

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

COUNTRY: LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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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): LA - Nam Theun Social & Environment (P049290)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 03/31/2005

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-27044

Sector(s): Other social services (75%), Central government administration (15%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (10%)

Theme(s): Other environment and natural resources management (P), Other social development (P), Biodiversity (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To generate revenues, through environmentally and socially sustainable development of NT2's hydropower potential, which will be used to finance priority poverty reduction and environmental management programs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Reservoir inundation is underway following completion of the physical resettlement process and satisfactory progress in implementing mitigation and compensation programs for project lands and downstream areas. The focus is now on ensuring sustainable livelihoods for project affected people, and effective environmental management in the surrounding areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-27044	Closed	0.47	0.13	0.00	0.34



Project Name (ID): LA-SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY FOR RURAL DEV. (P064886)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/24/2003

Midterm Review Date: 09/22/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38020, TF-26765

Sector(s): Forestry (100%)

Theme(s): Other public sector governance (P), Land administration and management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

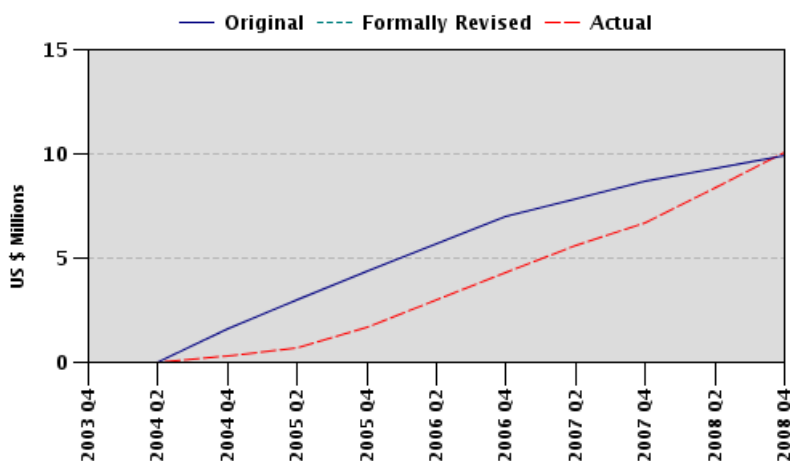
The objective is to achieve the sustainable management of production forests to alleviate rural poverty in the Project Provinces.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making substantial progress in implementing forest management planning for production forest areas and in addressing issues related to community involvement in various dimensions of forest management. There are continuing efforts to strengthen incentives for participation by ensuring equitable returns to communities from timber sales, royalty assessment and other benefit-sharing arrangements. A request for additional financing is in preparation and is expected in FY09.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38020	Effective	11.63	10.14	0.78	0.00
TF-26765	Closed	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): LA-Health Services Improvement Project (P074027)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 09/13/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1830, IDA-Q4760, TF-50606

Sector(s): Health (90%), Central government administration (5%), Compulsory health finance (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

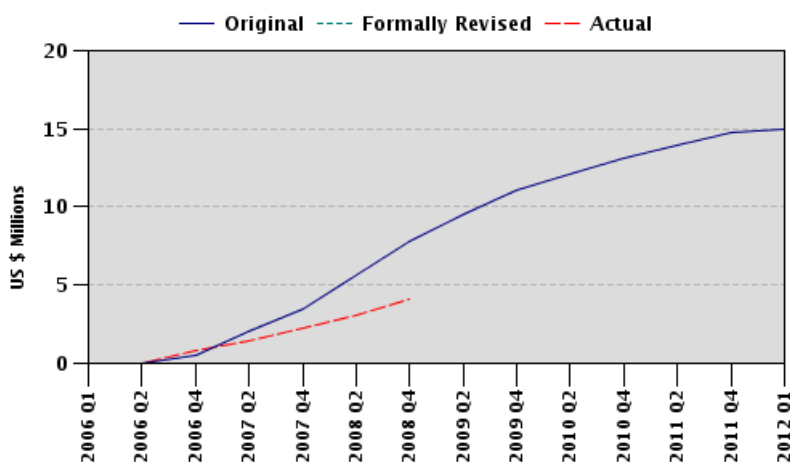
To assist the Lao PDR to improve the health status of its population, particularly the poor and rural population, in eight Central and Southern Provinces.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Available data indicate improvements in most health outcomes over the last few years, although there are considerable disparities in outcomes and progress both across and within provinces. The government and the Ministry of Health have been putting increased emphasis on improving maternal and child health.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1830	Effective	17.04	4.09	12.63	0.00
IDA-Q4760	Closed	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.56
TF-50606	Closed	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA - Second Land Titling Project (P075006)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/24/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/29/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38010, TF-50627

Sector(s): General public administration sector (50%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (50%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Rural markets (P), Personal and property rights (P)

Project Development Objectives:

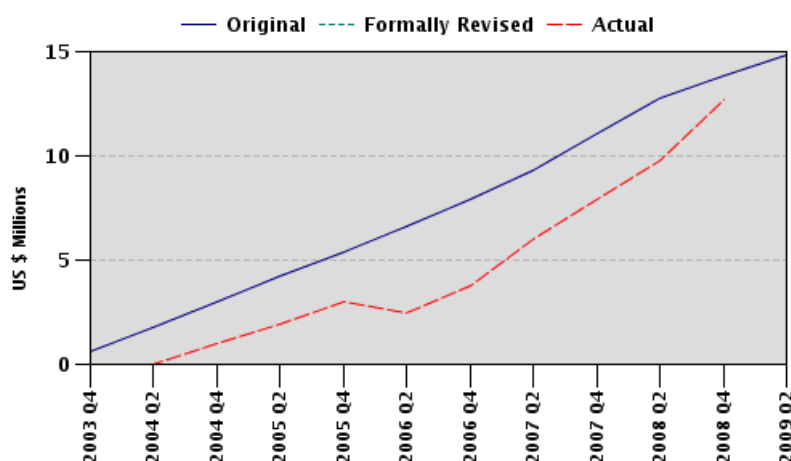
The objectives of the project are: (a) to improve the security of land tenure; (b) to develop transparent and efficient land administration institutions at the national and provincial levels; and (c) to improve the government's capacity to provide social and economic services through a broader revenue base from property-related fees and taxes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made towards achieving the project's development objectives. More than 320,000 land titles have been distributed to land owners. Land administration service delivery standards are in place and 80% of all transactions were completed within the standards. New institutional arrangements under a single agency responsible for land administration and management have been implemented. Revenue collection from land taxes and regulatory fees is on track, with collection having improved by 88% since the start of the project. The project's implementation is now being expanded to all provinces in the country.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38010	Effective	17.67	12.72	4.03	0.00
TF-50627	Closed	0.49	0.40	0.00	0.08



Project Name (ID): LA-Rural Electrification Phase I (P075531)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 04/27/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2180, TF-52798

Sector(s): Power (85%), Renewable energy (15%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Climate change (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objectives of the Phase I Project are to: (i) increase access to electricity of rural households in villages of targeted provinces; and (ii) improve financial performance of the power sector. The global environmental objectives are to: (i) substantial adoption of off-grid renewable energy in Government's rural electrification program; (ii) increased efficiency of energy supply by EdL and consumption by customers, resulting in greenhouse gas emission reductions as increased hydropower exports substitute for thermal power production in Thailand.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

a) Increased access to electricity is likely to be achieved with both the grid-extension and off-grid electrification programs supported under REP I. Grid extension: IDA financed procurement of materials for grid extension was completed and installation was under way. It was expected that 1/3 of targeted numbers of households and villages would be achieved in 2008. NORAD co-financed procurement of materials was close to completion and this would bring about 2/3 of targeted numbers of households and villages off-grid electrified in early 2009. Off-grid electrification: 3000 households were electrified with IDA financed SHS. Procurement of the rest SHS was close to completion. Once the SHS equipment is made available, the PESCOs' (private companies established for installation and services) implementation capacity was sufficient to install the rest of SHS (6000 sets). Improvement of financial sustainability of the power sector is likely to be achieved ahead of schedule. Annual tariff adjustment for 2005-2010 has been implemented satisfactory since 2005, and now Electricity du Laos (EdL) has almost achieved cost-recovery operation. Its key financial performance indicators (self-financing ratio, debt to equity ratio, debt service coverage ratio) satisfied covenanted requirements. EdL's operation efficiency has been improved with EdL system loss being reduced from about 22% in 2005 to below 17% in 2007, the targeted value for the REP I. As a result, EdL's financial performance has been greatly improved. Settlement of Government's arrears will further improve EdL's financial performance. Implementation of energy efficiency program with the central government agencies was on track and expected to reduce government electricity consumptions.

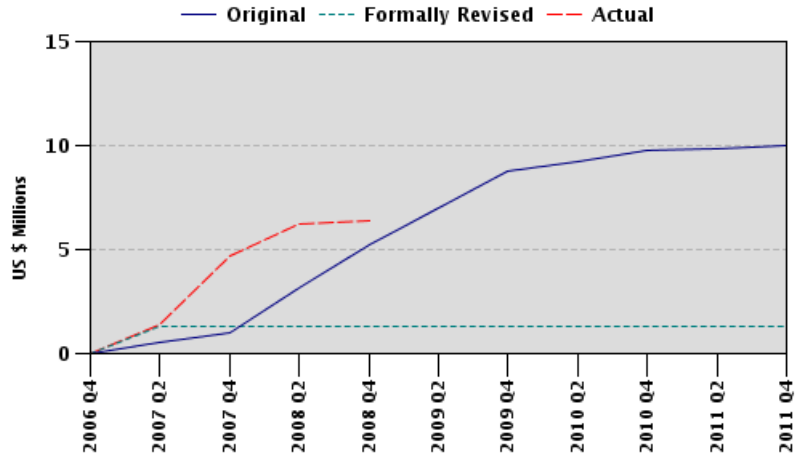
On GEF Objectives:

Reduction of EdL's system loss has achieved its target. Preparation and implementation of off-grid renewable capacity for household electrification is on track. Energy efficiency program with government agencies has been under smooth implementation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2180	Effective	11.44	6.39	4.53	0.00
TF-52798	Closed	1.32	1.30	0.00	0.02





Project Name (ID): LA-Poverty Reduction Fund Project (P077326)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/25/2002

Midterm Review Date: 12/06/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q3350, IDA-H4180, IDA-36750

Sector(s): General transportation sector (28%), General education sector (28%), Other social services (25%), Central government administration (11%), Sub-national government administration (8%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to: (i) improve the access to public infrastructure and services at the village level; (ii) build capacity and empower villages in poor districts to manage their own public investment planning; and (iii) strengthen local institutions to support participatory decision making and conflict resolution processes at the village, inter-koumban, and district levels.

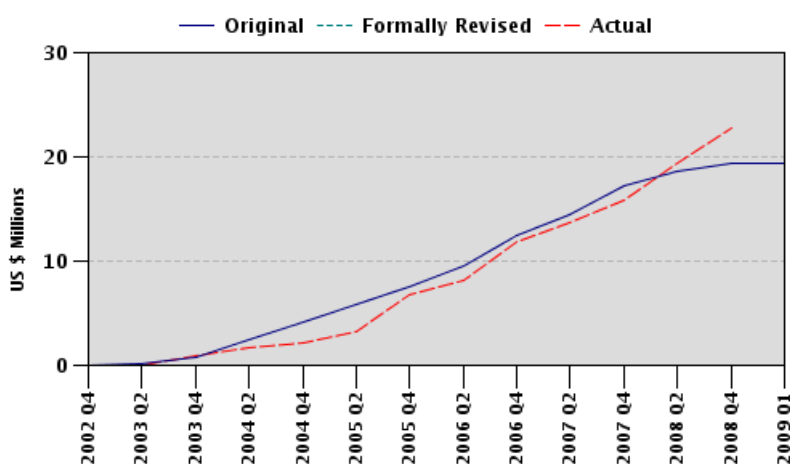
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 08

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The positive progress towards achieving the development objectives is evidenced by the significant development of road networks, schools, water/sanitation and health facilities. Up to June 2007, the project financed 354 schools, 50 bridges, 31 health dispensaries, 1012 water supplies, 119 irrigation schemes, and upgraded 2420 km of roads, covering 1,880 villages and 744,140 people in 21 of the 72 poor districts in 5 provinces.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q3350	Closed	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.60
IDA-H4180	Not Effective	15.07	0.00	15.07	0.00
IDA-36750	Effective	24.64	22.68	0.30	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Fin. Management Capacity Building Cr. (P077620)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/25/2002

Midterm Review Date: 12/08/2006

Closing Date: 04/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57139, IDA-H3160, IDA-36760

Sector(s): Central government administration (58%), Banking (35%), General industry and trade sector (7%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

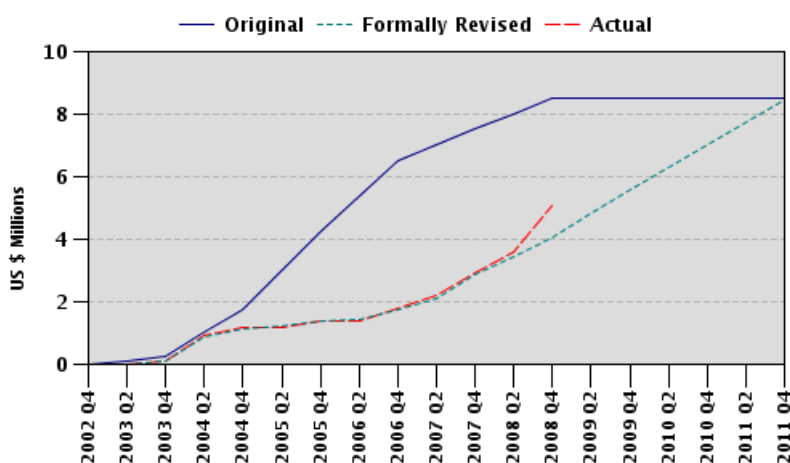
The project development objective is to improve the Government of Lao PDR budget preparation, execution, reporting and auditing systems; strengthen monitoring of state owned commercial bank operations, and to improve financial management of selected state owned enterprises.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The government's budget classification system was revised to be consistent with international public sector accounting standards. The revenue collection targets were met and expenditures were fully funded; budget reports were published within the first two quarters of the fiscal year. The state owned commercial banks completed their audits. Legislative framework for centralization of the National Treasury, customs and tax administration was completed. The selection process for qualified firms for developing restructuring plans for state owned enterprises is underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57139	Closed	0.30	0.10	0.20	0.00
IDA-H3160	Effective	3.18	0.72	2.47	0.00
IDA-36760	Effective	10.75	4.41	6.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Second Education Development (P078113)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 04/29/2004

Midterm Review Date: 03/26/2007

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26344, TF-92092, IDA-Q3930, IDA-H0840, IDA-38860

Sector(s): Primary education (54%), Central government administration (35%), Tertiary education (11%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

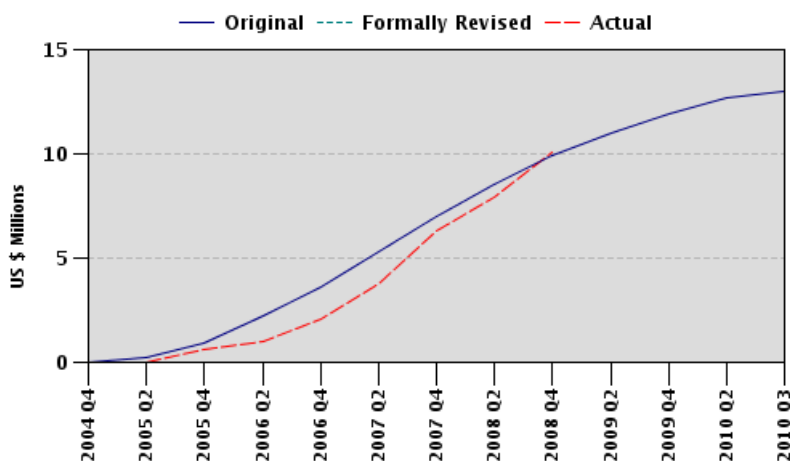
The development objective is to increase primary school enrollment and completion (reduce repetition and drop-out rates) in the 19 poorest provinces.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress towards achieving its objective as evidenced by 93,500 enrolled in the Project's target districts against a 2009/10 goal of 95,000.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26344	Closed	0.46	0.40	0.00	0.06
TF-92092	Effective	2.22	0.00	2.22	0.00
IDA-Q3930	Closed	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.23
IDA-H0840	Effective	9.16	7.59	1.03	0.00
IDA-38860	Effective	6.29	2.54	3.58	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-ROAD MAINT APL2 (P083543)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/30/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/23/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53320, TF-53808, IDA-39440

Sector(s): Roads and highways (97%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Other financial and private sector development (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

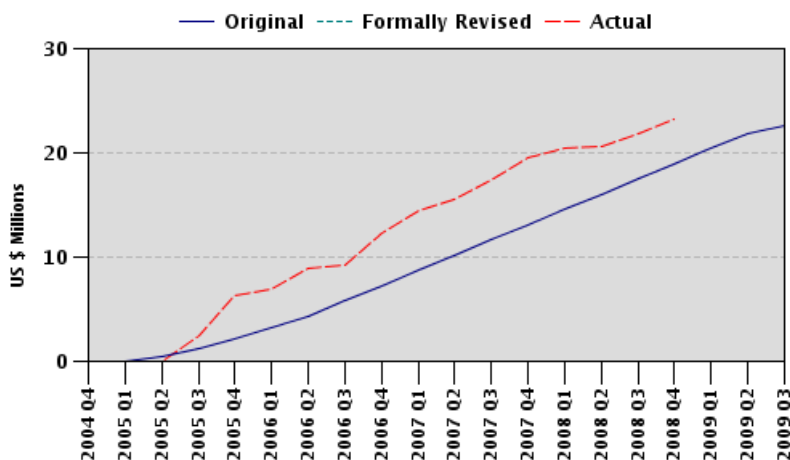
The second phase Road Maintenance Program will expand the operation of financing and management systems for the sustainable maintenance with two primary objectives: (a) national and local road assets are preserved to provide sustainable improved travel and access; and (b) sustainable financing and management of roads are operational countrywide with improved institutional capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is likely to achieve the PDO as all activities supported under the project are on track despite previous delays of some TA activities. Moreover, regarding the financial sustainability of the Road Maintenance Program, the Government approved another increase of fuel levy for the Road Maintenance Fund (RMF) from LAK200/litre to LAK250/litre in December 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53320	Closed	0.46	0.44	0.00	0.02
TF-53808	Effective	4.80	2.09	2.71	0.00
IDA-39440	Effective	24.33	23.17	0.12	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Khammouane Development Project (P087716)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55140, IDA-H4040

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (36%), Irrigation and drainage (24%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (18%), Roads and highways (11%), Water supply (11%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Decentralization (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to strengthen the planning process and public financial management associated with the decentralized delivery of services and infrastructure, including irrigation development, in Khammouane Province.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Credit had not been declared effective by 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-55140	Closed	0.58	0.54	0.04	0.00
IDA-H4040	Not Effective	9.07	0.00	9.07	0.00



Project Name (ID): Lao Environment and Social Project (P090693)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/30/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1770

Sector(s): Central government administration (48%), Forestry (25%), Other social services (11%), Sub-national government administration (9%), General education sector (7%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other social development (S), Biodiversity (S), Water resource management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

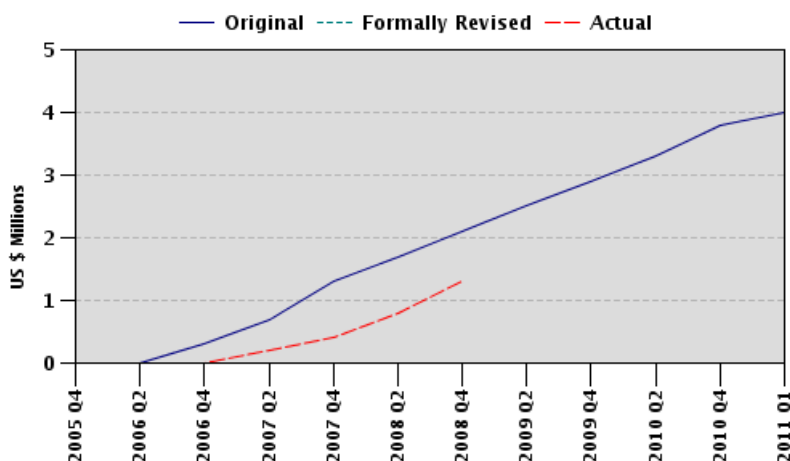
The objective of the project is to strengthen the management of environmental and social issues associated with the sustainable use of natural resources to enhance the quality of growth and reduce poverty.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation of the project has improved over the past year. Three sub-projects received commitment from high-level officials and there has been progress in terms of commitments to 111 sub-grants. Sub-grant processing has improved as Window Management Unit staff received training and three facilitators were transferred to the provinces. Sustaining implementation progress and focusing on key activities will be critical to the achievement of the project's development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1770	Effective	4.41	1.30	3.04	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Avian and Human Influenza Control (P100081)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2430, TF-56737, TF-57185, TF-90764

Sector(s): General public administration sector (35%), Health (29%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Animal production (12%), Other social services (4%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other communicable diseases (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other social protection and risk management (S), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

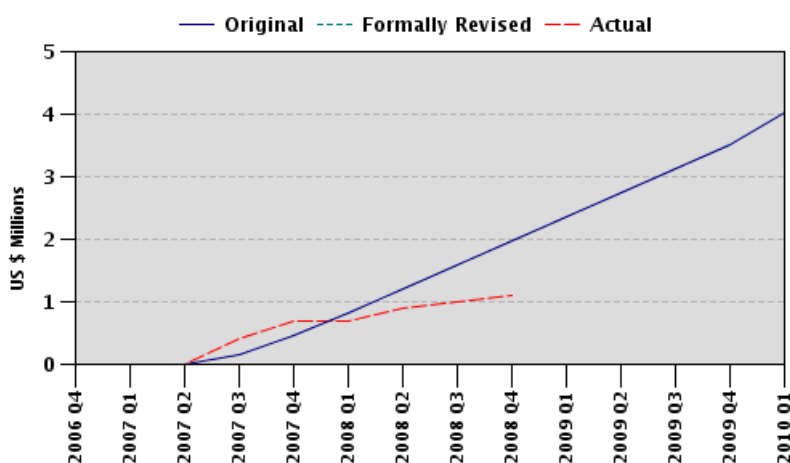
Contribute to Government's National Plan which aims to minimize the threat posed to humans and poultry sectors by highly pathogenic avian influenza infection and other zoonoses in Lao PDR, and to prepare for, control, and respond to influenza pandemics and other infectious disease emergencies in humans.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

During this fiscal year, training and awareness raising, among other things, continued to be provided. This has resulted in 76% of backyard poultry farmers (an increase from 46% in 2007) knowing at least 3 ways to protect themselves and their families from AI and 45% (up from 33% in 2007) knowing at least 3 ways to protect their poultry from getting AI. Although only 39% are practicing at least 3 behaviors, this is an improvement over only 14% in 2007. Against 78% in 2007, the latest information indicates that 94% of suspected AI cases are investigated within 24 hours. Multi-sectoral AI teams have been established in all Provinces, and the focus will now be on having pandemic preparedness plans in place.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2430	Effective	4.42	1.11	3.23	0.00
TF-56737	Effective	2.00	0.32	1.68	0.00
TF-57185	Effective	2.00	0.55	1.45	0.00
TF-90764	Effective	2.40	0.20	2.20	0.00



Project Name (ID): Lao PDR Customs & Trade Facilitation (P101750)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H4030

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to facilitate trade by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of customs administration. The project will simplify customs procedures, eliminate duplication and redundancy, reduce transaction costs and time to clear goods, and increase transparency and accountability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project has been approved, but is not yet effective at the end of the fiscal year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H4030	Not Effective	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00

Project Name (ID): LA - GMS Power Trade Project (P105331)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/05/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3000

Sector(s): Power (86%), Renewable energy (14%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regional integration (P), Export development and competitiveness (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

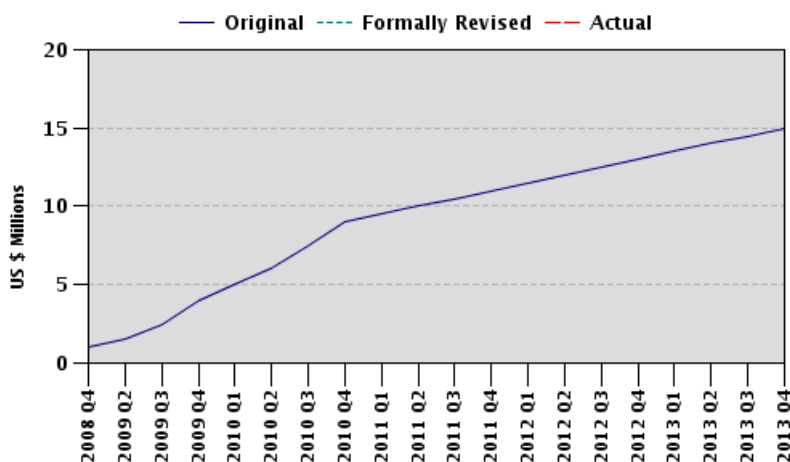
The objective of the Project is to enhance power trade within Greater Mekong Sub-Region with a view to bringing reliable electricity to the Saravan province in Lao PDR, and creating the conditions for eventual interconnections of Lao PDR with other countries of the region.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Meaningful achievement of Development Objectives depends on implementation of the project. Though the implementation has just started, the environmental and social sustainability is being ensured through including implementation of Environmental Management Plans within the scope of construction contracts and putting in place satisfactory monitoring arrangements. The government and the implementing agencies complied with all the conditions of effectiveness and the Grant was declared effective on December 12, 2007. Implementation has started and gained momentum; contract for construction of Xeset-Saravan transmission system has been awarded, contracts for techno-economic feasibility and environmental and social impact assessments for a small hydroelectric project (Houay Lamphan Gnai) have been awarded and the studies have commenced; tariff study for revising Electricite du Laos' tariffs has started; short-list for consultant selection for Load Dispatch Center has been finalized and proposals will now be invited; procurement of other equipment and consultants is also making good progress. Power Purchase Agreement for export of power to Cambodia has been signed by both Cambodia and Lao PDR.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3000	Effective	15.67	0.00	15.67	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Trade Development Facility Project (P106165)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 11/16/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (70%), Other domestic and international trade (30%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Regional integration (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The Trade Development Facility Project's development objective is to support the establishment of the National Integrated Framework Governance Structure (NIFGS) and implement NIFGS's initial activities facilitating trade and cross-border movement of goods and increasing the capacity of the Government to undertake specific tasks related to regional and global economic integration. These activities in turn support the GOL's larger aims of poverty reduction and economic development, as reflected in the National Socio Economic Development Plan (NSEDPlan).

The overarching outcomes pursued are:

- Better trading environment, with simplified bureaucratic procedures including in customs;
- Improved legal and regulatory framework;
- Enhanced general capacity of line ministries and agencies involved in the trade sector;
- Improved private sector's capacity to compete in the international market;
- More effective participation in bilateral and multilateral negotiations;
- Increased competitiveness of Lao PDR products and contribute to the poverty reduction.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is not yet effective.

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



Project Name (ID): Lao PDR PRSO4 (P107242)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H4020

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (40%), Central government administration (28%), Power (13%), General education sector (13%), Health (6%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Education for all (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The PRSO program aims to support Lao PDR's medium-term strategy, to ensure that more resources become available through sustained growth and revenue mobilization in the future, and that these resources are efficiently and effectively used for poverty reduction.

The Second Series of PRSO4-7 and related policy dialogue, policy matrix and performance assessment framework, builds on the achievements of the previous series, deepens structural reforms on public financial management, and expands the reforms on supporting the delivery of further benefits in two broad categories:

- (i) Investment Climate, Competitiveness, and Business Development; and
- (ii) Public Finance Management and Improving Service Delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

All the triggers envisaged for the PRSO4 operation have been met and the PDOs have been achieved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H4020	Effective	9.65	0.00	9.65	0.00



Project Name (ID): LA-Public Fin. Mgnt . Streng MDTF (P108787)

Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic

Board Approval Date: 11/15/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): General public administration sector (40%), Central government administration (30%), Sub-national government administration (30%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

Assist the Government of Lao PDR in: (i) improving budget planning; (ii) enhancing the quality of budget execution systems; (iii) foster increased reporting and transparency of public finances; and (iv) improving timeliness and quality of external audit

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This multi-donor trust fund is not yet active but all implementation arrangements are in place for effective operationalization of the project

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

