

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: Panama

Project Name (ID): Land Administration (P050595)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date : 01/16/2001

Midterm Review Date : 07/30/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-70450

Sector(s): Central government administration(79%), Forestry(16%), Other social services(3%), Sub-national government administration(2%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management(P), Administrative and civil service reform(P), Personal and property rights(P), Law reform(P), Indigenous peoples(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to modernize the land administration system, including priority protected areas and indigenous territories.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

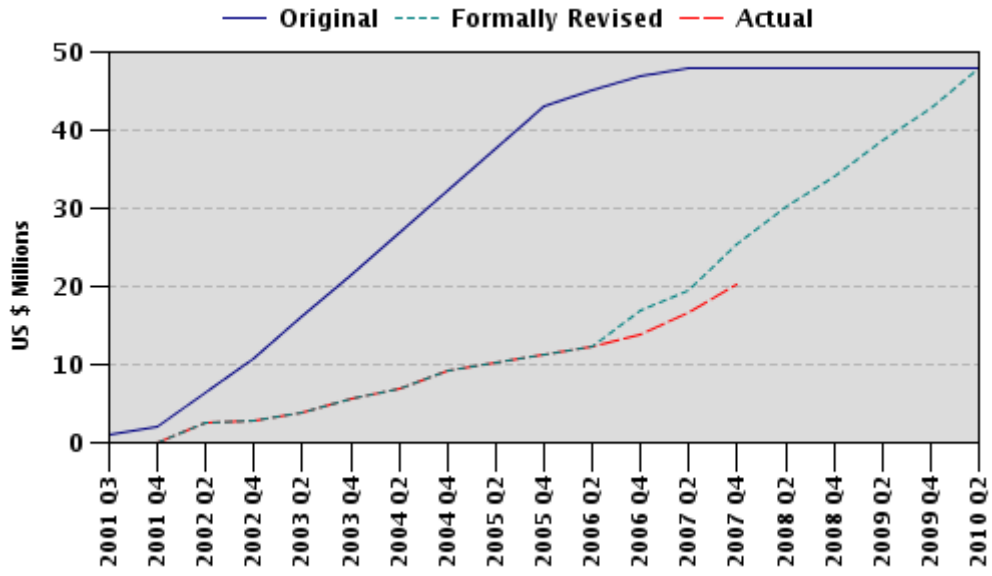
The project objectives continue to be achievable and outcome indicators are progressing as planned. Significant progress has been made in the Land Policy and Legal Framework Component and the Land Regularization process, including (a) drafting of an important law on community and indigenous lands; (b) improved institutional coordination among all stakeholders including the Environmental National Authority (ANAM); and (c) massive titling in urban and rural areas. This progress will contribute to the modernization of the land administration system, including priority protected areas and indigenous territories.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70450	Effective	47.90	20.33	27.57	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Basic Education II (P052021)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date : 09/07/2000

Midterm Review Date : 10/13/2003

Closing Date : 11/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-70320

Sector(s): Secondary education(54%), Primary education(32%), Pre-primary education(9%), Sub-national government administration(5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Education for all(P), Access to urban services and housing(P), Social safety nets(P), Indigenous peoples(S)

Project Development Objectives:

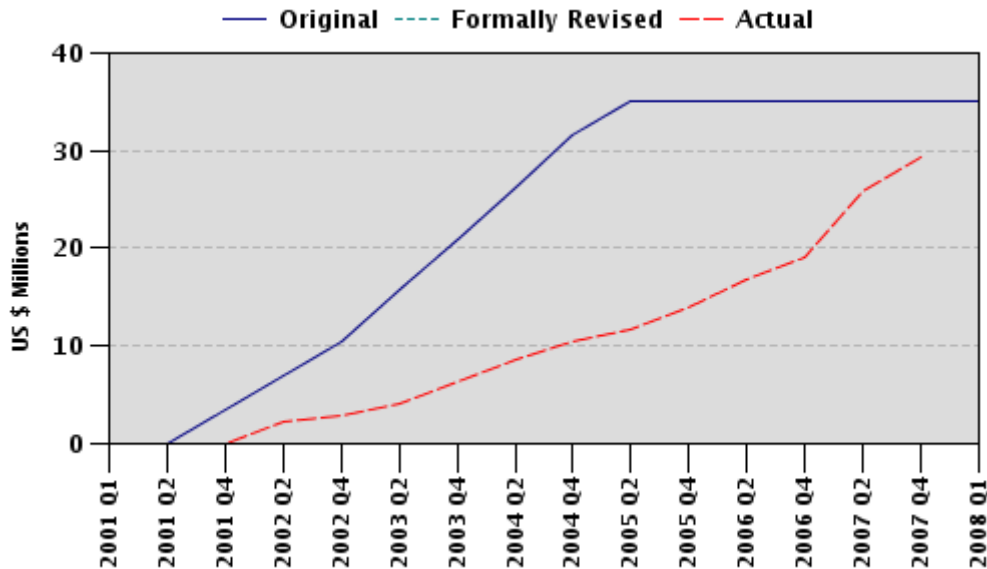
The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and efficiency of education, and (b) increase convergence of primary and preschool education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite early delays, most project components have now met or surpassed their development targets. The project has achieved the majority of its physical and financial targets and development objectives. In terms of outcomes, the project has commissioned two evaluations of the early childhood program, both of which suggest promising results. The project was extended until November 11, 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70320	Effective	35.00	29.27	5.73	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Policy Reform TA Project (P055844)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date : 07/31/2001

Midterm Review Date : 01/19/2004

Closing Date : 10/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P3380, IBRD-74460, IBRD-46350

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access(P), Regulation and competition policy(P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring(P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(S), Other economic management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to support trade policy, strengthen economic management, improve social spending, modernize national statistics, and improve public procurement procedures.

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

On May 10, 2007 the Bank's Board approved additional financing for this project in the amount of \$6 million (initial disbursements expected in October 2007).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

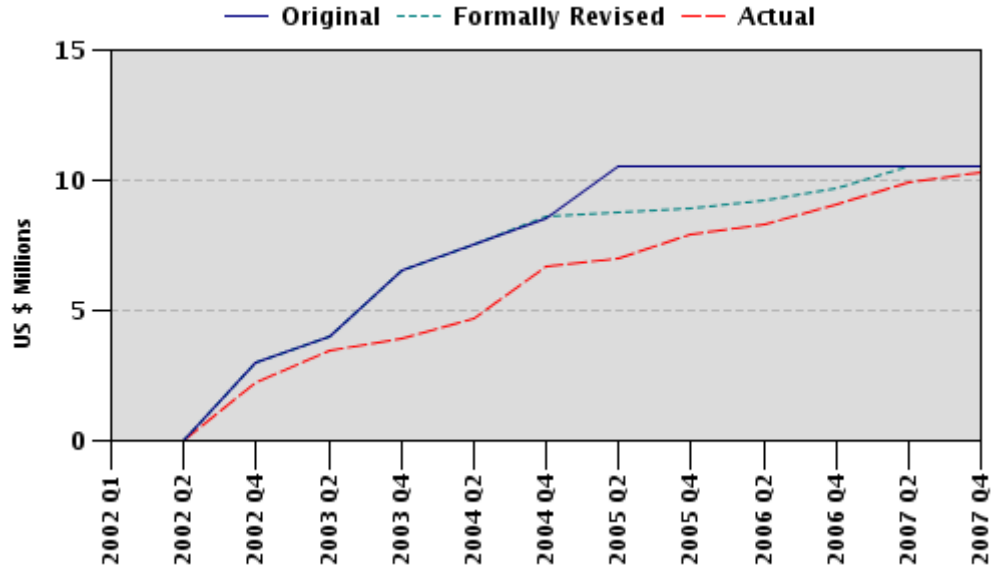
The project has successfully achieved its objectives. Notable project achievements to date include: (a) improving the Government's capacity to successfully negotiate Free Trade Agreements with Chile, Taiwan, a number of Central American countries, and Singapore, as well as recent negotiations for an FTA with the US; (b) helping to establish a new information center on standards and technical regulations in the Ministry of Trade; and (c) providing hardware, software, and training to improve the quality of basic macroeconomic statistical data such as the Consumer Price Index and National Accounts external data. In addition, the project has helped to substantially develop the public procurement legal framework (which led to the passage of a new law), build the institutional capacity of the General Directorate of Public Procurement, and facilitate both the introduction of a public procurement system and the successful launch of an e-procurement strategy.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P3380	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10
IBRD-74460	Not Effective	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
IBRD-46350	Closed	10.50	10.29	0.21	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Rural Productivity (P064918)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date : 03/21/2007

Closing Date : 01/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-P4230, IBRD-74390

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(33%), Agricultural marketing and trade(33%), Agro-industry(14%), Agricultural extension and research(10%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Rural policies and institutions(P), Other rural development(P), Rural non-farm income generation(S), Rural services and infrastructure(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to contribute to increased productivity among organized rural small-scale producers and through their participation in productive alliances, while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and the conservation of important biodiversity.

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-P4230	Effective	0.90	0.48	0.42	0.00
IBRD-74390	Not Effective	39.40	0.00	39.40	0.00

