

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: Jordan

Project Name (ID): ODS Phaseout II (P049706)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 10/06/1996

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-22004

Sector(s): Petrochemicals and fertilizers(90%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions(P), Pollution management and environmental health(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to phase out the import and use of ozone depleting substances (ODS) in the country by January 2010, with the interim steps of import freeze at 1996 levels by 2000, 50% reduction by 2005, and 85% reduction by 2007.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

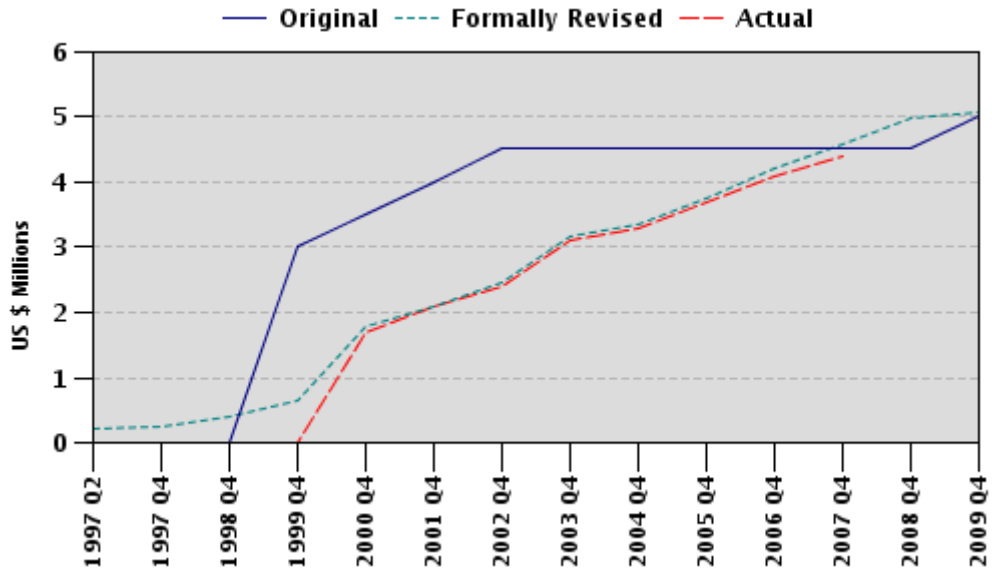
The global environmental objectives and outcomes are likely to be achieved, based on the indicators. Jordan exceeded its target to reduce the ODS importation by 50% in 2005, having reduced the importation by 85% as of April 2005, which is the target set for 2007. A number of activities currently under way will further contribute to the achievement of the global environment objective, namely: the Arab Center for Pharmaceutical and Chemicals sub-project has completed its conversion to non-ODS technology for targeted pharmaceutical products, the training program on the solvent sector is being carried out by a national center of excellence. The Mobile Air Conditioning recycling sub-project has been signed and recycling equipment is expected to be delivered in the second half of 2007. Training of technicians from the Mobile Air Conditioning servicing shops will be carried out when the recycling units are delivered. A request for funding for the National Ozone Unit for the period July 2007 to July 2009 has been submitted to the Multilateral Fund and will be recommended for approval at their July 2007 meeting.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22004	Effective	5.00	4.35	0.65	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Conservation of Medicinal/Herbal Plants (P069847)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 05/06/2003

Closing Date : 12/16/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-52299, WBTF-23719

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(100%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Other environment and natural resources management(S),
Gender(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims at designing and testing models to improve the conservation of medicinal and herbal plants and the livelihood of rural communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made progress towards achieving its development objectives with more than 70% of activities under the Project components already initiated. The Botanical Survey in the Eastern Upper Slopes of the Jordan Rift Valley was finally launched in February, 2007. The target area covers around 2,000 Km², of which around 40% has already been surveyed. A new Private Sector Cooperation Framework was formed to encourage commercial production lines of Medicinal and Herbal Plants and facilitate a contract farming system to help small farmers. A total of 10 champion farmers have been selected to work under the umbrella of the Jordan Exporters and Producers Association for Fruit and Vegetables.

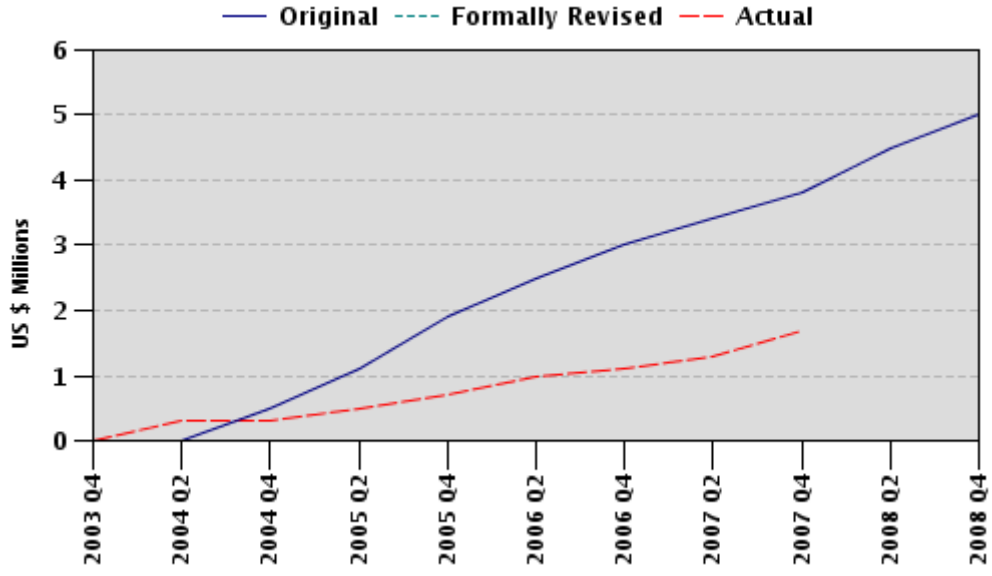
A midterm review mission is planned for November 2007, during which time the Bank and the Government will discuss a number of key issues including the need for project extension, disbursement lags and the shortcoming on counterpart funding.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-52299	Effective	5.00	1.65	3.35	0.00
WBTF-23719	Closed	0.35	0.29	0.00	0.06



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Regional and Local Development (P070958)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 12/19/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74220, JPN-53331

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(31%), General transportation sector(31%), Sub-national government administration(18%), Central government administration(11%), Banking(9%)

Theme(s): Municipal finance(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), Decentralization(S), Access to urban services and housing(S), Other urban development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

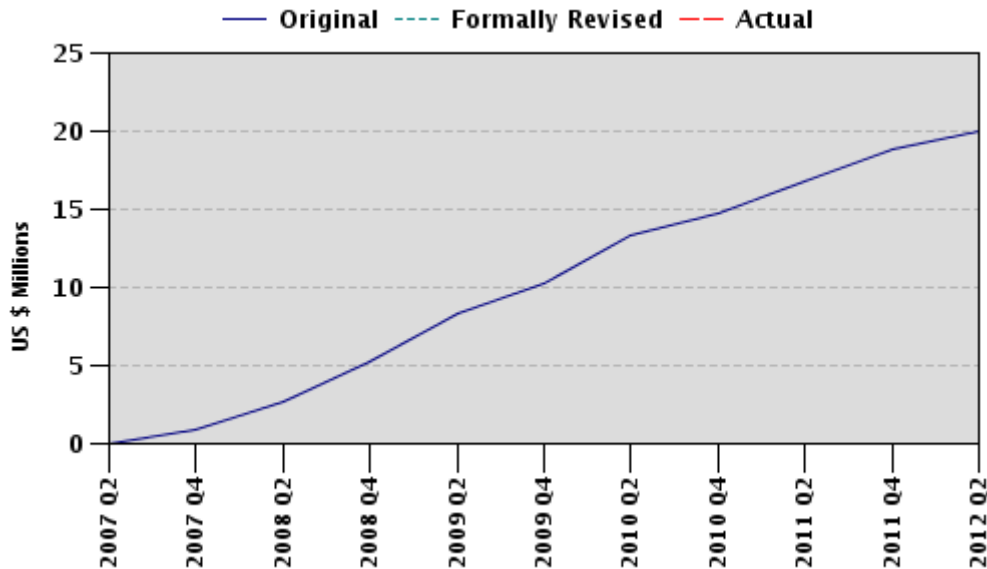
The Project Development Objective of the project is to promote regionally balanced local development, building on the role of municipalities as the lead agencies for local development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and was still too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74220	Effective	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
JPN-53331	Closed	0.52	0.51	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Integrated Ecosystems/Rift Valley (P075534)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2007

Closing Date : not yet effective

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-51187

Sector(s): Central government administration(41%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(33%), Other social services(13%), Other industry(13%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Rural non-farm income generation(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Climate change(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to apply the principles of integrated ecosystem management to the existing land use master plan of the Jordan Rift Valley and establish a network of well managed protected areas that meets local ecological, social and economic needs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on June 12, 2007. 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
WBTF-51187	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Reform for Knowledge Economy I (P075829)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 05/08/2003

Midterm Review Date : 01/16/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71700, CIDA-53276

Sector(s): Secondary education(35%), Primary education(35%), Pre-primary education(30%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Education for the knowledge economy(P)

Project Development Objectives:

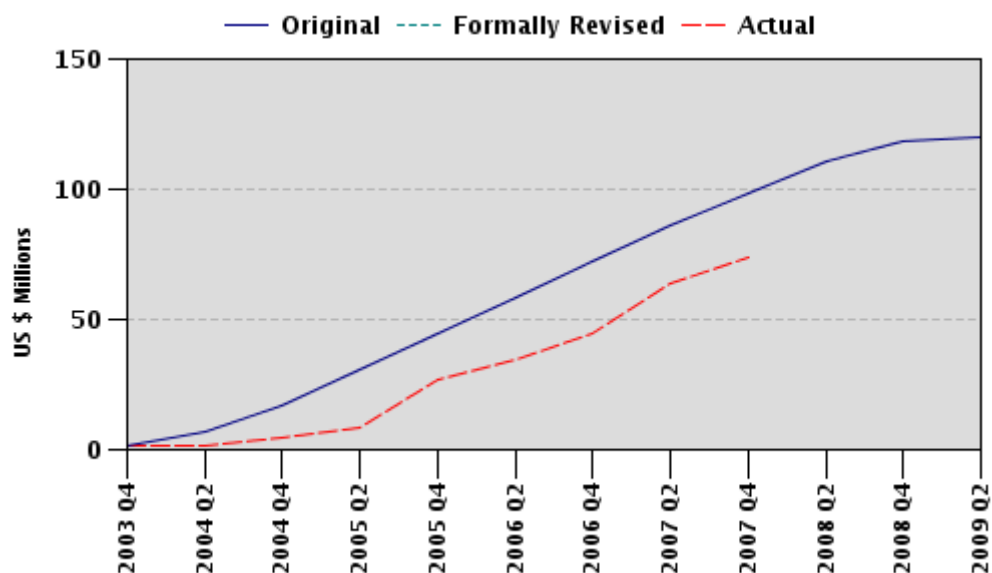
The objective is to transform the education system at the early childhood, basic, and secondary levels to produce graduates with the skills necessary for the knowledge economy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation continues on track. Some implementation challenges related to financial management capacity have been addressed, and the project is expected to complete all activities by the closing date. Accelerating progress on the monitoring and evaluation, and on institutional development activities remains a priority, but momentum in both these areas has picked up during 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71700	Effective	120.00	73.77	46.23	0.00
CIDA-53276	Effective	4.62	1.70	2.73	0.00



Project Name (ID): Horticulture Exports Promotion and Tech. Transfer (P076961)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 06/26/2002

Midterm Review Date : 06/01/2005

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-46680

Sector(s): Agricultural marketing and trade(45%), Agricultural extension and research(35%), Central government administration(20%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness(P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(S), Rural markets(S), Trade facilitation and market access(S), Technology diffusion(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government to improve horticultural export marketing by pilot testing (i) outgrower farming and (ii) the building of farmers' technical capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

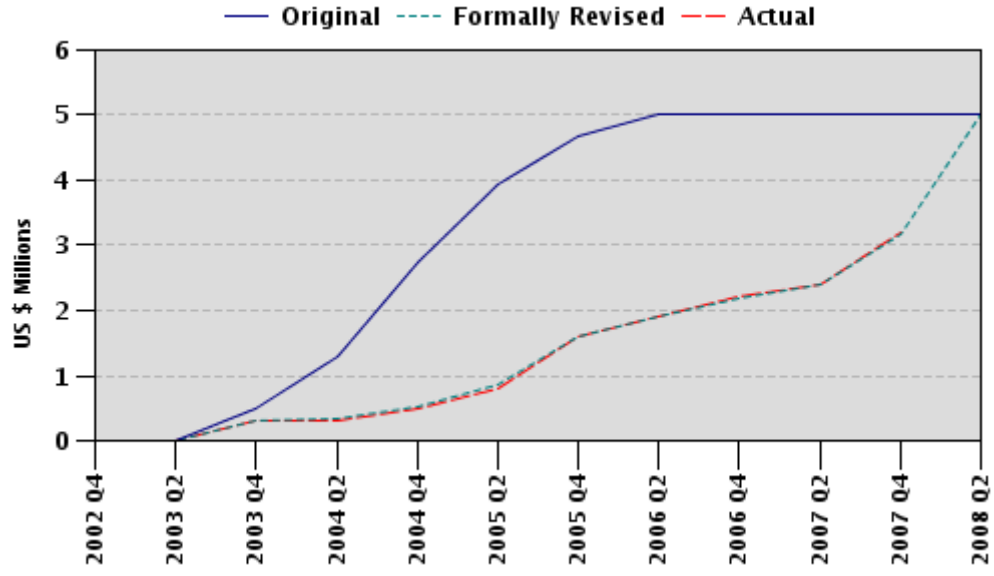
The project is due to close December 31, 2007. To date, there has been substantial progress towards meeting its developmental objectives in assisting the government to improve horticultural export marketing by pilot testing contractual arrangements between farmers and exporters and building technological capacity of farmers. Crop husbandry practices and post-harvest handling techniques are being disseminated to farmers and exporters are being exposed to the quality requirements of European markets through trade fairs, trade missions and other instruments. A new heavy metals and pesticides residue testing laboratory is now operational to assist farmers in their crop husbandry practices. Funds are being channeled to horticultural groups to improve their knowledge of foreign markets and quality requirements for melons, peppers, strawberries, dates, herbs and other products. However, a total of US\$0.6 million of project funds will not be disbursed due to scaling-down in the outgrowers scheme. Several case studies are being written on export promotion and technology transfer as part of the learning experience.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46680	Effective	5.00	3.20	1.80	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Amman Development Corridor (P081505)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date : 03/28/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72280, JPN-51885

Sector(s): Roads and highways(76%), Central government administration(16%), General transportation sector(8%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Trade facilitation and market access(P), Regional integration(S)

Project Development Objectives:

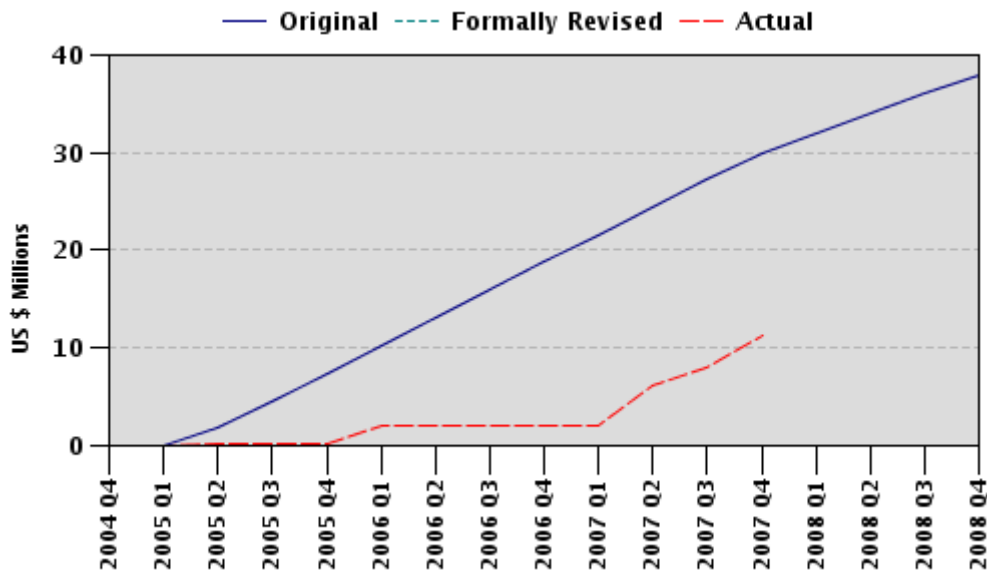
The objectives are to: (a) support more efficient transport and logistics services by removing key infrastructure transport bottlenecks; and (b) provide access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Works on Sections 2 and 3 of the Amman Ring Road (Phase 1) are under way and launch of works on Section 1 is imminent. Works on the logistics platform at Madounah location are also being carried out and arrangements are in place to ensure that development within the Corridor's area of influence will be properly monitored.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72280	Effective	38.00	11.29	26.71	0.00
JPN-51885	Closed	0.49	0.49	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID):Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Urban Development (P081823)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 01/30/2007

Closing Date : 09/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-55611, IBRD-74260

Sector(s): General transportation sector(37%), Other social services(32%), Other industry(13%), Sub-national government administration(12%), Central government administration(6%)

Theme(s): Other urban development(P), Municipal governance and institution building(S), Small and medium enterprise support(S)

Project Development Objectives:

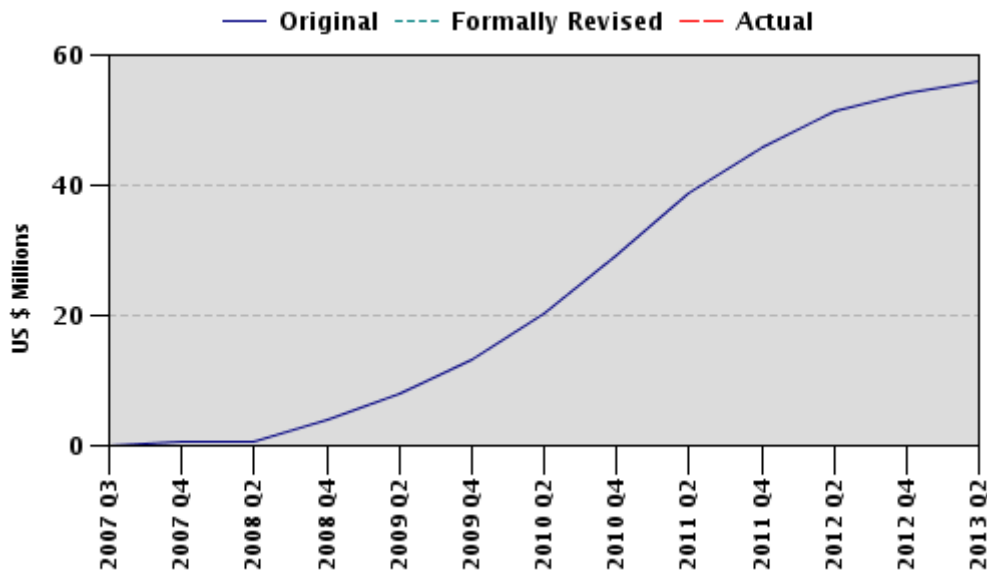
The objective is to develop Jordan's tourism industry in a sustainable long-term manner and contribute to local economic development in Jerash, Karak, Madaba, Salt and Ajloun--five historically and culturally important cities; and to consolidate the tourism industry in Petra.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and is still in too early a stage for a meaningful progress assessment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-55611	Closed	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00
IBRD-74260	Effective	56.00	0.00	56.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Sector Reform Capacity Building (P091787)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date : 03/22/2005

Closing Date : 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72790

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform(P), Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting(S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's principal goal is to support the ongoing implementation of the Government's public sector strategy by ensuring that the requisite institutional infrastructure is in place and functioning. It also seeks to support an important set of cross cutting reforms in areas ranging from policy coordination to improved financial and human resource practices. It will be deemed successful if the capacity is strengthened within the Government of Jordan so that performance monitoring, administrative reform and policy coordination functions are established and functioning well by project completion. Another indication of success is that the broader set of reforms has been implemented effectively.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Since effectiveness, this project has struggled. A restructuring request was forwarded to the Bank by the Government on September 9, 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72790	Effective	15.00	0.58	14.43	0.00

