

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

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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): LR-Com Empowerment ERL (FY05) (P098266)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 03/01/2005

Midterm Review Date: 01/21/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Other social services (40%), Primary education (30%), Health (30%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Other human development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective will be to assist war-affected communities to restore infrastructure and services and to build their capacity for collective action.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objective is advancing well. There are a hundred and one sub-projects under implementation by LACE through the commercial contractors and the Project Management Committees of the various communities throughout Liberia's 15 counties. LACE has been able to complete 85 sub-projects, leaving an unfinished caseload of 16 sub-projects. The project closing date has been extended from June 30th, 2008 to December 31, 2008 to enable LACE to finish the final 16 projects. Progress was delayed due to a shortage of construction materials on the Liberian market. While there continue to be challenges with respect to the staffing of Health Posts, a recent sample of Health Posts shows an improvement in the number of patients being served per week, to 35 up from 23 in 2006. Similarly with school projects, enrollment increased to 400 for the 2007-2008 school year, up from 300 the prior year.

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



Project Name (ID): LR-Emergency Infrastructure ERL (FY06) (P100160)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 06/20/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2560, IDA-Q5370, IDA-H2360

Sector(s): Roads and highways (69%), Central government administration (12%), Water supply (10%), Renewable energy (9%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project will, on an emergency basis, assist in the reconstruction of parts of the devastated infrastructure in order to help revive the economy and reintegrate the country by restoring vital transport links. It will also support the improvement of living conditions in the capital, Monrovia, by restoring and expanding potable water supply services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

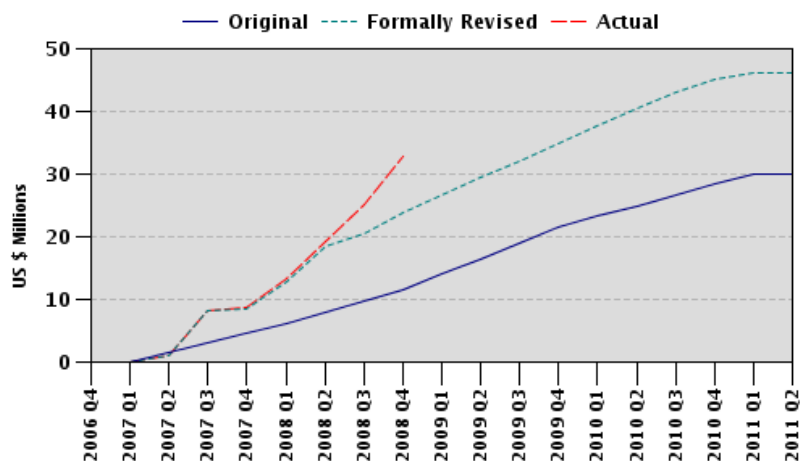
The project is progressing well toward achieving the project development objectives.

a) Road Sector: The Monrovia-Cotton Tree Road section (90km), 50% has been rehabilitated. Out of the 641 km envisioned, 400 km have been completed. (b) Urban Sector: Most of the urban works have been completed and a rudimentary solid waste collection system has been installed, collecting about 30 percent of the solid waste in Monrovia and all 3 markets initially identified have been successfully rehabilitated.

(c) Water Sector: In addition to the civil works at the White Plains water plant, the laying of 36 km of pipes has improved the water supply system. As a result, potable water production for the City of Monrovia has increased (currently working at 15-20% of the original capacity of 60,500 cubic meters per day).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2560	Effective	18.21	13.27	4.09	0.00
IDA-Q5370	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-H2360	Effective	32.55	19.38	13.35	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Infrastructure Rehabilitation (FY07) (P101456)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 11/13/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57072

Sector(s): Ports, waterways and shipping (84%), Central government administration (9%), Aviation (7%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

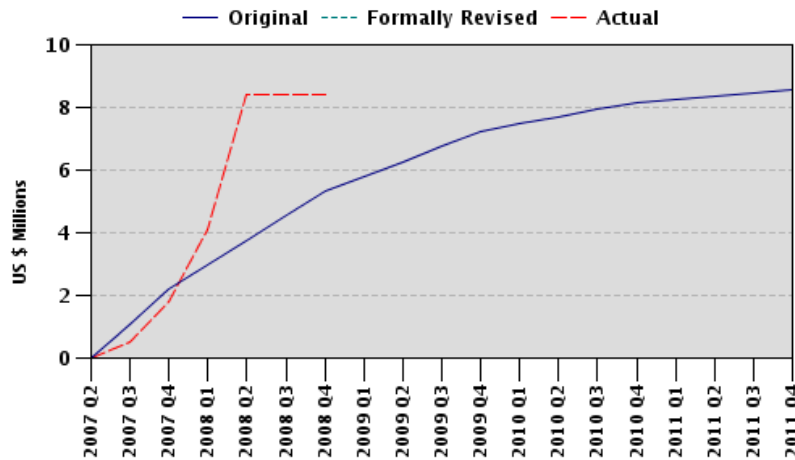
To provide Government with emergency support to restore priority infrastructure in the port of Monrovia and at Roberts International Airport and assist the Government in developing medium term strategic framework for efficient and productive port and aviation sectors.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well toward achieving its development objectives. The Grant has been fully disbursed and the following milestones have been achieved: (a) Dredging was completed; and (b) Safety and security equipment was installed at Roberts International Airport.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57072	Effective	8.50	8.36	0.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Development Forestry Sector (FY07) (P104287)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 09/06/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57090

Sector(s): Forestry (45%), Central government administration (40%), Other social services (8%), Crops (7%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

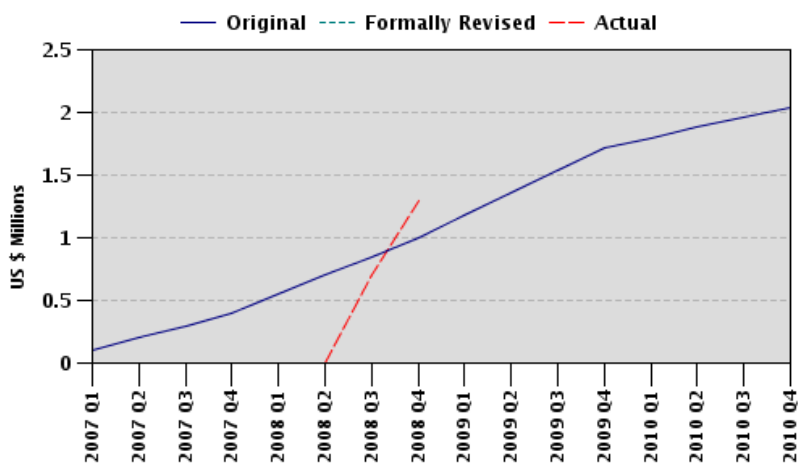
Sustainable use and conservation of Liberia Forest for the benefits of Liberian people

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well towards achieving the development objectives. The promulgation of a new Forestry Law, the drafting of a new Forest Policy, the cancellation of old forest concessions and advertisement of new ones on a competitive basis as well as the restructuring of relevant government institutions has enhanced the protection of existing forest resources. Furthermore, the management of two protected areas (Sapo and Nymba) has improved and 20 alternative livelihood pilot projects have been implemented around the existing protected areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57090	Effective	2.00	1.29	0.71	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Agric. & Infra. Dev. Proj. ERL (FY08) (P104716)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3270

Sector(s): Roads and highways (48%), Ports, waterways and shipping (18%), Water supply (16%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (12%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project will support Government's efforts in re-establishing basic infrastructure and in reviving the agriculture activities.

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

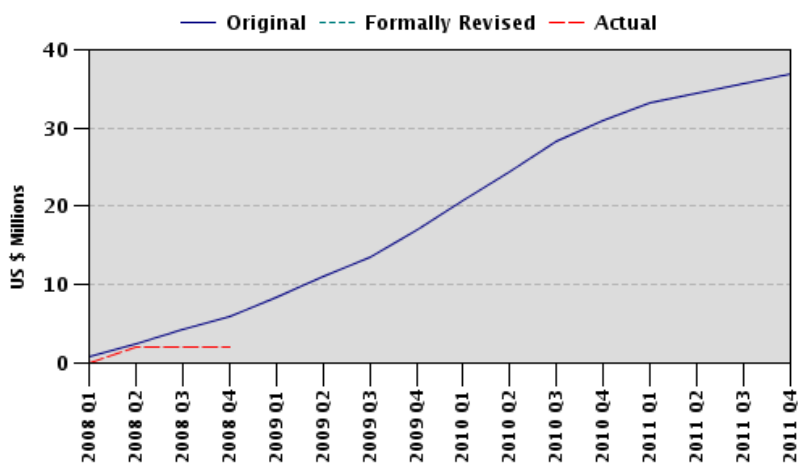
The additional financing was for US\$3.0 million under the Emergency Food Crisis Response Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the later 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
IDA-H3270	Effective	38.65	2.00	36.61	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Health Systems Reconstr. (FY07) (P105282)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 06/14/2007

Closing Date: 10/01/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3040

Sector(s): Health (56%), Central government administration (28%), Tertiary education (16%)

Theme(s): Child health (P), Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S)

Project Development Objectives:

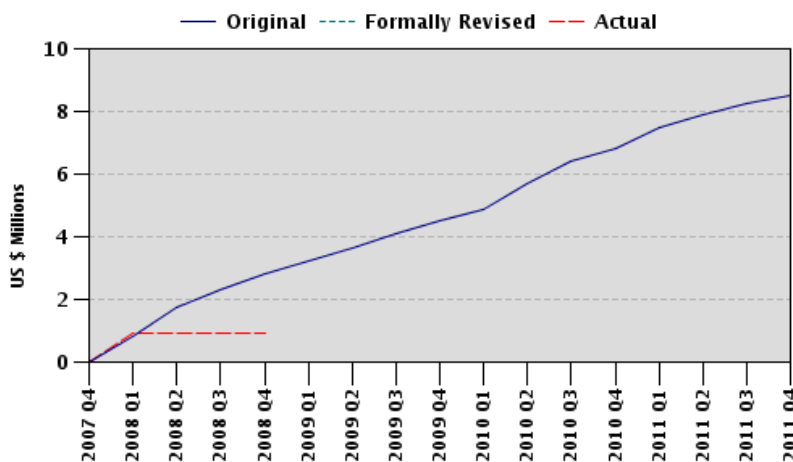
The objectives are to strengthen policy making and management functions of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and to sustain the referral system needed to support essential health services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making progress toward achieving its development objectives. New procedures in contract management have been developed and implemented, the training curriculum for nurses, health workers and doctors has been revised and adopted, and a pre-investment study in health higher education drafted will be launched in July 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3040	Effective	8.59	0.85	7.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Comm. Empowerment II (FY07) (P105683)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 06/14/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3050

Sector(s): Other social services (36%), Primary education (16%), Health (16%), Roads and highways (16%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (16%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Other social protection and risk management (S), Education for all (S), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to improve communities# access to basic infrastructure and provide economic opportunities for vulnerable households in urban and rural areas.

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

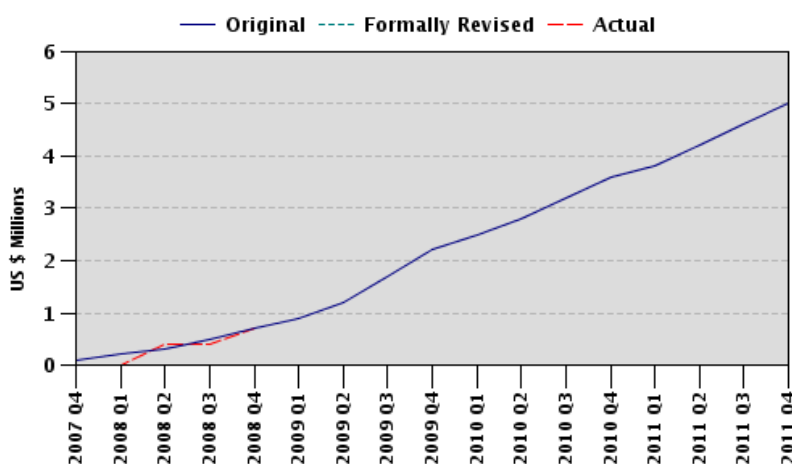
On May 29, 2008, the Board approved additional financing for a Cash-For-Work component in the amount of USD 3 million, as a response to the food price crisis. A restructuring took place with the addition of the cash for work component.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was declared effective in August 2, 2007. At the start, progress has been slow however, the pace is now picking up with some fifty-five (55) new subprojects in the pipeline. Five hundred (500) members of communities have been trained as of May 30, 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3050	Effective	5.36	0.61	4.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Econ. Gov. & Institut. Ref. TAL (FY08 (P107248))

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 05/13/2008

Closing Date: 08/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3850

Sector(s): Central government administration (100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Tax policy and administration (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

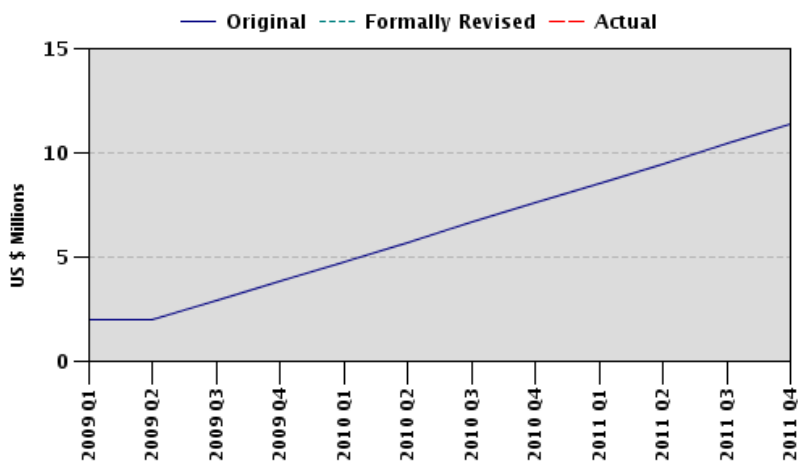
To improve the efficiency and transparency in managing public financial and human resources, focusing on revenue administration, public procurement, budget execution and payroll management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was made effective at end-June 2008, it is yet too early to assess progress on project outcomes.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3850	Effective	10.96	0.00	10.96	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Emergency Senior Executive Svce (FY08 (P109195)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 10/12/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-91041

Sector(s): Central government administration (100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P)

Project Development Objectives:

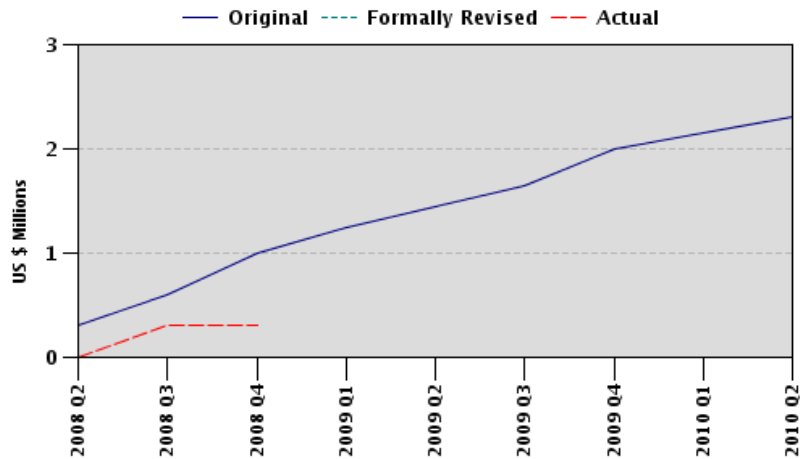
The objective is to provide a cadre of technical and managerial public servants to meet immediate high level capacity needs of the civil service.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards meeting the development objective is slow. Out of the 21 positions interviewed for the first wave, only 10 positions have been filled. The identification of 49 positions for the second wave of capacity building is completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91041	Effective	2.30	0.30	2.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): LR-Food Sup. for Vulnerable Women & Chil (P112107)

Country: Liberia

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-92454

Sector(s): Other social services (75%), Health (25%)

Theme(s): 91 (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are: (i) to maintain access to food among vulnerable household; (ii) to promote domestic food production through activities to increase yields.

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
TF-92454	Effective	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00

