

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08**

**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION**

**COUNTRY: ARMENIA**

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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):** IRRIG DEVT (P055022)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 08/30/2001

**Midterm Review Date:** 01/24/2005

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-35680, IDA-35681, IDA-Q2820, IDA-Q5660, TF-25793

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (63%), Central government administration (19%), Sub-national government administration (9%), Law and justice (9%)

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

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to enhance the profitability and sustainability of irrigated agriculture in Armenia.

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

In order to ensure the ultimate success of the institutional reform process, it was extremely important to continue supporting all Water Users Associations (WUAs), in particular, rehabilitation of tertiary level canals. In this context, the Bank agreed to provide additional financing in the amount of US\$ 5 million to partially cover this surplus demand. Implementation of activities under the additional financing will contribute to the achievement of the development objective of the project.

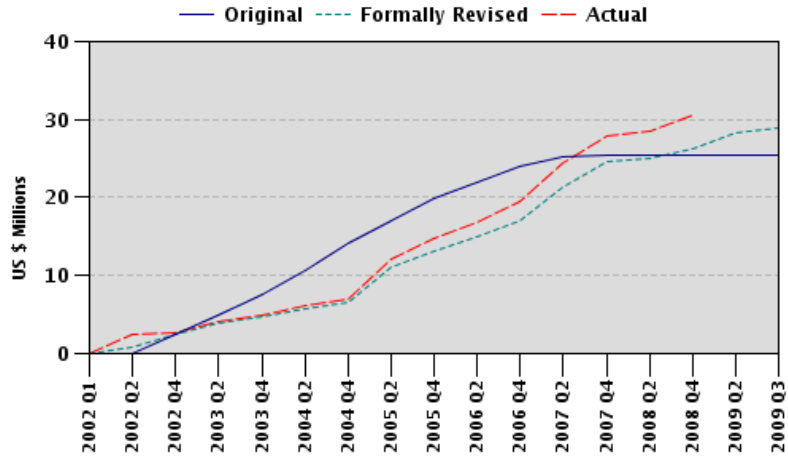
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project is progressing well and contributing to improvement of profitability and sustainability of irrigated agriculture. Rehabilitation of critical structures and conversion from pumping to gravity, have been completed. Institutional reform is the most difficult part of the project, but the progress can be seen here as well. The Water Supply Agency has been restructured and during 2003-2004, 52 Water Users Associations (WUAs) were established throughout the country. Capacity building and training activities for the staff of WUAs are being implemented. Furthermore, because of the decrease in energy consumption due to the project activities, operation and maintenance costs went down from 8.7 billion drams in 2004 to about 7.8 billion drams in 2006, and, at the same time, collected water charges went up from about 700,000 drams in 2001 to 3.2 billion drams in 2007. Moreover, irrigated land areas increased from 112,300 hectares in 2004 to 128,700 hectares in 2007. Hence, in only three years the increase of the irrigated land made up about 15 percent, mainly due to introduction of the WUAs and their better performance of the water distribution function.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-35680	Effective	31.98	28.54	0.07	0.00
IDA-35681	Effective	5.24	2.11	3.18	0.00
IDA-Q2820	Closed	1.14	0.00	1.14	0.00
IDA-Q5660	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
TF-25793	Closed	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.00





**Project Name (ID):** NAT RES MGMT (P057847)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/04/2002

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/09/2005

**Closing Date:** 01/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-36520, IDA-Q3200, TF-57320

**Sector(s):** General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (85%), Other social services (11%), Central government administration (2%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

**Theme(s):** Biodiversity (P), Other rural development (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Rural policies and institutions (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

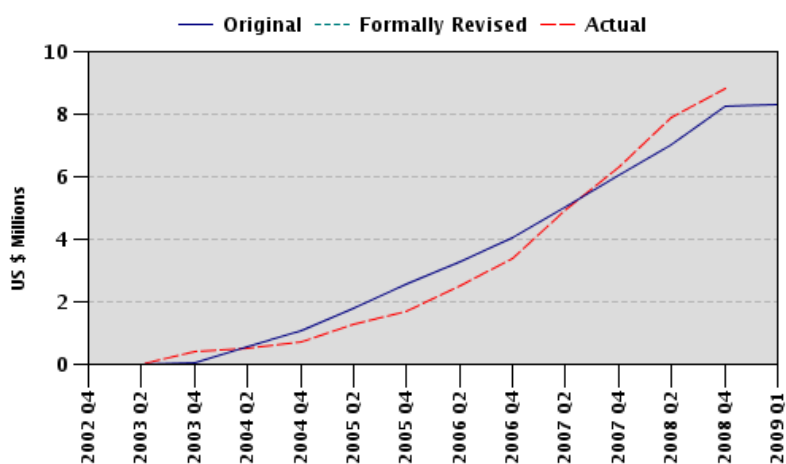
The objective is to adopt sustainable natural resource management practices and to alleviate rural poverty in mountainous areas where degradation has reached a critical point. The project will help avert further deterioration of natural resources (soil, water, forest, fishery, and biodiversity) and stabilize incomes in the local communities.

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

Project appears likely to meet its objectives in light of activities undertaken to catch up from earlier delays. The project implementation unit is now progressing with community forestry work. Forest rehabilitation activities are successfully underway, and management planning exceeds targets. The SIDA Trust Fund support is providing badly needed TA in critical areas of forest management.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36520	Effective	10.97	8.79	1.39	0.00
IDA-Q3200	Closed	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45
TF-57320	Effective	1.71	0.42	1.25	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** URBAN HEAT (P057880)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 07/12/2005

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-41020, IDA-Q3530, TF-25754

**Sector(s):** General education sector (30%), General energy sector (25%), Other social services (25%), Housing construction (15%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Other financial and private sector development (S), Social safety nets (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to increase the use of clean, efficient, safe and affordable heating technologies in urban schools and multi-apartment buildings.

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

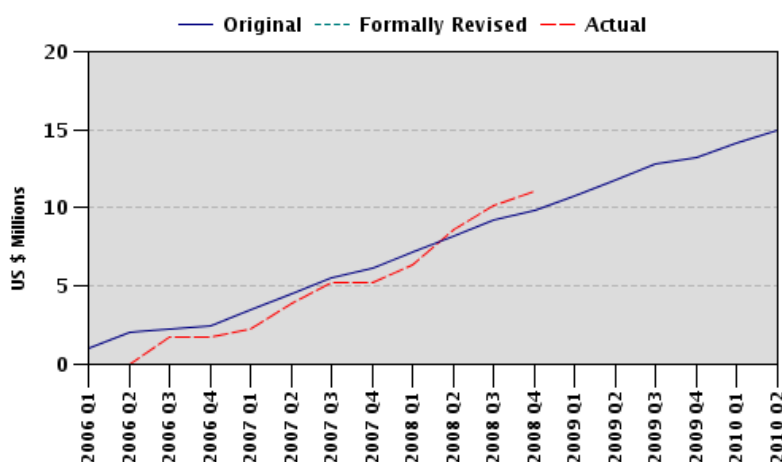
There has been sound implementation progress under the project. The use of clean and safe gas-based heating solutions has increased, with 46 percent of households in urban multi-apartment buildings using safe and clean gas-based heating solutions in the 2006-2007 heating season compared to 11 percent in the 2003-2004 heating season. Financial institutions are increasingly financing heating investments and financing terms are improving. In 92 schools where the heating system was rehabilitated, the quality of heating has significantly improved as demonstrated by the absence of idle school days and comfortable indoor temperatures in the 2007-2008 heating season.

Over 2,700 poor households in 35 cities have received capital grants to connect their apartments to the gas network and install safe gas heaters.

The project also supports development of comprehensive residential gas safety regulations which will be in compliance with European Union gas supply and distribution safety directives and will address existing gaps in Armenian gas safety norms and regulations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41020	Effective	16.36	11.13	4.42	0.00
IDA-Q3530	Closed	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
TF-25754	Closed	0.41	0.40	0.00	0.01



**Project Name (ID):** PUB SECT MOD (P060786)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 05/04/2004

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38910, TF-50298

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (70%), Sub-national government administration (30%)

**Theme(s):** Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Municipal finance (S), Law reform (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

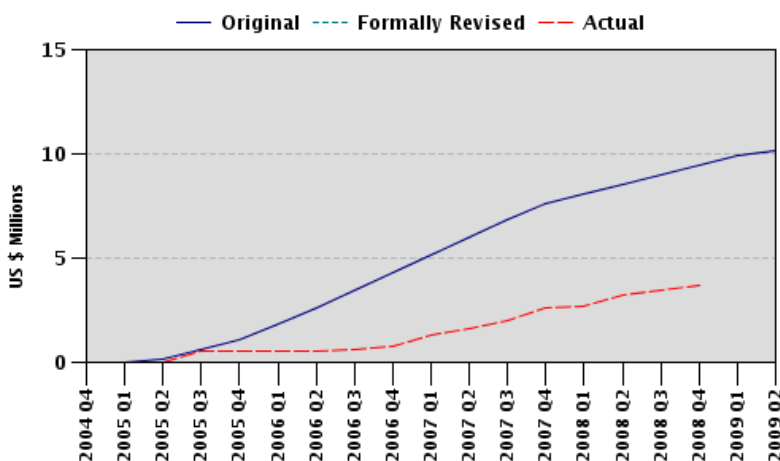
The objective is to enhance efficiency in public sector management through: (a) piloting innovations in selected institutions; and (b) improving transparency in government decision-making and policy implementation.

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

There has been significant improvement and transparency in the management of the Civil Service. Improved and simple standardized tests and procedures are being developed and electronic testing have been introduced. Recruitment and promotion based on merit are generally fair. A Terms of Reference for job evaluation and performance is being developed and all vacancies are published and on the Civil Service Commission's website. A strategy on introducing E-procurement System has been approved. Legal amendments and complementary regulation to enable local tax administration is in place. 100% of property tax databases and over 25% of databases for land tax are transferred to communities. Municipal service law has been adopted and development of by-laws to implement the Law is in progress. Majority of business community representatives is satisfied with the appropriateness of services (particularly public procurement, standardization and certification).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38910	Effective	11.02	3.72	7.06	0.00
TF-50298	Closed	0.38	0.25	0.00	0.10



**Project Name (ID):** MUN WATER & WW (P063398)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 05/04/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/02/2007

**Closing Date:** 02/28/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38930, IDA-Q2870

**Sector(s):** Water supply (71%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (20%), Sewerage (5%), Central government administration (4%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the project is to improve the quality of water and wastewater services in the Armenia Water and Sanitation Company Service Area by improving utility financial discipline, rehabilitating sector infrastructure, and increasing efficiency in water distribution and use.

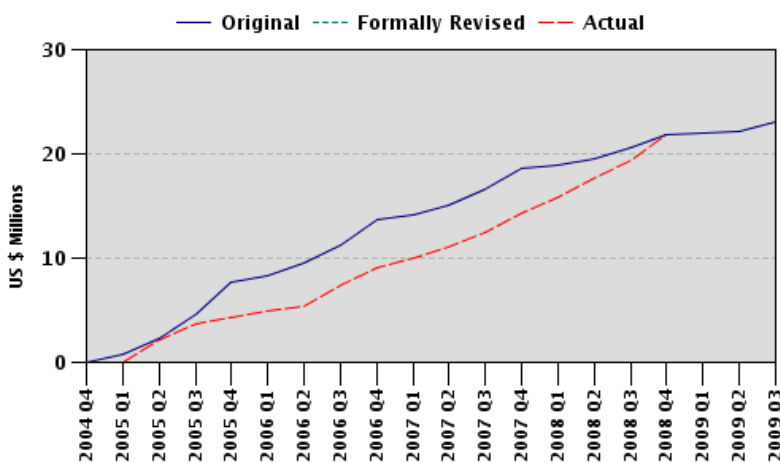
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Progress in the implementation of the project is good. Most of the remaining project activities are underway, and expected to be completed by the Credit closing date of February 28, 2009. About 95% of the original Credit amount has already been disbursed, and quarterly disbursement performance is consistent with initial projections (i.e., currently at 96% of the targeted disbursement amount by the end of the third quarter of FY08).

The Government has requested for additional resources from the Bank to continue with further project activities for two more years. This will allow the Government to scale up project activities including meeting the costs of a proposed extension of the Management Contract under the project for an additional 2 years. The project is meeting its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38930	Effective	25.04	21.85	1.71	0.00
IDA-Q2870	Closed	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20



**Project Name (ID):** IRRIG DAM SAFETY (P064879)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/24/1999

**Midterm Review Date:** 12/10/2002

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-32600

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (78%), Central government administration (22%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Water resource management (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

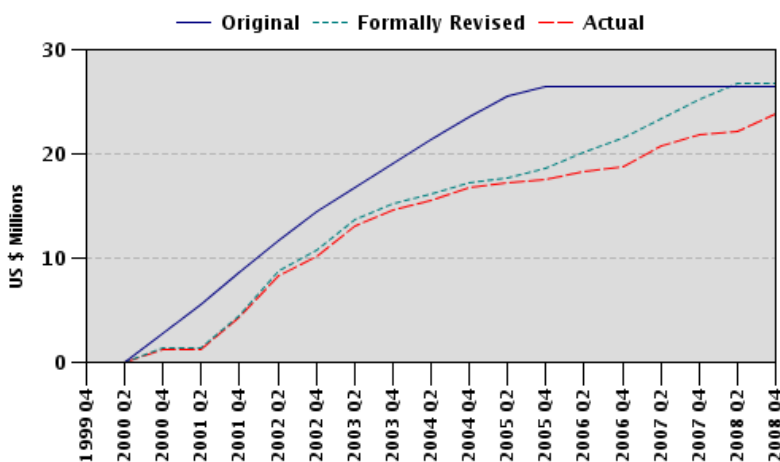
The objective is to protect the population and the socioeconomic infrastructure downstream of the dams in Armenia facing the highest risk of failure.

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

All irrigation dams in Armenia have been investigated and priority interventions have been made. Twenty dams originally included under the project, plus six additional dams, have been rehabilitated. About 375,000 people living downstream of these dams are now protected. Rehabilitation of the seventh additional dam - Marmarik Dam - is underway and about 142,000 people living downstream of this dam will be considered safe after completion of works. In addition, emergency preparedness plans have been developed for all sites. Emergency Warning Systems have been installed for 151 planned, plus five additional villages. The Emergency Management Agency continues to conduct awareness-raising campaigns by disseminating targeted information and simulating situations in select communities. Awareness levels continue to be monitored in affected communities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-32600	Effective	32.15	23.86	3.65	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** HEALTH SYS MOD (APL #1) (P073974)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/27/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-39200, TF-26804, TF-53436

**Sector(s):** Health (90%), Central government administration (6%), Compulsory health finance (4%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Other communicable diseases (S), HIV/AIDS (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Access to urban services and housing (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

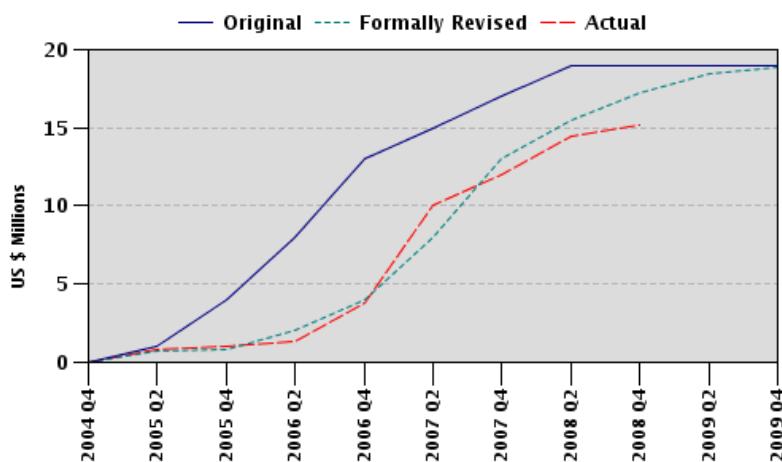
The objectives are to expand access to quality primary health care, improve the quality and efficiency of selected hospital networks, and lay the groundwork for effective health sector policy and monitoring.

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

The project continues to make good progress towards achieving its objectives. The percentage of population covered by qualified Family Medicine physicians has increased to 72 percent, the occupancy rate in project hospitals is increasing, financial management and accountability of the public hospitals has improved through supervisory committees and training of staff. The composition of health spending indicates that in 2008, state health budget increase in primary health care spending (16.3 percent) is marginally higher than the increase in hospital services (14.7 percent, and accounts for 37.6 percent of total public expenditures on health.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39200	Effective	20.40	15.21	4.52	0.00
TF-26804	Closed	0.49	0.47	0.00	0.02
TF-53436	Effective	1.25	1.12	0.13	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** EDUC QUAL & RELEVANCE (APL #1) (P074503)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 01/20/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/09/2006

**Closing Date:** 11/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38490, TF-26805, IDA-Q3390

**Sector(s):** Secondary education (40%), Primary education (40%), Central government administration (10%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (7%), Other social services (3%)

**Theme(s):** Education for the knowledge economy (P), Education for all (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

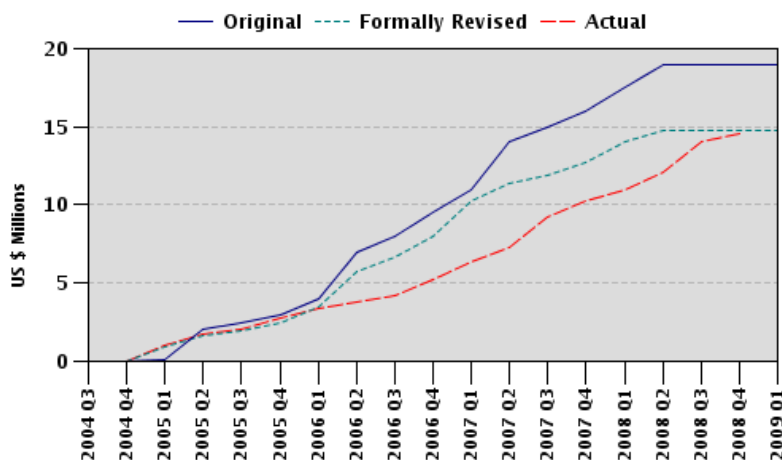
The objective is to improve the quality and relevance of the Armenian school system to meet the challenges of the knowledge society.

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

The Project continues to make significant progress, with key components and activities already achieved the end-of-project targets. This includes, among others, the national curriculum and the new unified entrance examination already in place, operational school learning centers (71 percent), participation in the Computer Revolving Fund (77 percent of schools), school connectivity (320 schools), and school centers using innovative active teaching methodologies (90 percent). Six out of seven triggers leading to APL 2 have already been met.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38490	Effective	20.87	14.56	5.69	0.00
TF-26805	Closed	0.37	0.33	0.00	0.04
IDA-Q3390	Closed	1.29	0.00	0.00	1.29



**Project Name (ID):** RENEW ENERGY (P083352)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 03/29/2006

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-41590

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

**Theme(s):** Climate change (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project development objective is to increase the privately owned and operated power generation utilizing renewable energy. The project global objective is to reduce greenhouse gas (carbon dioxide) emissions by overcoming barriers to the development of renewable energy.

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

As of June 2008, the installed capacity of the renewables connected to the grid was 76.3 MW. The total renewable-based generation added to the grid was 248 GWh. As of June 2008, the carbon dioxide emission reductions are 175,400 tCO2.

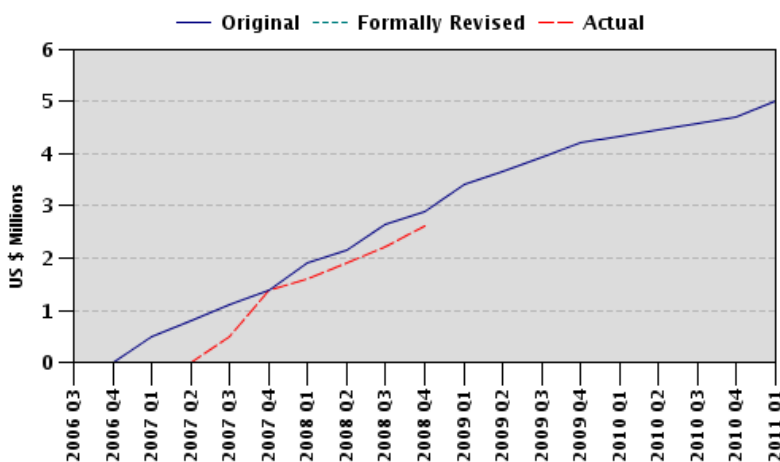
The project has made good progress since effectiveness. Operating licenses for 16 small hydro power plants were issued with the total of 16.5 MW of installed capacity and 63 GWh of electricity generation. During the same period, 65 small hydro power plants with the total installed capacity of 151 MW have received construction licenses.

The Renewable Energy GIS for six of the 12 marzes is completed. The total number of business plans developed for small renewable energy projects is 26.

As of June 2008, thirteen small hydro power plant projects were approved under the on-lending component with the total amount of US\$ 7 million.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41590	Effective	5.62	2.57	2.93	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** RUR ENT & AGRIC DEVT (P087011)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 07/07/2005

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/04/2008

**Closing Date:** 05/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-40950, TF-53336, TF-54738

**Sector(s):** Agricultural marketing and trade (25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%), Agro-industry (20%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Micro- and SME finance (15%)

**Theme(s):** Rural markets (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Rural policies and institutions (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

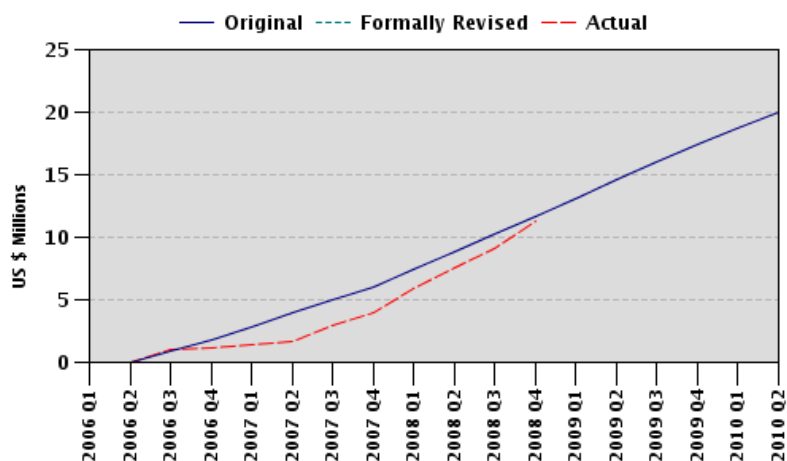
The objective of the project is that targeted farmers and rural entrepreneurs have a better link with markets and increase their income from rural activities and enlarge employment opportunities in rural areas.

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

The project is well positioned to achieve its development objectives. Some examples of achievements to date include: the project provided more than US\$ 2.5 million long-term credit resources to more than 30 agricultural businesses; supported creation of new businesses and facilitated introduction of new technologies in 38 farmer groups; supported farmer training, technology transfer and farm advisory to around 15,000 farmers; and assisted 134 communities in setting up their medium term development plans and provided financing for priority investments in their economic infrastructure.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40950	Effective	21.56	11.35	9.66	0.00
TF-53336	Closed	0.93	0.73	0.00	0.20
TF-54738	Effective	1.76	0.76	1.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** SOC PROT ADMIN (P087620)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/14/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-39210, TF-51331

**Sector(s):** Other social services (70%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (30%)

**Theme(s):** Social risk mitigation (P), Improving labor markets (P), Other public sector governance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

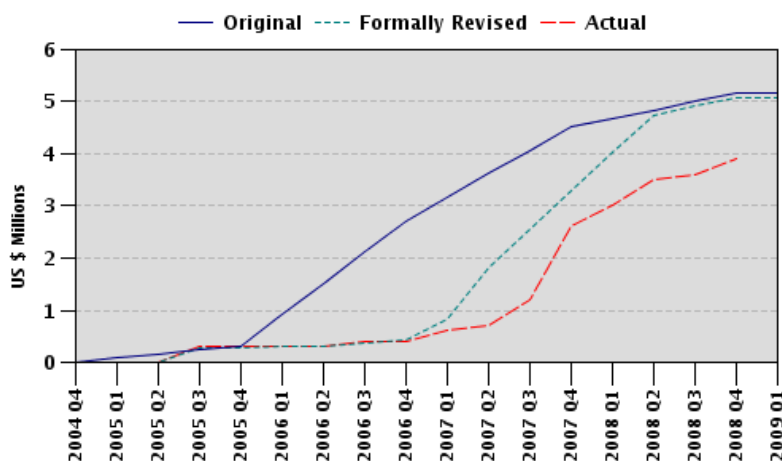
The objective is to improve the capacity of the employment, pension, and social assistance agencies to provide more efficient, effective and high quality services to the population.

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

The project is on its way to meeting its objectives. Progress has been made in the following areas: the development of labor and pension legislation; improvements in the family benefit formula which results in better targeted social assistance provision; pension fund administration. Also, the design of the Corporate Network of Information Flow is completed; job fairs have been organized in three regions; the reconstruction of Youth Employment Center is underway; and additional 55 employees of state employment services received training in provision of improved employment services.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39210	Effective	5.87	3.91	1.70	0.00
TF-51331	Closed	0.96	0.92	0.00	0.04



**Project Name (ID):** YEREVAN WATER/WW SERVS (P087641)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 02/24/2005

**Closing Date:** 02/28/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-40380, IDA-Q3960

**Sector(s):** Water supply (99%), Sanitation (1%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Water resource management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

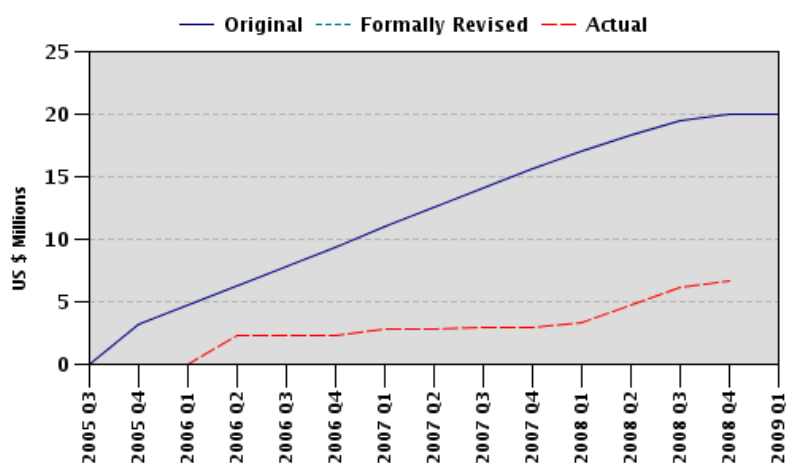
The objective is to provide Yerevan with safe, continuous water supply while reducing environmental pollution.

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

The key issue is the slow progress in the main project activities that would improve water service levels, which has had some impact on disbursement levels. These activities have recently started, but the impact in terms of improved water supply will take some time before it materializes. Significant emphasis is now being placed on sectorization, and once this activity is underway, some parts of the city will see an immediate improvement in water supply availability. Because of the initial delays, Yerevan Djur, the lessee under the Yerevan lease contract has missed some of the initial performance targets of the contract, and is now discussing with the Borrower on revising these targets. Disbursements have also been slow, largely due to the project approach (i.e., a lease contract) whereby the first year's program of activities was prepared only after the project became effective. Disbursement is expected to improve this year, as several contracts were awarded in the second part of 2007, and construction is underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40380	Effective	21.25	6.67	14.09	0.00
IDA-Q3960	Closed	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00



**Project Name (ID):** IRRIG DAM SAFETY 2 (P088499)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2004

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-39220

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (53%), Central government administration (28%), Telecommunications (15%), Roads and highways (4%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Water resource management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

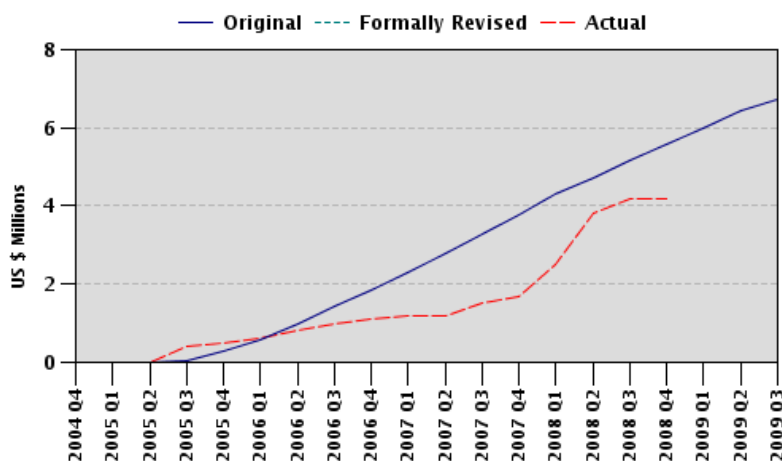
The objective is to protect the people and the socio-economic infrastructure downstream of dams facing high risk of failure.

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

Currently, out of 47 dams to be rehabilitated under the project, works on 43 have been completed and population of 116,000 is now protected. In addition, the design works for the remaining four energy dams are also completed and rehabilitation works are underway. At the same time, 16 access roads have been rehabilitated under the project. Apart from rehabilitation works, design of dam safety early warning equipment is also completed and this special equipment will be procured and provided to the dam sites.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39220	Effective	7.67	4.25	3.14	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** SIF 3 (P094225)

**Country:** Armenia

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

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-42380, IDA-Q5340, TF-55130

**Sector(s):** General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (22%), General education sector (22%), Health (22%), Sub-national government administration (20%), Other social services (14%)

**Theme(s):** Municipal governance and institution building (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Decentralization (S), Municipal finance (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The project seeks to support the government's policy to raise the living standards of the poor and vulnerable groups.

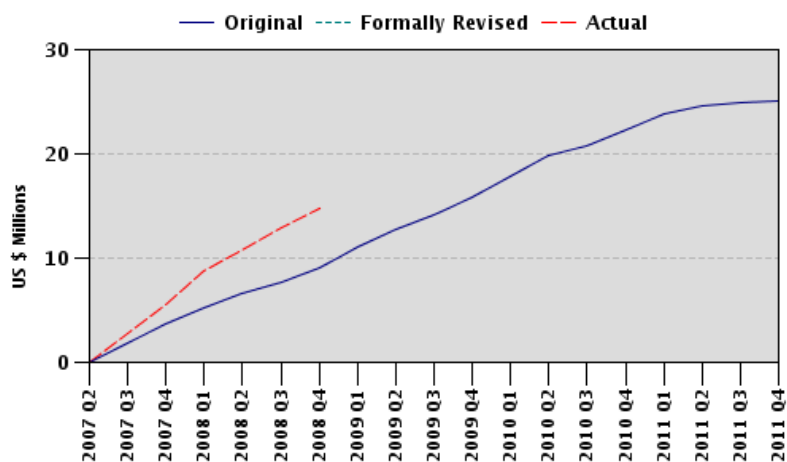
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Since becoming effective in December 2006, the project has moved forward at an accelerated pace providing priority infrastructure to the poorest and most vulnerable communities throughout Armenia. Through its decentralized promotional activities, the project expanded its local community training program covering community council members, school board members and members of the MP Project Implementing Agencies to all regions of Armenia. To date, the training benefited an impressive 9,000 community members from 8 regions.

The training program (financial management, budgeting, accounting, and asset management) is planned to start in November 2008. Also, in 2008, the project plans to support the Ministry of Territorial Administration in developing a national strategy on local government capacity building, which will benefit all current and future projects in Armenia focusing on local governance.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42380	Effective	27.39	14.09	12.62	0.00
IDA-Q5340	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
TF-55130	Closed	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Judicial Reform Project 2 (P099630)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 03/08/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-91251, TF-57514, IDA-Q5380, IDA-42650

**Sector(s):** Law and justice (93%), Central government administration (6%), Other social services (1%)

**Theme(s):** Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Access to law and justice (P), Law reform (S), Other rule of law (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

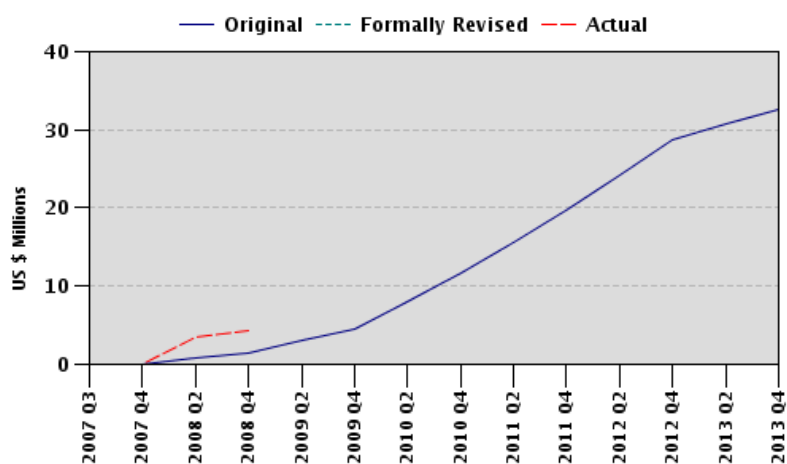
The project objectives are to: (a) improve the efficiency, reliability and transparency of judicial operations and services; and (b) further improve awareness of judicial services and access to legal and judicial information.

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

Sufficient progress was made towards achieving the development objectives during the first year of implementation notwithstanding the destruction of the implementing unit's office by fire in February 2008. Measurement of court efficiency was improved through the rollout of the court and case management system in all Armenian courts. Transparency in court proceedings was improved by the implementation of additional digital court recording devices in a number of courts. Good progress was made in increasing court capacity and access by initiating the process to build/renovate courthouses throughout the country. However, rising construction costs will likely impact the number of courthouses covered by the Project. Progress in expanding the implementation of mediation and arbitration lagged behind targets. Initial steps were taken to expand the capacity of and access to the public Legal Information System across the country and prepare new public information campaigns, including on TV. Project outcomes will be supported by a Dutch co-financing trust fund initiated in June 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91251	Effective	4.84	0.00	4.84	0.00
TF-57514	Effective	3.00	1.05	1.95	0.00
IDA-Q5380	Closed	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.80
IDA-42650	Effective	23.86	4.36	19.54	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** AVIAN FLU - AM (P099832)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 06/02/2006

**Midterm Review Date:** 02/10/2008

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-56629, TF-58076, IDA-41780

**Sector(s):** General public administration sector (42%), Health (27%), Agricultural extension and research (18%), Animal production (11%), Other social services (2%)

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

### Project Development Objectives:

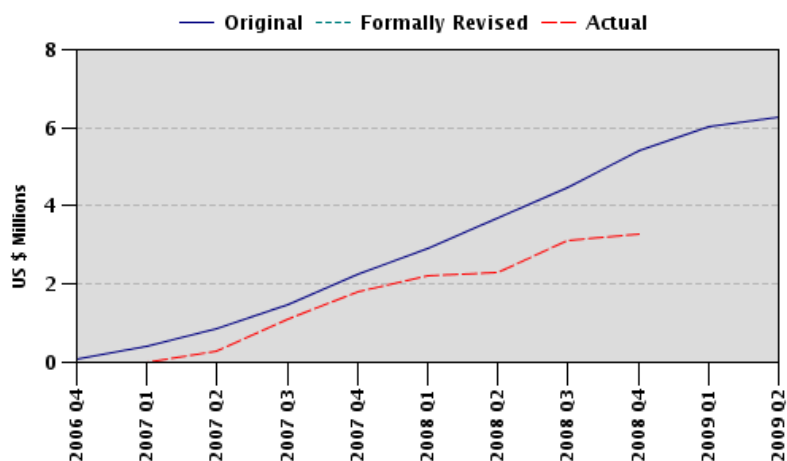
The objective of the project is to minimize the threat in Armenia posed to humans by the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) infection and other zoonoses in domestic poultry and prepare for the control and response to an influenza pandemic and other infectious disease emergencies in humans.

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

It was consistently reported by key stakeholders and partners that Armenia was now better prepared for an outbreak of avian influenza and other diseases than it had been prior to the project. This was particularly apparent in the response to the 2007 outbreak of African swine fever. Some activities, such as the design of the central veterinarian lab and the human health lab, have taken more time than originally anticipated, however overall implementation is progressing well and the project is expected to meet its development objective.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56629	Effective	0.80	0.47	0.33	0.00
TF-58076	Effective	2.00	0.52	1.48	0.00
IDA-41780	Effective	6.91	3.30	3.54	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** HLTH SYS MOD (APL2) (P104467)

**Country:** Armenia

**Board Approval Date:** 03/08/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-42670

**Sector(s):** Health (86%), Central government administration (11%), Tertiary education (3%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective of the program is to improve the organization of the health care system in order to provide more accessible, quality, and sustainable health care services to the population, in particular, to the most vulnerable groups, and to better manage public health threats.

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

After successful launch, implementation is progressing well, most notable in the area of primary health care infrastructure rehabilitation. The Family Medicine retraining program is also progressing well; the marz hospital optimization program has started in 2 marzes; the Information Analytical center at the Ministry of Health is working on the second Health Care Assessment Report; steps are being taken to revise the curriculum at the State Medical University in line with EU standards. All these actions lay ground for further progress in achieving the project's objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42670	Effective	23.23	1.76	21.46	0.00

