

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: GAMBIA, THE

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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.

Country: Gambia, The

Project Name (ID): GM-Gateway SIL (FY02) (P057394)

Country: Gambia, The

Board Approval Date: 02/28/2002

Midterm Review Date: 05/02/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36060, IDA-3606A, IDA-P8060, IDA-P8061, IDA-P8062, IDA-P8063, TF-26331

Sector(s): Other industry (34%), Central government administration (33%), Telecommunications (11%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (11%), Roads and highways (11%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to lay the foundation for expanded private investment export-oriented production and employment, through the establishment of a free zone and an improved institutional environment.

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

The restructuring measures that were proposed and approved are to:

Formally close component 3: Support to the Gambia Divestiture Agency;

Formally close component 4: Capacity building;

Add a component: Preparatory work for the Divestiture of the Groundnut sector;

Restructure the results framework to target and better measure the outcomes delivered by each component and subcomponent;

Extend closing date to December 31, 2009 so as to enable sufficient time for implementation; and

Reallocate funds across the project activities to accomplish the proposed changes.

The Project Development Objective is unchanged since it remains relevant for the restructured project.

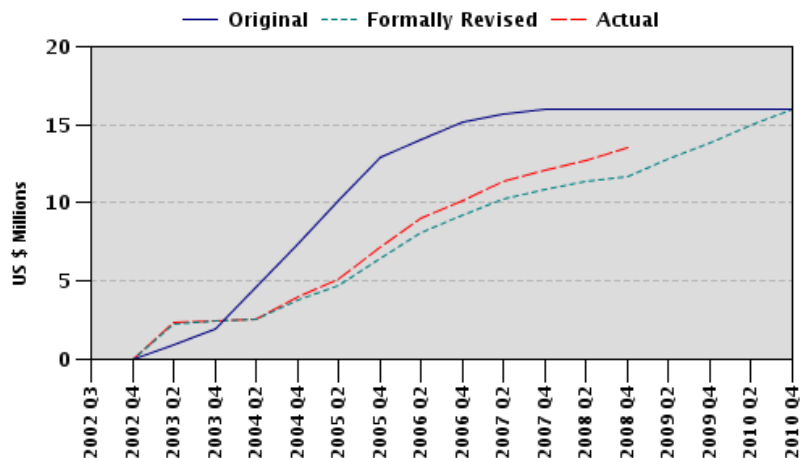
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing slowly towards achieving the development objectives. Two new firms have moved into the industrial park which has been completed and was well-constructed. The park has started to attract private firms and will continue to do so. To that end, the project has developed a basic lease agreement and fully takes into account the interest of the Gambia Investment Promotion and Free Zones Agency (GIPFZA). This document provides GIPFZA with a clear lease agreement to put in front of any investor interested in locating to the industrial park. Moreover, the project has quickly moved to finance the recruitment of an experienced firm to identify a qualified private operator for the industrial park. This combined approach is expected to help bring more firms into the industrial park, thereby helping generate additional investment and jobs.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36060	Effective	16.83	10.59	5.11	0.00
IDA-3606A	Effective	3.20	2.88	0.00	0.00
IDA-P8060	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
IDA-P8061	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20
IDA-P8062	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
IDA-P8063	Closed	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70
TF-26331	Closed	0.25	0.19	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): GM-Econ Mgmt Cap Bldg SIL (FY02) (P057995)

Country: Gambia, The

Board Approval Date: 07/26/2001

Midterm Review Date: 06/30/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-P7981, IDA-P7980, IDA-H3340, IDA-3555A, IDA-35550

Sector(s): Central government administration (92%), Law and justice (5%), Banking (3%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Macroeconomic management (P), Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to strengthen institutional and human capacity for economic policy formulation and execution.

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

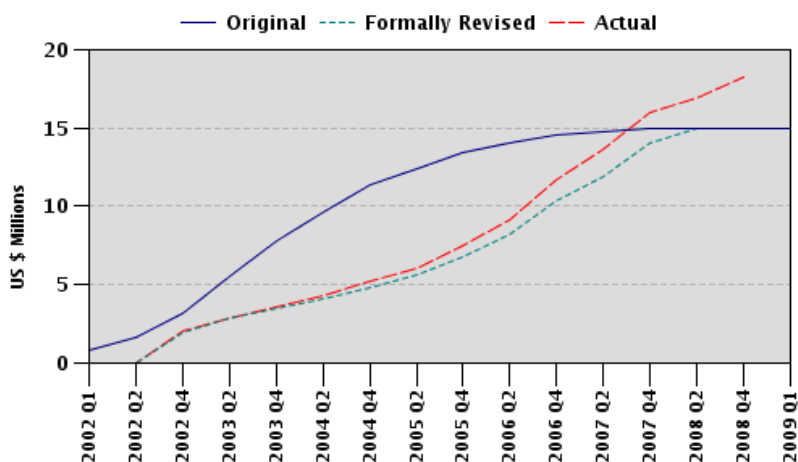
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been progress towards achieving the development objectives on many fronts. The public expenditure management continues to be strengthened through the development of the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS). The system achieved operational acceptance in May 2008 and it is currently the main system for processing central government transactions. The Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA) and the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBOS) have moved into their respective newly constructed buildings.

Revenue collection continues to be robust and the Gambia Revenue Authority strengthened its capacity by developing a new strategic plan and operational manuals and recruiting new staffs. The Gambia Bureau of Statistics has also developed its strategic plan but it needs to focus on achieving greater progress with its organizational restructuring and strengthening its statistical database.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-P7981	Closed	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
IDA-P7980	Closed	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.55
IDA-H3340	Effective	3.25	1.04	2.22	0.00
IDA-3555A	Effective	5.22	4.71	0.00	0.00
IDA-35550	Effective	14.08	12.54	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): GM-Education 3 Phase 2 APL (FY06) (P077903)

Country: Gambia, The

Board Approval Date: 06/01/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56177, TF-51120, IDA-Q5220, IDA-H2300, TF-56906

Sector(s): Primary education (41%), Secondary education (25%), General education sector (22%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (9%), General public administration sector (3%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Decentralization (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Gender (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

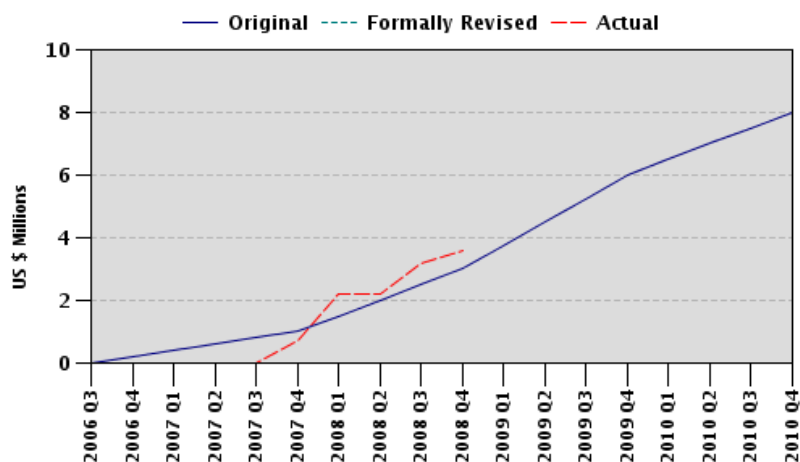
The objective is to improve conditions for teaching and learning in basic education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The sector has progressed on a number of key issues that are critical to improving teaching and learning conditions. These include: (a) the expansion of enrollment at upper basic level, leading to a transition rate between lower and upper basic that exceeds the targets set; (b) the provision and distribution of textbooks, with a 1:1 ratio maintained in all classes for the core subjects; (c) the continued functioning of the cluster monitor system, with evidence of consistent visits to schools, (d) the introduction of the Primary Teacher Certificate extension. With the implementation of these steps, the following progress towards achieving PDOs has been observed: (i) increased attendance, the Government is able to move towards the attainment of the access objectives as articulated in the Millennium Development Goals and in the Education Sector Strategic Plan. (ii) An increased number of qualified teachers coming from the PTC extension program; (iii) an increased in the provision of teaching/learning materials, and (iii) an increased presence of cluster monitors in schools, teachers receiving pedagogic support in schools for the first time; (iv) finally, the conclusion of two extensive learning assessments by the government (the Early Grade Reading Assessment and the National Assessment Test) which provide the needed information to monitor and evaluate the attainment of quality education. The first set of data will constitute a baseline against which future progress towards the achievement of PDOs will be measured.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56177	Effective	9.40	9.40	0.00	0.00
TF-51120	Closed	0.65	0.08	0.00	0.57
IDA-Q5220	Closed	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.58
IDA-H2300	Effective	9.05	3.60	5.31	0.00
TF-56906	Effective	3.00	1.13	1.87	0.00



Project Name (ID): GM-CDDP SIL (FY06) (P082969)

Country: Gambia, The

Board Approval Date: 08/31/2006

Closing Date: 04/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55124, TF-52674, IDA-Q4520, IDA-H2520

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (40%), Health (25%), Other social services (15%), General public administration sector (15%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other social protection and risk management (P), Health system performance (S), Other rural development (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

Rural communities, in partnership with Local Government Authorities, are able to plan, implement and maintain their priority social and economic investments.

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, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55124	Effective	4.80	0.00	4.80	0.00
TF-52674	Closed	0.47	0.36	0.00	0.11
IDA-Q4520	Closed	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25
IDA-H2520	Effective	13.38	1.80	11.56	0.00

