

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

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COUNTRY: MAURITANIA

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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): MR-Urb Dev Prgm (FY02) (P069095)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 10/25/2001

Midterm Review Date: 10/15/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35740, IDA-3574A, IDA-Q2420, TF-26223, IDA-Q2421

Sector(s): Roads and highways (22%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (22%), General education sector (22%), General industry and trade sector (22%), General public administration sector (12%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Decentralization (P), Land administration and management (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

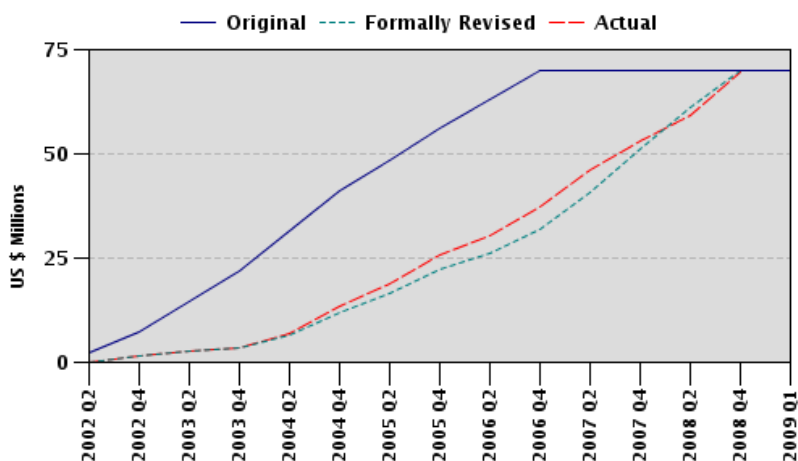
The objectives of the project are: (a) improving the living conditions and employment opportunities in the main towns of Mauritania, and especially in slums; and (b) strengthening the institutional framework and capacity for urban and land management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well toward the achievement of its development objectives. As a result of the project, living conditions and employment opportunities in the main towns of Mauritania has improved as evidenced by its key performance indicators which show that daily potable water consumption has increased to 41 liters/person/day; the number of land titles regularized has reached 15,989 titles regularized and 13,230 registered; 35,277 jobs were created/or employment conditions were improved; and 37,311 micro-finance loans were approved. The operation of El Mina slum resettlement and rehabilitation was very successful. On the institutional side, training was provided to 600 staff and there was a marked increase of 1,050% in transfer of funds to municipalities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35740	Effective	82.06	62.29	14.82	0.00
IDA-3574A	Closed	8.05	7.43	0.00	0.00
IDA-Q2420	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
TF-26223	Closed	0.62	0.51	0.00	0.11
IDA-Q2421	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10



Project Name (ID): MR-Edu Sec Dev APL (FY02) - (PNDSE) (P071308)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 10/25/2001

Midterm Review Date: 05/07/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53481, IDA-3573A, IDA-35730, TF-53485

Sector(s): Primary education (32%), Tertiary education (30%), Vocational training (19%), Central government administration (13%), General education sector (6%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Gender (P), Child health (S), Social analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

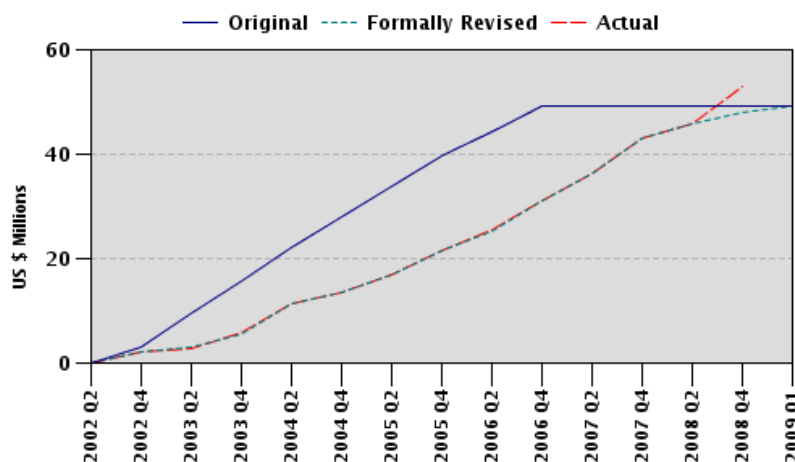
The objectives are to implement bilingual education at the primary and secondary levels of education while improving access and equity, enhancing internal efficiency, and improving vocational, technical, and higher education systems.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving development objectives has been very good. Regarding access and equity, the overall gross enrollment rate in 2008 is 98%, surpassing the 2011 target by 3%. Girls# participation in primary school increased from 48% to 51.5% during the 2000/2008 period. Enrollment in secondary school also increased from 52.8% in 2002 to 67% 2008, with girls representing 46%. Increases in internal efficiency and quality are also evident: the repetition rate at primary level was substantially reduced (from 15.8% in 2004 to 3% in 2008) and the retention rate has improved. At both the primary and secondary levels, the student-teacher ratio declined significantly between 2007 and 2008. Finally, activities relevant to improving the quality of technical and vocational training have taken place, and as a result, the insertion rate of trainees stands at 80%.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53481	Closed	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
IDA-3573A	Closed	13.08	11.96	0.00	0.00
IDA-35730	Effective	50.43	40.84	5.52	0.00
TF-53485	Closed	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-GDLC (FY02) - (CFED) (P071881)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 11/21/2001

Midterm Review Date: 03/25/2005

Closing Date: 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q2460, IDA-3578A, IDA-35780

Sector(s): Telecommunications (100%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Technology diffusion (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

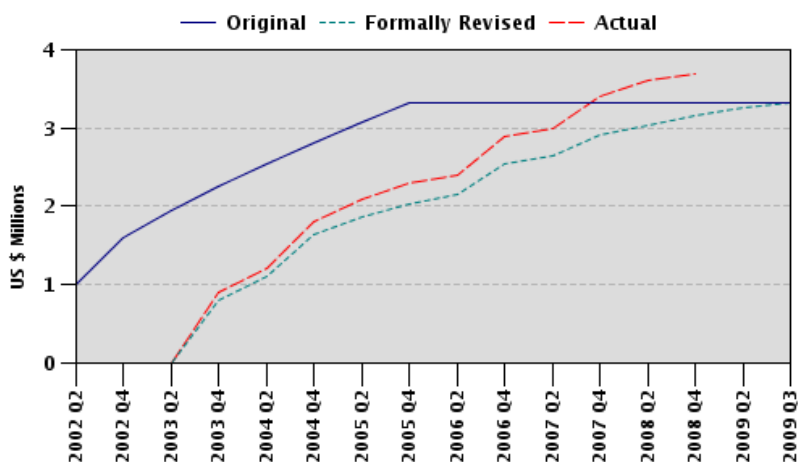
The objective is to test mechanisms of public and private sector partnership that would promote better access to and dissemination of information relevant to Mauritania's country development and policy reforms.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving the development objectives have been constant and the Mauritanian Development Learning Center (DLC) has successfully been able to cover more than half of its operating expenses through revenue generation in 2007. It held nine (9) sessions that helped improve the Borrower's capacity to implement its poverty reduction strategy. Seven (7) local institutions have used the center in 2007 (against an original target of two (2)) and a total of six hundred and eighty three (683) training sessions have taken place during the same period. The number of connections to the DLC' server has reached three hundred fifty seven thousands (357,000) in 2007 - against an original target of fifty thousands (50,000). Nonetheless, the project has not signed yet "conventions" or contracts with Ministries to implement part of their capacity-building or training plans. This is a condition to the sustainability of the two implementing agencies. The center also needs to attain full financial autonomy by being more creative and through aggressive marketing to fulfill its clients needs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q2460	Closed	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20
IDA-3578A	Closed	1.39	1.26	0.00	0.00
IDA-35780	Effective	2.94	2.47	0.18	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-HIV/AIDS MultiSec Cntrl (FY04)- (PMLS) (P078368)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 07/07/2003

Midterm Review Date: 07/04/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0570, IDA-Q3550

Sector(s): Other social services (44%), Central government administration (36%), Health (20%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Gender (S), Population and reproductive health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

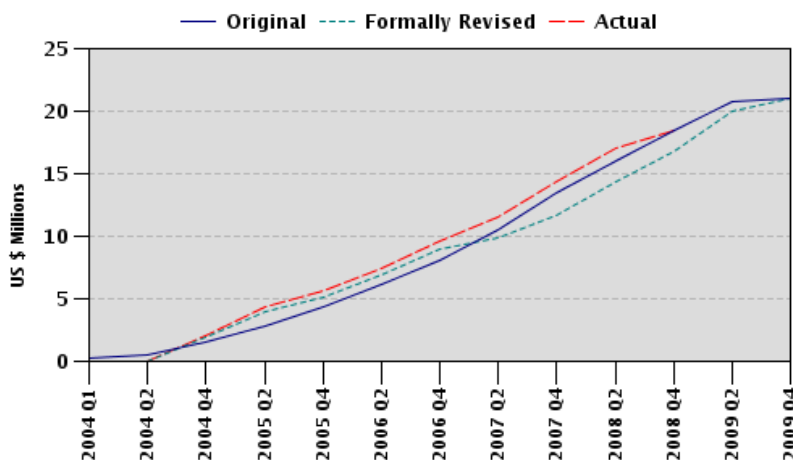
The objective is to increase the coverage and utilization of HIV prevention services, medical treatment, and social care, especially for high risk and vulnerable populations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving the development indicators has continued to be strong, with many targets already met/surpassed. There have been significant increases in: (i) voluntary testing (17,664 in 2007, as compared to 970 in 5,162 in 2006 and 266 in 2005), (ii) routine testing (14,894 in 2007, as compared to 12,007 in 2006); (iii) pregnant women using the Prevention from Mother To Child Transmission Services (5,852 in 2007, as compared to 2,907 in 2006 and 13 in 2005); and (iv) Person Living With HIV/AIDS receiving ARV (1,149 end of 2007, as compared to 548 as of December 31st 2006 and 256 as of December 31st 2005).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0570	Effective	25.04	18.52	4.84	0.00
IDA-Q3550	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60



Project Name (ID): MR-Mining Sec TA SIL 2 (FY04)- (PRISM 2) (P078383)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 07/08/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/08/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38100, IDA-38101, IDA-3810A, TF-51878

Sector(s): Mining and other extractive (70%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other public sector governance (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Water resource management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (i) Build up and promote institutional and technical capacity to manage the country's mineral resources, including social and environmental management and improve sector contribution to national and regional economic development; and (ii) Promote private investments in mining.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

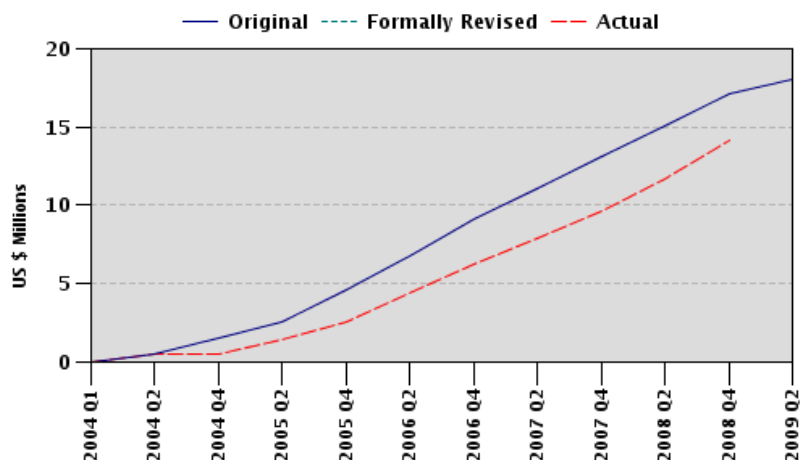
After some initial delays in implementation of the petroleum component, progress has improved in FY08. Petroleum cadastre implementation is underway and the petroleum law is nearly approved by the Government. Assistance to the Hydrocarbons Directorate in the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines is expected to commence by October 2008.

On the mining side, the program to assist the development of the Nouadhibou-Zouerate corridor (small grants program) has entered its third round to date about 55 small grants projects have been implemented. Local population judges this program to be very useful and a success. Hydrogeological drilling (11 holes) is nearly completed and results will be available by September 2008.

The closing date for the operation was extended until December 2010, mostly because of the initial delays on the petroleum component. It is likely that the operation will achieve its developmental objectives before the new closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38100	Effective	20.88	12.90	6.88	0.00
IDA-38101	Effective	5.66	0.79	4.83	0.00
IDA-3810A	Effective	0.55	0.51	0.00	0.00
TF-51878	Closed	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-Com Based Rural Dev (FY04) - (PDRC) (P081368)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 04/20/2004

Midterm Review Date: 01/30/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q3740, IDA-38830

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (40%), Other social services (30%), General industry and trade sector (10%), Water supply (10%), Roads and highways (10%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Land administration and management (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Decentralization (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

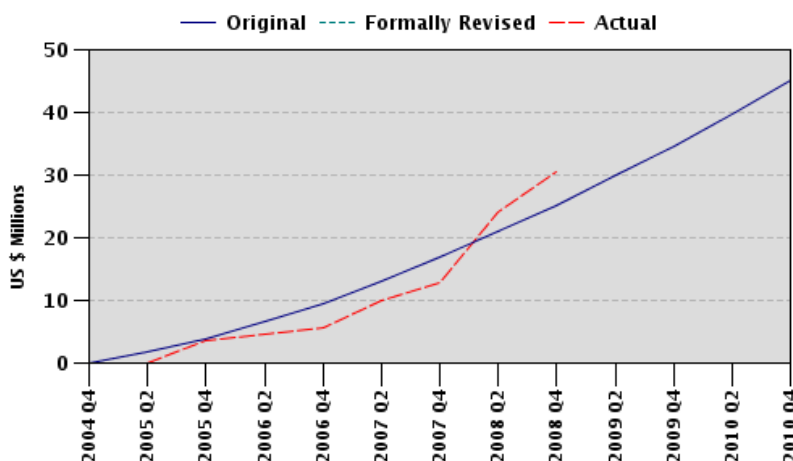
Improve the living conditions of project-supported village communities in terms of sustainable income increase, access to basic socio-economic services, and improved natural management practices.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing towards achieving its development objective. About 1,440 micro-projects are being implemented. Funds are being directly transferred to local communities with no reported misuse or diversion. Project beneficiaries, government officials and other stakeholders have vividly expressed the improvement of their living conditions due to the project. Cohesion among populations has been reinforced and participation of women is becoming more active than before. Micro-entrepreneurs activity which experienced delay in the past is picking up with 50 already trained. About 8 roads will be completed soon, which will benefit the communities during rainy season, and the remaining 13 will be completed by project end.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q3740	Closed	1.37	0.00	0.00	1.37
IDA-38830	Effective	48.79	30.45	16.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-Pub Sec CB SIL (FY07) (P082888)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42180, IDA-Q4190, TF-52675, IDA-Q4191

Sector(s): Central government administration (85%), Sub-national government administration (11%), Law and justice (3%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Decentralization (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

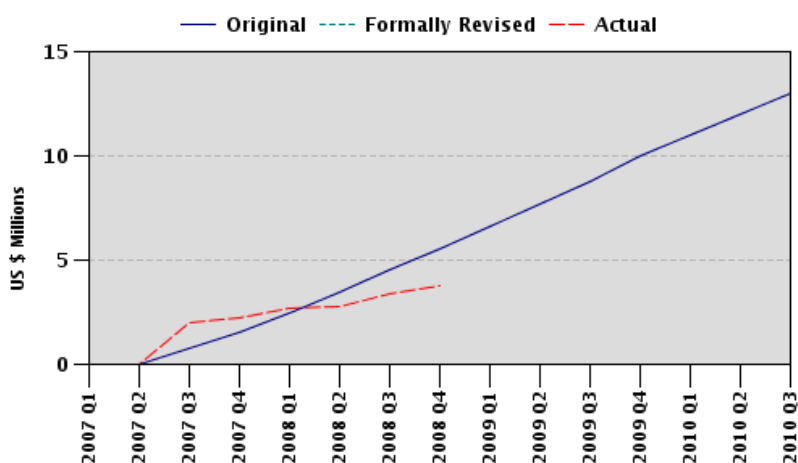
The development objective of the project is to improve the performance, efficiency, and transparency of public resources management in Mauritania.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The government's reform program as endorsed by the Parliament in 2007 continued up to 2008. The reform program supports the objectives of the project. However, implementation has been slow. Major achievements to date are: completion of the computerized budget system; decentralization of the system in two pilot provinces; and, completion of the survey of the civil service to assist in 2009 Budget preparation. Among other activities, tax management reforms, a survey of tax-payers, computerization of tax administration, review and reform of the tax code, a review of civil service benefits and pension system have commenced.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42180	Effective	14.79	3.76	10.78	0.00
IDA-Q4190	Closed	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.59
TF-52675	Closed	0.55	0.53	0.00	0.02
IDA-Q4191	Closed	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.18



Project Name (ID): MR-Higher Education (FY05) (P087180)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 08/03/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39700

Sector(s): Tertiary education (100%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

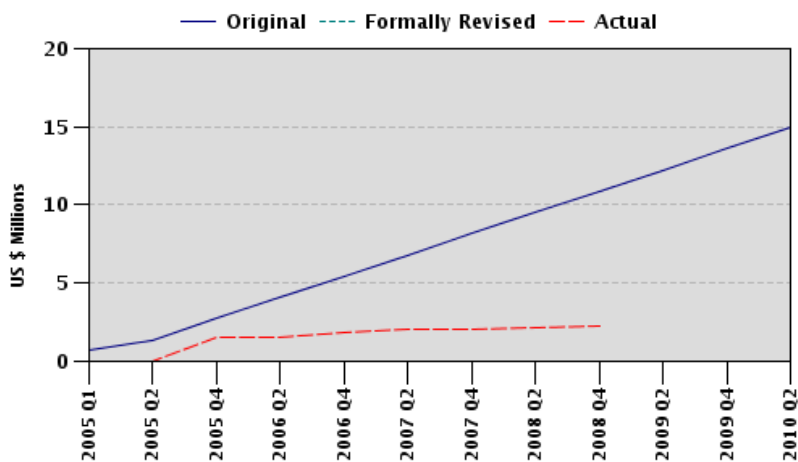
The objective is to produce qualified graduates with the skills needed for increased productivity and diversification of the economy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well toward achieving development objectives. As a result the employment rate of graduates has increased from 20% to 40%; the percentage of students in professional programs has increased from 7% to 12%; and the repetition rate of students has declined from 25% to 15%. Progress has also been made in areas crucial to the quality of higher education: the student/teacher ratio was reduced from 30 in 2000 to 20 in 2008 (project target), and the number of senior lecturers increased from 36% to 56%.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39700	Effective	16.46	2.32	13.93	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-Irrigated Agr Integr Dev APL 2 (FY05) (P088828)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 03/17/2005

Midterm Review Date: 04/14/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40430

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (25%), Crops (20%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%), General public administration sector (15%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Rural markets (P), Water resource management (P), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

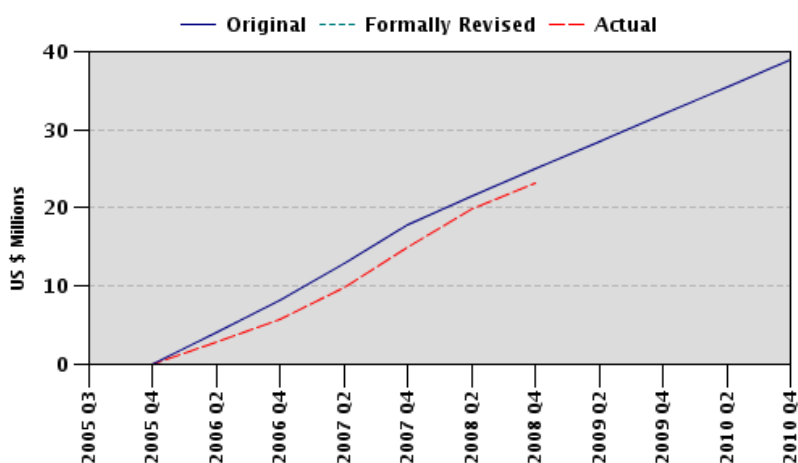
The objective of Phase II of the APL is three-fold: (i) consolidate key incentive measures; (ii) increase sustainable irrigation schemes; and (iii) intensify agricultural diversification for targeted actors engaged in irrigated agriculture.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well towards achievement of its development objective. Beneficiary assessment conducted before Mid-Term Review revealed that overall project beneficiaries are satisfied with the project outcomes. Although irrigated land has lagged behind the expected target, yield has dramatically increased from 3 MT to 5 MT per hectare on average. With the current food environment crisis marked by a hike in rice price, domestic rice production is expected to be competitive now which has led to a renewal interest in rice production and crop diversification. The credit institution, UNCACEM, has achieved its financial self sufficiency since 2000 with a loan recovery rate of 94% on average.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40430	Effective	40.94	23.17	16.64	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-Health & Nutrition Supt (FY06) (P094278)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 06/01/2006

Midterm Review Date: 03/15/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41810, IDA-Q4800

Sector(s): Health (63%), Central government administration (25%), Non-compulsory health finance (10%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

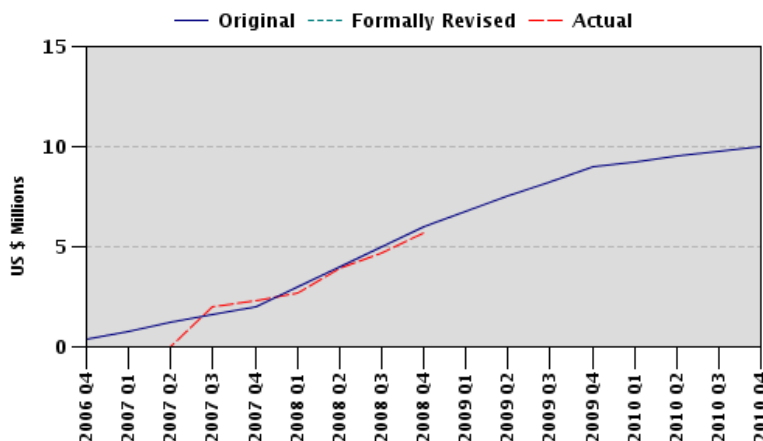
The HNSP#s revised specific objectives are to: (i) Strengthen integrated management capacity of the health sector, in particular in the areas of finance, budget, human resources, drugs and information system; (ii) Improve access to and quality of basic health services and increase demand, in particular for the most vulnerable groups; and (iii) Improve nutrition patterns for infant and young children within project#s interventions areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards the development objective is uneven. Seven (7) indicators out of eleven (11), especially, "Access to affordable obstetric services as measured by the percentage of Pre Natal Consultation (PNC) in fourteen (14) Moughatas (four (4) Wilayas) subsidizing services for pregnant women through an obstetric prepayment program", "Rate of mass treatment for schistosomiasis in four wilayas (Trarza, Brakna, Gorgol, Guidimaka)", " Knowledge and consumption of iodized salt (Nouakchott, Nouadhibou, Gorgol, Assaba, HodhEl Gharbi, Tagant, Brakna). "Percentage of personnel files updated to further develop human resources and their geographical distribution", "Improve health sector management efficiency as measured by the rate of production of monthly reports", show that the project is likely to reach its objectives by more than 50% of their targets. However, four (4) indicators ("Coverage of accessible and affordable health services in underserved areas as measured by the percentage of pregnant women to receive 2 doses of sulfadoxinepyrimethamine (SP)", "Number of MOHSA integrated supervisions with HR directorate participation to further develop human resources and their geographical distribution", "Ensure adequate financing of the sector as measured by the number of operational health mutuelles" and "Ensure adequate and equitable use of resources as measured by the percentage of health management committees trained") are still at 0% of their objective after 14 months of project implementation. Project is in the process of being restructured to better focus resources on achievable results.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41810	Effective	11.37	5.75	5.35	0.00
IDA-Q4800	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60



Project Name (ID): MR-Bus. Environ. Enhancem. SIL (FY08) (P102031)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 05/22/2008

Closing Date: 11/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44480, IDA-Q5580

Sector(s): Central government administration (48%), General energy sector (22%), Law and justice (20%), Banking (10%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Standards and financial reporting (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The overall project development objective is to enhance the business climate through improvements in the financial, legal and judiciary sectors, and regulatory environment for business. This would facilitate private-sector led growth/investment in the economy and improve the services of the public enterprises that directly impact private sector growth and development.

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-44480	Not Effective	5.24	0.00	5.24	0.00
IDA-Q5580	Effective	0.55	0.24	0.31	0.00



Project Name (ID): MR-Education For All (FY08) (P109078)

Country: Mauritania

Board Approval Date: 04/08/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-91822

Sector(s): Primary education (86%), Central government administration (14%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to accelerate the implementation of the Government’s Education Sector Development Program (ESDP 2001-2015) in its entirety.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

It is too soon to evaluate the progress toward achieving the Grant development objectives. However, all key staff necessary for the successful implementation of the Grant are in place, and a detailed action plan has been prepared for the first year's activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91822	Effective	14.00	0.00	14.00	0.00

