

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: NIGER

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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): NE-Basic Education SIL (FY04) (P061209)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 07/17/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/21/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q3360, TF-53053, IDA-H0600, IDA-3812A, IDA-38120, TF-54461

Sector(s): Primary education (75%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (13%), Central government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

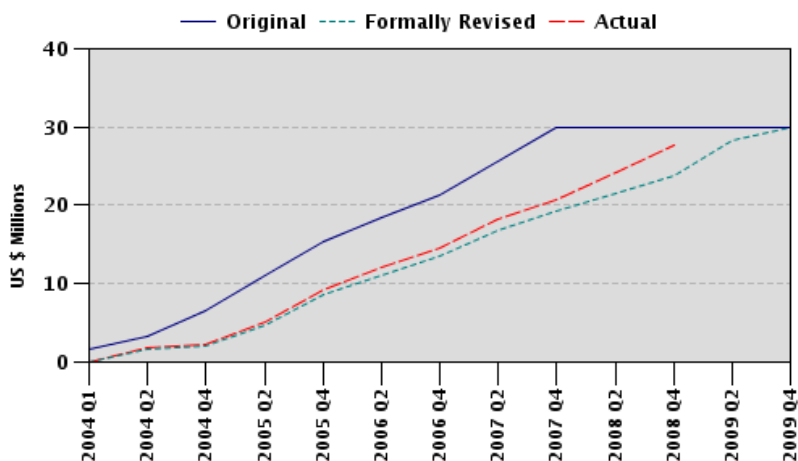
The objectives are to increase the enrollment and completion rates of the students in the basic education programs, in particular in the rural areas, and to strengthen the administrative and managerial capacities in the basic education sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress is advancing well. The Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) has increased from 54% (2005/2006) to 57% (2006/2007), while the girls# GER rose from 44% in (2005/2006) to 47.4% (2006/2007). This progress was possible thanks to a continuing massive recruitment of contractual teachers, 20,274 were recruited from 2002 to 2007. Education quality remains an issue, with recent surveys of students and trainee-teachers indicating very low levels of content knowledge among both groups, and a marked decline in content knowledge since the 2005 student survey. Two key issues identified by the Government and donors to tackle in the coming months are: (i) inadequate instructional time; and (ii) the need for pedagogic reforms for post-primary education given their impact on primary teacher quality. Progress has been made in improving institutional capacity, in particular at the regional and local levels; the experience of empowering local communities in school management (transfer of resources, involvement in teacher recruitment and management) was expanded to all schools nation wide.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q3360	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
TF-53053	Closed	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
IDA-H0600	Effective	28.20	24.54	2.26	0.00
IDA-3812A	Closed	0.40	0.38	0.00	0.00
IDA-38120	Effective	6.14	2.68	3.27	0.00
TF-54461	Closed	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): NE-Water Sec SIL (FY01) (P061558)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 05/03/2001

Midterm Review Date: 04/26/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-35050, IDA-35051, IDA-3505A, IDA-H2590, IDA-Q1760

Sector(s): Water supply (87%), Sanitation (10%), General public administration sector (3%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

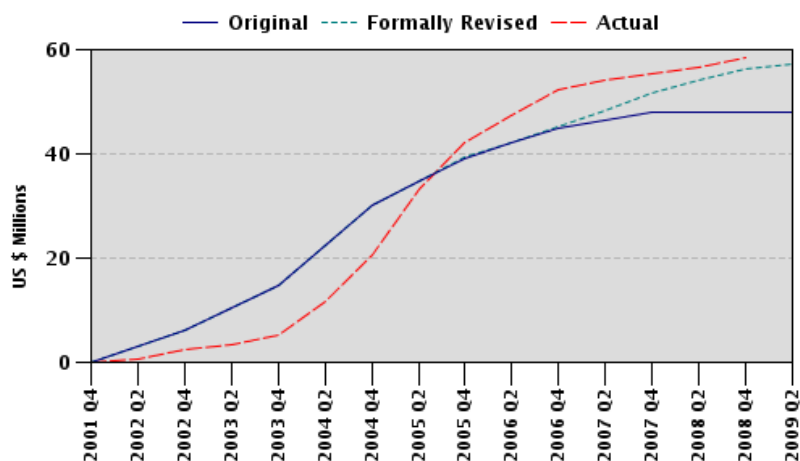
The objectives of the project are: (a) improving water production and distribution efficiency and providing affordable sanitation services, (b) strengthening institutional capacity, policy formulation, monitoring and regulation and, (c) rehabilitating rural water facilities, developing on-site sanitation services and implementing community-based management of rural water facilities involving private sector participation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well toward the achievement of its development objectives. About 355,220 additional people have gained direct access to piped water in urban towns, representing 93% of the end-of-project-target. In rural areas concerned by the project, water coverage has reached 78% as compared to the target of 75% set for end of 2008. The on-site sanitation pilot program has fully achieved its development objectives with more than 120,000 additional people having access to improved sanitation services in peri-urban areas of Niamey. The sector reform supported by the project has significantly improved the operational performance of the urban water sub-sector and the financial equilibrium restored in December 2006 is being strengthened.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35050	Effective	46.29	41.96	0.00	0.00
IDA-35051	Closed	10.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
IDA-3505A	Closed	13.45	12.47	0.00	0.00
IDA-H2590	Effective	11.07	4.05	7.01	0.00
IDA-Q1760	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10



Project Name (ID): NE-Com Action Prgm (FY03) (P065991)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 03/20/2003

Midterm Review Date: 03/07/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0250, IDA-H3460, IDA-Q2450, IDA-Q2451, TF-26176

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (20%), General education sector (15%), Health (10%)

Theme(s): Decentralization (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Other social protection and risk management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are: (a) design and implement decentralized, participatory and transparent financing mechanisms that enable communities and local governments to carry out development plans; and (b) promote community-based integrated ecosystem management, and foster multiple global environmental benefits.

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

The additional financing aims at enabling communities and local authorities to prevent and control HPAI outbreaks in Niger and is expected to yield the following concrete outcomes: strengthening of national veterinary services (including disease surveillance) and human health systems related to HPAI as well as increasing public awareness and participation in HPAI control and prevention.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

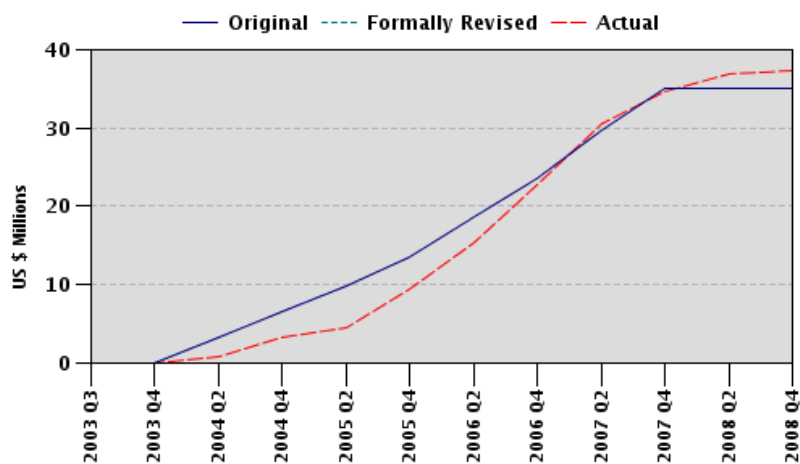
At project completion the project development objectives and the global environmental objective have been met with their outcomes surpassing their planned targets: (i) number of Communities that have developed their community development plans reached 178; (ii) number of Communities that have implemented at least 5 micro-projects from their Local Development Plans reached 134; (iii) number of Communes that have implemented at least 3 micro-projects from their Communal Development Plans reached 38.

With regards to the global environment objectives, the area of marginal lands under cultivation of annual crops, and area of marginal land being protected and/or actively recovered from zero ha at baseline to 7,837 ha of Acacia Senegal planted on degraded land (reforestation) eligible for Bio-carbon Finance. In addition: (a) 6,632 community leaders have been trained in community development; and 1,066 in community procurement; (b) 1,134 local government representatives have been trained in administrative management; 1,179 in fiscal management; 1,202 in communal planning; and 117 in land tenure and property. Furthermore, a total of 1,546 micro-projects have been financed by the grant.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0250	Closed	40.36	37.42	0.26	0.00
IDA-H3460	Effective	4.68	0.56-	5.23	0.00
IDA-Q2450	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-Q2451	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
TF-26176	Closed	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): NE-MultiSec STI/HIV/AIDS 2 (FY03) (P071612)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 04/04/2003

Midterm Review Date: 07/03/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0310, IDA-Q3460

Sector(s): Health (40%), Other social services (35%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Health system performance (S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

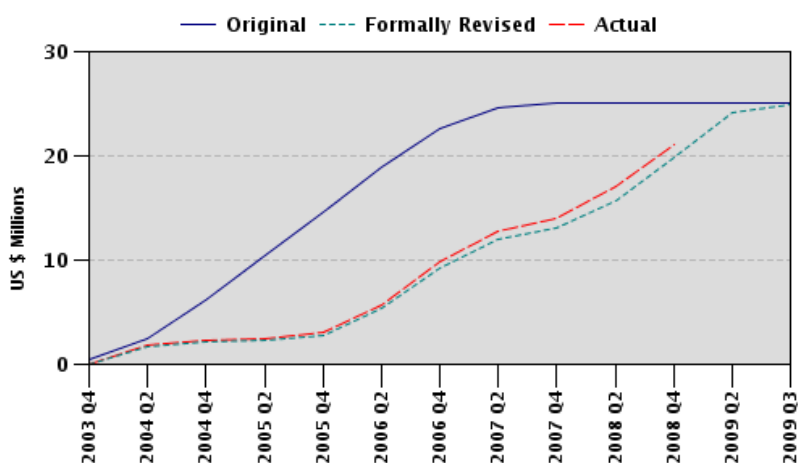
The new development objective of the project is to improve (a) the coverage and utilization of HIV prevention, care, treatment and mitigation services, and (b) STI/HIV/AIDS prevention knowledge among the general population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Niger's progress toward meeting the new development objectives of the project has been good. HIV/AIDS prevalence among young adults is still low at 0.7% in 2006. The project increased access to voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) from 1.25% to 2.9% , prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) from 40% to 58.6%, and provided care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) in all the 7 regions, 53.3% received ARV on 05/05/2008 as compared to 39% on 12/31/2006. The 2008-2012 HIV/AIDS Strategic Framework has been finalized, and was endorsed by the National AIDS Council, led by the President along with technical and financial partners (Bilateral and Multilaterals donors).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0310	Effective	28.99	20.92	6.84	0.00
IDA-Q3460	Closed	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.57



Project Name (ID): NE-Priv Irrigation Promotion SIL (FY02) (P072996)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 03/19/2002

Midterm Review Date: 11/30/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26717, IDA-36210, IDA-3621A, IDA-Q3190

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (60%), Central government administration (19%), Agricultural extension and research (16%), Other social services (5%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Technology diffusion (S)

Project Development Objectives:

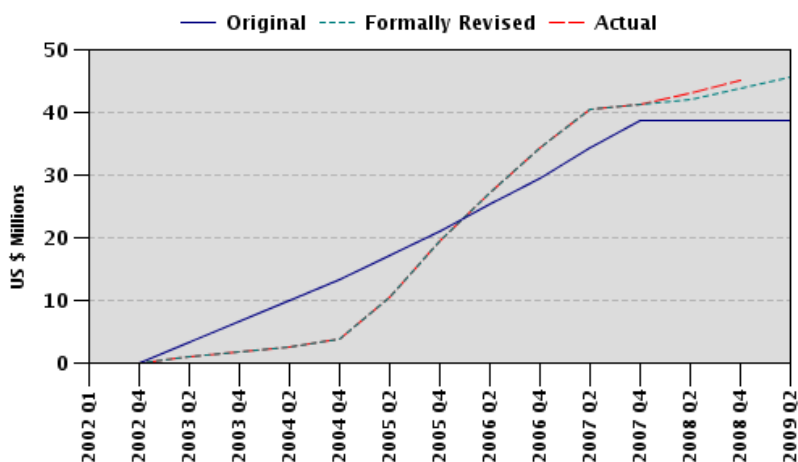
The objective of the project is to increase production and profitability of high-value irrigated crops by private and smallholder farmers with simple and low-cost technologies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make good progress towards achieving its development objective. Project implementation period was extended by one year to December 2008. In June 2008 the number of subprojects completed reached 4,255. In addition, 181 subprojects which have been approved in the area of capacity building will be implemented before the project closure. It is worth noting the following indicators: a total of 16,359 ha have been equipped out of a target of 12,300 ha; 90% of irrigated areas are being permanently cultivated compared to 37% at mid-term of implementation; crop yields have increased beyond the 50% target; and overall crops production has substantially increased as well. The target of 50% in the volume of irrigated crops production has been exceeded for main irrigated crops, of which, onion, fresh tomatoes and pepper are not only for domestic consumption but for export to the sub-region as well.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26717	Closed	0.37	0.35	0.00	0.02
IDA-36210	Effective	47.62	42.19	1.55	0.00
IDA-3621A	Closed	2.99	2.79	0.00	0.00
IDA-Q3190	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40



Project Name (ID): NE-Financial Sec (FY04) (P074316)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 02/19/2004

Midterm Review Date: 01/15/2007

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38560, IDA-Q3270, IDA-Q3271

Sector(s): Banking (30%), Postal services (30%), Housing finance and real estate markets (20%), Micro- and SME finance (15%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (5%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Rural markets (S), Social risk mitigation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

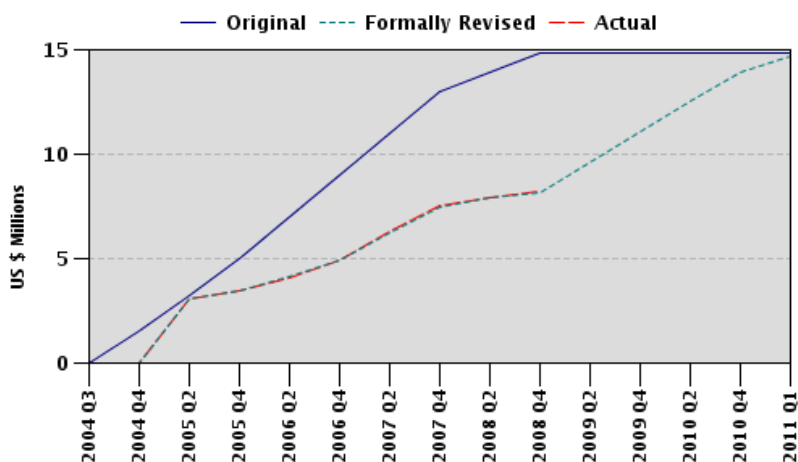
The objective is to improve the depth, reach and efficiency of the financial sector as well as access to financial services through: (a) improvement in the legal, regulatory and judicial environment within which financial institutions operate, (b) the restructuring of the housing bank, (c) the strengthening of the micro-finance sector, (d) the restructuring of the postal financial services with the creation of a financial services subsidiary, (e) the conduct of an actuarial audit of the social security institution and (f) capacity building in Ministries and in financial institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Achievement of the development objectives has not progressed as expected. In response to implementation delays in the postal reforms, the project's closing date was extended from April 30, 2008 to April 30, 2010. With the extension of the project closing date, the activities have been refocused on five main results/benchmarks and the timeframe for achieving them has been agreed on with the Government authorities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38560	Effective	17.94	8.06	9.11	0.00
IDA-Q3270	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-Q3271	Closed	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.35



Project Name (ID): NE-Inst Strngt & Hlth Sec Prgm (FY06) (P083350)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 01/05/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53735, IDA-Q4950, IDA-41410

Sector(s): Health (65%), Other social services (15%), Central government administration (13%), Sub-national government administration (7%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

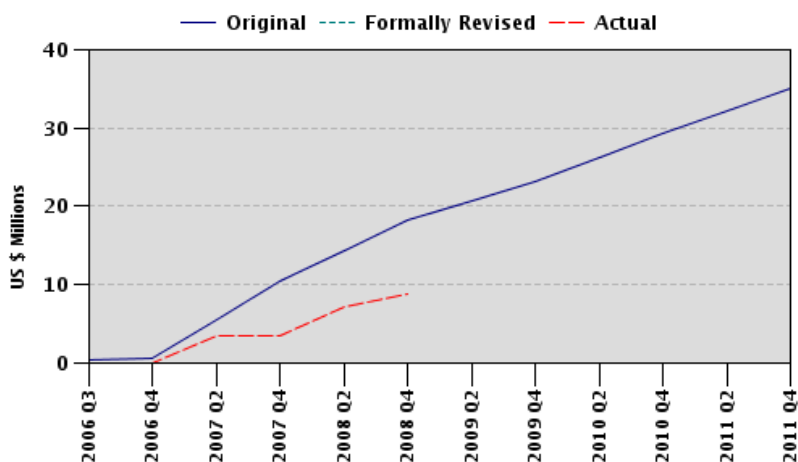
The objective is to improve the provision of essential health care in Niger and contribute to the reduction of maternal and child mortality.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project will likely contribute to the achievement of targets as laid out in the result framework through the implementation of the National Health Development Plan (NHDP), within the five year period. Many development objectives and intermediary indicators are on track, and the country performed well with regard to the utilization of services at the health centers (visit rate was 0.3% on 02/12/2008 as compared to 0.2% on 07/21/2006), including family planning (contraceptive prevalence reached 5% on 02/12/2008 as compared to 4% on 07/21/2006), assisted delivery by skilled attendants (19.25% on 02/12/2008 versus 16% on 07/21/2006), antenatal care (86% on 02/12/2008 versus 42% on 07/21/2006), and malaria treatment (53.26% of pregnant women receive intermittent treatment as of 02/12/2008 versus 0% on 07/21/2006). However, more efforts are needed in the area of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E). The sector continues to deal with challenges related to human resource management, district hospital functionality, and access to, and availability of, drugs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53735	Closed	0.47	0.40	0.00	0.08
IDA-Q4950	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-41410	Effective	37.98	8.79	28.92	0.00



Project Name (ID): NE-Loc Urb Infrastructure Dev SIL (FY08) (P095949)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2008

Closing Date: 01/15/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5440, IDA-44100

Sector(s): Roads and highways (25%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (25%), General industry and trade sector (20%), General public administration sector (15%), General education sector (15%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to increase and sustain access of urban residents to basic infrastructure and services, particularly those living in deprived settlements.

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-Q5440	Effective	0.73	0.70	0.03	0.00
IDA-44100	Not Effective	29.90	0.00	29.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): NE-MS Demographic SIL (FY07) (P096198)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3090, IDA-Q5480

Sector(s): Central government administration (57%), Other social services (27%), Sub-national government administration (11%), General education sector (5%)

Theme(s): Population and reproductive health (P), Gender (P), Personal and property rights (S), Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (S), Education for all (S)

Project Development Objectives:

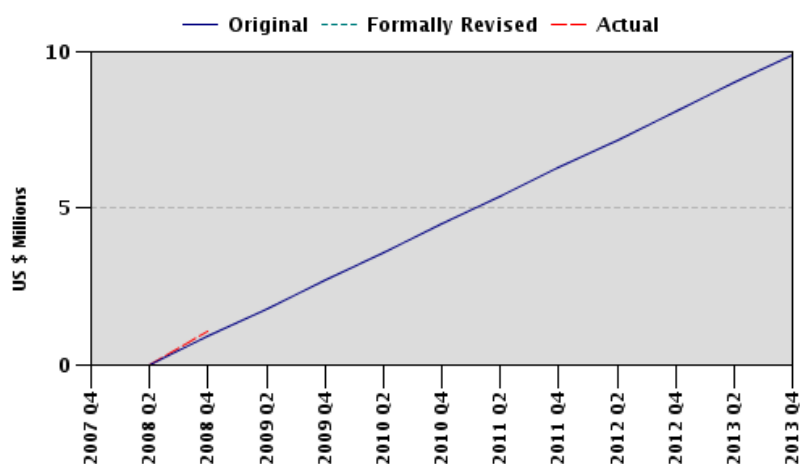
The objective is to strengthen capacity to address Niger’s demographic challenge while increasing general awareness on population and reproductive health issues.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Initial delays in project implementation resulted from the lack of strong project management and capacity constraints in the Ministry of Population and Social Reform (MP/SR). Several actions have been taken to mitigate this situation: (a) recruitment of additional staff, in particular Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and Communication specialists (being done, the latter by UNFPA); (2) a capacity building plan for the MP/RS, which is being implemented; and (c) preparation of an Annual Work Plan (PAT) 2008-09, which is final and being implemented. The MP/RS has also strengthened its technical directorates and has set up and staffed eight (8) regional offices. Despite delays, the project is on track to reach its PDO. The project helped conduct a successful National Forum to create a consensus on population issues (this Forum was held on February 26-28, 2008). The MP/RS has also conducted nationwide information, education and communication (IEC) and behavioral communication change (BCC) campaigns. Finally, the Ministry of Health has reported an increase in the use of modern contraceptive methods, which as of April 2008 was estimated at 8.3% of couples (services statistics).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3090	Effective	10.91	0.70	10.19	0.00
IDA-Q5480	Closed	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.95



Project Name (ID): NE-Transport Sector Program SIM (FY08) (P101434)

Country: Niger

Board Approval Date: 04/29/2008

Closing Date: 12/15/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5470, IDA-H3780

Sector(s): Roads and highways (83%), Central government administration (17%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other public sector governance (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to (a) improve the physical access of rural population to markets and services on selected unpaved sections of the national road network, and (b) strengthen the institutional framework, management and implementation of road maintenance in Niger.

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-Q5470	Effective	0.60	0.50	0.10	0.00
IDA-H3780	Not Effective	30.41	0.00	30.41	0.00

