

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: KAZAKSTAN

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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): SYR DARYA CONTROL N. ARAL SEA (P046045)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 06/05/2001

Midterm Review Date: 07/31/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56801, TF-27108, IBRD-46090, TF-25236, IBRD-P3710

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (66%), Flood protection (29%), Central government administration (4%), Animal production (1%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are to sustain and increase agriculture, livestock and fisheries production in the Syr Darya basin; and to secure the existence of Northern Aral Sea and improve ecological/environmental conditions in the delta area and around the sea leading to improved human and animal health and biodiversity conservation.

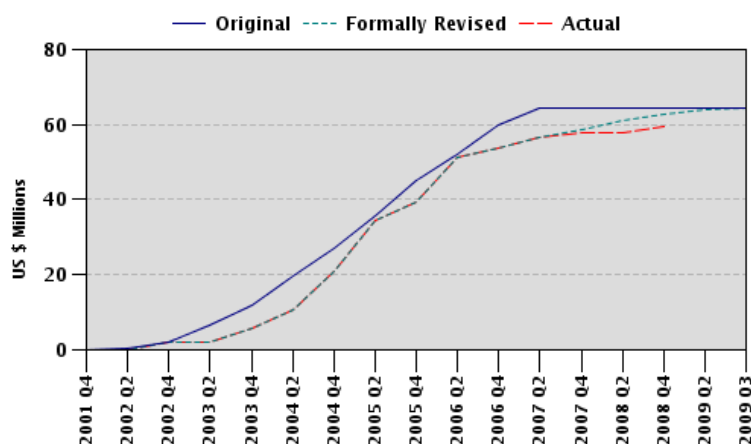
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to meet its development objectives. The construction and rehabilitation of several hydraulic structures along the river and a dike across the Northern Aral Sea has helped fill the Northern Aral Sea to full capacity (about 42m above Baltic Sea level) for the third year in a row, resulting in a continued reduction of salinity and enabling fresh fish catches to rise from only 52 tons in 2004 to more than 2,000 tons in 2007. Two fish processing plants and three fish receiving centers are fully operational. The micro-climate around the Northern Aral Sea is improving, benefiting air, soil and water qualities, biodiversity and flora/fauna. Cleaner water is improving the health of the population.

Rehabilitation works have also helped improve water supply to irrigated lands at Kazalinsk, Aitek, Aklak, and Kzyl Orda, and increased crop production from irrigated lands.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56801	Effective	1.90	0.00	1.90	0.00
TF-27108	Closed	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00
IBRD-46090	Effective	64.50	59.46	5.04	0.00
TF-25236	Closed	0.64	0.62	0.00	0.02
IBRD-P3710	Closed	1.80	0.00	0.00	1.80



Project Name (ID): AGRIC COMPETITIVENESS (P049721)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 04/28/2005

Closing Date: 07/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47740, TF-26444

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (50%), Agricultural marketing and trade (18%), Animal production (13%), Crops (12%), Central government administration (7%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Rural markets (S), Other rural development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

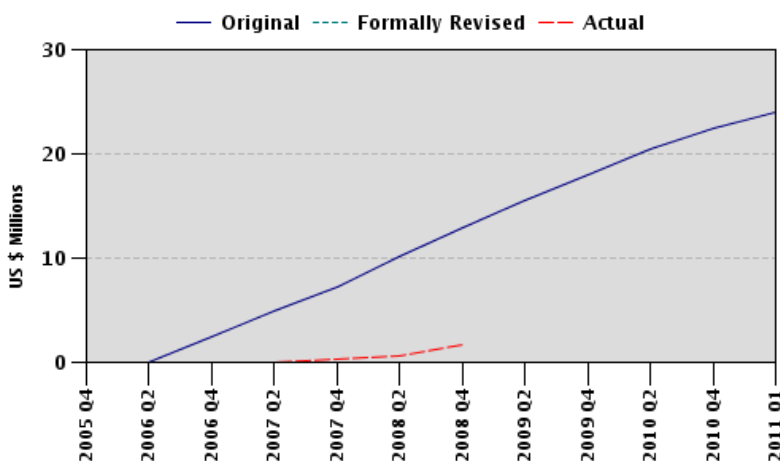
The main project objective is to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector in Kazakhstan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although the project faced a difficult start-up, two years into implementation, it is starting to produce some concrete results, even with some delays. The Competitive Grant Scheme financed 107 grants which are under implementation (15% of the 720 planned). This is generating a positive response and it is improving the transparency, relevance, and efficiency of public financing for applied research and knowledge transfer. Harmonization of standards is continuing to advance and has been completed for the following three standards: meat and milk products; fruits and vegetables, and grains (43% of the plan). This should contribute to facilitate trade and marketing of agricultural products. The design of National Reference Lab. for Agricultural Products and strengthening of regional laboratories are advancing. Once completed, this process will improve food safety. Training activities on various topics such as marketing, knowledge transfer, or lab equipment use are being carried out professionally and with strong involvement of participants. Given the recent improvements in implementation, it is expected that the Project will achieve most of its planned objectives, though additional time may be necessary.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47740	Effective	24.00	1.42	22.58	0.00
TF-26444	Closed	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): AG POST PRIV ASSIST (APL #2) (P058015)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/09/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47630, TF-51894

Sector(s): Agro-industry (89%), Micro- and SME finance (11%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P)

Project Development Objectives:

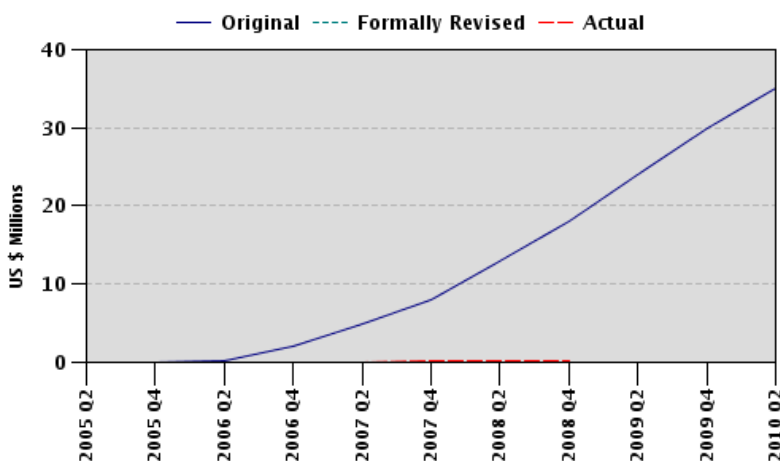
The project will promote rural financial services through (a) expanding rural financial advisory services; (b) improving agricultural risk management; (c) facilitating rural financial product development; and (d) promoting sustainable rural micro-finance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has trained 600 local consultants throughout the country to provide support to rural businesses in business planning, taxation and legal issues, and understanding of financial products. About 20 microfinance institutions underwent a capacity building program to improve their operations. Four have qualified for participation in the microfinance loan facility. No disbursements have been made yet from the credit lines in support of microfinance and rural finance.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47630	Effective	35.00	0.17	34.83	0.00
TF-51894	Closed	0.68	0.28	0.00	0.40



Project Name (ID): NURA RIVER CLEAN-UP (P059803)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 05/08/2003

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46930, TF-25802

Sector(s): Petrochemicals and fertilizers (36%), Irrigation and drainage (30%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (17%), Solid waste management (16%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other human development (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

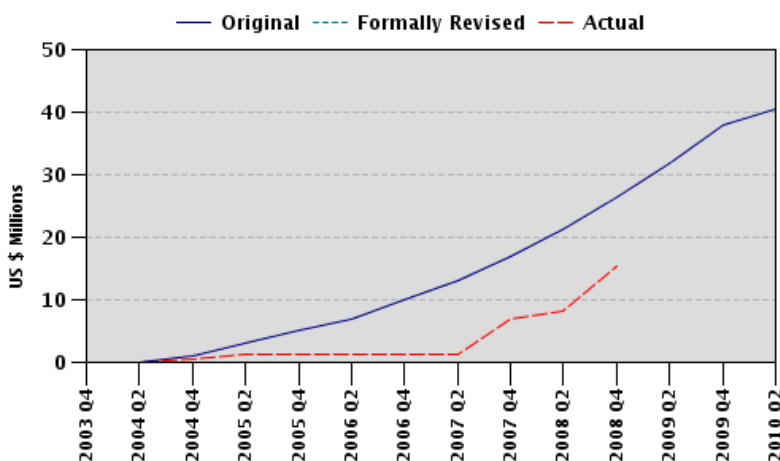
The objective is to improve the welfare of the population in the Nura River Basin by cleaning up serious mercury pollution in and adjacent to the Nura River while restoring flow control for flood management and ecological purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress has been made in ongoing clean-up and remediation activities in the last year. The 50 year old Karbide factory, a source of major pollution, was safely demolished last winter. The site is well protected and materials from the site are ready to be transported to a landfill currently under construction. The signing of the remaining two major civil works contracts will allow activities for clean-up of the Nura Riverbed and Zhaur Swamp (dredging, dewatering and transport of polluted soil to the landfill currently being constructed, and the reconstruction of the Intumak. Contractors started work on the Nura River Clean up and the Intumak Dam Reconstruction in Spring 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46930	Effective	40.39	14.78	25.61	0.00
TF-25802	Closed	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): ELEC TRANS REHAB (P065414)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 12/21/1999

Midterm Review Date: 10/15/2002

Closing Date: 06/15/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45260

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability and quality of electricity supply; (b) develop competition; and (c) restructure the Kazakhstan Electricity Grid Operating Company (KEGOC) into a financially viable grid company.

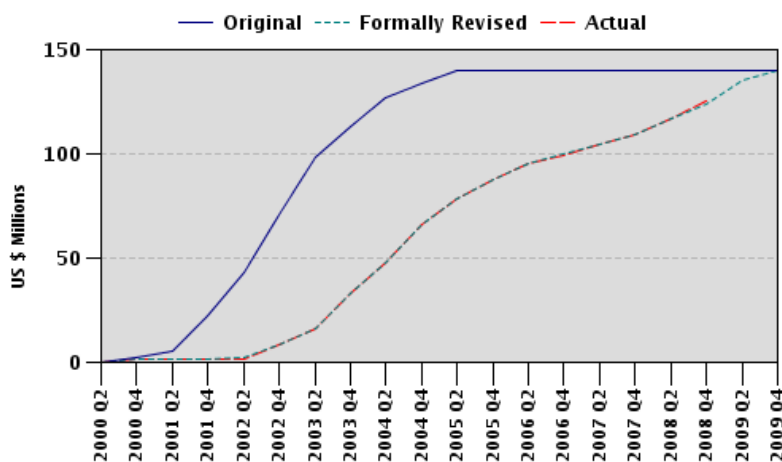
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Physical implementation of the complex substation automation component (the only one remaining to be completed) is in progress.

The project development objectives have largely been met already. Reliability and quality of electricity supply has improved. A well-functioning spot market is in place, electronically conducting about 20% of the wholesale electricity trade in 2007. The Grid Code is operational and is updated from time to time. The borrower (KEGOC) has become a financially strong core transmission company and system operator. All binding legal covenants are fully complied with.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45260	Effective	140.00	125.33	14.67	0.00



Project Name (ID): DRYLANDS MGMT (GEF) (P071525)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date: 10/19/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52161, TF-24116

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (50%), Crops (30%), Animal production (20%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Land administration and management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

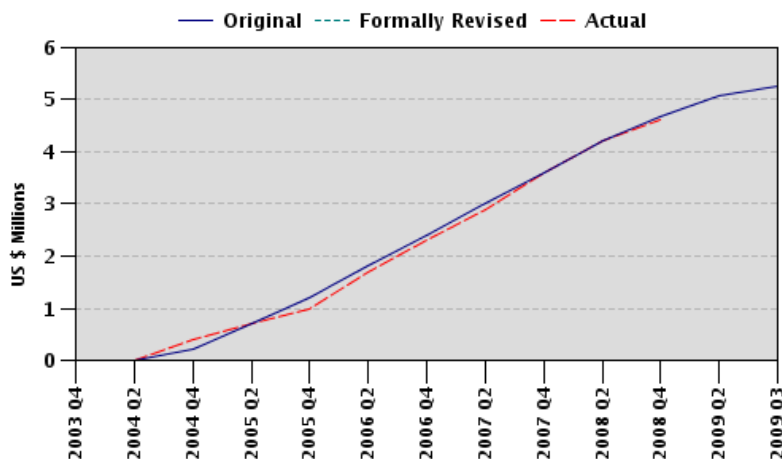
The objective is to demonstrate and promote sustainable land uses in the marginal dry land ecosystem of a pilot area in the Shetsky rayon.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well. Abandoned lands are being planted with perennial grasses. The project assists farmers with accelerating natural vegetation and increasing degraded pastures and rangelands productivity by a technology's demonstration program and restoring water points equipped with windmills. Many farmers have adopted the conservation technology for planting grasses. Farmers are supported in marketing through the establishment of milk collection centers and agricultural market. The monitoring results clearly show stable growth in the livestock population. The project is also providing assistance for improving knowledge to quantify and monitor carbon sequestration.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52161	Effective	5.27	4.56	0.71	0.00
TF-24116	Closed	0.35	0.31	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): FORESTRY (P078301)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 11/29/2005

Closing Date: 11/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48080, TF-51351

Sector(s): Forestry (85%), Central government administration (10%), Animal production (5%)

Theme(s): Other environment and natural resources management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other rural development (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Biodiversity (S)

Project Development Objectives:

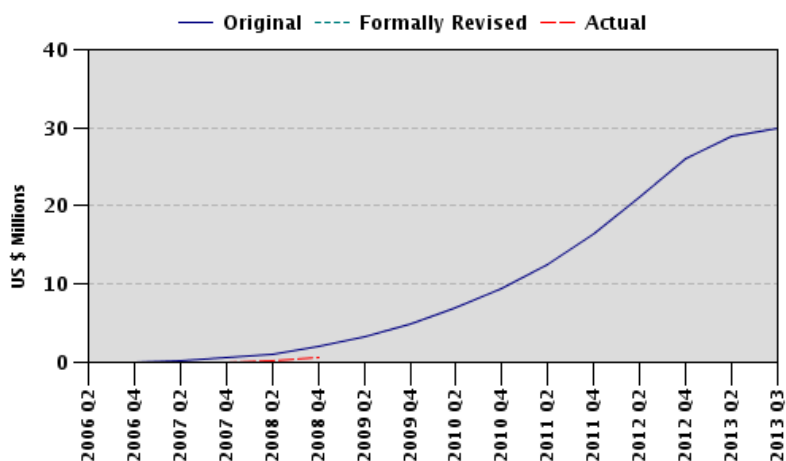
The objective is to develop cost effective and sustainable environmental rehabilitation and management of forest lands and associated rangelands, with a focus in the northeastern pine forest, the dry Aral Seabed, and southern saxaul woodlands.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is lagging behind schedule, due to earlier delays in project signing and effectiveness, and finalization of procurement packages for nursery construction, and various consultancies is taking more time than anticipated. The Project Coordination Unit and regional offices are now staffed and operational. Five hundred hectare of the dry Aral Seabed have been planted. Fire management capacity has been increased with new equipment and works. About 97 applications have been received for the first round of the competitive grant program.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48080	Effective	30.00	0.64	29.36	0.00
TF-51351	Closed	0.41	0.40	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): UST-KAMENOGORSK ENV REMED (P078342)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 02/01/2007

Closing Date: 03/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-58070, TF-51352, IBRD-48480

Sector(s): Solid waste management (50%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (35%), Central government administration (15%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resource management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are: (a) to prevent the groundwater contamination plume's further migration towards the residential areas, the city's sources of drinking water supply and eventually into the Irtysh River; and (b) to strengthen institutional mechanisms for groundwater quality monitoring to enable control of ongoing groundwater pollution from local municipal and industrial sources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not yet effective before 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-58070	Not Effective	5.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
TF-51352	Closed	0.86	0.73	0.00	0.14
IBRD-48480	Not Effective	24.29	0.00	24.29	0.00

Project Name (ID): TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT (P090695)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 01/15/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48840

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (60%), Central government administration (20%), Tertiary education (20%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to demonstrate significantly improved scientific performance and commercial relevance of research performed by inter-disciplinary teams of scientists selected through transparent competitive process.

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)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48840	Not Effective	13.40	0.00	13.40	0.00



Project Name (ID): N-S ELEC TRANSM (P095155)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 10/27/2005

Midterm Review Date: 11/15/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48050

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

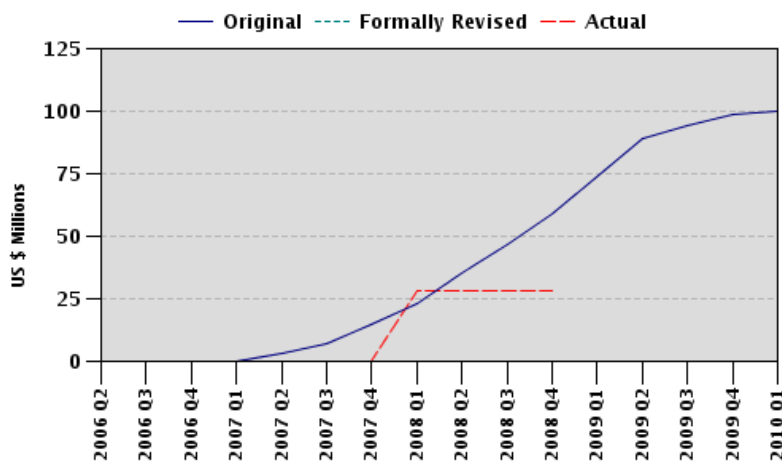
The primary development objective is to ensure that business enterprises and households in southern Kazakhstan have access to reliable, cost effective and high quality supply of electricity. The project also aims to promote competition on the electricity market.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is on track with construction activities commencing in March 2008 on schedule. Regarding sector reform undertakings, trial operations of the real time electricity balancing market were launched in January 2008. The balancing market is expected to become fully operational by end-2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48050	Effective	100.00	28.26	71.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): CUSTOMS DEVT (JERP) (P096998)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 11/27/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48740

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

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

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the Customs Control Committee in order to: (a) promote internationally acceptable practices for expeditious processing of international trade flows; (b) improve taxpayer compliance with the Customs Code; and (c) support transparency of customs operations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not yet effective before 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
IBRD-48740	Not Effective	18.50	0.00	18.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): HLTH SEC TECH (JERP) (P101928)

Country: Kazakhstan

Board Approval Date: 01/15/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48830

Sector(s): Health (83%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Tertiary education (3%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to introduce international standards and build long-term institutional capacity in the Ministry of Health and related healthcare institutions in support of key health sector reforms pursued by the Government of Kazakhstan in the context of the State Health Care Reform and Development Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not yet effective before 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
IBRD-48830	Not Effective	117.70	0.00	117.70	0.00