

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: HUNGARY

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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): MUNI WASTEWATER (P008497)

Country: Hungary

Board Approval Date: 09/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 12/06/2006

Closing Date: 12/01/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45110, IBRD-45120

Sector(s): Sanitation (69%), Sewerage (29%), Flood protection (1%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

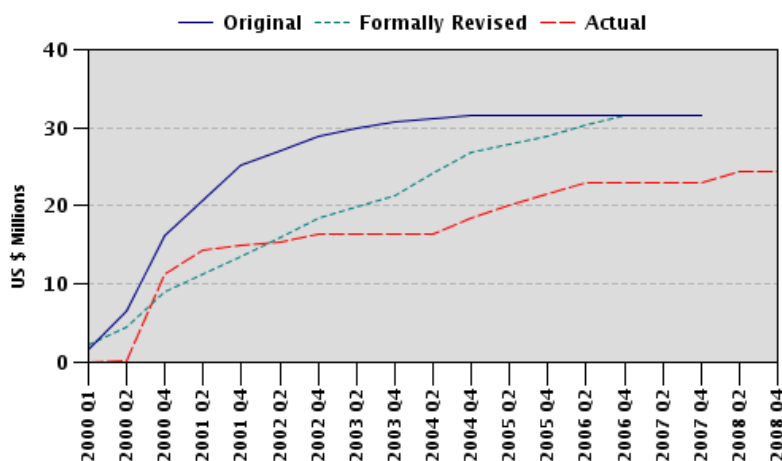
The objectives are to: (a) reduce the pollution load in the Danube River Basin; (b) strengthen the borrower's compliance with Hungarian and European Union environmental standards; and, (c) improve wastewater operations in the water and wastewater utilities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continued to make good progress towards achieving the project development objectives in fiscal year 2008, even exceeding performance targets in some cases given that the wastewater treatment plants constructed under the project are operating at planned capacities and efficiencies. The North Budapest wastewater treatment plant is also now treating wastes from the North Buda side, further reducing the pollution loads to the Danube river. As such, the project has contributed to improving the operations of the wastewater utilities; and to strengthening Hungary's overall capacity to manage its wastewater in compliance with local and EU environmental standards.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45110	Closed	2.70	1.82	0.00	0.00
IBRD-45120	Effective	43.88	22.71	9.15	0.00



Project Name (ID): NUTRIENT REDUCTION (P074971)

Country: Hungary

Board Approval Date: 04/18/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55978, TF-51289

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (76%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (12%), Flood protection (12%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Water resource management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The key development objectives of the project are: (a) to reduce Budapest's discharge of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) in to the Danube River, and consequently into the Black Sea; (b) to enhance the nutrient trapping capacity of Gemenc and Beda-Karapanca wetlands situated in the lower Hungarian part of the Danube River (Duna Drava National Park); and (c) to serve as a model for similar nutrient reduction initiatives in Hungary and other Danube basin countries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been much slower than anticipated over fiscal year 2008 and as such progress towards achieving the project development objectives is lagging behind the expected targets. The Government and the Bank have, however, been working on strengthening the capacity of the implementation agencies in order to improve implementation progress. As such, it is anticipated that performance will improve and tangible outcomes will begin to be realized during fiscal year 2009.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55978	Effective	12.50	0.53	11.97	0.00
TF-51289	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00

