

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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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): ST-Social Sector Support (FY04) (P075979)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date: 05/18/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/01/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52058, TF-51124, IDA-Q3800, IDA-H0880, IDA-39020

Sector(s): General education sector (47%), Health (26%), Other social services (14%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Population and reproductive health (S), HIV/AIDS (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

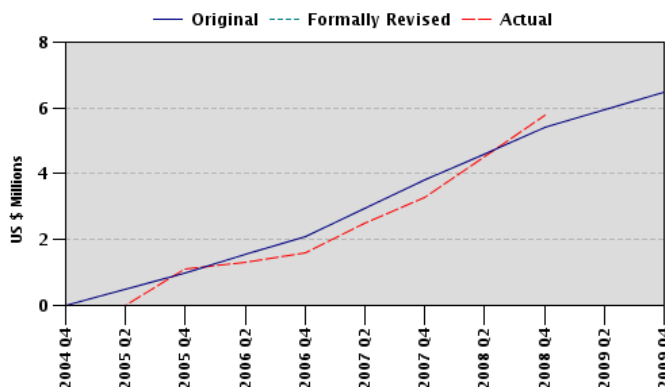
The development objective of the Social Sector Support Project (PASS) for Sao Tome and Principe is to contribute to improving the delivery of basic health and education services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving the development objective has been encouraging. Access to education continues to improve. The Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) is estimated at 108% and the completion rate in primary education is 64%. The survival rate from grade 1 to 6 rose to 60.3% in 2007, from 47% in 2003, and the transition rate from grade 4 to grade 5 increased to 73.3% from 60% in the same period. The number of schools working on a triple shift regimen has dropped to 12 from 27 in 2003, and the ratio of one textbook per student has been achieved. The health sector is also showing encouraging outcomes. The proportion of births attended by skilled professionals increased to 94% in 2007 from 70% in 2003 (surpassing the project target of 85%) as a result of improvements in service delivery, particularly in rural areas. At the same time, the proportion of pregnant women receiving antenatal care increased from 90% to 93.8% (one visit) during the same period. The HIV prevalence among pregnant women is estimated at 1.5%, and there is evidence that a growing proportion of women are getting correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS forms of transmission. In parallel to this progress in maternal health, slight progress is also noted in child healthcare. The immunization rate for measles is at 84%, and Sao Tome and Principe has been a real success story on the malaria front: incidence of the disease in children less than five years old has now dropped to 151/1,000 from 1,273/1,000 in 2003.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52058	Closed	0.65	0.46	0.00	0.19
TF-51124	Closed	0.35	0.15	0.00	0.20
IDA-Q3800	Closed	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40
IDA-H0880	Effective	1.79	1.35	0.36	0.00
IDA-39020	Effective	5.53	4.45	0.82	0.00



Project Name (ID): ST-Gov CB TA (FY07) (P083400)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date: 10/14/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/15/2006

Closing Date: 04/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39930, IDA-Q4370

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), Law reform (S), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the credit are to: (i) modernize and strengthen capacity in economic (financial and budgetary) management and supervision, and (ii) to build up basic institutional and legal infrastructure in the finance and national resources ministries.

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

The project closing date has been extended for one year (April 30, 2009) to provide additional time for conclusion of the remaining activities that were delayed at the beginning of project implementation. Also, a reallocation of credit proceeds has been approved to update the budget in line with increasing costs for (i) buying hardware and software for the development of an information technology accounting system (SAFE-e); (ii) training of public official's in the SAFE-e system; and (iii) financing Project incremental costs during the Project extension period.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

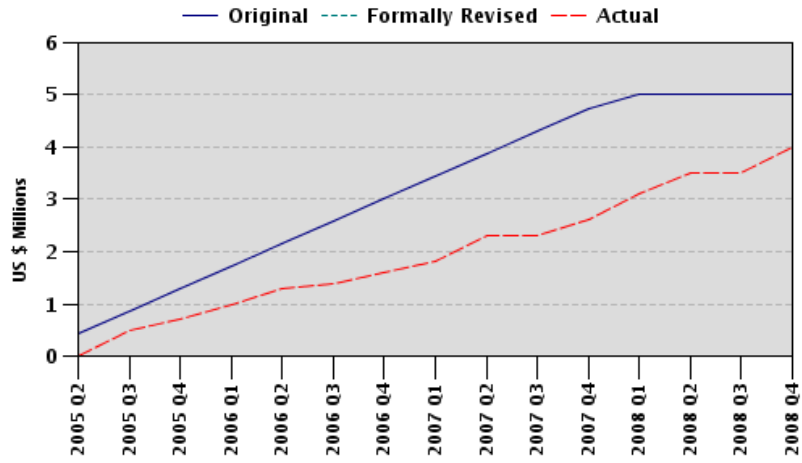
Overall the project will achieve its objectives. In the petroleum sector, Sao Tome and Principe reached candidate country status of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in February 2008. The Government submitted to the National Assembly a new petroleum law and model contract, both based on the principles of transparency and open competition, for the exploration in its Exclusive Economic Zone. The government has also taken the first steps towards designating Directors at the National Petroleum Agency.

With regard to the implementation of the public finance management reform, the government has acquired the hardware for the development of the SAFE-e system that will integrate separate sub-systems currently not linked. It has also continuously been updating the institutional and legal framework, in areas such as Treasury, Asset Management and Public Accounting that have led, among other things, to the setup of a new Directorate of Public Accounting and a Directorate of Information Technology. The government has also developed the first draft of a new procurement law to be discussed in a national workshop before discussion by the National Assembly.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39930	Effective	5.68	3.96	1.45	0.00
IDA-Q4370	Closed	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.54



Project Name (ID): ST-DPL (FY08) (P106468)

Country: Sao Tome and Principe

Board Approval Date: 06/10/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90404, IDA-H3960

Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Oil and gas (20%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Tax policy and administration (P), Other public sector governance (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To support Sao Tome and Principe with its PRSP implementation through: i) increasing the share of pro-poor government spending; ii) strengthening of the accountability and transparency of public revenues; and iii) enhance economic diversification, export and growth.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In the petroleum sector, Sao Tome and Principe reached candidate country status of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in February 2008. The Government submitted to the National Assembly a new petroleum law and model contract, both based on the principles of transparency and open competition. With regards to the implementation of the public finance management reform, the government has acquired the hardware for the development of the SAFE-e system that will integrate separate sub-systems currently not linked. It has also continuously updated the institutional and legal framework, in areas such as Treasury, Asset Management and Public Accounting, that has lead, among other things, to the setting up of a new Directorate of Public Accounting and a new Directorate of Information Technology. The government has also developed the first draft of a new procurement law to be discussed in a national workshop before discussion by the National Assembly.

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Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-90404	Closed	0.60	0.13	0.47	0.00
IDA-H3960	Effective	5.85	0.00	5.85	0.00