

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: Tunisia

Project Name (ID): Ozone Depleting Substance (P005591)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/14/1994

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-21936

Sector(s): Other industry(78%), Central government administration(22%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to implement a strategy aimed at establishing an institutional and regulatory framework for decreasing the use of ozone depleting substances (ODS) and introducing, on a demonstrational basis, ODS-free technologies to the country's refrigeration, foam, and aerosol industries, thus initiating actions leading to the phase-out of ODS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

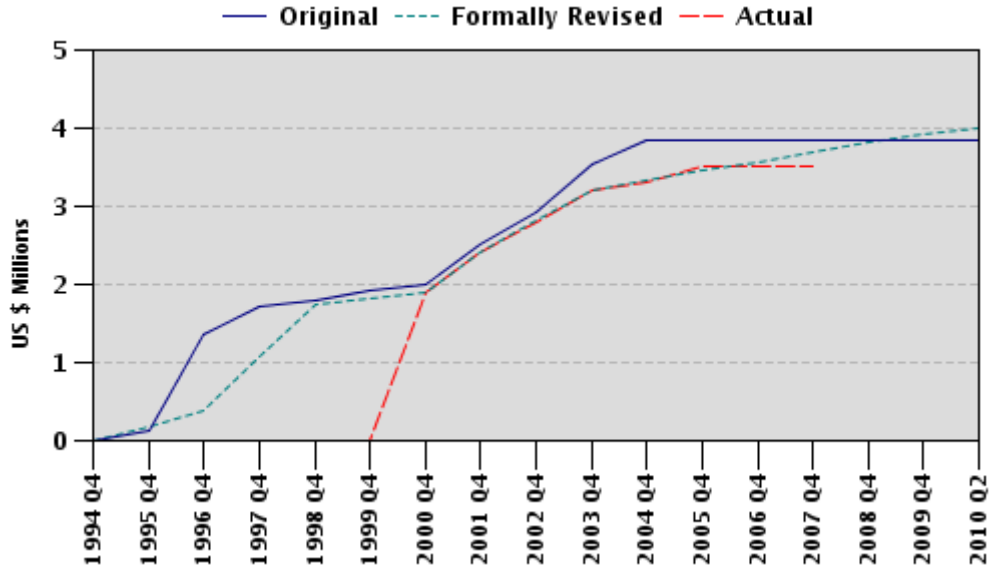
The Project achieved its global environmental objectives through 2005 as confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Montreal Protocol's Multilateral Fund (MLF) when it approved the final phase of Tunisia's ODS Phase-Out Plan (2006-2010) in July 2006. The Grant Agreement was amended and became effective at the end of March 2007 to incorporate US\$1.33 million approved by the MLF to support implementation of the plan. While it is too early to assess progress towards complete phase-out of ODS by 2010, implementation delays over the last year are reasons for concern.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-21936	Effective	5.12	3.53	1.59	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Agricultural Support Services (P005750)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/26/2001

Midterm Review Date : 05/09/2005

Closing Date : 12/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-25459, IBRD-70630

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research(65%), Agricultural marketing and trade(19%), Animal production(15%), Central government administration(1%)

Theme(s): Rural markets(P), Small and medium enterprise support(S), Rural policies and institutions(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to upgrade public and private services to agricultural producers, processors and exporters, in order for them to become more competitive in foreign and domestic markets.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

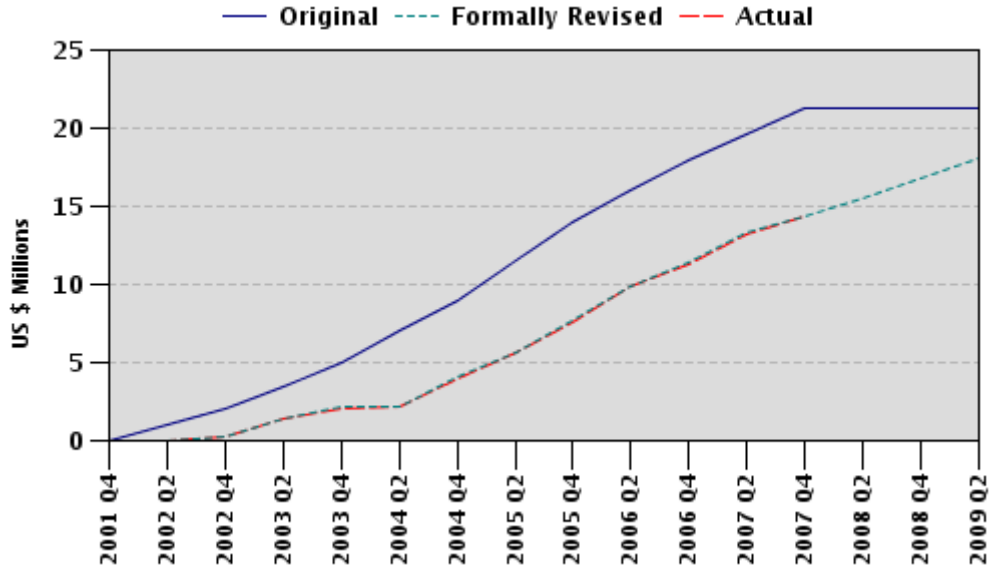
The project's closing date was extended by 18 months from June 2007 to December 2008, due to slow implementation in the project's first three years. Progress to date includes the upgrading of phytosanitary testing facilities, the establishment of quality marks and the extension of the animal disease monitoring system. Eighty-three percent of milk collection centers have now been certified, which will make it possible to fix higher prices for premium quality milk. Implementation has remained slow, however. There is concern that not all the development objectives will be met by the time of the new closing date. This is evidenced by the fact that the institutional score card shows a rate of achievement of 53% (106 points over 200) at this time. Difficulties include delays in constructing the laboratory at the Tunisian Veterinary Research Institute (IRVT), as well as the issue still pending of IRVT's autonomy. Delays in recruiting key specialized technical staff have also held up the accreditation of laboratories. New project monitoring and evaluation tools were developed in early 2007 and have been fully adopted by the Project Management Unit which enables the project to measure and summarize its progress on necessary institutional changes and to pinpoint key bottlenecks.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-25459	Closed	0.49	0.37	0.00	0.11
IBRD-70630	Effective	32.12	14.27	12.78	3.21



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Water Sector Investment Project (P035707)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/22/2000

Midterm Review Date : 12/01/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-22555, IBRD-70250

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage(69%), Water supply(26%), Central government administration(3%), Crops(2%)

Theme(s): Water resource management(P), Decentralization(P), Administrative and civil service reform(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to promote effective integrated water resources management, increase productivity of irrigated agriculture, to increase access to safe water in rural areas and to protect the environment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

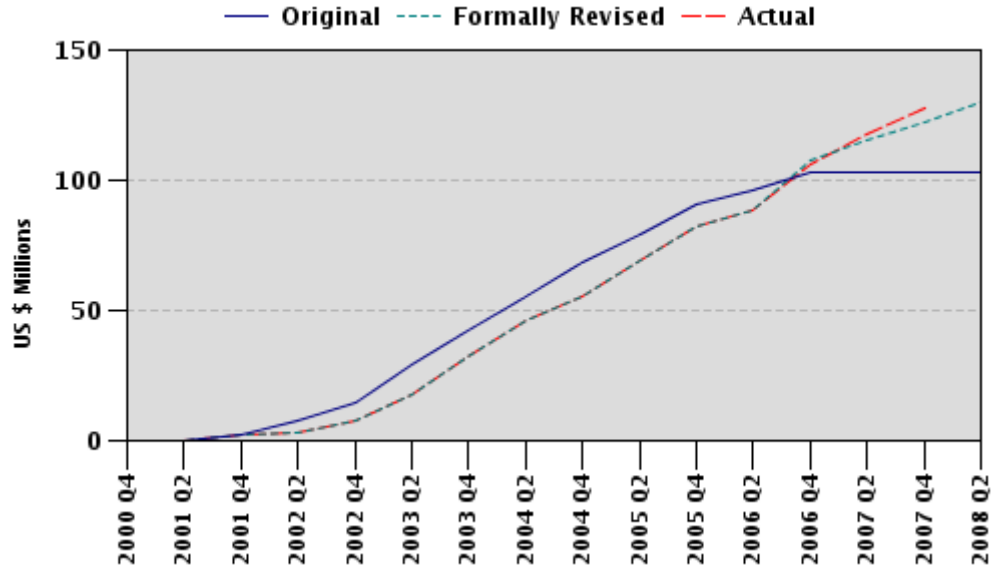
The project has completed investments in irrigation improvement, groundwater monitoring and rural water supply, which are being used by the intended beneficiaries. It has piloted new technologies, tested pricing policy options and prepared innovative monitoring tools and participatory methods that can be scaled-up or implemented in future stages of the project. It is expected to disburse fully before closing at the end of December 2007 and to meet its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-22555	Closed	0.88	0.84	0.00	0.00
IBRD-70250	Effective	151.31	127.86	3.99	0.00



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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Protected Areas Management Project (P048315)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/27/2002

Midterm Review Date : 11/27/2006

Closing Date : 08/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : EECT-21160, MULT-51308, WBTF-22384, WBTF-28357

Sector(s): Forestry(61%), Central government administration(29%), General education sector(10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Export development and competitiveness(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project's Development Objective is to improve the management and protection of selected national parks for the purposes of conserving biodiversity of global importance and contributing to the overall improvement in the welfare of local populations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

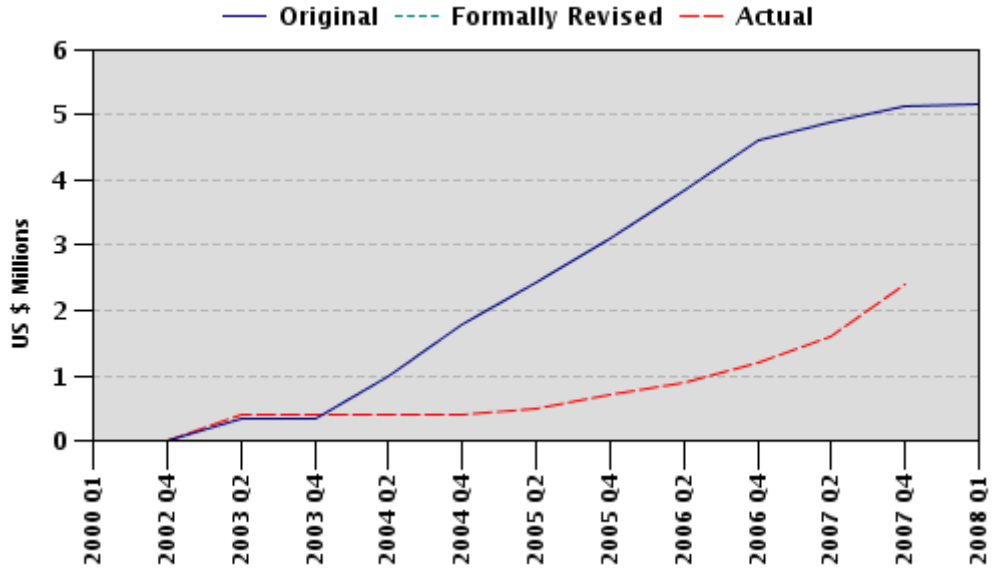
The management and protection of the three national parks has improved and first results are visible and measurable. The project's contribution to the overall welfare improvement of local populations remains to be seen although it is too early to expect significant impact.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
EECT-21160	Closed	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.00
MULT-51308	Effective	5.13	2.36	2.77	0.00
WBTF-22384	Closed	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
WBTF-28357	Closed	0.09	0.08	0.00	0.01



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Project Name (ID): Cultural Heritage (P048825)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2001

Midterm Review Date : 01/24/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-27148, ITAL-51463, IBRD-70590

Sector(s): Other social services(78%), Law and justice(12%), Other industry(9%), Central government administration(1%)

Theme(s): Law reform(P), Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Export development and competitiveness(S)

Project Development Objectives:

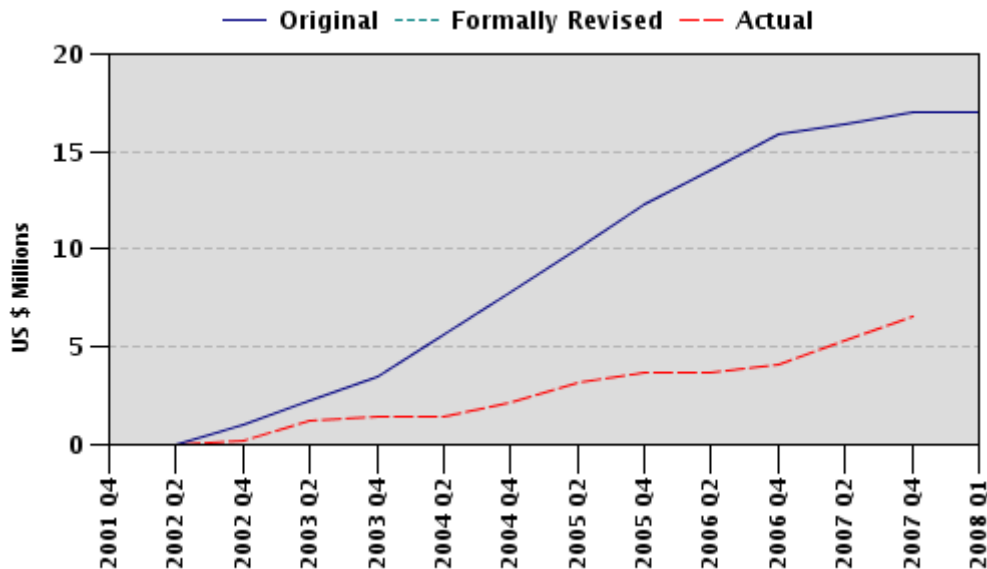
The objective is to improve the management of cultural heritage in order to develop cultural tourism and generate additional revenues.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project closing date has been extended for three years in order to allow enough time for completion of the renovation/extension works planned at the Bardo Museum. Works are progressing well on the Djerba, Sousse, and Kairouan sites. The three-year extension will provide an opportunity to strengthen the legal and institutional framework and further enhance communication and promotion of the national heritage.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-27148	Closed	0.45	0.42	0.00	0.04
ITAL-51463	Closed	0.33	0.30	0.00	0.02
IBRD-70590	Effective	25.92	6.60	18.52	0.00



Project Name (ID): Transport Sector Investment (P064082)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 04/19/2001

Midterm Review Date : 01/10/2004

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-70510

Sector(s): General transportation sector(52%), Railways(30%), Sub-national government administration(15%), Central government administration(3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the program are to increase the efficiency and quality of transport services and reduce the financial burden of the transport sector on the Government's budget.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Transport Law approved in 2004 has set the framework for the institutional and financial reform of the urban transport sector. However key regulations are yet to be issued while urban transport companies cannot break even until public services obligations are fully compensated.

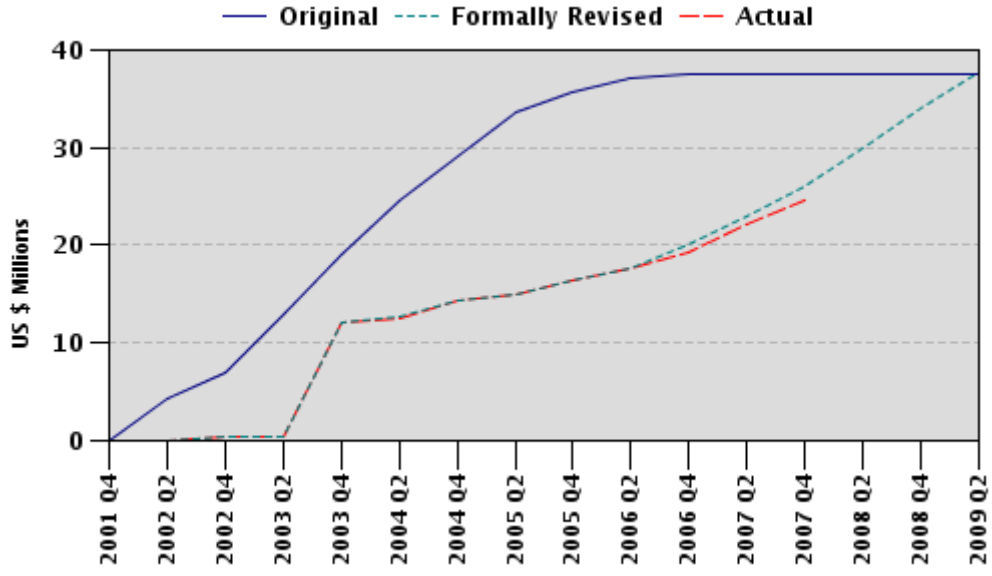
The Sfax and Sousse bus companies are reaping benefits expected from the new bus depots. Ongoing investments on the phosphate network and the new Tunis bus depot should be completed by the loan closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70510	Effective	55.34	24.67	26.68	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Urban Water Supply (P064836)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 11/17/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73390, JPN-25853, JPN-29347

Sector(s): Water supply(90%), Central government administration(10%)

Theme(s): Water resource management(P), Access to urban services and housing(P), Regulation and competition policy(S), Other financial and private sector development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The key development objective is to sustain the reliability and quality of water service in Greater Tunis and selected urban centers, through increased capacity, upgrade and renewal of water supply infrastructure. In addition, the project aims to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (operations, through modernization of management practices and information systems, for better cost control, enhanced revenue and more responsive customer service

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

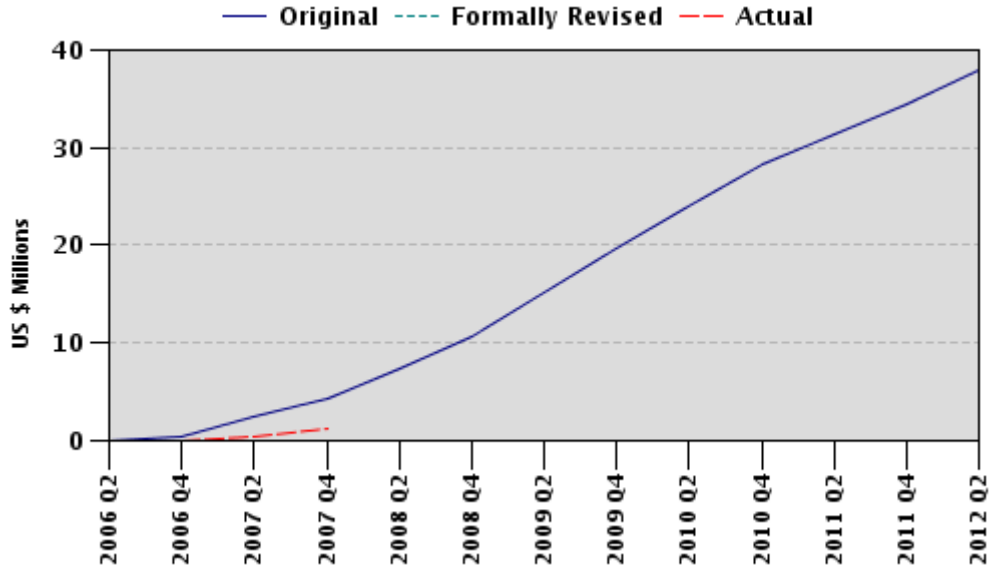
The project has been effective for approximately one year and continues to make progress towards the development of its objectives, albeit with initial delays. The agreement between Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux and Office Nationale de l'Assainissement to implement a common management information system has been signed and is ongoing.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73390	Effective	41.84	1.21	40.58	0.00
JPN-25853	Closed	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.26
JPN-29347	Closed	0.41	0.34	0.00	0.10



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Project Name (ID): GEF: Gulf of Gabes (P069460)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 03/10/2005

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-22968, MULT-54942

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(50%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(30%), General public administration sector(20%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Environmental policies and institutions(S), Water resource management(S), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objective is to establish an integrated and participatory management system for biodiversity protection in the Gulf of Gabes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

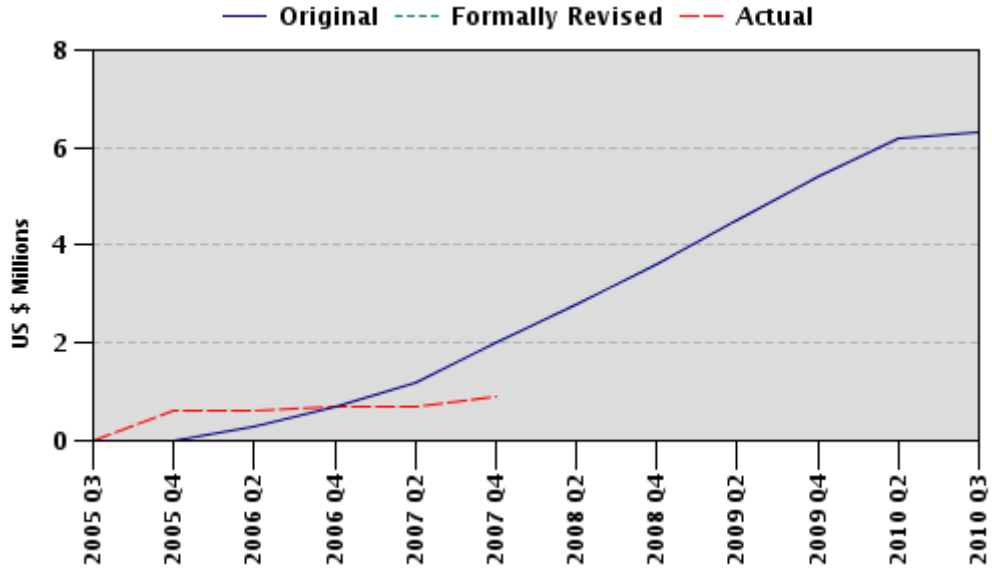
The project is implemented by four agencies. A project unit in the town of Gabes is fully operational. The preparation of four biodiversity management plans (for the Lagunas of Bou Ghrara and El Bibane and the Islands of Knesiss and Kerkennah) is under way. Tools to raise awareness about biodiversity protection (brochures, posters, etc.), have been prepared and widely distributed in Gabes. More than sixteen training courses (on management of marine biodiversity, economics of biodiversity, etc.) have been delivered in Tunis, Sfax and Gabes.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-22968	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00
MULT-54942	Effective	6.31	0.92	5.39	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Export Development II (P071115)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2004

Closing Date : 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-51356, IBRD-72390

Sector(s): Central government administration(30%), General industry and trade sector(30%), Other industry(20%), Agro-industry(15%), Micro- and SME finance(5%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness(P), Small and medium enterprise support(S), Trade facilitation and market access(S), Other public sector governance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve access to export markets and finance, and (b) enhance the efficiency of trade logistics.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

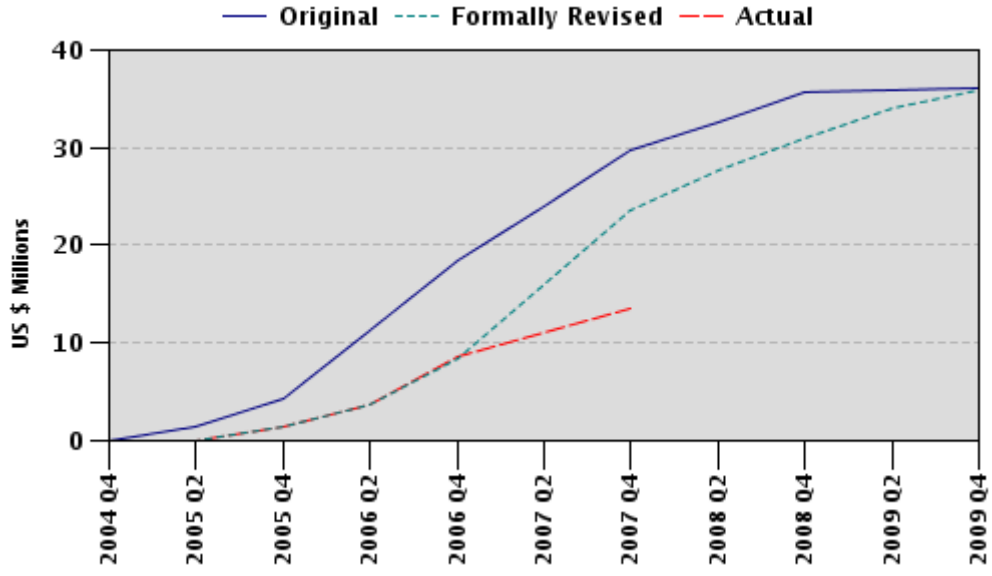
The project is moving steadily towards meeting its development objectives. The institutional development of the project has been significant. The Market Access Fund has already met its performance indicators, set initially to be achieved by project closing, and an Additional financing Loan has been approved by the World Bank Board to accommodate increased demand for the Fund. The scheme is also creating a private market for export promotion services away from public-sector provision. The clearance time for movement of goods that require inspection has reduced to less than half a day by June 2007, down from the baseline of 2 days as measured in 2004. For goods that do not require inspections, clearance time has been reduced to around 4 hours. In 2004, clearance time for such goods was approximately 11 days. Number of applications for clearance received electronically by the Directorate of Quality and Consumer Protection was 99.3% in mid-2007. This is a considerable increase, as in 2004, electronic applications were negligible.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-51356	Closed	0.50	0.14	0.00	0.35
IBRD-72390	Effective	40.90	13.63	26.04	0.18



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Project Name (ID): NW Mountainous and Forested Areas Development (P072317)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 10/31/2002

Closing Date : 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71510, JPN-26699

Sector(s): Roads and highways(35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(30%), Agricultural extension and research(20%), Crops(15%)

Theme(s): Other rural development(P), Rural markets(P), Rural non-farm income generation(P), Land administration and management(P), Participation and civic engagement(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to increase household incomes and enhance the socioeconomic conditions of the rural populations in the mountainous and forested areas of Northwest Tunisia, while ensuring sustainable management of the natural resources through the improvement and diversification of the agricultural and pastoral production systems and the promotion of off-farm income-generating activities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

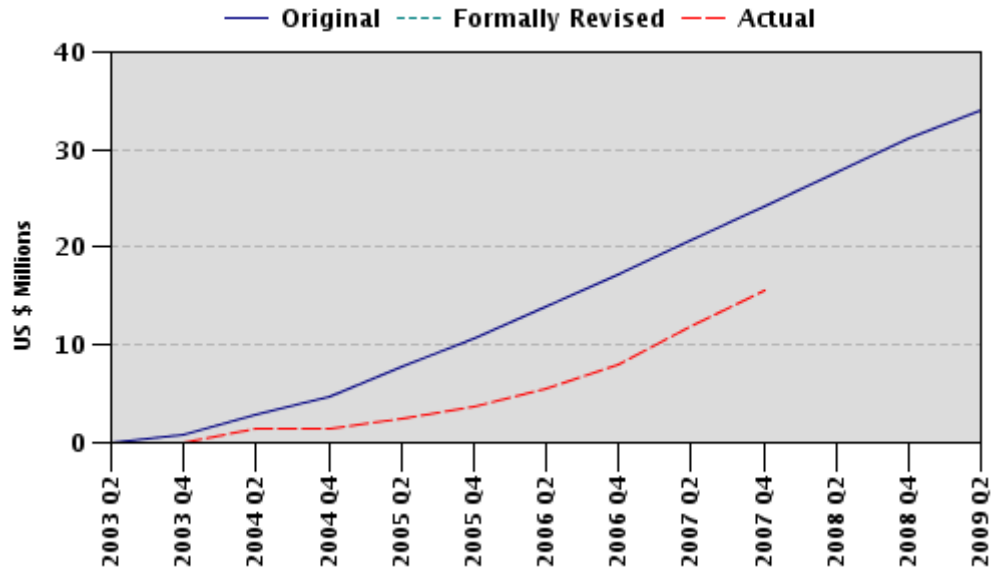
Community Development Plans (101) were prepared and approved and are currently under implementation. The implementing agency succeeded in promoting the design and implementation of a rural community development program in one of the most disadvantaged and isolated regions of Tunisia using an integrated and participatory approach. Activities/investments funded under the project are having a very positive socioeconomic impact. All local partners and authorities adhere to the project's approach (comprehensive, integrated package with beneficiary participation). Given the actual performance and pace of implementation, the project is expected to fully reach the targeted objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71510	Effective	46.84	15.62	30.09	0.00
JPN-26699	Closed	0.45	0.44	0.00	0.01



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Project Name (ID): Municipal Development III (P074398)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 12/05/2002

Midterm Review Date : 04/08/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-71540, JPN-26823

Sector(s): Roads and highways(30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(30%), Sub-national government administration(25%), Other social services(15%)

Theme(s): Municipal finance(P), Municipal governance and institution building(P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (i) strengthen the institutional environment for the delivery of municipal basic services and infrastructure; and (b) increase the institutional capacity of both local governments and related central agencies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to support the implementation of the municipal investment program (PIC) under the Tenth Plan (2003-2007). Improved institutional capacity to deliver municipal services and infrastructure has been created within local governments and sector agencies. Municipalities are making efficient capital investments provided by the “Caisse des Prêts et de Soutien des Collectivités Locales” (i.e. CPSCL). The project has introduced a culture of financial discipline into the sector management and has raised the awareness to the issue of the creditworthiness of Tunisian municipalities.

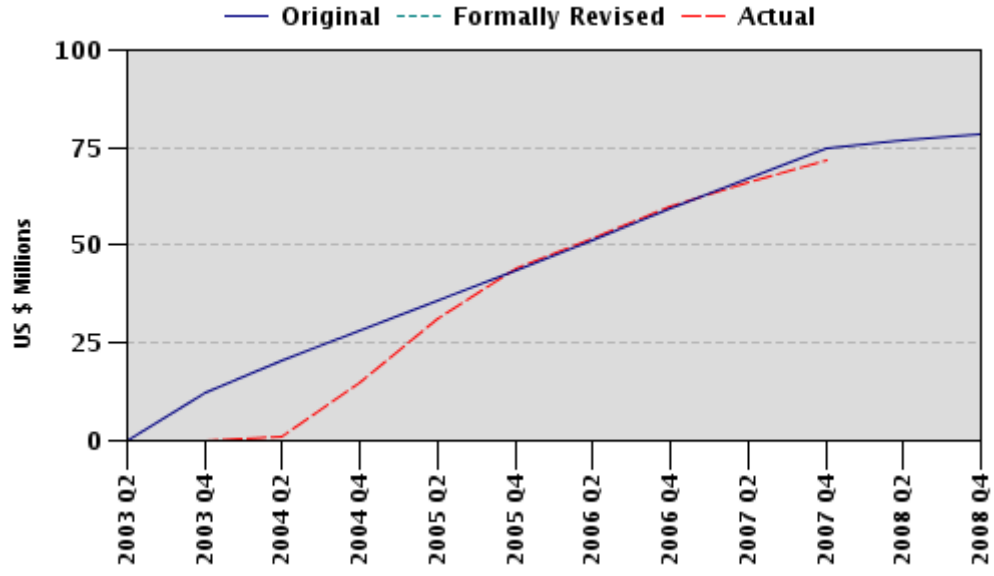
Delay in restructuring the CPSCL is mainly due to the difficult financial situation of various municipalities, notably Tunis which holds 43% of the CPSCL's non-performing loans. This is seriously limiting the ability of the CPSCL to access the financial markets and to transform itself into a limited liability financial institution. However, a road map for the short- and medium-term financial restructuring of the municipality of Tunis has been launched under the project. Also, the process of financial restructuring of municipalities in financial difficulties has been further strengthened through the recruitment, by the Borrower, of an experienced team for monitoring this process.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71540	Effective	108.11	71.70	31.04	0.00
JPN-26823	Closed	0.40	0.31	0.00	0.09



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Project Name (ID): Higher Education Reform Support II (P075809)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 06/15/2006

Closing Date : 11/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-52425, IBRD-73920

Sector(s): Tertiary education(55%), Central government administration(45%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy(P), Administrative and civil service reform(S), Decentralization(S), Law reform(S), Improving labor markets(S)

Project Development Objectives:

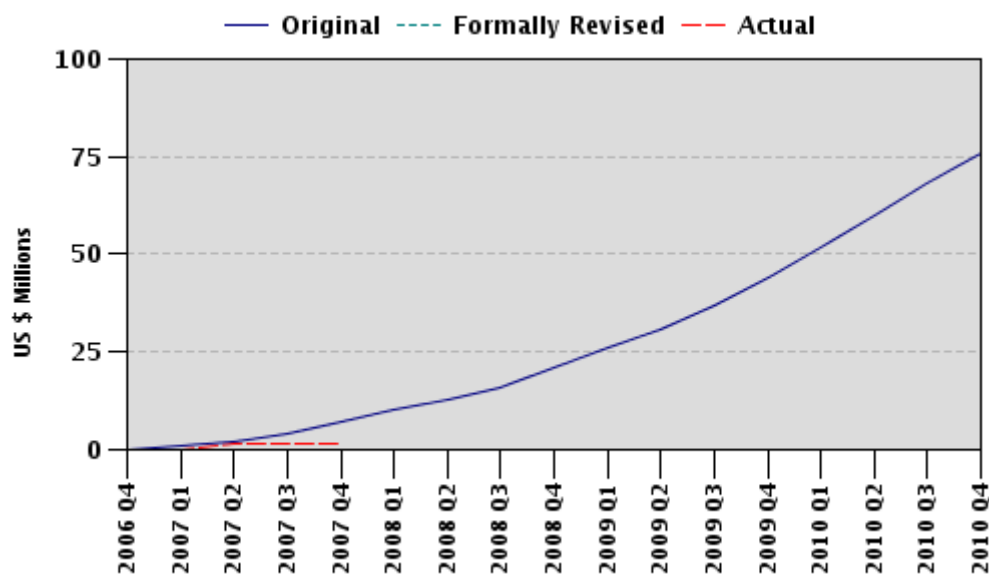
The development objective is to support the implementation of the Government's program to develop the higher education system by increasing the capacity and efficiency in expanding access and improving the quality of education and institutional performance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and implementation had just begun. There was commendable progress in getting the competitive fund operational; the first set of subprojects was awarded in February 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-52425	Closed	0.48	0.05	0.00	0.43
IBRD-73920	Effective	82.74	1.33	81.39	0.00



Project Name (ID): Energy Efficiency Program/Industrial (P078131)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 11/04/2004

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-54398

Sector(s): District heating and energy efficiency services(65%), General industry and trade sector(29%), Banking(6%)

Theme(s): Climate change(P), Other financial and private sector development(P)

Project Development Objectives:

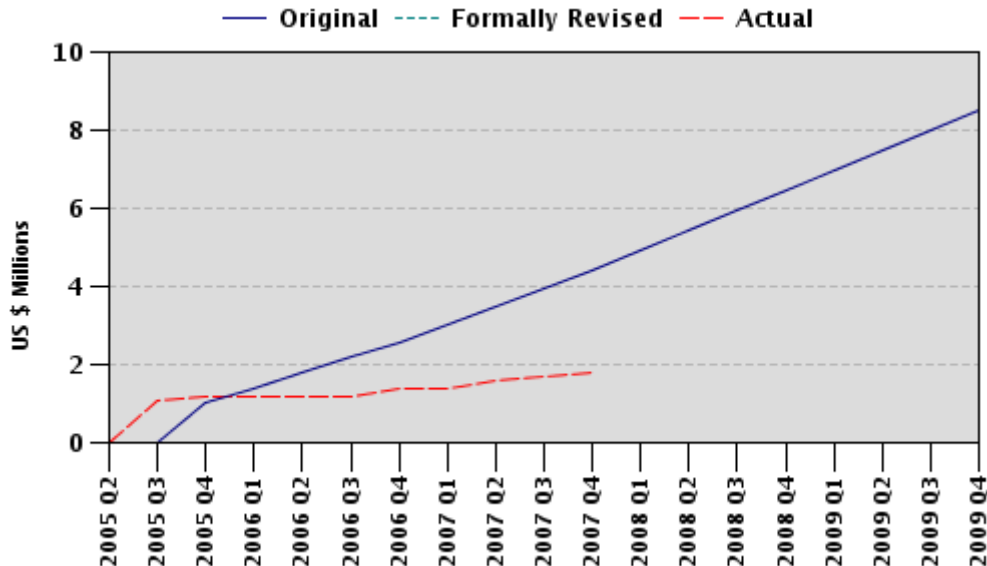
The Project Development Objective is to achieve a deeper penetration of sustainable commercial energy-efficiency investment activities in Tunisia's industrial sector by removing barriers and lowering transaction costs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The level of achievement of project objective is good. However the implementation of Component 2 related to the guarantee to commercial borrowing by energy service companies is lagging behind. This component may be restructured during the Mid-term Review planned for October 2007 to introduce a more efficient incentive mechanism.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54398	Effective	8.50	1.76	6.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education PAQSET II (P082999)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 03/08/2004

Midterm Review Date : 10/10/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72200

Sector(s): Secondary education(40%), Primary education(40%), Central government administration(12%), Sub-national government administration(8%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to promote excellence in teaching and learning through the school sector while continuing the push for equity by ensuring the inclusion of all children at all levels of the basic education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

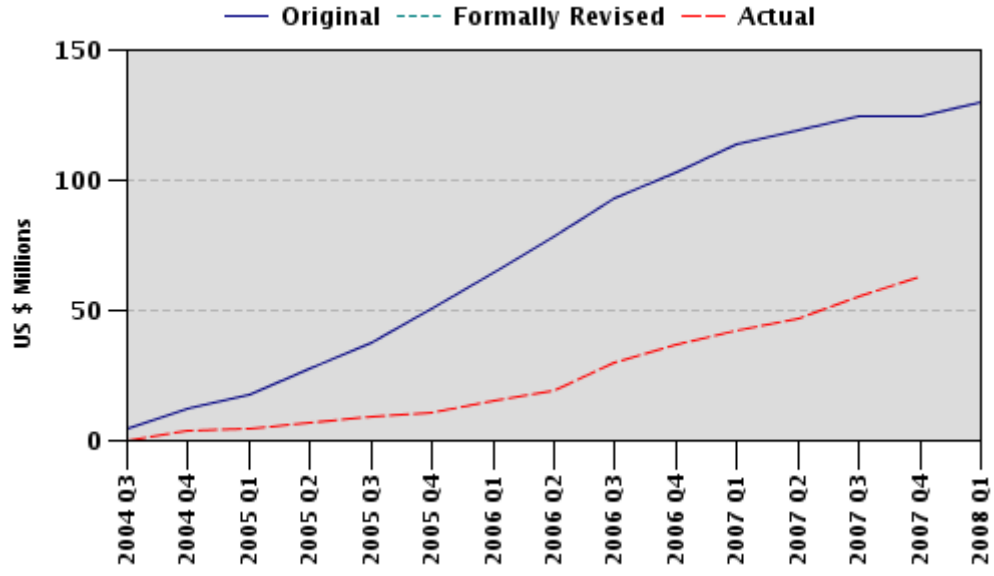
The project continues to make progress towards reaching its objectives. The enrollment rates for primary and secondary have increased from 97% to 97.3% for primary, and from 75.4% to 76% in secondary. Completion rates have increased from 79.4% to 86% in primary, from 53.4% to 60% in lower secondary, and a small decrease is observed in upper secondary from 58.4% to 55.2%. Regarding equity, the project is (i) providing support to the schools identified as low performing (616 "priority schools program" schools); (ii) established 1033 new kindergarten classes in disadvantaged areas; and (iii) has provided support to integrate disabled children into mainstream schools.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72200	Effective	140.91	63.00	73.45	0.00



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Project Name (ID): ICT Sector Development Project (P088929)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 07/01/2004

Midterm Review Date : 01/15/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-72440

Sector(s): Central government administration(45%), Telecommunications(40%), Law and justice(10%), General education sector(5%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Regulation and competition policy(P), Education for the knowledge economy(S), Other social development(S), Access to law and justice(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Sector Development Project Development Objective is to assist Tunisia in promoting the development of its ICT sector by: (a) supporting ICT institutional and sector reforms; (b) improving its e-security mechanisms; (c) developing e-government applications; and (d) promoting the participation of the private sector in the ICT sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

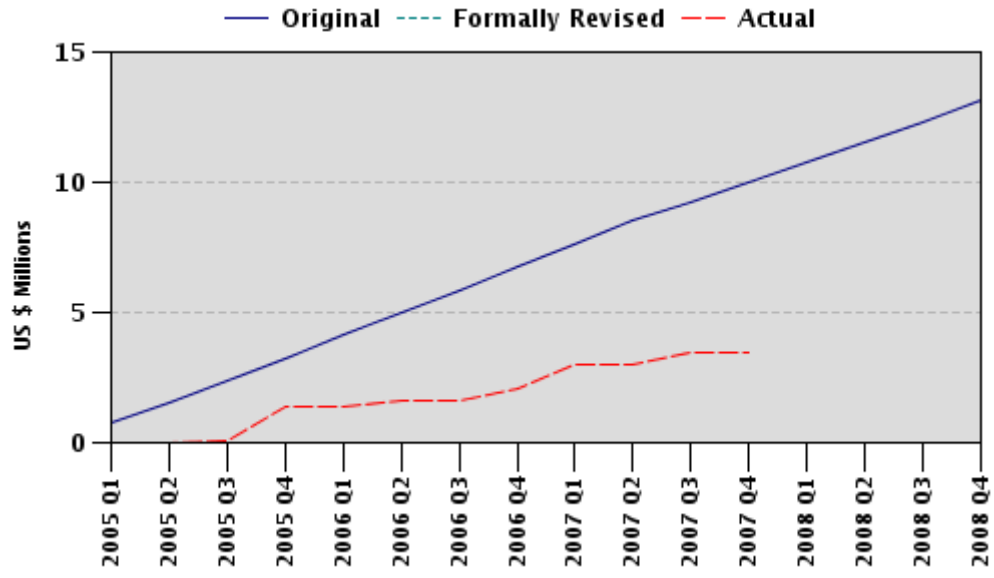
The project is contributing in the development of the ICT sector by supporting strategic and policy choices in telecommunications reform. The government has announced further liberalization in fixed and mobile telecommunications segments and is formulating a comprehensive and modern e-Government strategy. ESecurity activities are well advanced with the national entity responsible for eSecurity being nominated for membership by the relevant international body, the first African nation to be so considered. EGovernment applications in the justice, disabled and culture sector have advanced and are showing that eGovernment can have a strong impact in the improvement of the delivery of public services, and in the integration of less advantaged groups of the population. Over 10,000 disabled children will benefit from the specific IT services and equipment procured under the project. The impact of this project component on enhancing the performance at school of disabled children is high.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72440	Effective	14.58	3.48	10.82	0.07



Status of Projects in Execution - FY07
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION



Project Name (ID): Sustainable Solid Waste Management (P095012)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 03/13/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-74320

Sector(s): Solid waste management(78%), Central government administration(17%), Sub-national government administration(4%), Other social services(1%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Other urban development(P), Climate change(S), Environmental policies and institutions(S), Other human development(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective of the Project is to assist the Tunisian Government in strengthening the key elements of sustainability of municipal solid waste management. The project will also enable the Tunisian Government to enter the emerging global market of carbon credits through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) introduced under the Kyoto Protocol.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on March 13 2007 and is not yet effective. However, the likelihood of achieving its development objectives is quite high. The client has shown great commitment, at both the implementation level and the highest political level. The Executing Agency has a competent and dedicated staff, and the level of preparedness with respect to fiduciary aspects is appropriate to launch the project activities.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74320	Not Effective	22.68	0.00	22.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): Tunis West Sewerage (P099811)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date : 07/06/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IBRD-73970

Sector(s): Sewerage(100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The key development objective is to improve the quality of sanitation services in Greater Tunis and to promote the use of treated wastewater in irrigation on a sustainable basis and in significant quantities, given the severity of water scarcity in Tunisia.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been slower than expected due to complexities and delays in assessing the technical conformity of major project components. Although the project has been effective since November 17, 2006, most project components, including the El Attar wastewater treatment plant package which represents about 50% of the project, are scheduled to begin implementation in the Fall of 2007, including the technical assistance contract needed for implementation. It is expected that the project will meet its development goals.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73970	Effective	72.75	0.17	72.57	0.00

