

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08**

**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION**

**COUNTRY: ALBANIA**

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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 report<sup>1</sup> contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

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<sup>1</sup> 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):** SOC SERV DEVT (P055383)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/07/2001

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/20/2005

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-50200, TF-50181, TF-25792, TF-23784, IDA-35130

**Sector(s):** Other social services (57%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (19%), General public administration sector (3%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (1%)

**Theme(s):** Other social protection and risk management (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Social analysis and monitoring (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (P), Social risk mitigation (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve standards of living of poor and vulnerable population groups; develop, monitor and evaluate more effective social policy; and improve capacity for planning, managing and delivering social care services with increased involvement of local governments, communities, and civil society.

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

The proposed changes respond to Government's proposal to use the cost savings under the project to undertake: (a) an urgent rehabilitation and modernization of the pension archives and obtain basic required software to prevent loss of work-history data and documentation; (b) develop a detailed outline of the overall administrative reform of Albanian pension system; and (c) assist in development of initial sample, review of the questionnaire and training of surveyors for the 2008 Living Standards Measurement Survey.

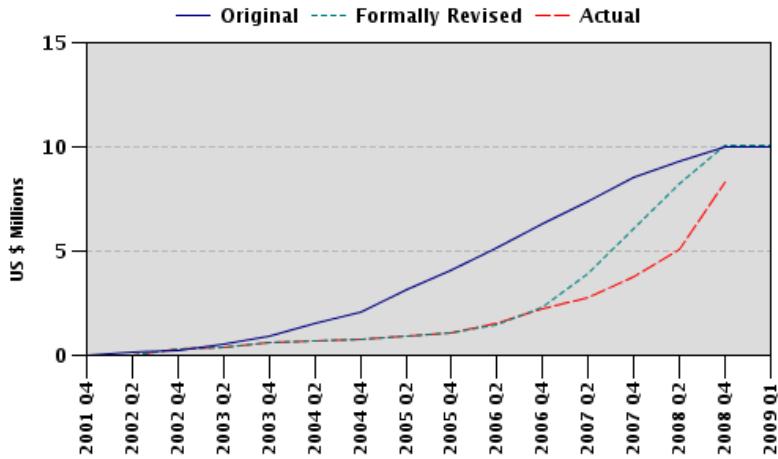
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project has achieved excellent progress and has recently been restructured and extended which is expected to further increase the project development impact. In terms of specific achievements, 43 daily care centers in 8 regions of the country (out of 12) have been established with project support and are operational. While main municipalities have started to take over financing of these centers/services using their own budget. The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection is working out a clear plan to financially support, under a special budget line, all the other remaining centers. A beneficiary impact assessment study was recently completed and clearly indicates the significant project impact on increasing access to better quality and well targeted social services. In addition, significant progress has been achieved on the social policy front, with all legal and strategic documents completed and under implementation. Lastly, capacity building at central and local government levels has enhanced staff decision-making capacity and their operational skills.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-50200	Closed	1.26	0.84	0.00	0.21
TF-50181	Closed	3.59	2.50	0.00	0.67
TF-25792	Closed	0.39	0.36	0.00	0.03
TF-23784	Closed	1.00	0.96	0.00	0.04
IDA-35130	Effective	12.48	8.32	3.87	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** MUN WATER/WW (P041442)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 01/28/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/09/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-37300, IDA-P9550, TF-25533, TF-29485

**Sector(s):** Water supply (80%), Sanitation (20%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other human development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

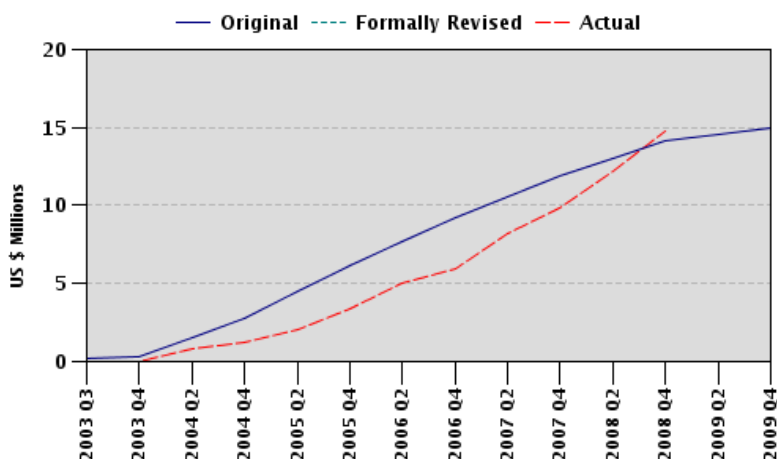
The overall objective is to improve water supply and sanitation services in four participating cities and achieve financial viability in their water utilities.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has continued to make progress towards meeting its development objectives. The financial performance of water utilities has improved in FY08. Financial viability of the utilities, however, is not likely to be achieved as tariffs and collections need to increase even further to achieve cost recovery, and all four cities (Durrës, Lezhe, Fier and Saranda) still need to rely on operating subsidies from central government. Improvements in water and sanitation services have been achieved in all four cities. The actual results of performance indicators measuring the success of the project against the base year, (in an area comprising more than 1/10 of Albania population) are reflected in the increase of: (a) the continuity of supply up to 21 hours, (b) the percentage of population receiving at least 2 hours per day is going toward 100%, and (c) the percentage water quality results is close to 100%. In addition, the collection ratio of the water supply companies is more than doubled (from about 30 to 80%), while their working ratio is at least three times better.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37300	Effective	18.64	14.82	2.57	0.00
IDA-P9550	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
TF-25533	Closed	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00
TF-29485	Closed	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** INTGD WATER/ECOSYS MGMT (GEF) (P075156)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 03/25/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/16/2008

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-50334, TF-52981

**Sector(s):** Sewerage (82%), Central government administration (10%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (8%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Biodiversity (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

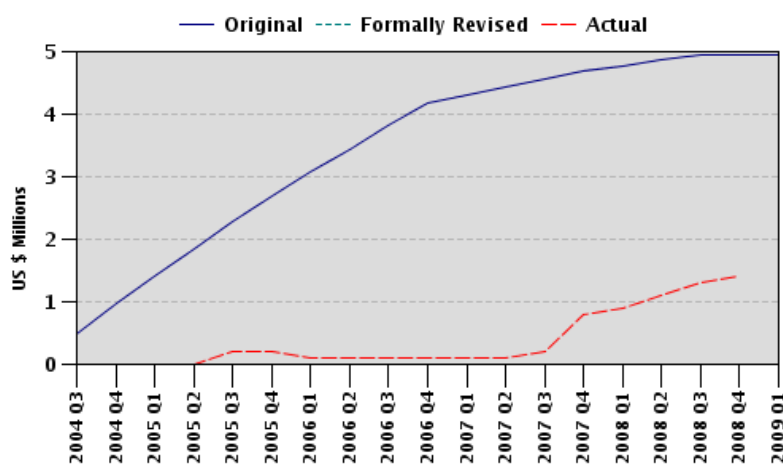
The development objective is to improve the municipal wastewater services in the coastal cities of Durres, Lezha and Saranda. The global environmental objective is to improve the health and habitat conditions of globally significant marine and coastal ecosystems along the coastline of Albania in an integrated manner.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project has two components: Component 1 (Sewage Pollution Reduction) to reduce nutrients in the coastal waters of Durres, Lezhe and Sarande through investments in wastewater collection and treatment; and Component 2 (Protection of the Kune-Vaine Managed Reserve), which involves the establishment and improved management of the Kune Vain Protected Area in the Municipality of Shengjin. Progress towards meeting the development objective though likely, has been slow and disbursements are low (28%) after nearly 4 years of implementation. By the end of FY08, construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plants was ongoing, and the plants are expected to be operational by the end of 2009. In addition, along with other measures to monitor the habitat conditions, a Management Plan of the Kune Vain Protected Area is under preparation. After its completion, the Management Board Kune Vain Area will adopt it, and the administration of the Park will start the implementation of its recommendations for better management of the coastal ecosystems of the area.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-50334	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00
TF-52981	Effective	4.87	1.43	3.44	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** COM WRKS 2 (P077297)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/24/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/21/2006

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-52491, IDA-Q3540, IDA-38050

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (40%), Other social services (20%), Sub-national government administration (20%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (20%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Other social development (S), Decentralization (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

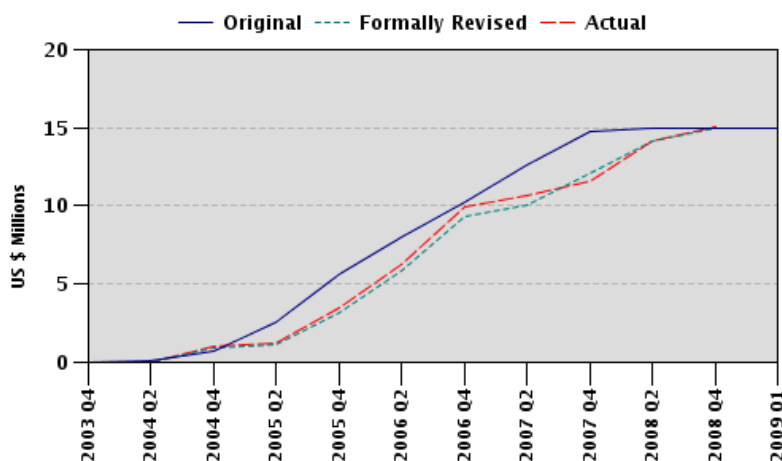
The objective is to alleviate local bottlenecks hindering development through processes of participatory local development.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Steady progress has been made in meeting the project's development objectives. The project continues to alleviate local bottlenecks by providing local level small-scale infrastructure. The quality of the civil works is satisfactory, and the Albanian Development Fund is taking further steps to improve design and supervision, while also making progress in capacity-building activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52491	Closed	2.46	2.39	0.00	0.06
IDA-Q3540	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-38050	Effective	17.24	14.86	1.44	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** POWER SECTOR GENER & RESTRUCT'G (P077526)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 03/16/2004

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38720

**Sector(s):** Power (100%)

**Theme(s):** State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

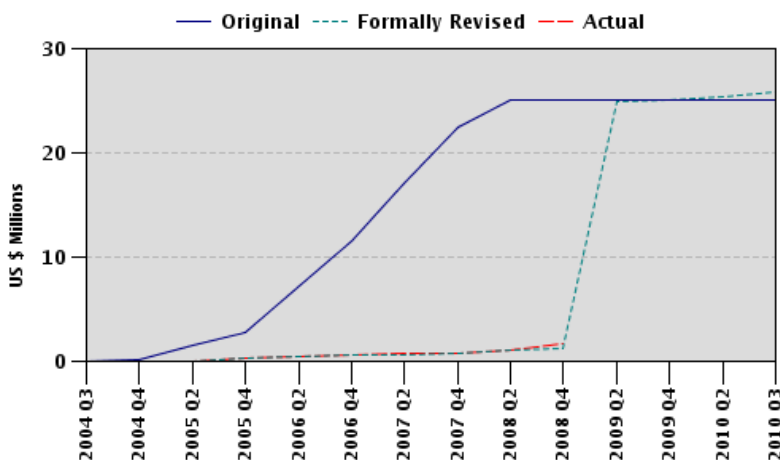
The development objective of the project is to achieve significant improvement in power system performance through (a) priority investments to increase domestic thermal generation; and (b) measures to implement sector reforms and institutional strengthening.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Construction of the Thermal Power Plant in Vlora has progressed significantly: civil works are about 75% completed; detailed engineering for the whole project is well advanced; and all critical orders for electromechanical equipment are in place. The plant is expected to enter operations in June 2009. Technical assistance is being provided to assist the Government's effort to privatize the Distribution System Operator. This includes support to KESH, the national power company, to prepare its 2007 financial statements to international standards and undertake an impairment test for the proper valuation of its assets. The Distribution System Operator has also been instituted as a separate company advancing the unbundling of the electricity sector company.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38720	Effective	26.54	1.71	24.82	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** EDUC EXCEL & EQUITY (P078933)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/01/2006

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-41800, TF-53746

**Sector(s):** Primary education (35%), Secondary education (30%), Tertiary education (20%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (P), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Decentralization (S), Education for the knowledge economy (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

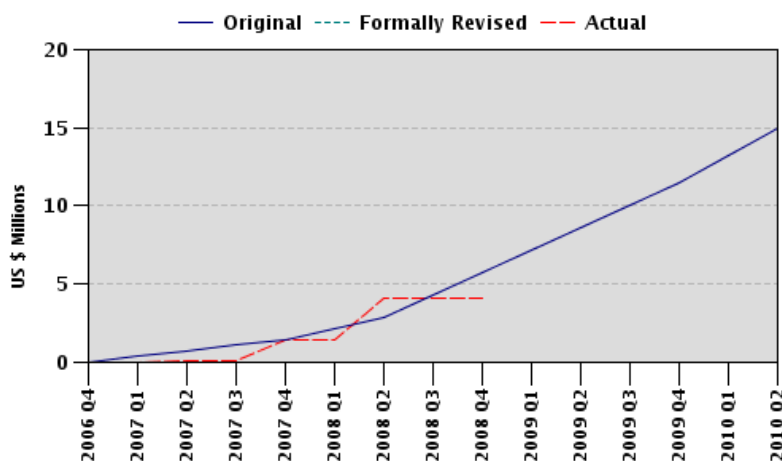
The Education Excellence and Equity Project will support the government in the implementation of the first phase of Albania's National Education Strategy. The project objective is to improve quality of learning conditions for all students and increase enrollment in general secondary education, especially for the poor.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress with 30 percent of the funds disbursed in less than 2 years. The Annual Reform Program 2008 for this Sector Wide Approach project (supported by various development partners) is currently under implementation, with key activities supported, including: pilot on school autonomy, curriculum reform and accompanying teacher training, e-school, school rehabilitation and construction. Some of these activities continue from the 2007 Annual Program. The Ministry of Education continues to build its capacity in order to assume greater responsibility in implementation in terms of its fiduciary functions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41800	Effective	16.40	4.11	12.24	0.00
TF-53746	Closed	0.51	0.48	0.00	0.03



**Project Name (ID):** TRANSPORT (P078949)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 02/22/2007

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-48500, IDA-42620

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (87%), Central government administration (13%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The development objective is to reduce user costs on the Milot-Rreshen section of the Durrës-Milot-Morinë corridor and improve access for the hinterland population, to introduce innovation in road maintenance on a pilot basis, and to contribute to the development of the institutional framework and implementation of road safety activities throughout Albania.

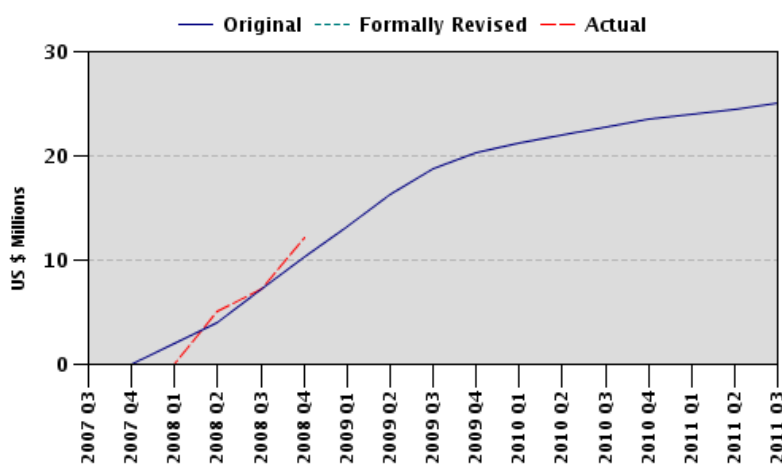
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is proceeding well towards achieving its development objectives, and implementation of the civil works is on schedule.

(a) 57% of civil works on Lot 1 (road section Milot- Skuraj) has been completed; (b) 23% of works on Lot 2 (road section Skuraj - Rubik) has been completed; and (c) Contractor is now mobilizing on Lot 3 (section Rubik - Rreshen).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48500	Effective	23.66	11.46	11.67	0.00
IDA-42620	Effective	5.37	0.70	4.66	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** WATER RES MGMT (P082128)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/03/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 09/24/2007

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-Q3780, TF-52419, IDA-39140

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (60%), Flood protection (20%), Central government administration (10%), Agricultural extension and research (5%), Vocational training (5%)

**Theme(s):** Other rural development (P), Water resource management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Rural policies and institutions (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

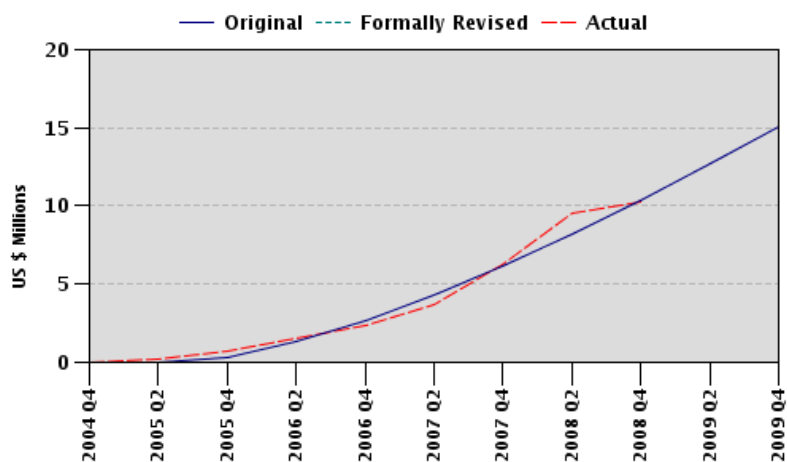
The primary objectives of the project are to: (a) increase agricultural production through the provision of reliable irrigation services, (b) increase the financial viability of irrigation and drainage schemes through institutional strengthening, and (c) reduce the risk of dam failures and floods through infrastructure repairs.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress are quite good particularly in terms of increase of agricultural production (40%, 70%, 40% for maize, alfalfa and vegetables respectively) and in reducing the risk of floods for which no major accident occurred last season. In 2008 particular attention has been paid, and hopefully another operation will continue such work, to the issues of potential dam failures and to the financial sustainability of the Water Users Associations. This is why the project is currently financing a comprehensive investigation of the dam system and is piloting three pilot organizations (different in scale and mandate from the Water Users Associations).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q3780	Closed	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.32
TF-52419	Closed	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00
IDA-39140	Effective	16.21	10.29	5.45	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** NATURAL RES DEVT (P082375)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/09/2005

**Midterm Review Date:** 06/09/2008

**Closing Date:** 11/01/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-40740, TF-53121, TF-53325, TF-54995

**Sector(s):** Forestry (49%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (23%), Central government administration (18%), Flood protection (8%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

**Theme(s):** Land administration and management (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Decentralization (S), Climate change (S), Water resource management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to establish or maintain sustainable, community-based natural resource management in about 218 communes in upland and mountainous erosion-prone lands.

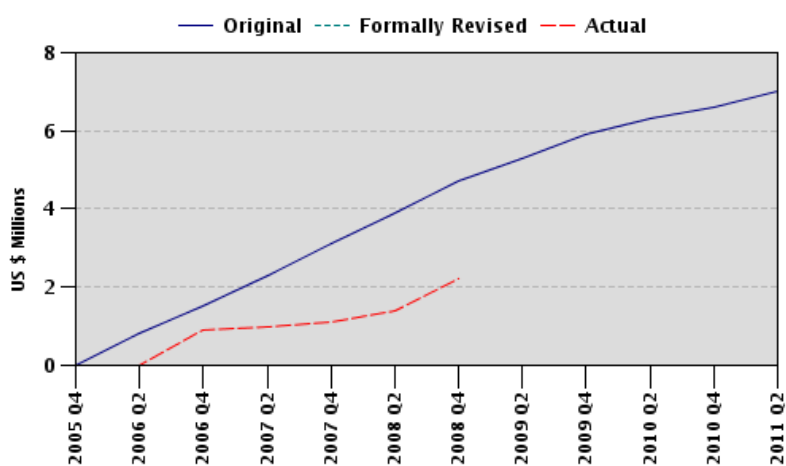
### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Following a slow start, the implementation has accelerated significantly and around half of the participatory communal forest and pasture management plans will be approved by the end of 2008. The implementation of the plans, i.e. reforestation, erosion protection, etc, is underway in 150 communes where the planning process is in an advanced stage.

The recently completed transfer of state forests and pastures to commune ownership has increased the relevance of the project objectives, as well as improved sustainability, but it also poses new challenges in terms of building adequate local capacity to sustainably manage the forest and pastures.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40740	Effective	7.52	2.23	5.12	0.00
TF-53121	Closed	0.50	0.48	0.00	0.02
TF-53325	Closed	0.58	0.50	0.07	0.00
TF-54995	Effective	6.54	1.43	4.94	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** HEALTH SYST MOD (P082814)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 03/14/2006

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-41540, TF-53326, TF-55804

**Sector(s):** Health (66%), Compulsory health finance (19%), Central government administration (14%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

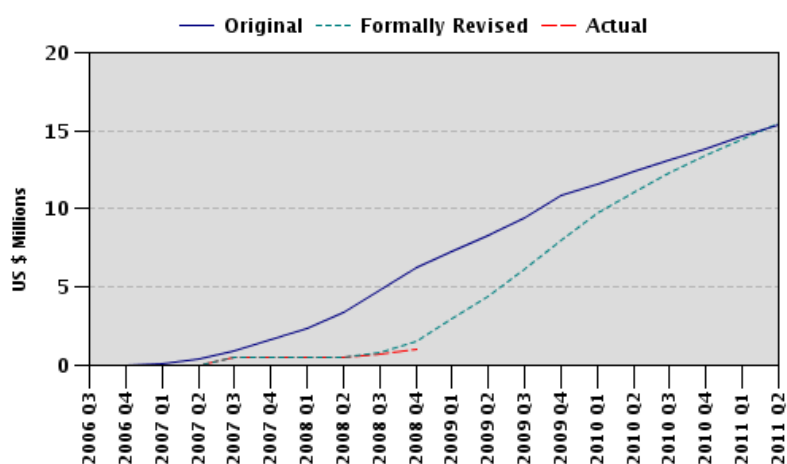
The development objectives of this project are (a) to improve the capacity of the Ministry of Health and the Health Insurance Institute to effectively formulate and implement health policies and reforms in provider payments, monitoring, and quality assurance; (b) to improve both access to, and quality of primary health care services, with an emphasis on those in poor and under-served areas; and (c) to improve governance and management in the hospital sector.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress towards meeting its development objective, as the Ministry of Health and the Health Insurance Institute continue to move ahead with the single-payer model for primary care. However, implementation has been slow, particularly as a result of delays in procurement of computer and medical equipment for primary health care centers. Also, relatively little progress has been made on the training of staff in primary health care. The turnover of staff in the Ministry of Health has also led to delays because new staff have limited absorptive capacity of some of the ongoing technical assistance under the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41540	Effective	16.80	0.86	15.94	0.00
TF-53326	Closed	0.50	0.49	0.00	0.01
TF-55804	Effective	1.61	0.54	1.07	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** COASTAL ZONE MGMT (APL #1) (P086807)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/21/2005

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-55065, TF-55922, TF-55924, IDA-40830, TF-54400, TF-54399, TF-50511, IDA-Q4410

**Sector(s):** General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (30%), Solid waste management (30%), General public administration sector (15%), Ports, waterways and shipping (15%), Other social services (10%)

**Theme(s):** Land administration and management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

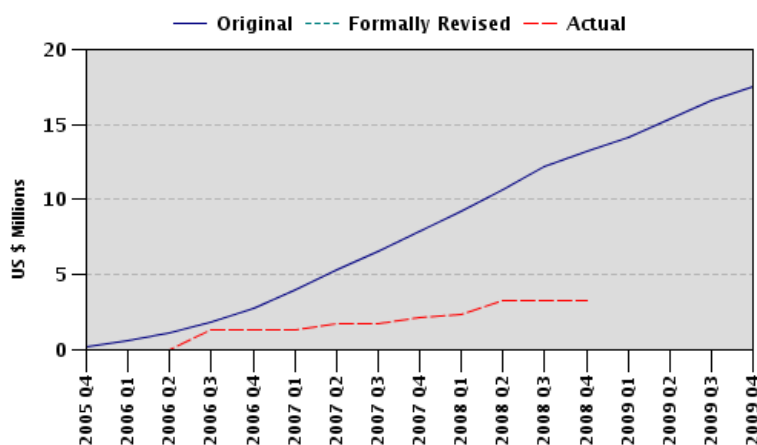
The development objective is to establish an integrated coastal zone management approach to reduce coastal degradation in Albania. The project's global objective is to assist Albania in meeting its international commitments to protect the Butrint National Park under the Ramsar Convention on protection of wetlands.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

A legal and policy framework for addressing development has been established in the Southern Coastal Zone and approved following a participatory planning process. The Southern Coastal Development Plan includes coastal regulations and maps indicating delineating development zones, an infrastructure development plan, a geographic information system for the area covered by the Plan, and an accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment. The design process (including consultations and environmental impact assessments where appropriate) have been completed for the coastal village environmental infrastructure sub-projects; the remediation of the polluted area in Porto Romano; the rehabilitation of the Port of Saranda from a cargo port into a passenger port; and the wastewater outlet of the constructed wetland and water supply and sewage connections for the tourism area in Saranda. The Project is currently under Inspection Panel investigation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55065	Effective	2.23	0.34	1.89	0.00
TF-55922	Effective	2.90	0.26	2.61	0.00
TF-55924	Effective	5.81	0.49	5.23	0.00
IDA-40830	Effective	18.33	2.89	15.29	0.00
TF-54400	Effective	3.11	0.00	3.11	0.00
TF-54399	Closed	0.55	0.48	0.07	0.00
TF-50511	Closed	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
IDA-Q4410	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



**Project Name (ID):** ECSEE APL2 (ALBANIA) (P090656)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/28/2005

**Closing Date:** 07/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-40870

**Sector(s):** Power (100%)

**Theme(s):** Regulation and competition policy (P), Regional integration (P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project objectives are to: (a) extend the lifetime and improve the quality, reliability, safety and efficiency of the bulk power transmission system by replacing aging existing facilities with new ones; and (b) facilitate project implementation, strengthen the Transmission System Operator and improve both the tariff structure and the procurement procedures applicable to electricity imports.

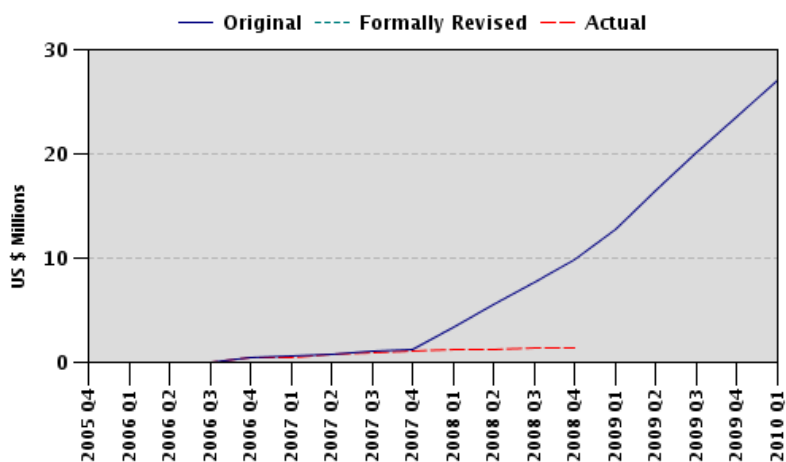
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Progress has been made towards meeting these objectives: a new electricity procurement law that allows more flexible and efficient procurement of imported electricity has been approved; tariffs for electricity increased by about 15% in March 2008 --the first meaningful increase in almost three years; and aggressive imports of electricity in the first half of calendar year 2008 have contributed to considerable improvements of power supply despite long supply disruptions in the last six-months of 2007.

Procurement for sub-station rehabilitation works has been significantly delayed and contracts are not expected to be awarded until Fall 2008. Higher costs in the region combined with the drought of 2007 are also causing serious financing difficulties to the national power company, KESH.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40870	Effective	28.15	1.39	26.68	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** LAND ADMIN & MGMT PROJ (P096263)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 02/22/2007

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-42630, IDA-Q5120, IBRD-48510, TF-90309, TF-56729, TF-51814

**Sector(s):** Sub-national government administration (78%), Central government administration (21%), Law and justice (1%)

**Theme(s):** Land administration and management (P), Personal and property rights (P), Other urban development (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

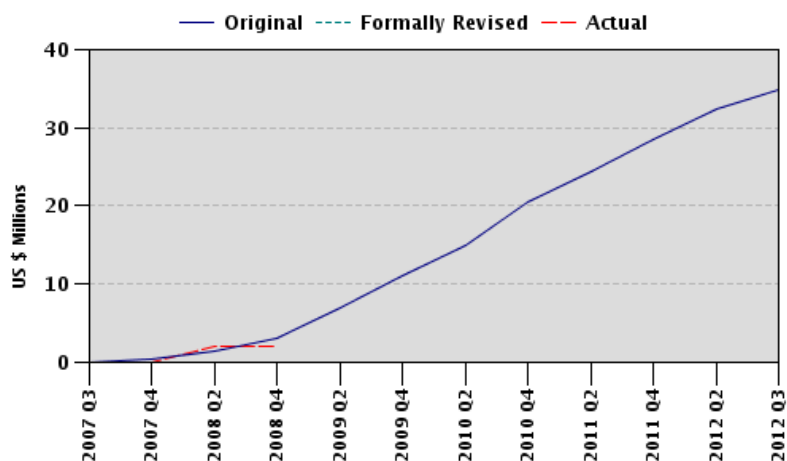
The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of land administration and urban management.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall project implementation is going well, though slower than originally anticipated. For Component A, the time to register property transaction has been reduced from 47 days when the project was designed to around 30 days in 2008. The Immovable Property Registration Office (IPRO) has been officially approved to become an autonomous self-financing entity. For Component B, city planning inventory activities are close to completion. Preparation of regulatory plans for 8 municipalities is scheduled to begin in September 2008. A new Territorial Planning Law is being finalized and expected to be submitted to the Council of Ministers and then scheduled to be voted upon in the Parliament in September 2008. Under Component C, three municipalities have met the eligibility criteria for accessing phase I investment. Municipal staff in 10 participating municipalities were trained in procurement.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42630	Effective	16.21	1.64	14.49	0.00
IDA-Q5120	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
IBRD-48510	Effective	22.63	0.35	22.26	0.00
TF-90309	Effective	2.58	0.50	2.07	0.00
TF-56729	Effective	1.54	0.15	1.39	0.00
TF-51814	Effective	1.47	1.02	0.44	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** BERIS (P096643)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 10/26/2006

**Closing Date:** 01/15/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-42390, IBRD-48410

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

**Theme(s):** Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

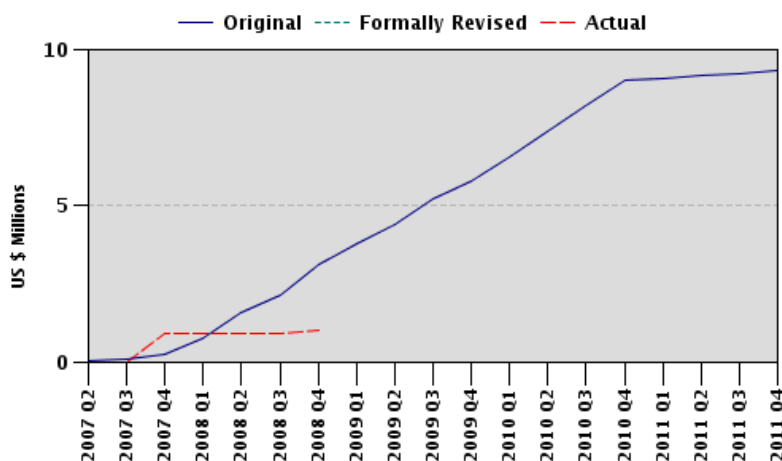
The overall objective of the project is to (a) facilitate business entry and operations in the formal economy; and (b) strengthen the enterprise sector's capability to increase exports towards the region and EU markets.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Since effectiveness, the project experienced some delays, but the rate of implementation is now increasing. The project is still in too early a phase to demonstrate results towards the objectives. However, the business entry and operation component is simplifying the process for 135 licenses and permits. Under the export capability component, the metrology, standards, testing and quality institutions have developed a comprehensive medium-term strategy and action plan for the integrated development of this system.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42390	Effective	4.03	0.47	3.54	0.00
IBRD-48410	Effective	6.99	0.56	6.33	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** AVIAN FLU - AL (P100273)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/27/2006

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-56728, IDA-42060

**Sector(s):** General public administration sector (45%), Health (27%), Agricultural extension and research (18%), Animal production (9%), Other social services (1%)

**Theme(s):** Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other communicable diseases (P), Health system performance (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to strengthen Albania's capacity to prevent the transmission of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to other animals and among humans; and to prepare for a potential pandemic of avian influenza transmissible between humans.

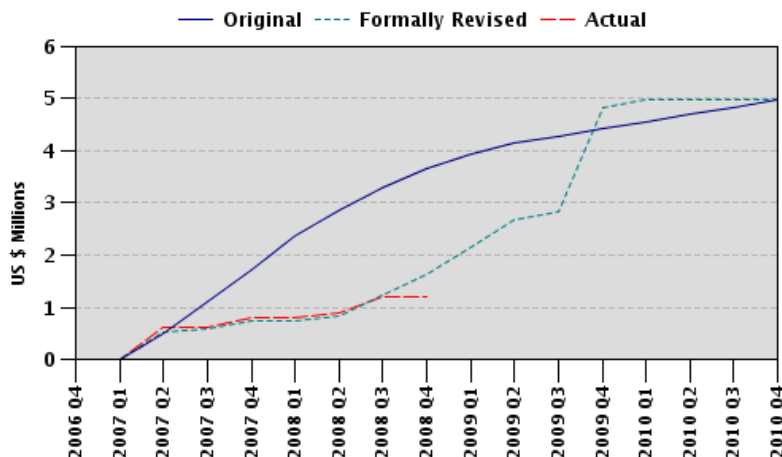
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is on the right path toward reaching the development objective. There have been no outbreaks of Avian Flu since the last one in 2006. The Information and Awareness campaign has been the best tool for the population at risk, mainly children and women, to practice safe handling procedures with respect to poultry and poultry meat. The Avian Flu Preparedness and response plan has been updated and the Veterinarian Service has been reporting regularly as required; and the National Contingency Plan of the Government has been prepared, and this plan is adequate for stage 3 of pandemic where there is no human to human transmission.

The veterinary and extension field staff are trained and there is increased capacity for testing samples; and the labs are equipped with modern technology for virus identification. Coordination of the veterinary sector with the human health sector is improving. The mobile emergency units are established, equipped and functioning, and have been tested through simulation exercises. The vaccination of the population at high risk against the seasonal influenza has been carried out and antiviral drugs stockpiled.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56728	Effective	0.80	0.16	0.64	0.00
IDA-42060	Effective	5.65	1.18	4.41	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** SECONDARY AND LOCAL ROADS (P107833)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/03/2008

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-P4360, IDA-44590

**Sector(s):** Roads and highways (70%), Central government administration (30%)

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

**Project Development Objectives:**

The Project Development Objective is to improve access to essential services and economic markets, via the provision of all weather roads, for the resident population in the hinterland of the project roads.

**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)**

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-P4360	Effective	0.90	0.12	0.78	0.00
IDA-44590	Not Effective	19.89	0.00	19.89	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** ECSEE APL 5 DAM SAFETY (P110481)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/30/2008

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2013

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-44800

**Sector(s):** Renewable energy (100%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Water resource management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The development objectives are to: (a) contribute to safeguarding the major hydroelectric dams of Albania; and (b) improve their operation efficiency and enhance the stability of power supply for the regional electricity market.

**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)**

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IDA-44800	Not Effective	35.37	0.00	35.37	0.00

**Project Name (ID):** Disaster Risk Mitigation (P110845)

**Country:** Albania

**Board Approval Date:** 06/19/2008

**Closing Date:** 02/28/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-75630, IDA-44600

**Sector(s):** Flood protection (43%), Central government administration (35%), Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (22%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Social risk mitigation (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to strengthen institutional capacities to: (a) reduce Albania's vulnerability to the natural and manmade hazards; and (b) limit human, economic, and financial losses due to these disasters.

**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)**

<b>Loan/Credit/Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-75630	Not Effective	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
IDA-44600	Not Effective	6.20	0.00	6.20	0.00

