

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
SOPE
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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: Bhutan

Project Name (ID): Private Sector Development (P073458)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 06/20/2007

Closing Date : 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H3070

Sector(s): Information technology(35%), General education sector(25%), General industry and trade sector(15%), Central government administration(13%), General finance sector(12%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to increase productive employment in Bhutan through promotion of enterprise development in the Information Technology (IT) and IT enabled Services Sector, enhanced IT skills, and improved access to finance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project had just become 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
IDA-H3070	Effective	8.03	0.00	8.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Development Project (P074114)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 08/21/2003

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-38200, JPN-26873

Sector(s): Secondary education(60%), Primary education(20%), Central government administration(15%), Tertiary education(4%), Other industry(1%)

Theme(s): Education for all(P), Education for the knowledge economy(P), Rural services and infrastructure(S)

Project Development Objectives:

Support Bhutan's five-year education development program to expand access to primary and secondary education, and improve educational quality at all levels.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making reasonable progress toward achieving its development objectives, especially with the school building program in its third cycle. Seventeen of 29 schools are completed or under construction. The project has strong client ownership and coordination improved during this reporting period.

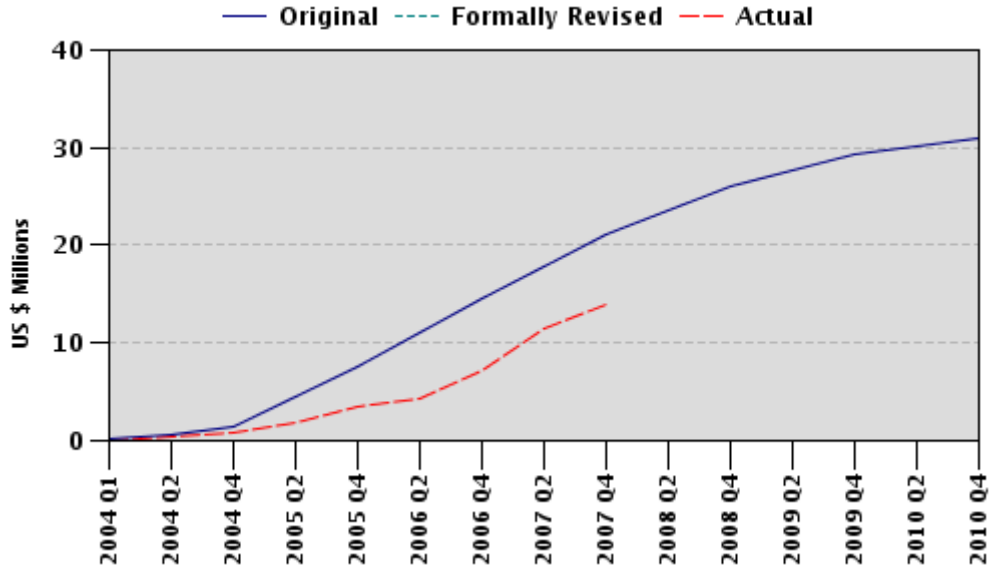
The project is also making reasonable progress across components with: (i) 200 youth trained in light gauge steel frame (LGSF) assembly which brings the project closer to achieving objectives of increasing the number of skilled and experienced youth entering employment; (ii) the rapid completion of new schools, indicating that, as planned, LGSF technology is showing to be faster for school construction than traditional methods; (iii) inputs to improve education quality are being satisfactorily implemented toward achieving long-term benefit; and (iv) an initial assessment carried out at the time of the mid-term review shows that the human resource development program is yielding benefits of external training and that post-training staffing is consistent with training received.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38200	Effective	33.34	14.01	19.02	0.00
JPN-26873	Closed	0.39	0.38	0.00	0.01



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SOUTH ASIA REGION



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention and Control (P083169)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date : 11/14/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H1030

Sector(s): Health(45%), Central government administration(40%), Other social services(15%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS(P), Other communicable diseases(P), Population and reproductive health(S), Health system performance(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to reduce the risk of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections in the general population, in particular among groups with high risk sexual behavior.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

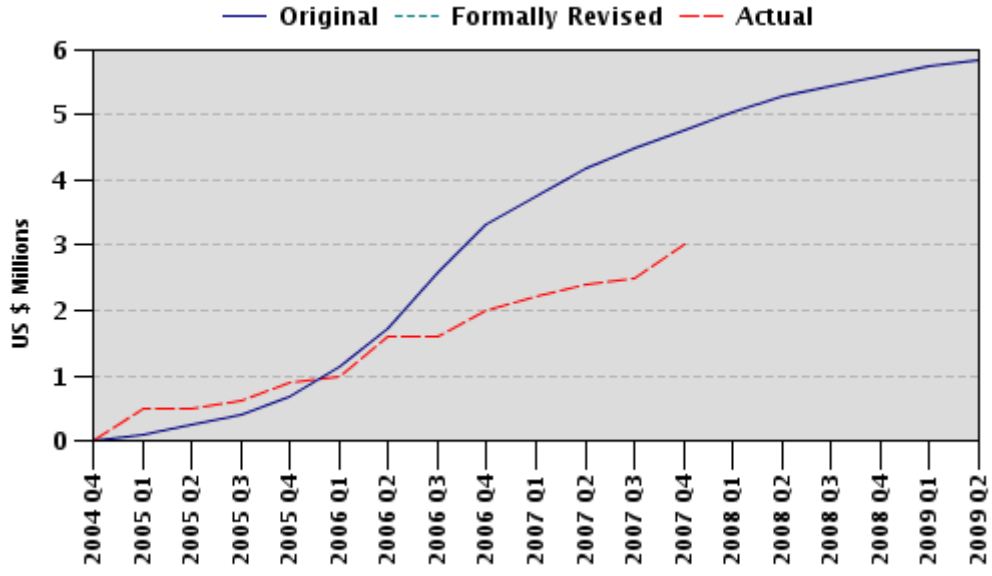
Progress with regards to meeting project objectives is well on track. Many of the needed inputs to bring about the desired change in behavior to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV have been strengthened, and areas that had yet to be established have moved forward. Several activities designed to increase condom use are on their way, the effectiveness of District level HIV prevention activities has improved, there is broad multi-sectoral involvement, and efforts to design interventions for priority groups (sex workers and their clients, and drug users) have initiated. Treatment of sexually-transmitted infections has significantly improved, and voluntary counseling and HIV testing services expanded, and the new Blood Safety Policy has been approved and is being rolled out. Areas requiring further efforts include condom promotion, as there is a tendency to rely on distribution rather than promotion, and, priority group interventions need to be firmly established, as work is only beginning. Special attention will need to be given to project implementation to ensure recent accomplishments are not maintained due to recent staff changes.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1030	Effective	6.06	2.97	3.00	0.00



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SOUTH ASIA REGION



Project Name (ID): Sustainable Land Management (P087039)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 01/17/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-55967, MULT-53109

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(55%), Sub-national government administration(25%), Central government administration(20%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management(P), Environmental policies and institutions(P), Participation and civic engagement(S), Other rural development(S), Biodiversity(S)

Project Development Objectives:

To strengthen institutional and community capacity for anticipating and managing land degradation in Bhutan

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

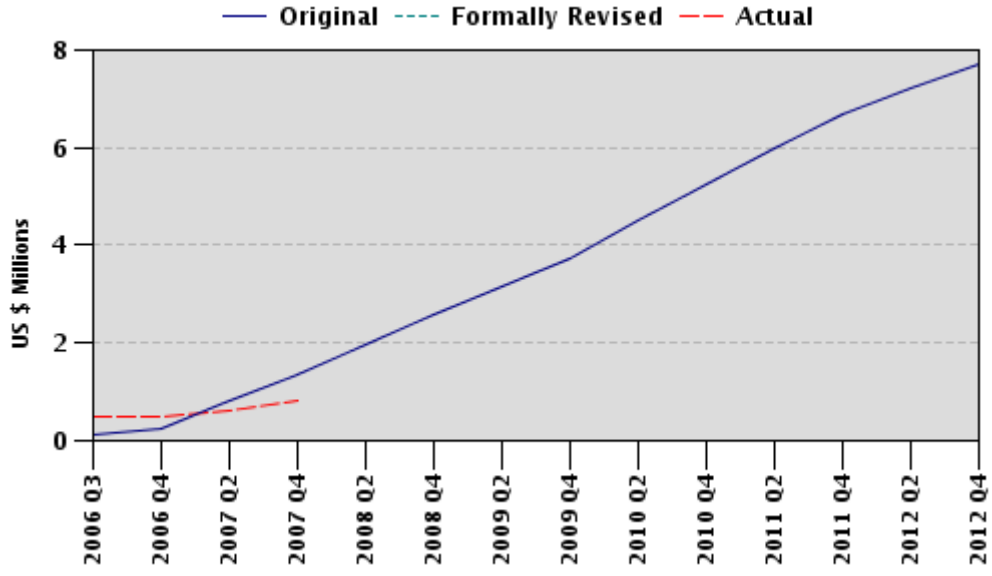
The project has been in operation for over a year and is on track towards achieving project objectives. Significant efforts have been made to establish professional teams at the field sites, build capacity of staff, create awareness of project objectives and initiate sustainable land management (SLM) activities in farmers fields. The participation of local farmers in formulation and implementation of SLM activities is progressing well. Some difficulties lie in timely reporting of financial expenditures at the geog and dzongkhag levels.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-55967	Effective	7.66	0.80	6.86	0.00
MULT-53109	Closed	0.30	0.26	0.00	0.04



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SOUTH ASIA REGION



Project Name (ID): Decentralized Rural Development (P087150)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 03/01/2005

Closing Date : 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-40400

Sector(s): Roads and highways(64%), Irrigation and drainage(18%), Agricultural extension and research(12%), Sub-national government administration(6%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Decentralization(S), Other rural development(S), Water resource management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

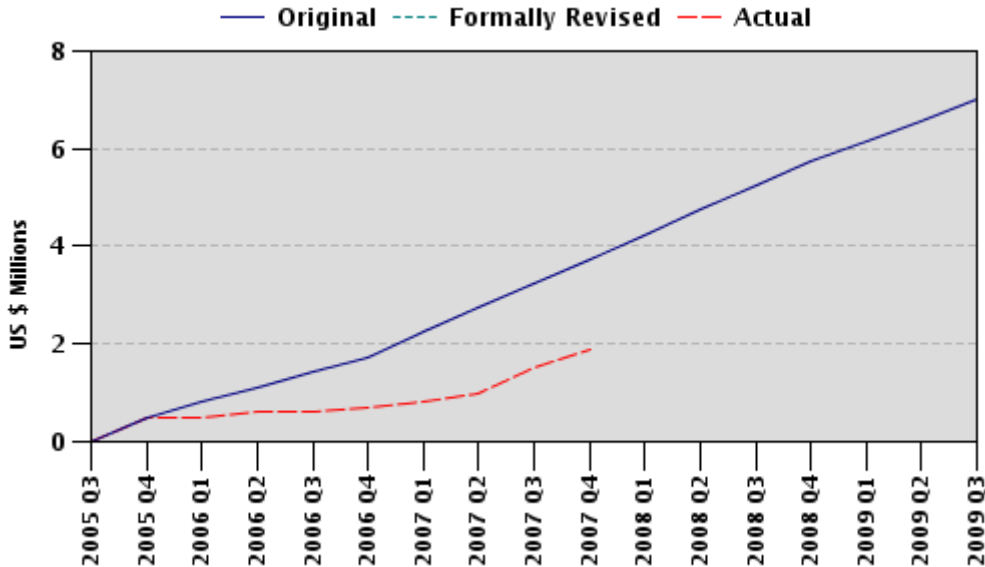
To improve market access and increase agricultural output for rural communities in selected areas of Bhutan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Slow disbursement performance persists, but work on the ground in terms of farm roads, irrigation systems and agriculture extension centers are progressing, albeit behind schedule, and the project is expected to achieve its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40400	Effective	6.97	1.85	5.10	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Rural Access Project (P100332)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date : 04/10/2007

Closing Date : 10/10/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-H2850

Sector(s): Roads and highways(92%), Central government administration(8%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Administrative and civil service reform(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is for residents of beneficiary Dzongkhags to utilize improved rural transport infrastructure and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and was still in 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
IDA-H2850	Effective	10.15	2.48	7.65	0.00

