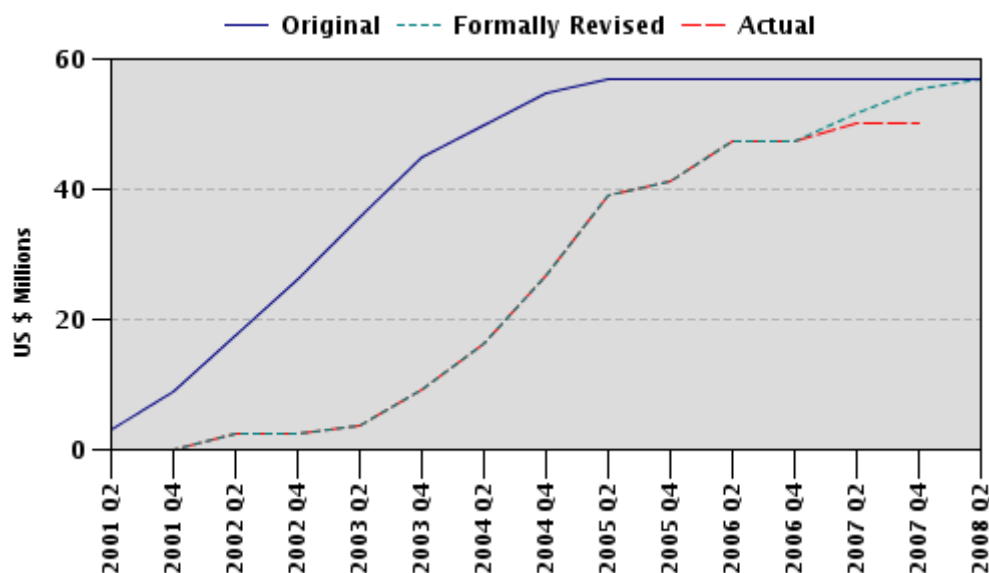
The objectives are to: (a) increase access to quality education; (b) improve equity; and (c) improve school management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress on impact evaluation has been painfully slow, and as noted and agreed by management, this is an outcome of the lack of borrower ownership of the model of impact evaluation at the design stage of the project. The team will renew its efforts on a supervision mission in September 2007 to work with the borrower on the impact evaluation and other project closing activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45860	Effective	56.99	50.05	6.94	0.00



Project Name (ID): Subnational Government Public Sector Modernization (P070448)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 12/15/2005

Closing Date : 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73520

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration(100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), Personal and property rights(S), Tax policy and administration(S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) support the integrated development and adoption of basic management tools that are conducive to the efficient and transparent management of provincial and municipal resources; (b) strengthen provincial governments in such key areas as those related to land tax and tax administration, human resources management, judicial services, civil registries, control entities and public safety functions; and (c) support the strengthening of municipal governments through pilot activities designed to demonstrate the benefits of integrated modernization efforts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

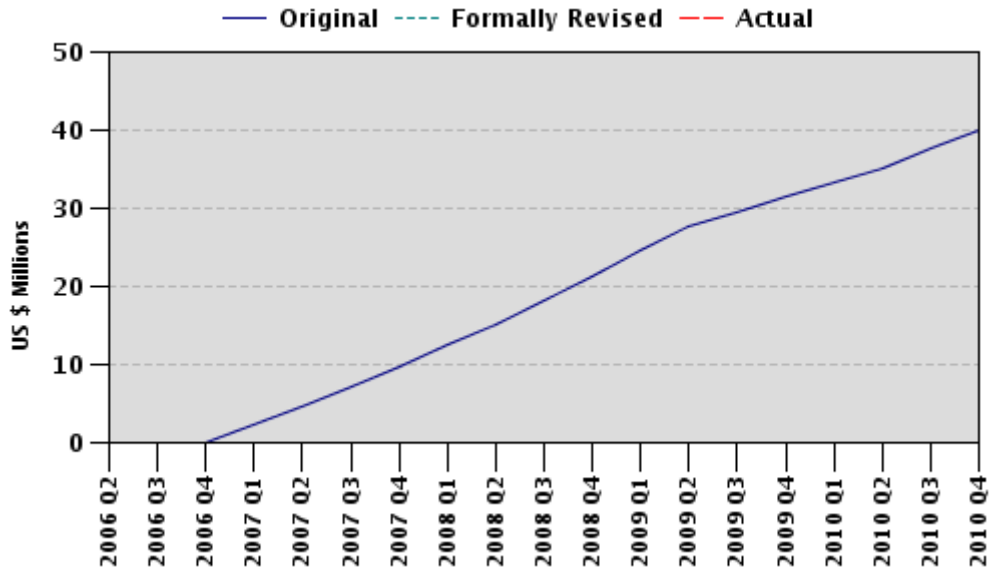
The project is making sufficient progress towards achieving project objectives, despite lagging behind some implementation targets due to the delay in effectiveness. The subprojects that have been identified are very much in line with the objectives of the project, demonstrating that development goals should be met.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73520	Effective	40.00	0.10	39.90	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Provincial Road Infrastructure Project (P070628)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/07/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73010

Sector(s): Roads and highways(100%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the reliability of essential road assets, which facilitate access of provincial production to the markets, and the efficiency of their management through the introduction of performance-based road Rehabilitation and Maintenance contracts (CREMA) at the provincial level.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

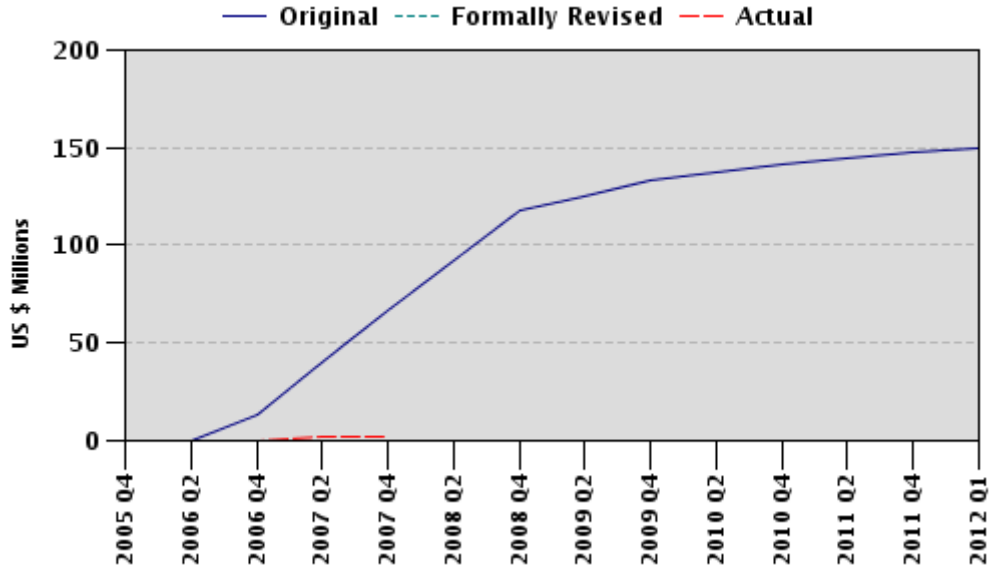
Four Provinces have signed the required Subsidiary Agreements to participate in this Program (Cordoba, Corrientes and Entre Rios). On the works component, two CREMA contracts (covering about 180 km) have been awarded in Cordoba. Four additional CREMA contracts are in the process of being procured (covering some additional 330 km). Two other provinces are expected to participate in the program (Chubut and Neuquen) as they are completing the steps to sign the Subsidiary Agreements with the Federal Government. No significant progress has been made on the institutional component.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73010	Effective	150.00	2.25	147.75	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Rural Education Improvement Project (P070963)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 12/15/2005

Closing Date : 10/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73530, IBRD-P4210, JPN-26841

Sector(s): Primary education(60%), Pre-primary education(25%), Sub-national government administration(7%), Secondary education(5%), Central government administration(3%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Education for all(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S), Indigenous peoples(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to (a) improve the coverage, efficiency, and quality of the Argentine education system; and (b) improve the governance of the Argentine education system by strengthening the normative, planning, information, monitoring, and evaluation capacity at the national and provincial levels.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

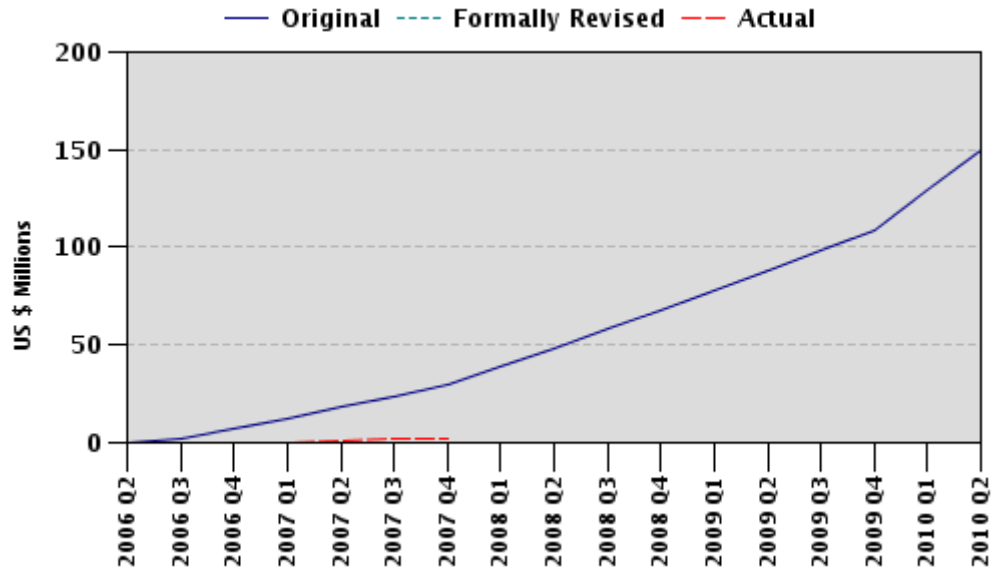
The project appears to have started off well. The Post Procurement review has been satisfactorily completed, and the diligence of the borrowing agency has been noted by the Senior Procurement Specialist. A supervision mission in September 2007 will investigate closely the disbursement lags and agree on corrective actions with the borrower.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73530	Effective	150.00	2.26	147.74	0.00
IBRD-P4210	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
JPN-26841	Closed	0.61	0.47	0.00	0.14



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Project Name (ID): Provincial Maternal-Child Health Inv Loan (P071025)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 04/15/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-26296, IBRD-72250

Sector(s): Compulsory health finance(68%), Health(17%), Central government administration(9%), Sub-national government administration(3%), Other social services(3%)

Theme(s): Child health(P), Health system performance(P), Population and reproductive health(P), Indigenous peoples(S), Social risk mitigation(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project will contribute to: (a) stop the increase in infant mortality and further reduce it; (b) support the implementation of a significant change in health service contracting and management at provincial level, and (c) strengthen the stewardship capacity of the national and provincial ministries of health.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

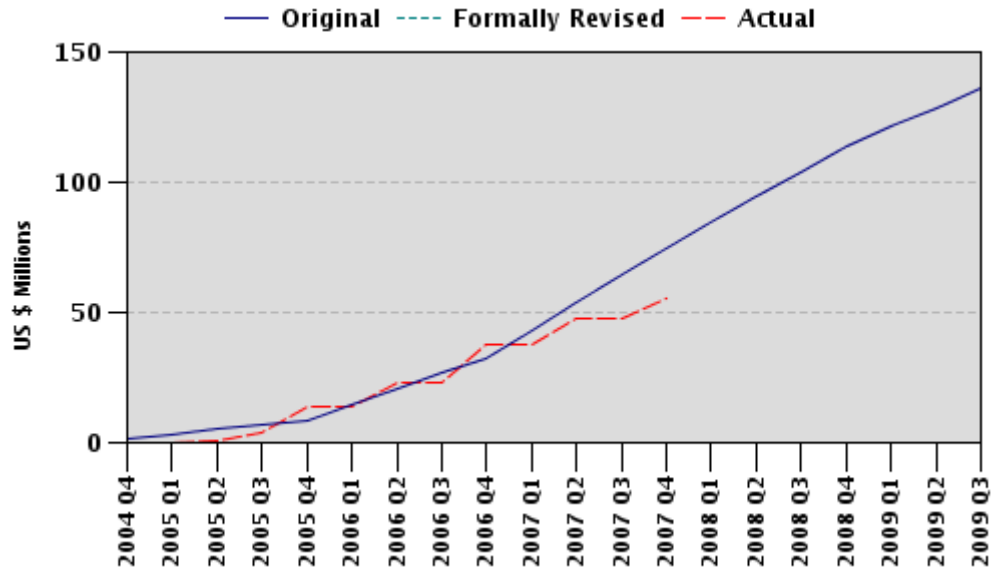
The project continues to implement well, with more than 445,698 enrollees at end-June 2007 (an average of 65 percent of the eligible population in all nine provinces) and more than 46 percent of the total loan disbursed in its two years and ten months of effectiveness. All nine provinces have all maternal and child insurance (“Plan Nacer”) systems in place and provider contracts, payment mechanisms, the “Trazadoras” system of performance goals, and concurrent audits are being implemented regularly. Systems implementation is adequate as they are completely functional.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-26296	Closed	0.75	0.41	0.00	0.34
IBRD-72250	Effective	135.80	55.55	80.25	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Buenos Aires Infrastructure SIDP (1APL) (P088032)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 12/07/2004

Midterm Review Date : 09/19/2006

Closing Date : 07/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72680

Sector(s): Roads and highways(55%), Sewerage(30%), Sub-national government administration(10%), Flood protection(5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Other urban development(P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(S), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) enhance the provision of water and sewerage services for low-income people, in particular for those living in highly vulnerable areas; (b) improve high priority segments of the road network; (c) mitigate urban flooding; and (d) support the reactivation of the economy and strengthen its regional competitiveness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

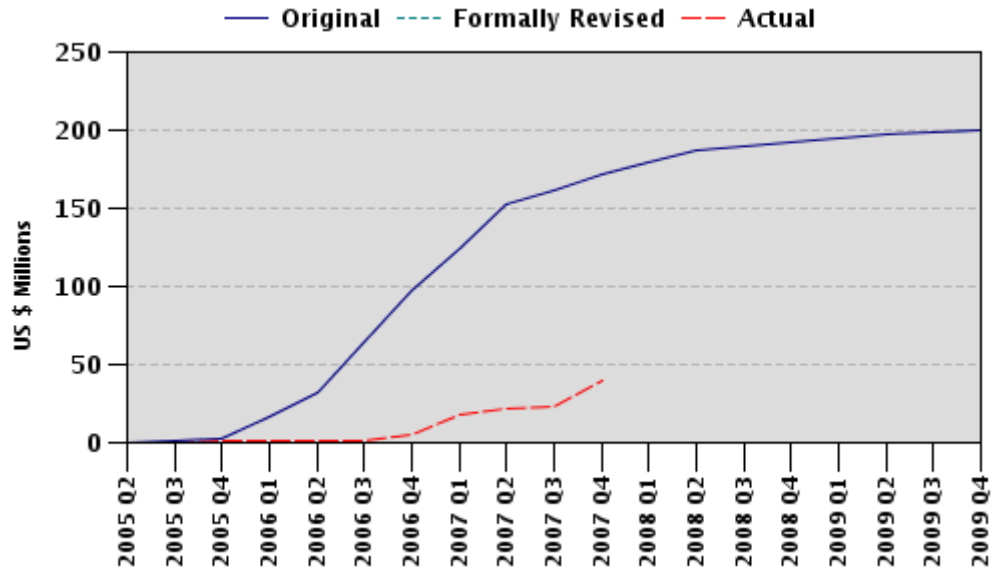
Significant progress has been made in all components: (a) 31 out of the 34 works program under the road component and 7 out of the 11 works program of the water and sanitation component are already procured and under implementation; (b) a new strategy to manage the main productive assets through performance-based contracts (CREMA), which is expected to be implemented during the second phase of the Project; (c) consolidation of the Province's regulatory and institutional framework and adoption of a strategic vision for the water sector.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72680	Effective	200.00	39.79	160.21	0.00



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Project Name (ID): National Highway Asset Management (P088153)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2004

Midterm Review Date : 11/27/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72420

Sector(s): Roads and highways(94%), Central government administration(6%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to develop an efficient road network management strategy to preserve the national road network in the long term, gradually expanding the use of performance-based contracts and strengthening road sector management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

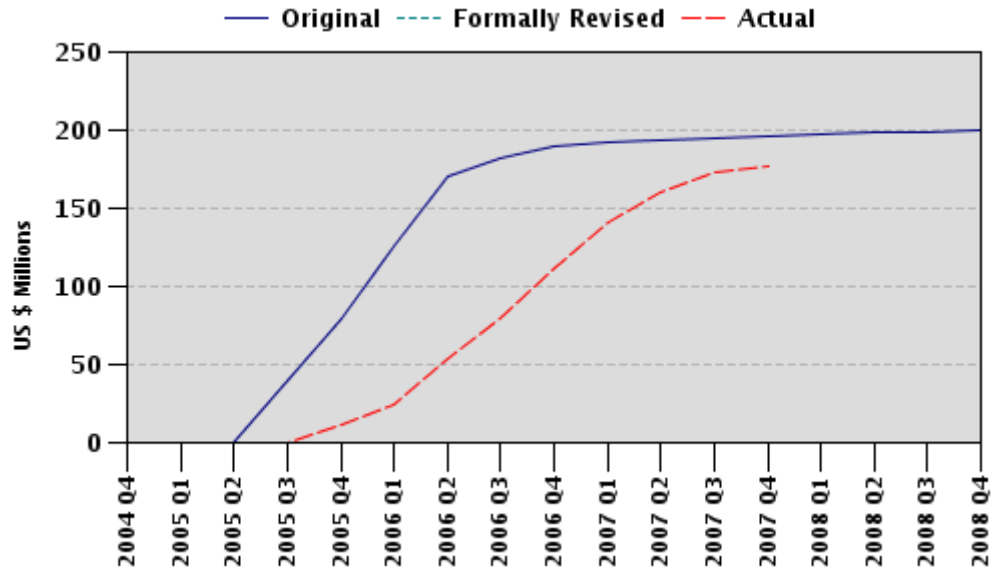
The National Highways Directorate (DNV) has expanded the use of performance-based rehabilitation and maintenance contracts (CREMA) and strengthened road sector management. Twenty-eight CREMA contracts financed with loan proceeds (covering a total length of about 4,970 km) and twelve additional CREMA contracts financed with local resources (covering 1,870 km) have been procured. Even though some progress has been achieved under the Bridge Restoration, Road Safety and Institutional Strengthening components, the original implementation pace is lagging behind targets: (a) a Bridge Management System has been developed and is being implemented. Bidding documents have been prepared for the procurement of rehabilitation works on 3 priority bridges; (b) DNV has signed a partnership agreement with Asociacion Argentina de Carreteras to design and carry out communications/educative road safety campaigns while the selection of firms has been initiated to carry out road safety audits in three corridors and prepare designs to implement a pilot initiative; (c) a Human Resources study is being procured to carry out a diagnosis of the National Highways Directorate (DNV) and design a short run action plan.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72420	Effective	200.00	177.02	22.98	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage (P088220)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 04/05/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72890

Sector(s): Flood protection(94%), Sub-national government administration(4%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(2%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management(P), Other urban development(P), Water resource management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

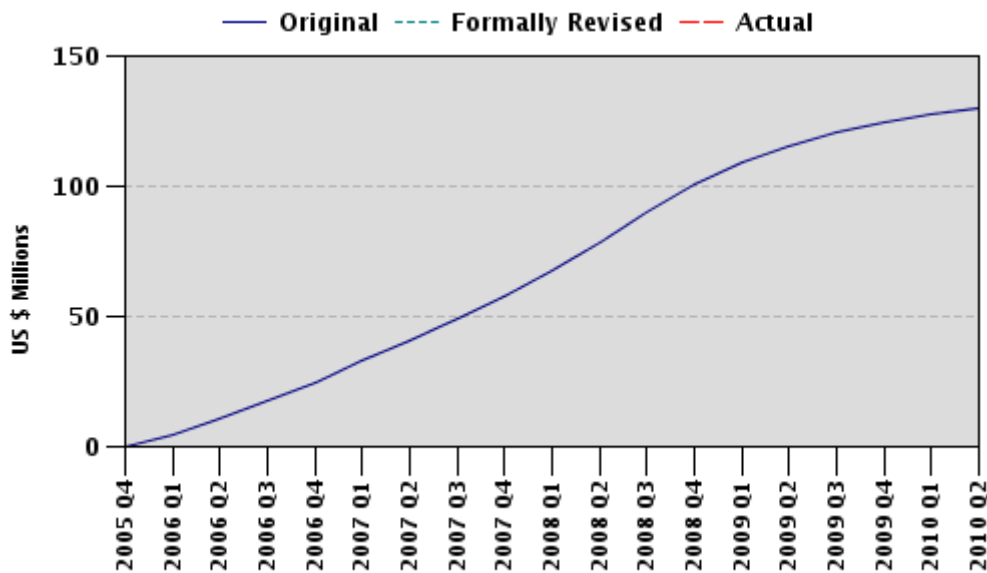
The objective is to increase the City of Buenos Aires resilience to flooding with protection of its critical infrastructure and the introduction of a risk management approach to the Government investment program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After significant delays, procurement of the main works contract (Maldonado tunnel, which accounts for about 90 percent of the project amount) is well advanced (three responsive bids were received). Work on the other physical investments and on the non-structural actions has also started. Once the contracts currently under bidding start, it is expected that implementation will advance satisfactorily and the project will achieve its development objectives by the loan closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72890	Effective	132.28	0.33	131.95	0.00



Project Name (ID): Solid Waste Management Project (P089926)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 02/28/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73620

Sector(s): Solid waste management(83%), Sub-national government administration(8%), Central government administration(6%), Other social services(3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Climate change(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S), Other social development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

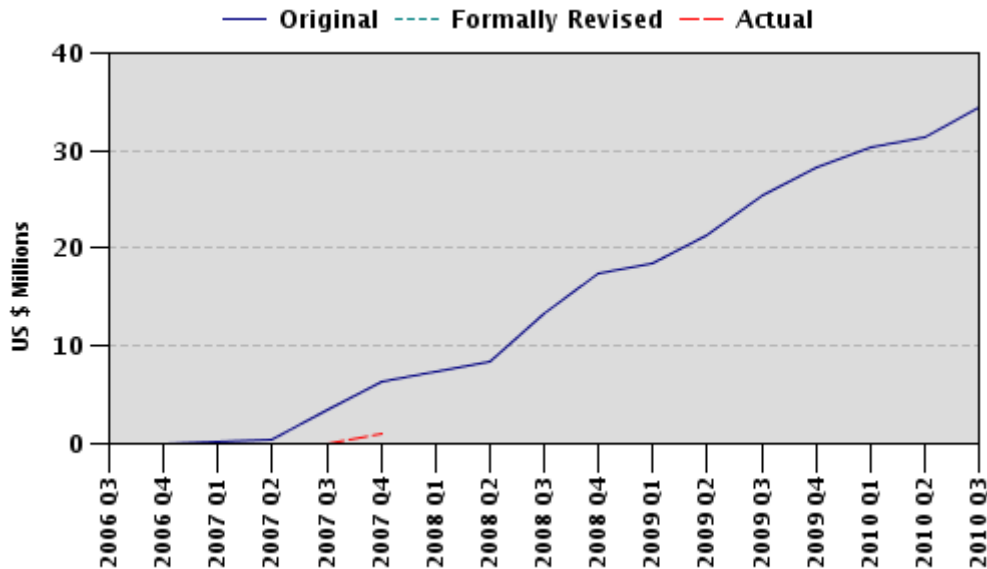
The objective is to improve public health and quality of life by developing environmentally and financially sustainable systems for urban solid waste management in Argentina.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective toward the end of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73620	Effective	40.00	1.10	38.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): Essential Public Health Functions (P090993)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 11/21/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74120, IBRD-P4280

Sector(s): Health(83%), Sub-national government administration(9%), Central government administration(8%)

Theme(s): Health system performance(P), Indigenous peoples(S), Other communicable diseases(S), Natural disaster management(S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objectives are to: (a) increase the coverage of ten prioritized Public Health Programs; (b) reduce population's exposure to principal risk factors associated with collective illness; and (c) improve the stewardship role and appropriate regulatory environment of the nation's public health system. The project aims to support Argentina's Federal Health Plan and its objectives to reduce mortality and morbidity associated with collective illness.

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
IBRD-74120	Not Effective	220.00	0.00	220.00	0.00
IBRD-P4280	Effective	1.50	0.16	1.34	0.00



Project Name (ID): Institution Strengthening - ANSES II TA (P092836)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 07/05/2005

Closing Date : 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73180

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform(P), Other public sector governance(P), Other accountability/anti-corruption(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to enhance service delivery by the National Social Security Administration (ANSES) by improving its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability through institutional reengineering, fraud and error detection, change management and greater internal and external oversight, as well as institutional strengthening of the Social Security Secretariat.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

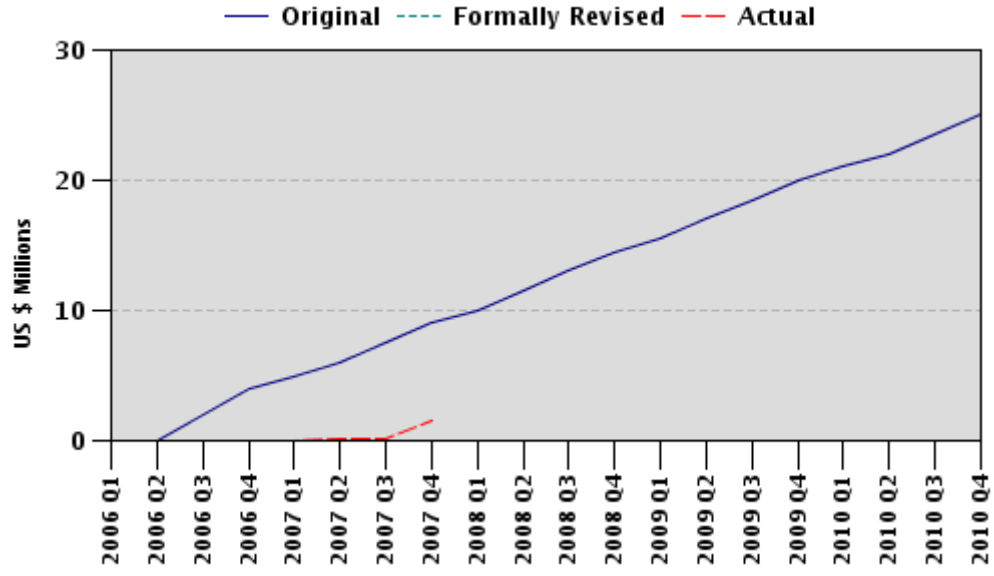
The project was declared effective on November 16, 2006. There have been significant delays in project effectiveness due to a long process on agreeing on a unified version of the presidential decree by ANSES and the Social Security Secretariat, in addition to several changes of the project coordinator. Given the extended period of time between Board approval and effectiveness, the Executive Director of ANSES has requested to focus project execution on the first year of project implementation. This could amount to an execution of up to \$15 million, to address the increase in pension awards as a result of the changed legal framework on pension in Argentina, approved in 2006 and 2007. There are also over 27 activities that would be initiated during FY08 that aim to contribute to the achievement of project objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73180	Effective	25.00	1.56	23.44	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage APL2 (P093491)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/06/2006

Closing Date : 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73820

Sector(s): Flood protection(70%), Sub-national government administration(16%), Other social services(6%), Housing construction(4%), Roads and highways(4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Land administration and management(P), Water resource management(S), Improving labor markets(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to reduce vulnerability to floods through a mix of physical, institutional and financial measures in six provinces (Chaco, Corrientes, Misiones, Santa Fe and Entre Rios), situated along the Parana and Uruguay rivers.

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
IBRD-73820	Not Effective	70.00	0.00	70.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Argentina Lifelong Learning Project (P095514)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/28/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74740

Sector(s): Vocational training(50%), General public administration sector(21%), Other social services(14%), Adult literacy/non-formal education(9%), General industry and trade sector(6%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Improving labor markets(P), Education for all(S), Other social development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to support the Government of Argentina to consolidate, strengthen, and increase the coverage of a lifelong learning and competency-based training system for adults 18 years or older, in order to enhance their employability and strengthen their career ladder opportunities.

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
IBRD-74740	Not Effective	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Prov Maternal-Child Health APL2 (P095515)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 11/02/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74090

Sector(s): Compulsory health finance(50%), Health(30%), Sub-national government administration(11%), Central government administration(9%)

Theme(s): Population and reproductive health(P), Child health(P), Health system performance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to: (a) increase access by eligible uninsured mothers and children to basic health services; and (b) strengthen the incentive framework for efficiency and focus on results between the national level and the Eligible Provinces and among Eligible Provinces and service providers by linking financing to both services actually rendered to the target population and to the achievement of the MCHIP results as reflected by the selected ten tracers of the Trazadoras Matrix.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

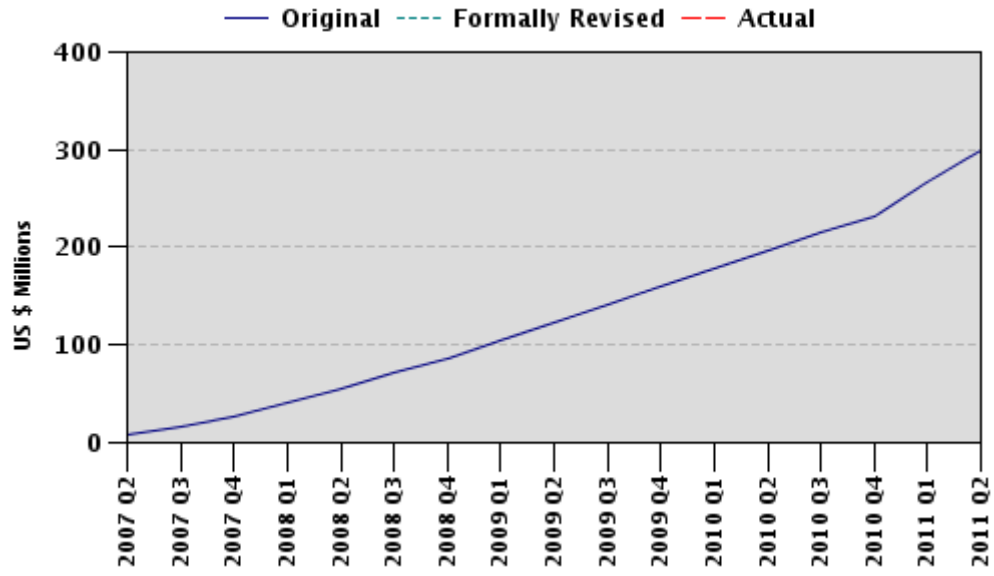
The Project shows good implementation since effectiveness in May 2007. By the end of the reporting period, 12 provinces had signed the umbrella agreements and the first annual performance agreements for the project. There are already 105,000 mothers and children in the program in the 12 provinces, with Buenos Aires and Cordoba showing the highest enrollment level with more than 30,000 each. The government successfully concluded the contracting of the Concurrent Auditing firm, a contract of \$5.1 million, which is a condition of disbursement for the capitation payment to provinces and key for ensuring transparency in the process.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74090	Effective	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): APL2 National Highway Asset Management (P095569)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/28/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74730

Sector(s): Roads and highways(94%), General public administration sector(4%), General education sector(2%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Environmental policies and institutions(S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to develop an efficient road network management strategy to preserve the national road network in the long term, gradually expanding the use of performance-based contracts and strengthening road 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)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74730	Not Effective	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Santa Fe Road Infrastructure (P099051)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 02/13/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74290

Sector(s): Roads and highways(99%), Central government administration(1%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Administrative and civil service reform(S), Trade facilitation and market access(S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S), Environmental policies and institutions(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve transport conditions along a strategic road corridor, National Road 19, which links the Province of Santa Fe with regional and international markets. The project also aims to: (a) improve road safety in selected segments of the provincial road network; and (b) identify transport infrastructure and trade facilitation constraints by setting up a system to measure logistics costs.

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
IBRD-74290	Not Effective	126.70	0.00	126.70	0.00



Project Name (ID): Cordoba-Road Infrastructure (P099585)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 07/11/2006

Closing Date : 10/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73980

Sector(s): Roads and highways(97%), Sub-national government administration(3%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Municipal governance and institution building(S), Municipal finance(S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases(S)

Project Development Objectives:

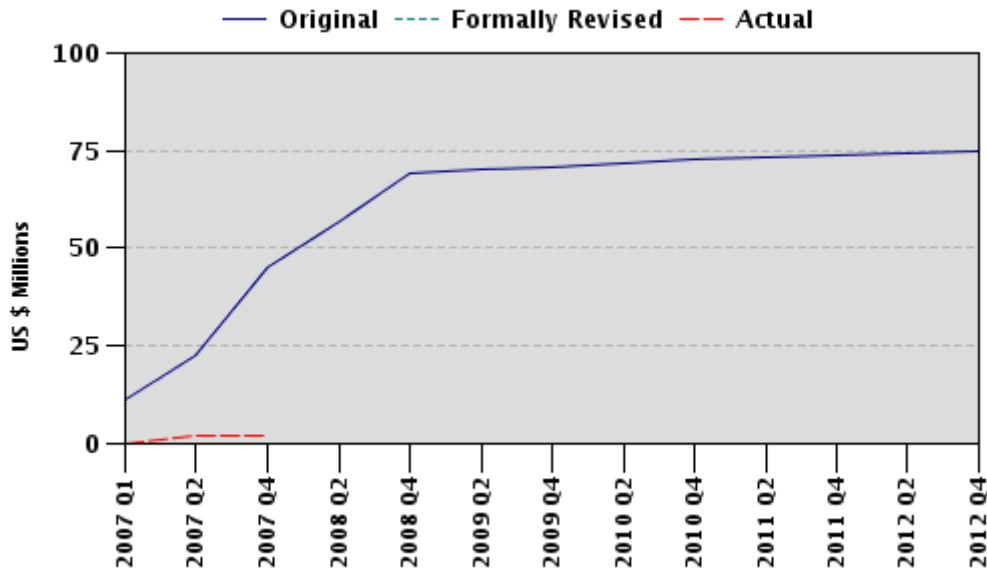
The objective is to improve the reliability of the Province of Cordoba’s road sector assets and the efficiency of their management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Province of Cordoba has made significant progress under the civil works components having procured five (out of six) road paving projects covering a total length of 125 km (of which, 63 km are currently under execution) and one (out of three) performance-based road rehabilitation and maintenance contract (CREMA) covering 136 km. Although the Province has undertaken some actions under the institutional strengthening component its implementation is lagging behind targets.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73980	Effective	75.00	2.19	72.81	0.00



Project Name (ID): 2nd State Modernization (P101170)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 05/29/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74490

Sector(s): Central government administration(90%), Sub-national government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform(P), Other public sector governance(P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(P), Other financial and private sector development(S), Managing for development results(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to deepen and expand client engagement to help strengthen the capacity of the Chief of Cabinet Office (CCO) to: (a) carry out its mandate on key public sector management areas, enhancing capacities on organizational strengthening, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge-building; and (b) support the design and promotion of the use of key public sector management tools.

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
IBRD-74490	Not Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): APL2 Buenos Aires Infrastructure (P105288)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date : 06/28/2007

Closing Date : 02/15/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74720

Sector(s): Roads and highways(40%), Sewerage(21%), Water supply(21%), Flood protection(12%), Sub-national government administration(6%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing(P), Other urban development(P), Improving labor markets(S), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S), Municipal governance and institution building(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) enhance the provision of water and sewerage services for low-income people, in particular for those living in highly vulnerable areas; (b) improve high priority segments of the road network; (c) mitigate urban flooding; and (d) support the reactivation of the economy and strengthen its regional competitiveness.

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
IBRD-74720	Not Effective	270.00	0.00	270.00	0.00

