

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: BENIN

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY08 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2008. For the first time, the SOPE report will include recipient-executed projects (over US\$ 5 million). 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 FY08 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.
- Graphs of original estimates for some recipient-executed projects might not exist since they are not required in the project document.
- 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.

Project Name (ID): BJ-GEF Forests & Adjcent Lnds Mgmt (FY06) (P069896)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2006

Closing Date: 11/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-23293, TF-57165

Sector(s): Forestry (98%), Central government administration (1%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Biodiversity (P), Land administration and management (P), Climate change (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

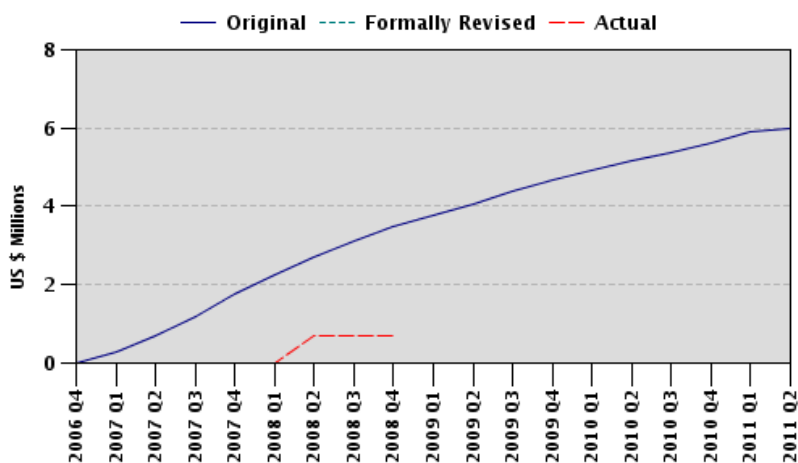
The objective is to set the stage for integrated ecosystem management in selected gazzeted forests and their adjacent lands.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making slow progress towards achieving its development objectives but actions have been implemented to improve project performance, which are showing promising results. For instance, non-governmental organizations are collaborating with community-based organizations (CBO) to prepare participatory forest management plans. CBO's have created tree nurseries and soil enrichment planting has been done on 100 ha of degraded areas in gazetted forests. Furthermore, 32 microprojects have been financed as an incentive for CBOs to develop alternative sources of income and thereby reduce pressure on the natural forest.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-23293	Closed	0.30	0.17	0.00	0.12
TF-57165	Effective	6.00	0.72	5.28	0.00



Project Name (ID): BJ-GEF Com.-Based Coastal Marine Biodiv. (P071579)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 02/19/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-24907

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (48%), Central government administration (39%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (13%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The Global Environment Objective is to promote participatory conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of coastal wetlands and marine resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the closing of the reporting period.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-24907	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): BJ-Energy Srvc Delivery APL (FY05) (P079633)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2004

Midterm Review Date: 10/10/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q3520, IDA-44920, IDA-39510

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (24%), Sub-national government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Land administration and management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

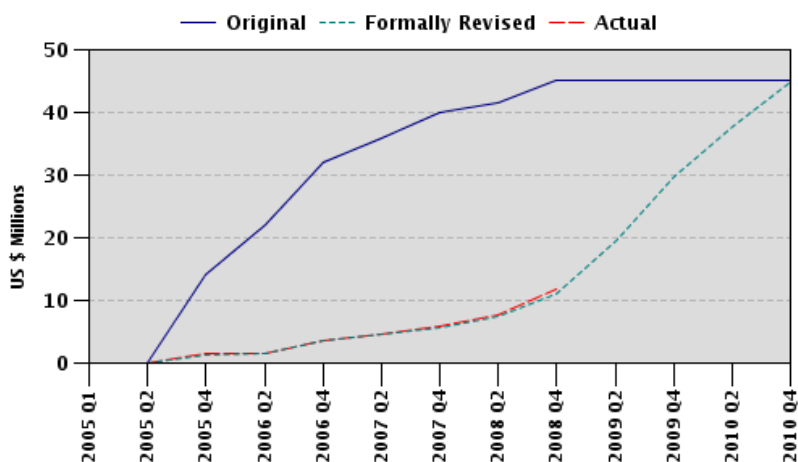
The objectives are (a) to accelerate the use of electricity in underserved areas for economic growth and improved quality of life; (b) to strengthen the capacity of Benin to expand the power sector; (c) to promote Benin's regional cooperation capacity; and (d) to improve governance and management of the biomass energy sub-sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress to achieving the objectives has substantially accelerated during this fiscal year. The electricity interconnection that will provide people in the underserved north of Benin with better quality power from the interconnected grid from Togo is nearing completion. Additional works to improve power supply at the distribution level are also well underway. With improvements in capacity of the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water, the power utilities planning and reform functions have been enhanced and put into action. This is exemplified by the development of sector strategies and a reform plan for upgrading the operations of the distribution power utility, which is under implementation.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q3520	Closed	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75
IDA-44920	Not Effective	6.98	0.00	6.98	0.00
IDA-39510	Effective	50.41	11.67	37.26	0.00



Project Name (ID): BJ-Natl CDD SIL (FY05) (P081484)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 10/07/2004

Midterm Review Date: 05/10/2008

Closing Date: 05/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39900, IDA-H1280, IDA-Q4110, TF-52101

Sector(s): Other social services (26%), Health (26%), Primary education (26%), Sub-national government administration (13%), Micro- and SME finance (9%)

Theme(s): Decentralization (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Education for all (S), Other human development (S), Other social protection and risk management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

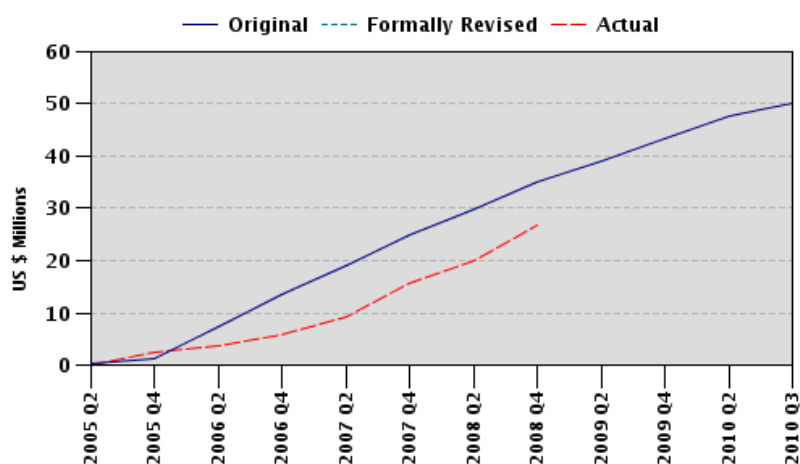
The objective is to use the community-driven development approach to improve the access of the poorest communities to basic social and financial services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objective is advancing well. 75% of poor targeted communities have received grassroots management training to improve their ability to manage community-led project funds, and 766 communities (about 50% of the targeted one) have effectively implemented projects to access basic social services. Communities have given a large priority to education, and schools represent 74% of sub-projects. Poor communities' access to microfinance services and technical advisory services is also on track. Strong government commitment to the project is evidenced by an effective yearly \$2 million contribution to sub-projects. One important outcome of the project has been the Ministry of Education's decision to use the CDD approach to implement a substantial part of the school construction program to be financed by the Education for All Fast Track Initiative.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39900	Effective	41.79	16.28	24.41	0.00
IDA-H1280	Effective	13.76	10.50	2.60	0.00
IDA-Q4110	Closed	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.67
TF-52101	Closed	0.60	0.54	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): BJ-Decentral City Mgmt 2 (FY06) (P082725)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 09/12/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41170, IDA-44900, IDA-Q4430

Sector(s): Sewerage (31%), Roads and highways (31%), Sub-national government administration (16%), Solid waste management (15%), Other social services (7%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Decentralization (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase access to infrastructure and basic services for residents of Benin's primary cities (Cotonou, Porto-Novo and Parkaou) and selected secondary cities (Abomey-Calavi, Lokossa, and Kandi).

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 08

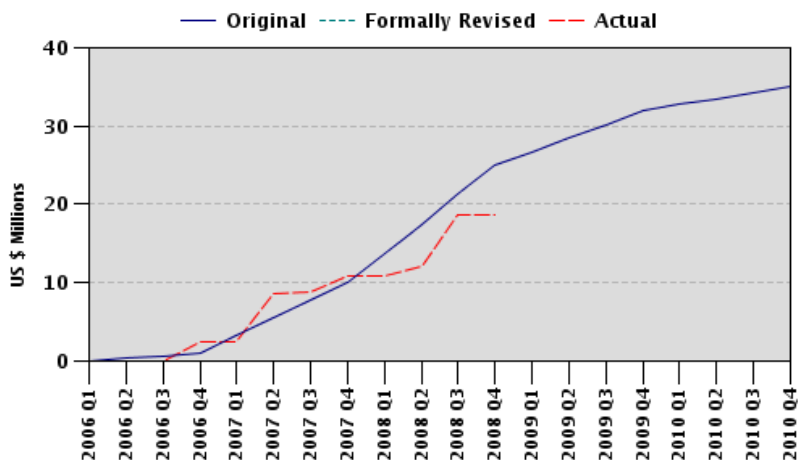
The additional financing for an amount of SDR 24.3 million (US\$40 million equivalent) will complement the works already being carried out in Cotonou, Porto-Novo and Parakou. The original project is financing 22 kilometers of road works and 4 kilometers of drainage works in the six cities and the additional program includes an additional 9.6 kilometers of roads and 10.8 kilometers of drainage works in the three primary cities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to meet the end-of-project targets providing 230,000 people access to roads and protecting 38,000 people from periodic flooding. The socio-environmental aspects of the project are being monitored through follow-up on safety measures on the works sites as well as better Information/communication with urban residents living around the works sites. Neighborhood Development Committees (NDCs) have been established in all 14 poor neighborhoods targeted by the project, and Community Initiative Support Units (CISUs) have been established in all six cities to carry out outreach activities. The solid waste collection rate in Porto-Novo is 30 percent, slightly below the target of 35 percent for 2007.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41170	Effective	39.02	18.68	19.23	0.00
IDA-44900	Not Effective	39.61	0.00	39.61	0.00
IDA-Q4430	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70



Project Name (ID): BJ- Multi Sectoral HIV/AIDS SIL 2 (FY07) (P096056)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 04/05/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42900, IDA-Q5590

Sector(s): Other social services (34%), Health (32%), Central government administration (21%), Sub-national government administration (9%), Solid waste management (4%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Other social development (P), Nutrition and food security (S), Population and reproductive health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

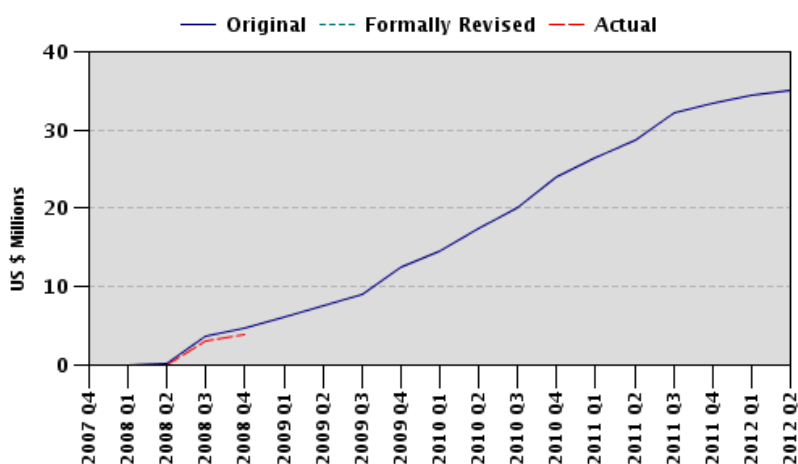
Project objectives are to: (i) strengthen access to and utilization of prevention services for vulnerable and high-risk groups; (ii) improve access to and utilization of treatment and care services for HIV/AIDS affected persons; and (iii) consolidate the coordination, management and monitoring and evaluation of the national response to HIV/AIDS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is on course to achieve its objectives. It is well integrated into the national HIV/AIDS infrastructure and is strengthening partnerships with key stakeholder groups at local, national and international levels. It is assisting key Government Ministries and 100 local communities throughout the country to develop and implement HIV/AIDS action plans and promote awareness of prevention and treatment among vulnerable groups in partnership with 16 radio and 3 television stations covering regional and national audiences.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42900	Effective	38.06	3.93	34.11	0.00
IDA-Q5590	Closed	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45



Project Name (ID): BJ-Malaria Cntrl Booster Prgm SIL (FY06) (P096482)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 06/01/2006

Closing Date: 02/28/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5190, IDA-H2290

Sector(s): Health (60%), Other social services (25%), Central government administration (15%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

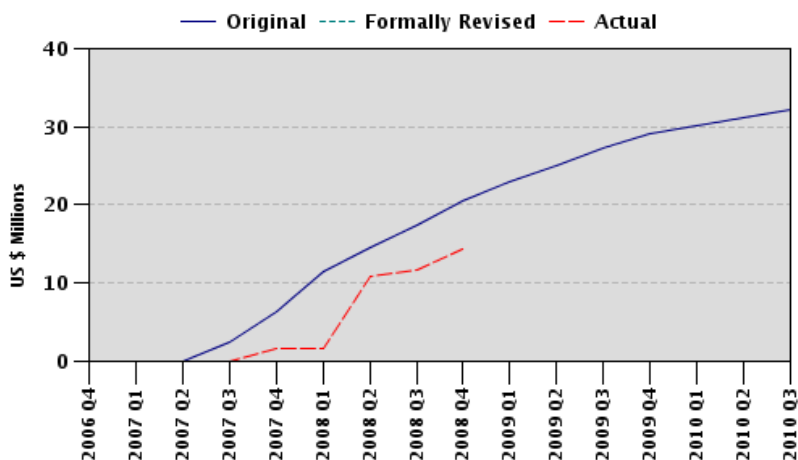
The objective is to improve malaria case management and prevention in order to reduce morbidity and mortality due to malaria especially among children under five and pregnant women.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After 15 months of implementation, the project is making steady progress towards the achievement its development objective. Major activities have been carried out in the field of malaria prevention, including the distribution of 1,600,000 long lasting insecticide-treated bednets (LLINs) to children under five. At this pace, the objective of having 60% of them sleep under an ITN/LLINs by 2010 is very likely to be achieved. Anti-malaria drugs (artemisinin-based combination therapy and rapid diagnosis tests) have also been acquired and are being rolled out in the country's health facilities. This is an important step toward reaching the goal of increasing access to treatment for children under five and pregnant women from 25% and 30%, respectively in 2006, to at least 60% by year 2010 for both groups.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q5190	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-H2290	Effective	35.33	14.31	20.29	0.00



Project Name (ID): Compet & Integrated Growth Opportunity (P104881)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 04/29/2008

Closing Date: 03/01/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44240

Sector(s): Central government administration (45%), General industry and trade sector (31%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (19%), Telecommunications (3%), Micro- and SME finance (2%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to support enterprise and entrepreneurship developments through improved business development infrastructure, an improved trade expansion platform, and catalytic interventions for direct investment promotion and the development of new products and new markets.

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, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-44240	Not Effective	25.49	0.00	25.49	0.00

Project Name (ID): BJ-Educ. for All - FTI Program (FY08) (P110576)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 05/23/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Primary education (100%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to contribute to expanding equitable access to education, while improving quality and retention in the system as well as the management of the sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Grant was not yet effective before the close of the reporting period.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

