

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
SOPE
PARAGUAY

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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: Paraguay

Project Name (ID): Pilot Community Development Project (P069269)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 03/21/2002

Midterm Review Date : 10/31/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-26317, IBRD-71090

Sector(s): Central government administration(25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(25%), General industry and trade sector(25%), Other social services(25%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement(P), Improving labor markets(P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring(S), Rural non-farm income generation(S), Rural services and infrastructure(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to test a decentralized, participatory, bottom-up development approach as a way to improve the quality of life and social inclusion of poor rural and marginal urban communities in three departments on the southern border of Paraguay (Itapua, Misiones and Neembucu).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

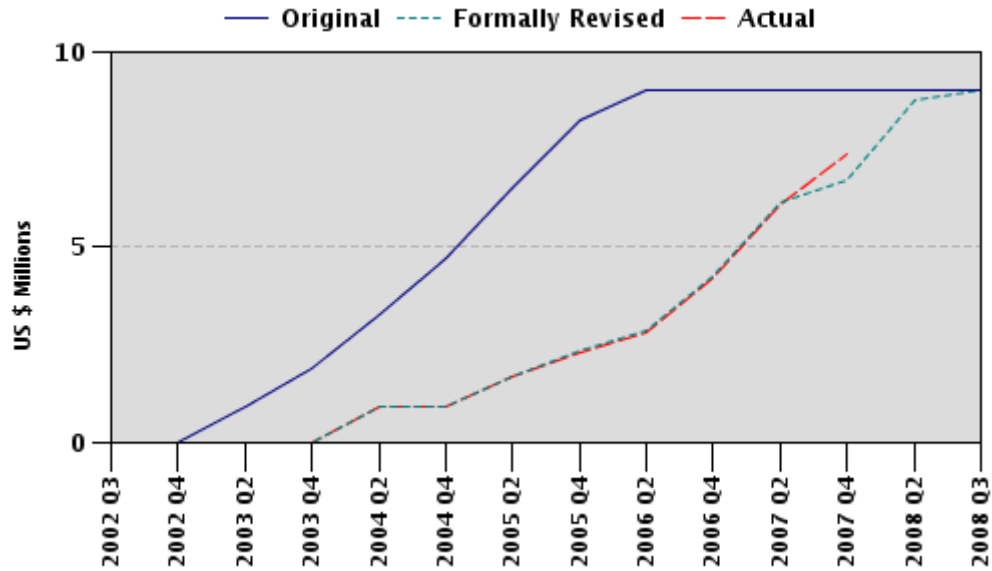
The project is recognized as a key contributor to the country's poverty reduction strategy in the three departments where it is implemented. The project has made substantive progress in developing transparent and participatory mechanisms for community-driven development (CDD)-type investments in Paraguay. As of June 30, 2007, 500 community subprojects had been approved, benefiting more than 5,000 families or approximately 30,000 people, exceeding the original project targets. Preliminary impact evaluation data shows that the project has achieved sizable results at two levels. First, with an average investment per family of approximately \$1,600, it has contributed to trigger consumption levels, assets, employment, and social capital of beneficiaries in relation to non-beneficiaries. Second, the project has also made substantial progress in developing results-oriented institutional mechanisms for CDD-type investments in Paraguay by decentralizing decision making and fostering transparent and participatory monitoring processes.

The project is expected to continue performing very well. Only minor difficulties concerning the sustainability of some economic activities financed by the project (e.g., marketing and selling of some local agricultural products), and closing procedures for ending subprojects appear challenging in the last phase of implementation. To this end, the Bank and the Government have developed a detailed plan to address these challenges and ensure uninterrupted satisfactory results. Additional financing is being considered to scale up activities to enhance the impact of this well-performing project.



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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-26317	Closed	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00
IBRD-71090	Effective	9.00	7.35	1.65	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Reform Project (P073526)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date : 03/20/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-54361, IBRD-71900

Sector(s): Secondary education(60%), Central government administration(20%), Sub-national government administration(10%), Other social services(5%), Tertiary education(5%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Education for all(P), Access to urban services and housing(S), Rural services and infrastructure(S), Participation and civic engagement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to improve management and efficiency of the education system, and to raise educational outcomes and equity at the secondary education level.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

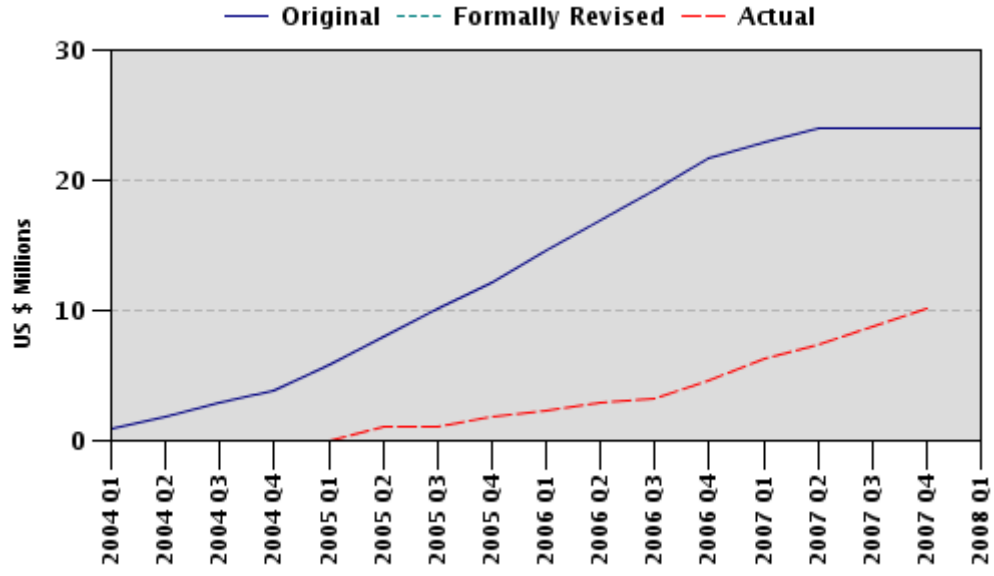
Although the project experienced implementation delays early on, a significant improvement has been noted in the pace of implementation and in the execution of activity plans for 2006. The project disbursed \$4.6 million out of the \$12.6 million that had been budgeted for calendar year 2006. The slow disbursements were linked primarily, though not exclusively, to the protracted arrangements established to evaluate the bids for civil works as well as the long negotiation process to award contract to carry out a consultancy on re-engineering and institutional development. The latest mission agreed on actions to resolve any immediate procurement/technical issues to ensure the project moves forward more expeditiously in calendar year 2007. It should be noted the mission carried out a technical review of procurement and financial management practices both of which were deemed to be in compliance with fiduciary standards and performing satisfactorily.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-54361	Effective	0.87	0.53	0.34	0.00
IBRD-71900	Effective	24.00	10.24	13.76	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Road Maintenance (P082026)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 08/24/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74060, JPN-54760

Sector(s): Roads and highways(90%), Central government administration(8%), Sub-national government administration(1%), Other social services(1%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access(P), Infrastructure services for private sector development(S), Rural services and infrastructure(S), Indigenous peoples(S), Municipal governance and institution building(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objective is to establish a sustainable road management strategy that ensures the upgrading and maintenance of the road network through a rational and balanced use of scarce resources.

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-74060	Not Effective	74.00	0.00	74.00	0.00
JPN-54760	Closed	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Mother and Child Basic Health Insurance (P082056)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date : 10/20/2005

Closing Date : 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-53771, IBRD-73330

Sector(s): Health(55%), Central government administration(22%), Sub-national government administration(16%), Other social services(7%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to reduce maternal and infant mortality by increasing the use of selected life-saving services included in the Mother and Child Basic Health Insurance by women of child-bearing age and children under age six.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Loan Agreement was signed on May 4, 2006. The effectiveness deadline was extended several times, and the last extension went beyond the 18 month policy deadline to June 30, 2007. However, after the Paraguayan Senate voted in May 2007 to reject the Executive’s proposal for project approval, the Loan Agreement was terminated by the Bank as of June 30, 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-53771	Closed	0.59	0.23	0.37	0.00
IBRD-73330	Effective	22.00	0.00	0.06	22.00

