

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: LESOTHO

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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): LS-GEF Maloti Drakens Cnsrv & Dev (FY02) (P052367)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 09/13/2001

Midterm Review Date: 08/19/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-23723

Sector(s): Forestry (40%), General public administration sector (20%), Other social services (20%), Other industry (10%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Land administration and management (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

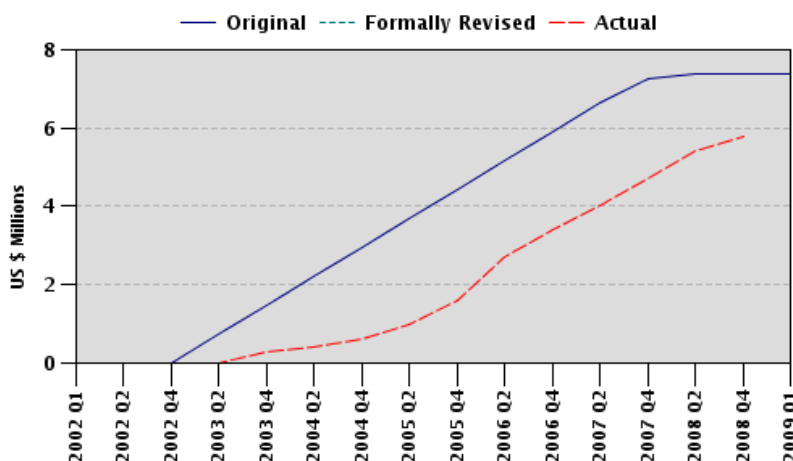
The objective is to conserve globally significant biodiversity in the Maloti Drakensberg mountains.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making progress towards achieving its development objective, aided by the one-year extension of the closing date, which was approved in August 2007. The 20-year Transfrontier Conservation and Development strategy reflecting the natural and cultural heritage priorities and the management approaches to secure these priorities for the entire 50358 sq km (of which 24,306 sq km is in Lesotho) has been completed and approved by the governments of the two countries, Lesotho and South Africa. Various conservation agencies are currently in the process of implementing it. Furthermore, the two countries have completed the Transfrontier Tourism Strategy as well as the Bilateral Security Strategy and are effectively and jointly battling biodiversity threats like wild fires. Several of the endangered species programs like the one for the bearded vulture are also in place and show promising results.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-23723	Effective	7.36	5.77	1.60	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-Water Sec Improvements APL (FY05) (P056418)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 10/26/2004

Midterm Review Date: 05/16/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39950, IDA-Q2740

Sector(s): Water supply (80%), Central government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

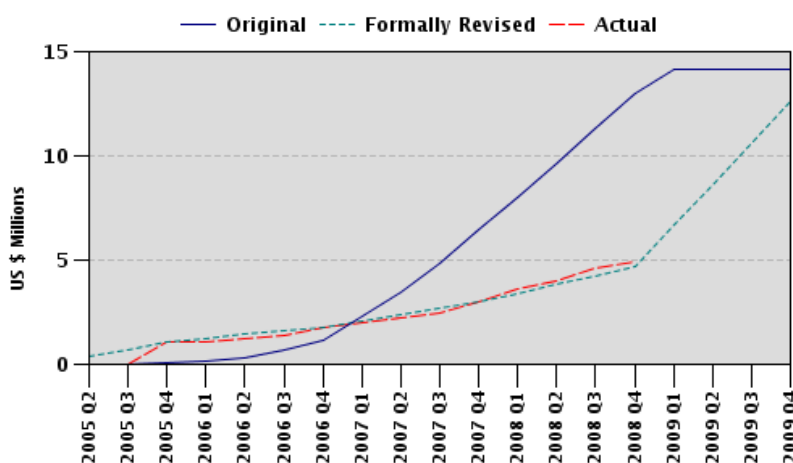
The objective of the project is to support the vision of the Government to secure adequate, sustainable, and clean water supply and to support adequate sanitation services for consumers living in the Lowlands areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objectives has been good. The performance of the Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA) is excellent and has met and exceeded a number of output targets. With regard to sustainability, WASA has exceeded its cash collection target by 100%, the number of people living more than 150 meters from a source and those receiving water for less than 18 hours a day have been reduced by 15% equally, unaccounted for water is about 30% (which is well below the Sub Saharan average for IDA countries of 35%) and water quality targets have been met assuring safe supplies. The Commissioner of Water has also made some progress with regards to the legal and regulatory framework, through preparation of the amendments for the new pieces of legislation - the Water Resources Management and Development Bill and the Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority Bill, for parliamentary approval.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39950	Effective	15.18	4.88	10.13	0.00
IDA-Q2740	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60



Project Name (ID): LS-Integr Transp SIL (FY07) (P075566)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 10/19/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42370, IDA-H2550, IDA-Q4230, IDA-Q4231, TF-90728

Sector(s): Roads and highways (67%), Central government administration (30%), Law and justice (1%), Sub-national government administration (1%), General transportation sector (1%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Other urban development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

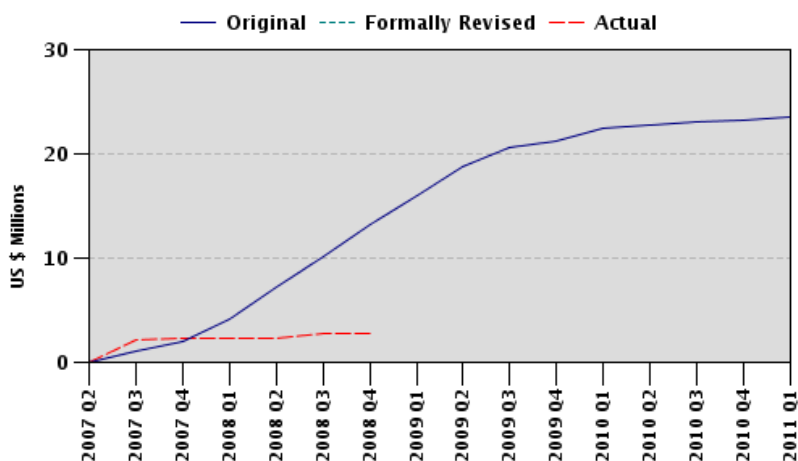
The objective is to enhance prospects for economic growth in the country through provision of an efficient and integrated transport system that is safe and affordable to improve access to services and market opportunities for all across the territory.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There is good progress towards achievement of the development objectives. Institutional reform with establishment of a Roads Directorate within the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MoPWT) and revenue management improvements at the Road Fund are well underway. Various consultancies have been engaged and are providing support to the institutional reform process and policy development. Following an unavoidable delay in contracting for the largest civil works, all larger civil works contracts have now been signed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42370	Effective	11.52	0.00	11.52	0.00
IDA-H2550	Effective	13.38	2.74	10.46	0.00
IDA-Q4230	Closed	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.76
IDA-Q4231	Closed	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.74
TF-90728	Effective	12.05	0.00	12.05	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-Health Sec Reform Phase 2 APL (FY06) (P076658)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 10/13/2005

Midterm Review Date: 02/11/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q4770, IBRD-P4100, IDA-41180

Sector(s): Health (44%), Sub-national government administration (20%), Compulsory health finance (13%), Non-compulsory health finance (13%), Solid waste management (10%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Decentralization (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Population and reproductive health (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

Project Development Objectives:

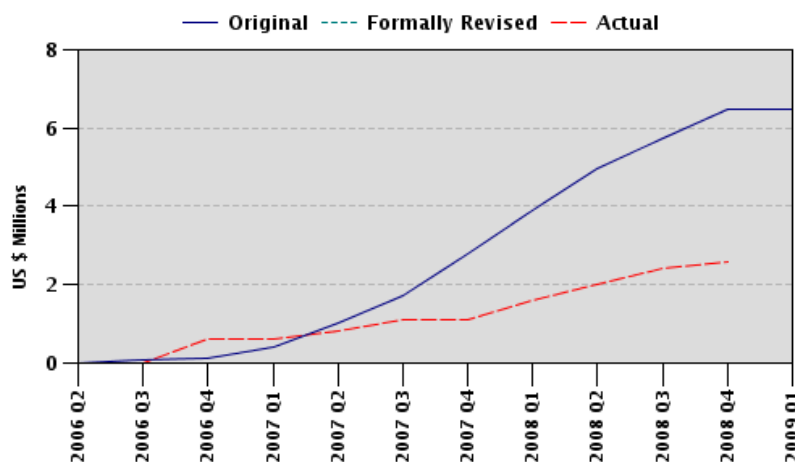
The objective is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Health Sector Reform Project is making good progress towards its development objectives. Key results include: high immunization rates (The measles immunization coverage was 92% in 2007.), a revitalized national TB program (Lesotho has achieved 100% Direct Observed Treatment Strategy coverage.), and improved access to HIV testing prevention and treatment (HIV test uptake during ANC more than doubled from 40% in 2004 to 91% in 2007). In addition, an emergency human resource plan for health staff has been developed and a significantly increased number of positions filled. Decentralization of health services has been slow but it is gradually taking shape. Overall, Lesotho is still a long way to reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Long-term human resource issues and weak capacity continue to be a challenge in service delivery, while the budget execution rate remains low at 88% (2006/07 FY).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q4770	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IBRD-P4100	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-41180	Effective	7.07	2.56	4.43	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-ESDP II APL - Phase 2 (FY04) (P081269)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 07/17/2003

Midterm Review Date: 04/07/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56816, IDA-38130

Sector(s): Primary education (52%), Central government administration (20%), Secondary education (20%), Vocational training (5%), Tertiary education (3%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), HIV/AIDS (S)

Project Development Objectives:

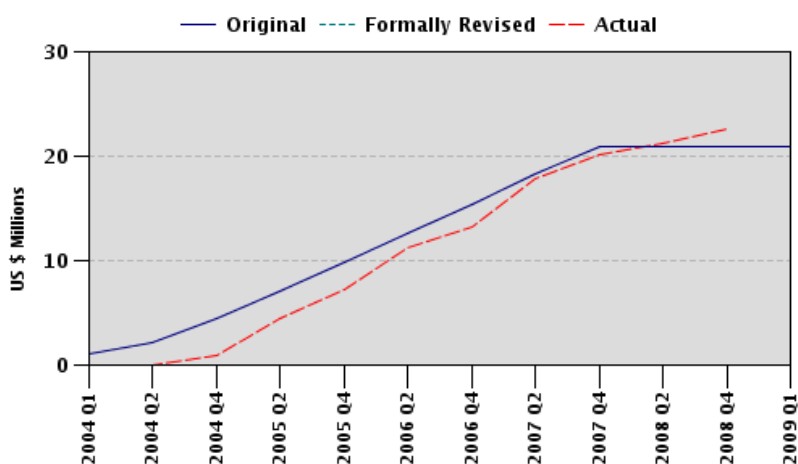
The objectives are to: (a) further improve the access, equity, and quality of primary and secondary education; (b) promote lifelong learning through building capacity in education; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Education and Training.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall the project is expected to meet its development objectives and critical targets. The associated Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund grant is also expected to meet its targets by its closing date in June 2009. These activities are constructing new primary and secondary schools, refurbishing and extending existing schools, providing primary and secondary school textbooks and teaching materials, and increasing the capacity for training of teachers and school principals. The primary Net Enrollment rate has risen to over 85%.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56816	Effective	11.90	6.63	5.27	0.00
IDA-38130	Effective	24.84	22.57	0.27	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-HIV/AIDS Cap Bldg TAL (FY05) (P087843)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2004

Midterm Review Date: 09/25/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1130

Sector(s): Health (60%), Other social services (23%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Central government administration (7%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Health system performance (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Decentralization (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase the capacity of the Government and non-governmental institutions responsible for the national response to HIV and AIDS to utilize and assess the impact of funds received for HIV/AIDS.

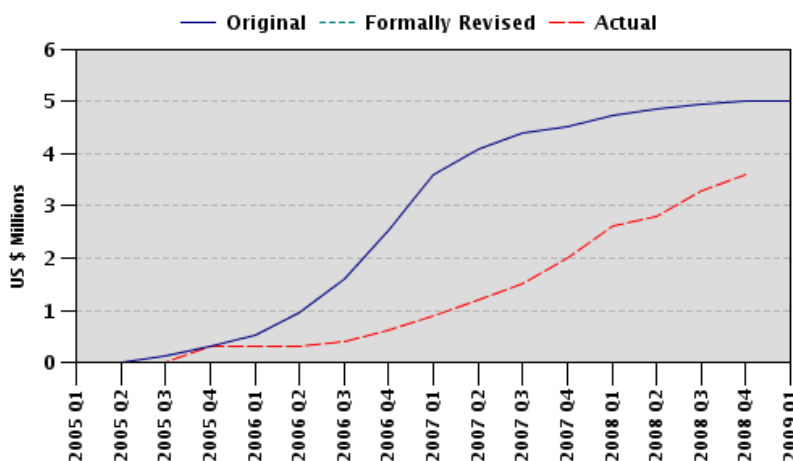
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is in its last year of implementation. Most project funds have been committed or disbursed and the project is expected to achieve its development objectives. In particular, capacity has improved at the National AIDS Commission, the HIV and AIDS Directorate in the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and in the districts. Technical support has been provided to community-based monitoring and evaluation, behavior change communication and institutional capacity building of umbrella Non-Government Organizations. The improved capacity has contributed to the substantially improved utilization of external funds and the expansion and scaling up of major HIV and AIDS interventions. As of December 2007, 29,500 out of 81,000 eligible patients (36.4%) were receiving antiretroviral treatment; 19% of the population had tested and knew their HIV status; and 31% of pregnant women had received pre-test counseling and accepted to be tested under the Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission program.

A follow-up HIV/AIDS capacity building project is under preparation to continue the Bank's support.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1130	Effective	5.69	3.58	1.88	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-Priv Sec Competitiveness (P088544)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 03/21/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56152, IDA-Q5100, IDA-H2810, IDA-42750

Sector(s): Central government administration (38%), Other industry (22%), Crops (21%), General industry and trade sector (13%), Vocational training (6%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

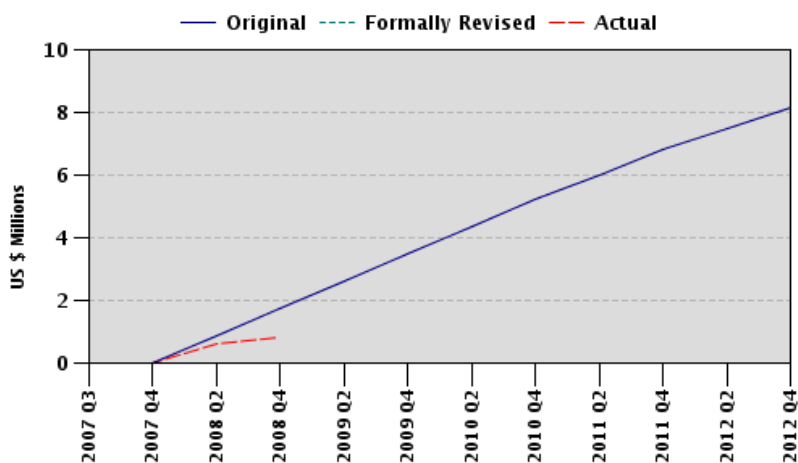
The objective of the Project is to facilitate increased private sector investment in the Lesotho economy by improving the business environment and diversifying the sources of growth.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in September 2007 and there has been satisfactory progress in the launching of all project activities. The Project Implementation Unit is fully operational. A key achievement is the establishment of the Northern Regions Skills Center for the textile and garment industry to upgrade the level of skills in the industry.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56152	Closed	0.98	0.74	0.00	0.24
IDA-Q5100	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-H2810	Effective	4.55	0.10	4.45	0.00
IDA-42750	Effective	4.24	0.75	3.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): LS-PRSC I (FY08) (P102302)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 05/22/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44490, IDA-H3870

Sector(s): Central government administration (50%), Health (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%), General industry and trade sector (10%), Secondary education (10%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Trade facilitation and market access (S), HIV/AIDS (S), Education for all (S), Managing for development results (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the project are to: (i) improve the business environment and the quality of information for decision making; (ii) enhance the effectiveness of public expenditures and sharpen the strategic focus of the budget by strengthening its link with the Poverty Reduction Strategy and the macroeconomic and budget framework; and (iii) enhance access to service delivery in key sectors.

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-44490	Not Effective	8.66	0.00	8.66	0.00
IDA-H3870	Not Effective	7.14	0.00	7.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): GPOBA W3 - Lesotho Health (P104403)

Country: Lesotho

Board Approval Date: 11/05/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Health (100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the Project are to: (i) increase the access and range of quality of publicly funded healthcare services delivered in the Kingdom of Lesotho through the replacement of existing main public hospital, the Queen Elizabeth II hospital; and

(ii) leverage private sector expertise in the management and operation of medical facilities to introduce more up-to-date management, equipment, and clinical procedures in the Kingdom of Lesotho's healthcare sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is not yet effective; the grant agreement has not yet been signed.

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