

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: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Project Name (ID): Health Sector (P045175)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 05/21/1998

Midterm Review Date : 12/13/2001

Closing Date : 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-27142, IDA-30760

Sector(s): Health(70%), Compulsory health finance(30%)

Theme(s): Health system performance(P), Gender(S), Child health(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to: (i) expand health coverage with a basic package of primary health care and public health services to the poor population in two pilot governorates (Alexandria and Menoufia); and (ii) improve access, efficiency, and quality of primary health care services through rationalization of health infrastructure in the two pilot governorates.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress toward its development objectives. The Family Health Funds expanded their coverage with a basic package of primary health care (PHC) to 1.8 million persons as of November 2006, representing 85 percent of the target. Of those enrolled, coverage was expanded to 1.1 million un-insured persons in November 2006, representing 97.2 percent of the target. The package of PHC services became accessible to 2.23 million persons, representing 62 percent of the target. The package of services became accessible to 1.5 million persons living in poor areas, representing 80 percent of the target; however, the enrollment data, reported by the Family Health Funds, showed that only 0.08 million poor persons representing 10 percent of the target, have enrolled, mostly in Menoufia.

In terms of utilization, the rates show a decline from 2 to 1.6 visits/person/year on average: Alexandria (2.4 visits/person/year) showed higher rates than Menoufia (0.8 visits/person/year).

In terms of performance of family health services, this continues to improve. Almost all family health clinics have more than 95% coverage of immunization, are recording an average of four ante-natal care visits per pregnant woman, and have achieved their targets of Couple-Years-Protection (CYP).

In terms of client satisfaction, 92% of family health clinics have recorded a score of more than 70% for three successive months.

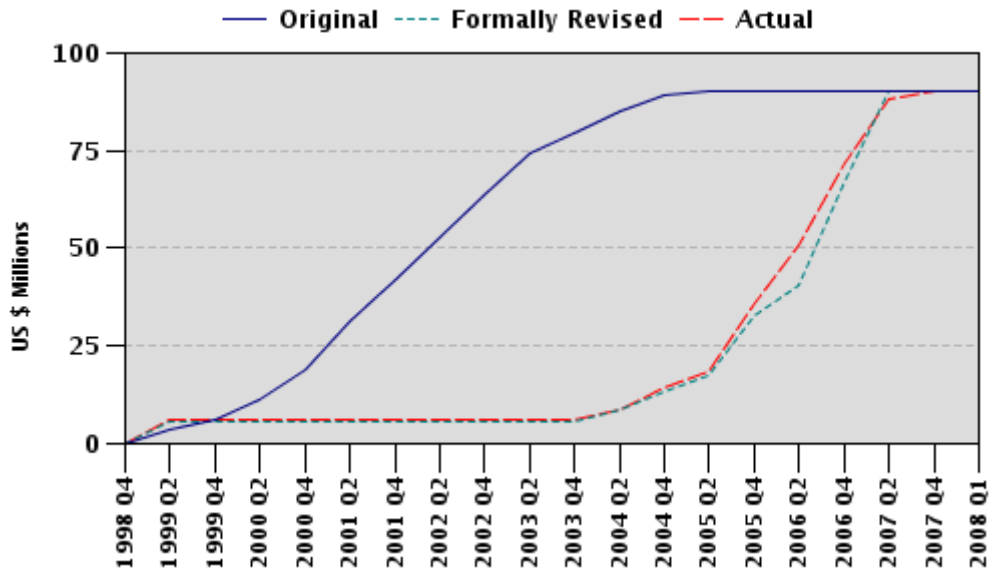
Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

Loan/Credit/	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
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Grant	Status	0.31	0.30	0.00	0.01
JPN-27142	Closed				
IDA-30760	Effective	101.24	90.44	7.95	0.00



Project Name (ID): National Drainage II (P045499)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 06/15/2000

Midterm Review Date : 04/09/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-45620, JPN-26126

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(95%), Central government administration(5%)

Theme(s): Water resource management(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Participation and civic engagement(S), Rural policies and institutions(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) increase the agricultural productivity of about 0.8 million feddans of irrigated land by improving drainage conditions through evacuation of excess irrigation water with subsurface drains into existing open drains; and (b) avoid yield and production losses on this land, which would result if water logging and soil salinity problems were to persist.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

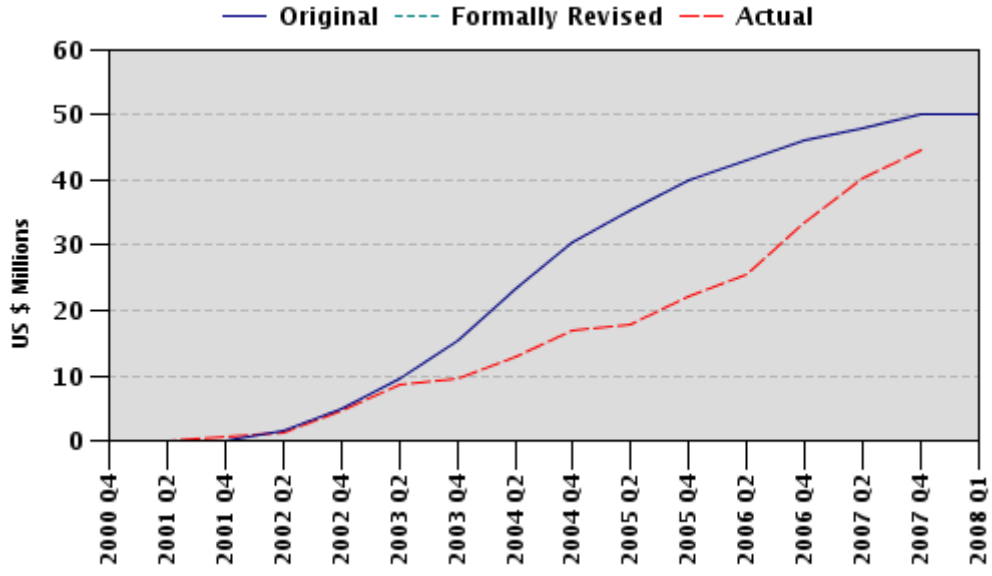
To date, good progress has been made and most of physical targets are gradually being achieved. Subsurface drainage and surface drainage works have been completed in 0.68 and 0.35 million feddans respectively. This has had a positive impact on yields (exceeding target values), salinity (40% of the areas with no salinity problems (up from 0%) and depth to groundwater (more than 1 meter), in all areas where drainage interventions have been completed. Sixty eight man months have been allocated for technical assistance and 2,800 man months for training (funded mainly by co-financiers and counterpart funds). The project will close on June 30, 2008 at which time it is expected that all Project Development Objectives will be met and all funds fully disbursed.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45620	Effective	50.00	44.71	5.29	0.00
JPN-26126	Closed	0.25	0.24	0.00	0.01



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Project Name (ID): East Delta Agricultural Services (P049166)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 11/04/1997

Midterm Review Date : 02/21/2002

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IFAD-4160, IDA-30020

Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance(41%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(22%), Agro-industry(21%), Water supply(13%), Central government administration(3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to provide support services to facilitate the settlement and increased agricultural production of about 26,000 low-income families settling on about 130,000 feddans of reclaimed lands in the East Delta.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

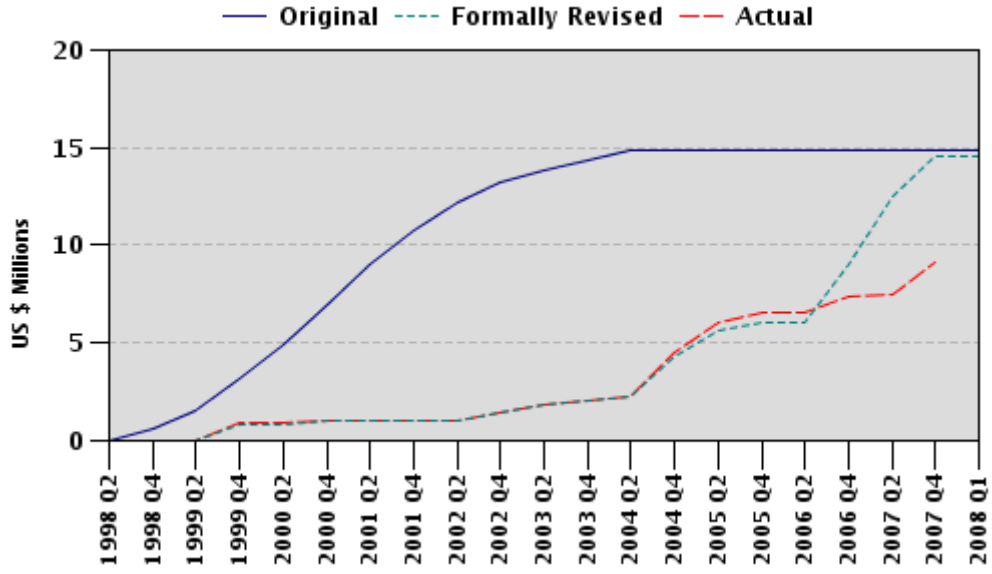
The International Development Association has extended the closing date of the project until December 31, 2008, in order to facilitate the completion of key infrastructure activities. The project is poised to meet its development objective by the new closing date. The June 2007 Progress Report states that 110,000 feddans are expected to be planted during the 2007 summer season, equivalent to 85% of the end-of-project target of 130,000 feddans. Three hundred and thirty five Water User Associations have been formed, surpassing the end-of-project target of 300. Seven Water User Unions have been formed, along with 17 Community Development Associations. Solid training and extension activities continue, so that community members and farmers have the skills they need to continue activities successfully after project closure.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IFAD-4160	Effective	26.50	17.62	7.66	0.00
IDA-30020	Effective	16.82	9.10	6.67	0.62



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Project Name (ID): Skills Development (P049702)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date : 07/04/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71890

Sector(s): Vocational training(75%), Central government administration(25%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Other financial and private sector development(S), Other public sector governance(S), Improving labor markets(S)

Project Development Objectives:

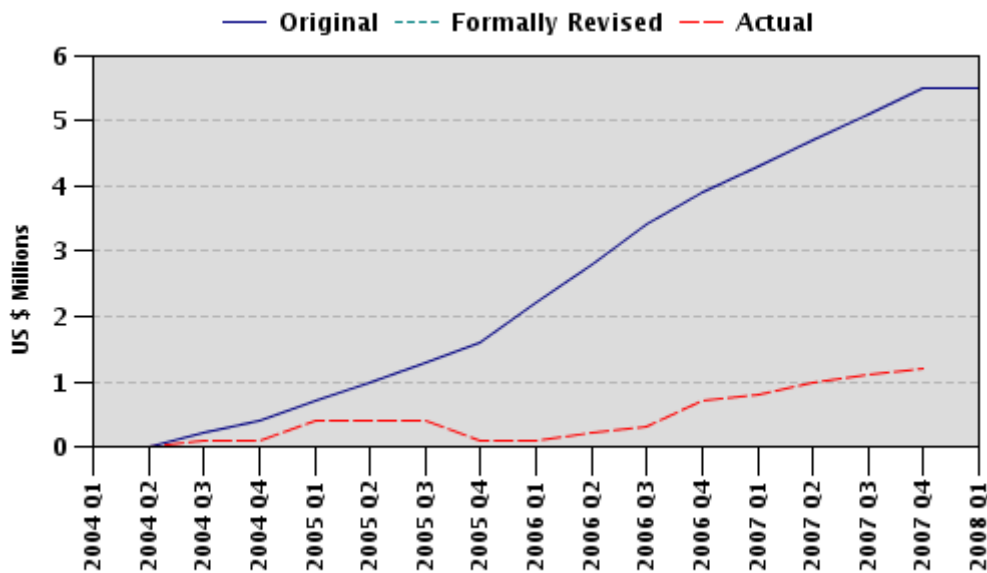
The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower in carrying out a pilot program to stimulate private sector demand for skills training development through a demand-driven and competitively-based mechanism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project set out to test a national funding and delivery mechanism. For this mechanism to be national in scale, a number of changes have been proposed that will speed up the process, scale and modes of delivery since a national mechanism will have to reach more than 200,000 firms. As a result the project is beginning to produce tangible results, as evidenced through feedback provided by the user (firms). If the mechanism is brought to scale it will succeed in having a sustainable and institutional impact.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71890	Effective	5.50	1.20	4.30	0.00



Project Name (ID): Secondary Education Enhancement Project (P050484)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 04/15/1999

Midterm Review Date : 03/05/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31940

Sector(s): Secondary education(80%), Other social services(5%), Sub-national government administration(5%), Tertiary education(5%), Central government administration(5%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Education for the knowledge economy(P), Participation and civic engagement(S), Social analysis and monitoring(S)

Project Development Objectives:

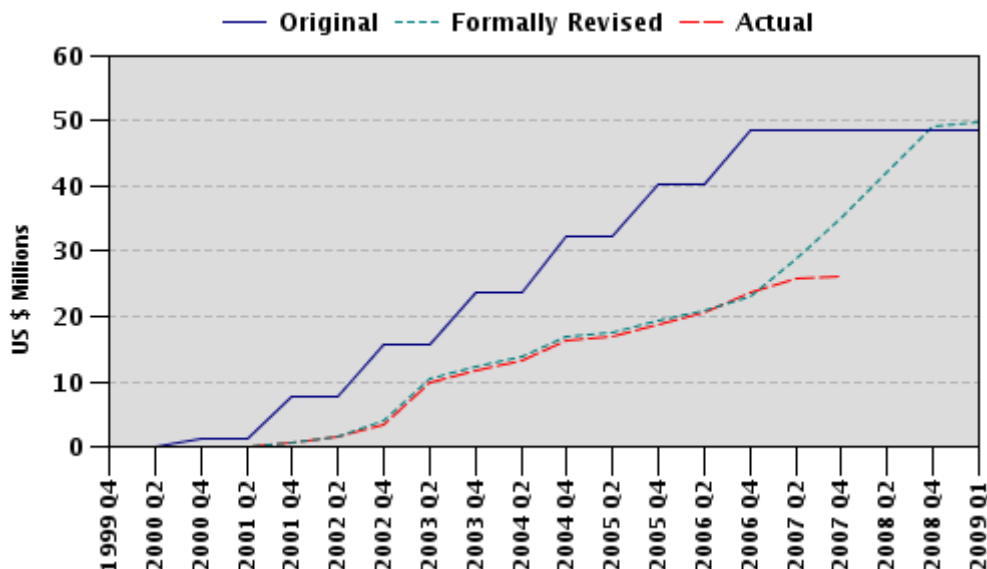
To improve the quality and opportunity in secondary education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make overall progress towards the objective. The project has achieved its quality and institutional capacity indicators, and has made considerable progress towards curriculum reform (a key element of the quality objective). However, progress towards the access objective (orienting more students towards general rather than technical secondary education) may be more limited. The proportion of students in general secondary school has risen from 30% to 39% (the project target is 50%) and the government plans to rehabilitate 200 general secondary schools to further increase access.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31940	Effective	54.26	26.20	25.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): Higher Education Enhancement Program (P056236)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 04/16/2002

Midterm Review Date : 06/18/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-46580

Sector(s): Tertiary education(49%), Law and justice(20%), Vocational training(18%),
Central government administration(13%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Law reform(S), Other financial and
private sector development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

To create conditions fundamental to improve quality and efficiency of the higher education system through legislative reform, institutional restructuring, and establishment of independent quality assurance mechanisms and monitoring systems.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

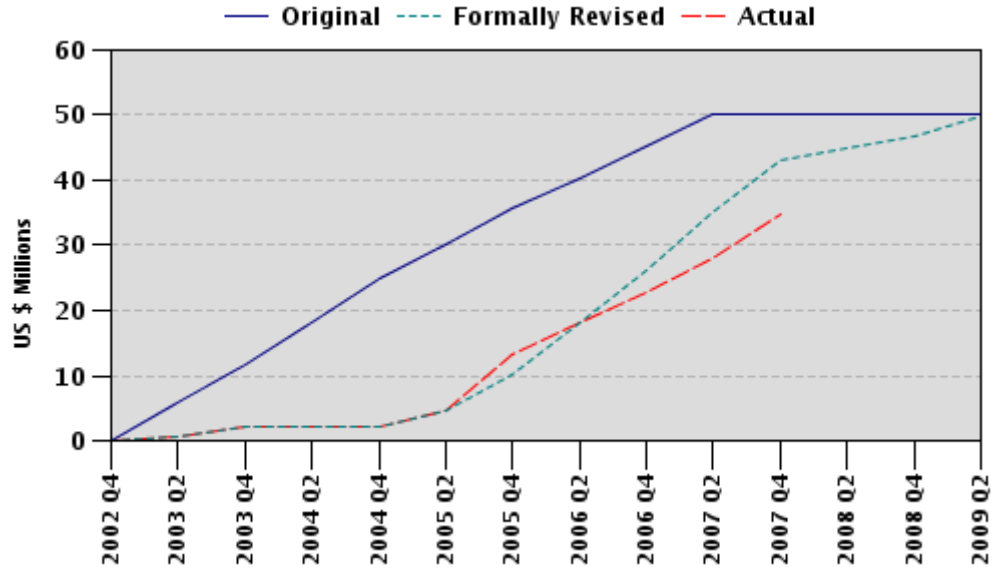
The project has contributed to institutional accomplishments that will allow the higher educational system to meet the project's objective. These include the establishment of a successful competitive grant mechanism for new university programs; the development of a quality assurance system in many faculties; the establishment of a faculty and staff training system linked to careers; a modern information and communication technology system supporting research and teaching; and a consolidated network of technical colleges. The project has surpassed almost all of its targets: To date, 159 competitive grants have been issued in 12 universities; 40,000 faculty and staff have been trained; 188 Quality Assurance projects are under implementation; over 2.7 million downloads have been registered for the digital library; and 47 middle technical institutes have been consolidated into 8 technical colleges.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46580	Effective	50.00	34.73	15.27	0.00



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Project Name (ID): SOHAG Rural Development (P040858)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 08/27/1998

Midterm Review Date : 09/25/2003

Closing Date : 04/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-31270, IFAD-4420, JPN-29555

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(42%), General public administration sector(19%), Water supply(14%), Other social services(14%), Micro- and SME finance(11%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to support the sustainable development (incomes and quality of life) of Sohag rural villages through the participatory approach initiated by the National Program for Integrated Rural Development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

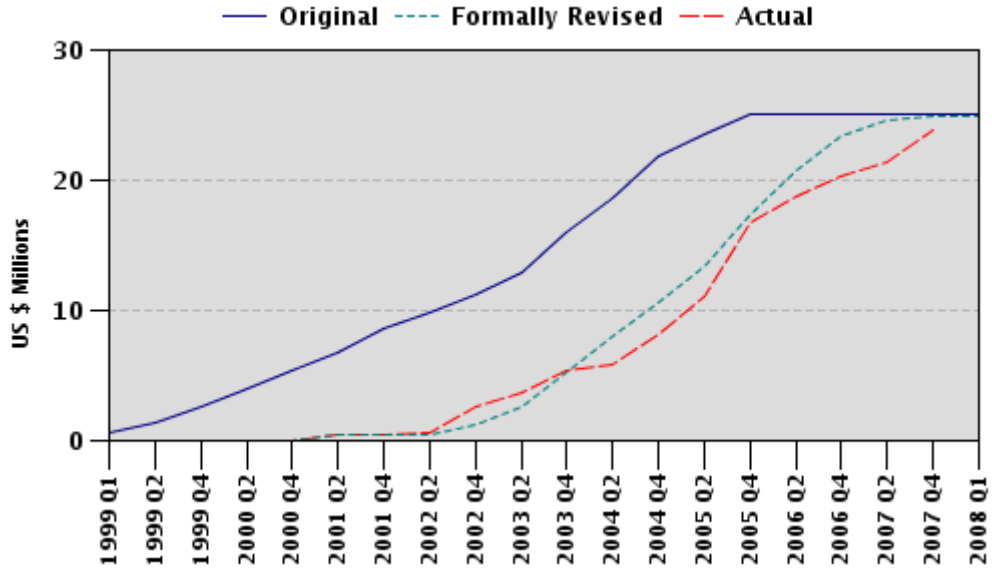
Overall the project continues to make good progress in achieving its Project Development Objective (PDO) with notable advancement in the provision of rural infrastructure and services based upon participatory identification, training and planning processes. The overall PDOs should be achieved at the closing of the project and the proceeds of the IDA Credit are expected to be fully disbursed.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31270	Effective	28.19	23.79	3.20	0.00
IFAD-4420	Effective	28.90	20.05	7.69	0.00
JPN-29555	Closed	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Pumping Station Rehab III (P041410)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 08/06/1998

Midterm Review Date : 03/24/2004

Closing Date : 08/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-43860

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(90%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Water resource management(P), Rural policies and institutions(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to improve the efficiency and reliability of delivery of irrigation water and timely evacuation of drainage water to prevent the losses in crop yields resulting from aging pumping stations on the irrigation and drainage system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After slow implementation during the first few years, good progress has been achieved during the last four years. To date, about 2 million feddans, serving about 1 million families, have been provided with adequate pumping facilities. Delivered water has dramatically increased, operation and maintenance costs were reduced by about US\$1.2 million per year, and energy consumption was reduced by about US\$1.0 million per year. In addition, all the available level of effort for training and capacity building months have been utilized.

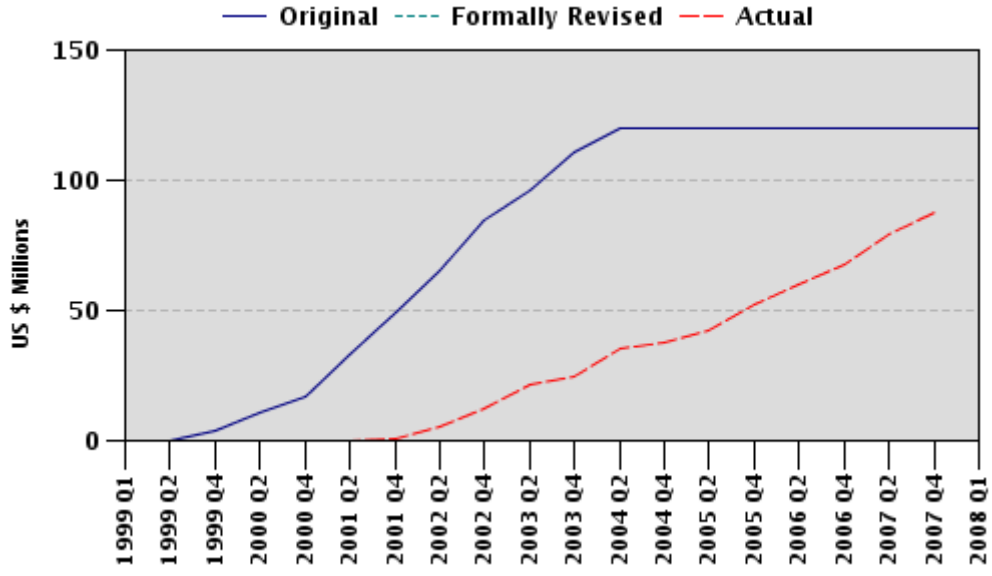
The project closing date was extended to August 31, 2007 and due to lower than expected costs, a cancellation of US\$20.00 million was undertaken in 2004. It is expected that most of the targets set at the Mid-Term Review will be met by the revised closing date, as will the project development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-43860	Effective	120.00	87.47	12.53	20.00



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Project Name (ID): Integrated Irrigation Improv. and Management. (P073977)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 05/03/2005

Closing Date : 03/31/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-26826, IBRD-72910

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(94%), Central government administration(4%), Solid waste management(1%), Sanitation(1%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Water resource management(P), Rural policies and institutions(S), Decentralization(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to assist Egypt in improving the management of irrigation and drainage in the project area to increase the efficiency of irrigated agriculture water use and services, expected to have positive impacts on water distribution quantity, quality, equity and timeliness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

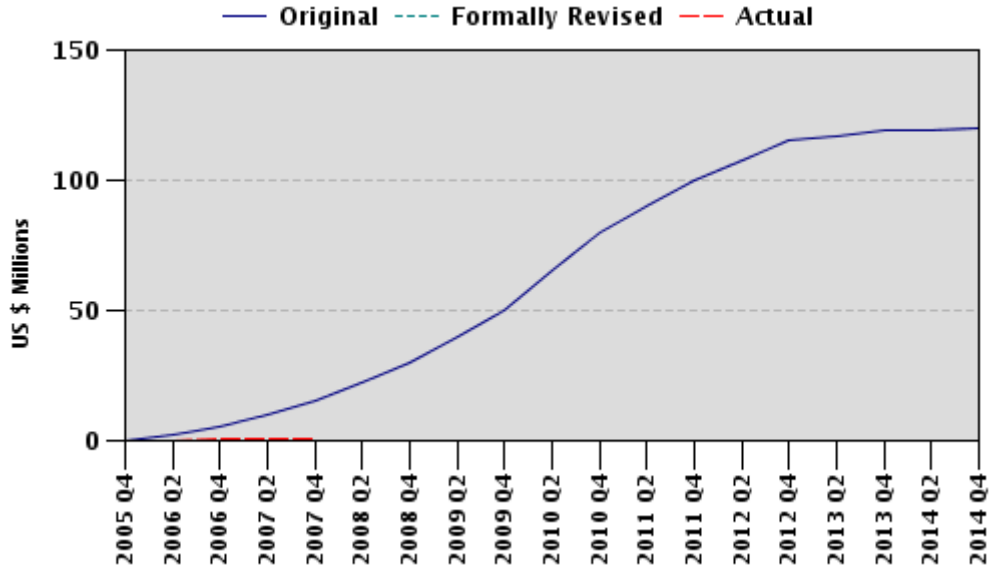
The project has been effective for over a year. It is a complex multi-agency project and involves participatory design. Despite the slow start up, during the final six months of the last fiscal year, there was substantial progress made on the managerial and institutional areas as follows: (a) the creation of farmer's water user organizations at main, secondary and tertiary levels; (b) initiation of the first batch of preliminary designs for participatory discussions with users; (c) agreements with the Ministry of Agriculture for completion of the Pilot Area; and (iv) field surveys on the Main Canals have almost been completed.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-26826	Closed	0.45	0.38	0.00	0.06
IBRD-72910	Effective	120.00	0.60	119.40	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Airports Development Project (P082914)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 03/30/2004

Midterm Review Date : 06/30/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72220

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access(P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(P), Regulation and competition policy(P)

Project Development Objectives:

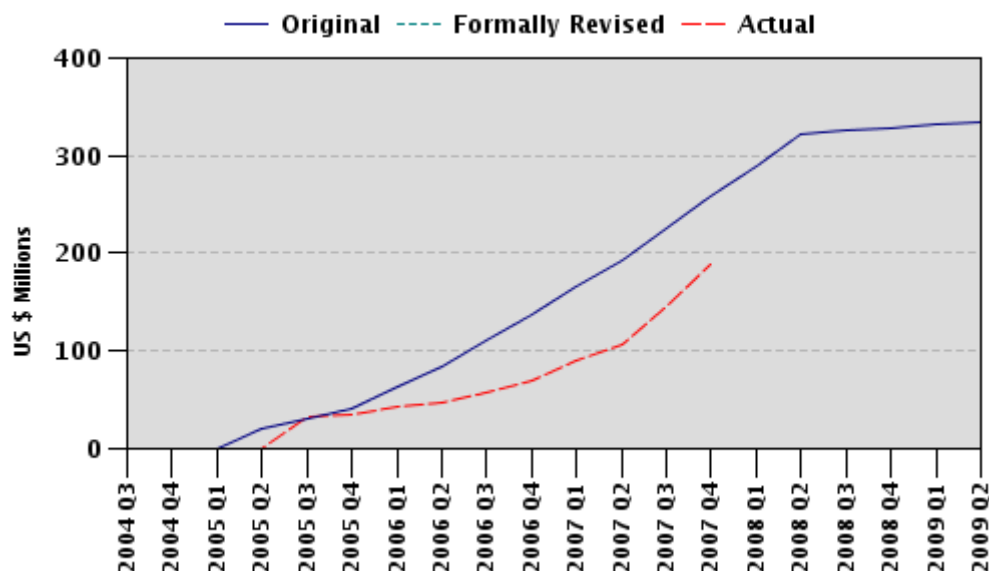
The objectives are to eliminate capacity bottlenecks to growth in airport traffic, raise the quality of services to international best practice standards at Cairo International and Sharm El Sheikh Airports, and promote private sector participation in airport management and service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Substantial progress has been made in meeting the project's development objectives. The new passenger terminal at Sharm El Sheikh Airport was opened to commercial traffic on June 11, 2007, which provided much needed additional capacity, and all technical assistance studies have been completed. Many of the key recommendations in the reports are under consideration, especially those pertaining to airport master planning and liberalizing air transport.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72220	Effective	335.00	189.00	146.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Early Childhood Education Enhancement (P082952)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 02/15/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72740

Sector(s): Pre-primary education(98%), Central government administration(2%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Gender(S), Education for the knowledge economy(S), Participation and civic engagement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

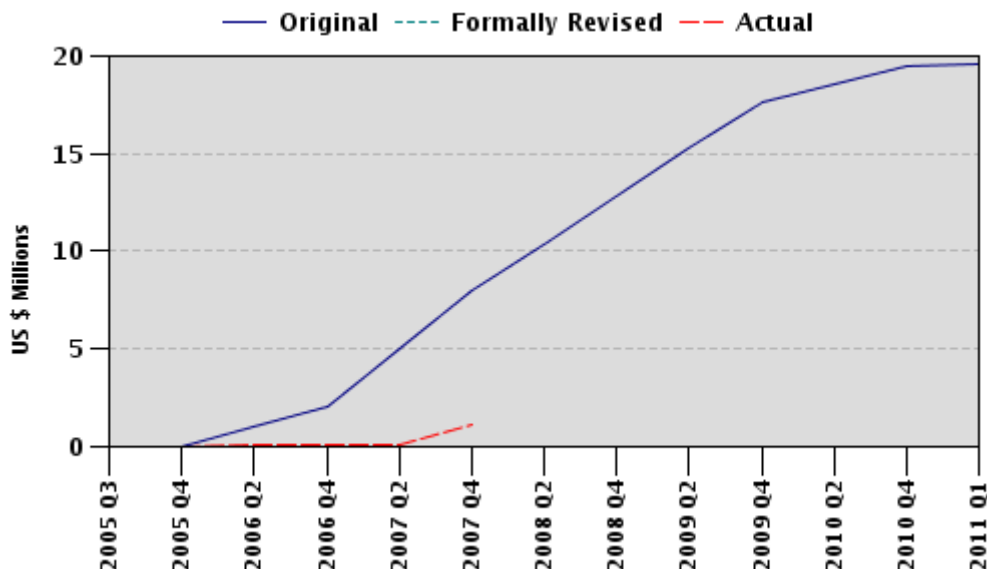
To support the Arab Republic of Egypt in providing quality early childhood education that improves the school readiness of 4 and 5 year old children, particularly the disadvantaged.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After a slow start, there has now been some implementation progress and thus movement towards achieving the project objective. A process of developing curriculum standards for kindergarten has begun; a protocol was signed between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Solidarity to begin collaborating on the upgrading of NGO-supported centers catering to kindergarten-age children; and activities have been launched which aim to improve the institutional capacity at all levels to pilot the government's ambitious program. The project is currently at an early stage of execution, and thus progress as seen through project indicators has yet to be registered.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72740	Effective	20.00	1.10	18.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): West Delta Water Conservation and Irrigation. Rehab (P087970)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 06/21/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74680

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(97%), Central government administration(2%),
General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(1%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The overall project Development Objective is to assist the Borrower in improving the livelihood and increasing the income of people in the West Delta region through (i) mitigating further environmental degradation caused by excessive drawdown of the groundwater resources; and (ii) establishing a framework for financial sustainability of irrigation infrastructure in the use of water resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on June 21, 2007 but is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74680	Not Effective	145.00	0.00	145.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Pollution Abatement Project (P090073)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 03/23/2006

Closing Date : 02/28/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73720, FINN-57016

Sector(s): Other industry(35%), Petrochemicals and fertilizers(35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(20%), Solid waste management(10%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The Project's Development Objective is to demonstrate the applicability of market-based financial/technical approaches in order to decrease pollution in selected "hot spots" in the Alexandria and Greater Cairo areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

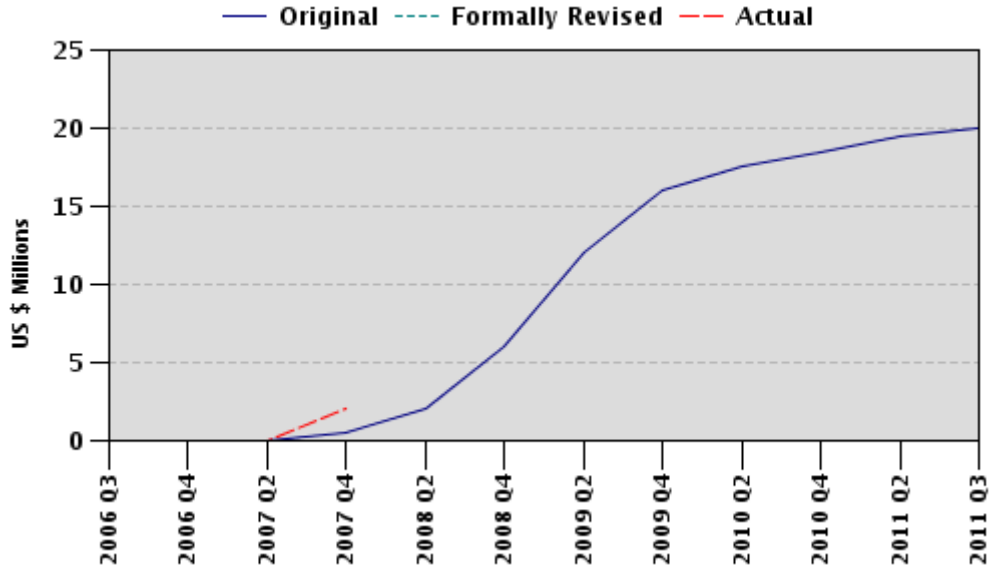
The project became effective October 12, 2006. The Co-financiers have all made their loans effective. The Project Management Unit has started the preparation of sub-projects and four projects have already been cleared for financing. The technical assistance for implementation, financed by a Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership Grant from the European Investment Bank will be on board in July 2007 which will boost implementation of the project. The Finnish trust fund attached to the project is now effective and will specifically target institutional capacity-building activities.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73720	Effective	20.00	2.00	18.00	0.00
FINN-57016	Effective	1.19	0.11	1.08	0.00



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Project Name (ID): El Tebbin Power (P091945)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 02/16/2006

Closing Date : 04/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73590

Sector(s): Power(100%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P)

Project Development Objectives:

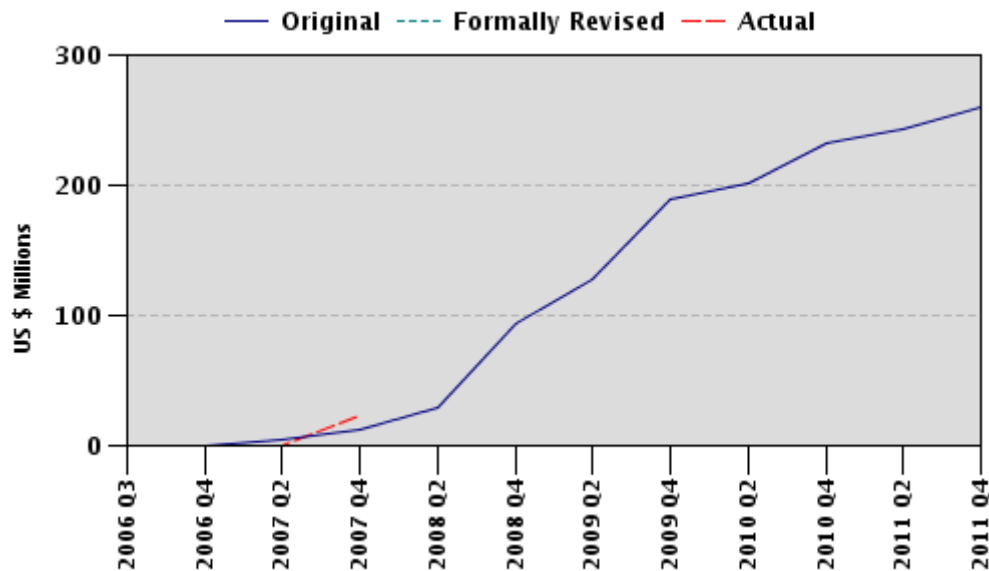
Assist the Government in enhancing the provision of energy supply through investment in new generation and strengthen sector performance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress towards meeting its development objectives. The site for the construction of the power plant has been cleared and prepared for the new plant. All major contracts have been signed and the estimated date for the reliability test of the first steam turbine generator is April 2010. Work is also underway to design time of use tariffs and a load management scheme to improve overall sector performance.

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Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73590	Effective	259.60	23.62	235.98	0.00



Project Name (ID): Mortgage Finance (P093470)

Country: Egypt, Arab Republic of

Board Approval Date : 07/06/2006

Closing Date : 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73960

Sector(s): Housing finance and real estate markets(100%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development(P), Corporate governance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objective is for primary lenders in the financial market (viz., both banks and non-bank lenders) to provide longer-term, market-based mortgage loan financing for residential housing.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

To address scarcity in reliable sources of term finance, which in turn led to low longer-term loan financing for residential loans, a new entity, the Egyptian Company for Mortgage Refinancing was created, and is preparing to start operations. More lenders (both banks and real estate finance companies) have entered housing credit production. Volume of market-based mortgage loans extended by primary lenders has grown to 1000 million, from a baseline of 300 million. Term structure of market-based mortgage lending has lengthened to 10+ years from a baseline of 7 years. The project is expected to meet its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73960	Effective	37.63	0.09	37.53	0.00

