

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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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): ECON POL/PUB EXP MGMT (P078674)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 06/14/2005

Midterm Review Date: 02/12/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1680

Sector(s): Central government administration (69%), Sub-national government administration (19%), Compulsory health finance (9%), Roads and highways (3%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Health system performance (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to strengthen the management of public expenditures, system-wide and also in the health and transport sectors.

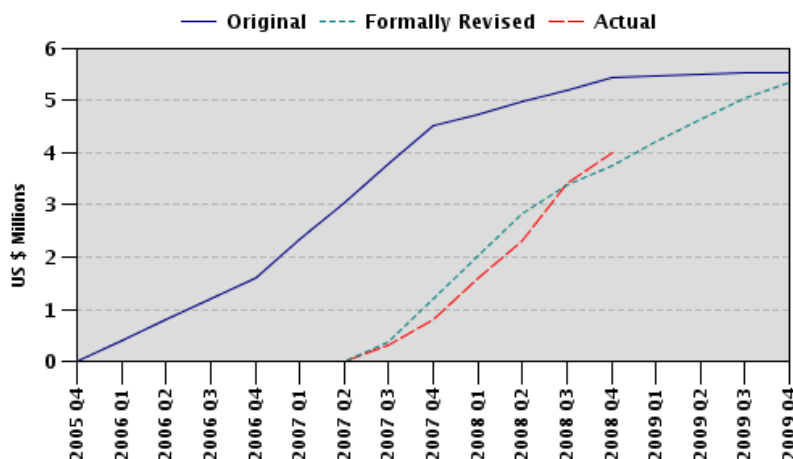
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In the past year, the implementation of the project has progressed as planned and is expected to meet its development objective to a high extent when it closes next year. In particular, major activities under the public financial management component have been successfully completed, with key achievements including the preparation of new treasury and budget manuals in line with international standards. Results indicators in public financial management especially, related to the budget formulation process, show significant improvement, while beneficiaries express a high level of satisfaction with the project's technical support in conducting complex procurement processes.

The implementation of the transport component has accelerated and the relevant development objective (to improve cost effectiveness of public spending on roads) is likely to be achieved. However, although activities under the health component made some progress, they continued to experience delays and some planned activities were substituted. As a result, the development objectives with regard to this component (introducing performance-based provider payment and expanding the family medicine system) are unlikely to be achieved by the end of the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1680	Effective	5.99	4.02	1.83	0.00



Project Name (ID): BUS ENV TA (P088045)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 06/14/2005

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1670

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (50%), Central government administration (20%), General industry and trade sector (15%), Law and justice (10%), General finance sector (5%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Personal and property rights (P), Land administration and management (P), Rural markets (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the business environment by reducing the uncertainty of key regulatory processes, improving the delivery of related services, strengthening property rights, and increasing the transparency and accountability of implementing institutions.

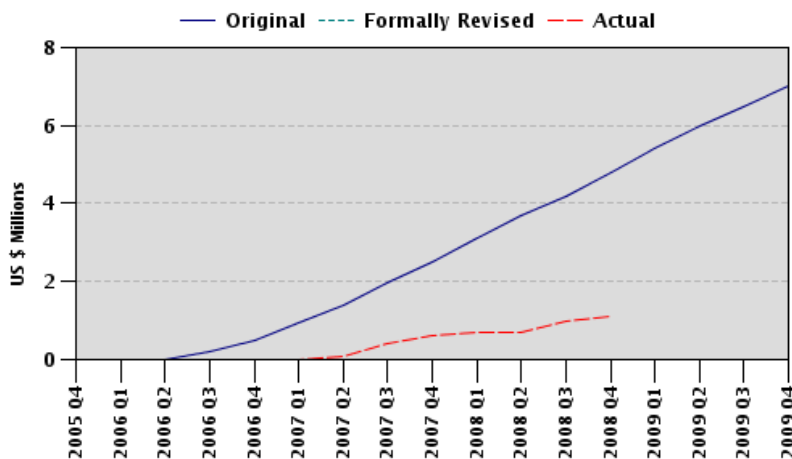
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Business Services Integration Component aims to reduce administrative barriers to business development and harmonize business regulations at the central and municipal levels, improve service provision at municipal level and facilitate investments. Results so far include: upgrade of the Business Registry and the establishment of the on-line connection between the Registry, pilot municipalities and other central agencies, which would make business registration more efficient; assistance to the Investment Promotion Agency, including provision of furniture and equipment, which made the Agency fully operational. The assignment for establishment of Municipal Business centers is expected to commence shortly, and would improve the quality of municipal service provision.

The Property Rights component is helping to strengthen the central and municipal institutions to register property, i.e. the Kosovo Cadastre Agency and the Municipal Cadastre offices. Results so far include the complete refurbishment of the Ferizaj Municipal Cadastral office and provision of furniture and equipment, partial progress in the Pristina office, and partial drafting of procedural manuals to standardize services across municipalities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1670	Effective	7.62	1.11	6.45	0.00



Project Name (ID): CLEAN UP & LAND RECLAMATION (P096181)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90160, IDA-H2340, IDA-H3190

Sector(s): Power (70%), Mining and other extractive (30%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) address environmental legacy issues related to open dumping of ashes on land; (b) enable the Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) to free land for community development purposes currently taken by overburden material and to enable KEK to remove Kosovo A ash dump; and (c) build capacity in KEK for continued clean-up and environmentally good practice mining operations.

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

An additional grant in the amount of SDR 3.3 million (US\$5 million equivalent) to fund clean-up of the former and abandoned gasification and chemicals separation plant of the Kosovo A Thermal Power Plant was approved by the World Bank Board of Directors in June 2007. The clean-up activity had been envisaged during preparation of this project and proposed as a component but was not included in the Project due to insufficient funds at the time of Project Appraisal.

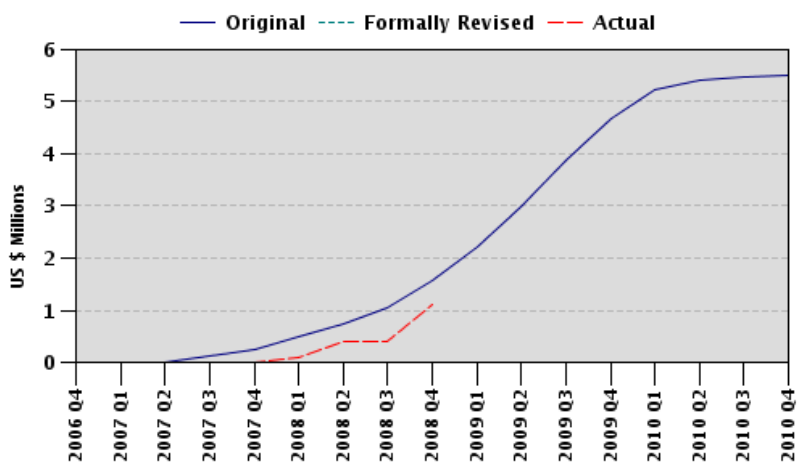
The purpose of the additional financing is to assist the Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) to contain and clean-up the most hazardous substances present at the gasification site and mitigate an urgent risk to public health and the environment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project became effective in February 2007. Project implementation activities in general, site investigations and the detailed design study in preparation for the cleanup & reclamation activities in particular, are progressing well and on schedule. The end date for the design activities and preparation for works is August 2008. Ordering of equipment for the civil works is scheduled to begin immediately after.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-90160	Effective	4.38	0.00	4.38	0.00
IDA-H2340	Effective	6.15	1.11	5.04	0.00
IDA-H3190	Effective	5.39	0.00	5.39	0.00



Project Name (ID): LIGNITE POWER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (P097635)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 10/12/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2540, IDA-H3180

Sector(s): Central government administration (68%), Power (16%), Mining and other extractive (16%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

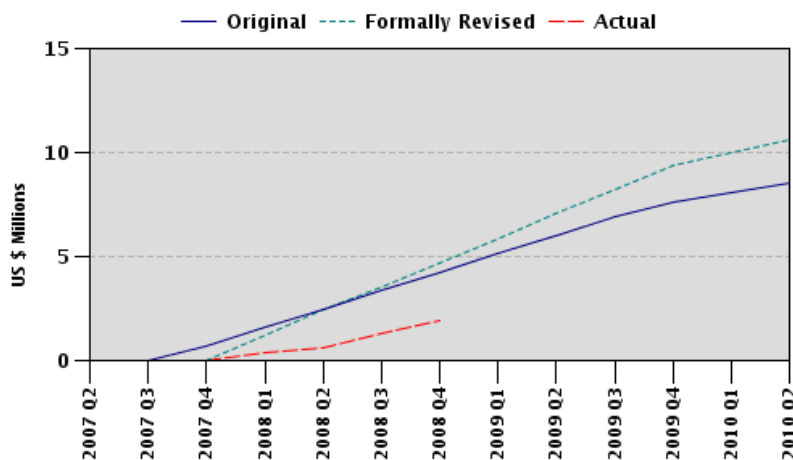
The project development objective is the following: (a) help the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG) strengthen the enabling policy, legal and regulatory frameworks conducive to new investments in the energy sector; and (b) assist the PISG to attract qualified private investors to develop lignite mines and build new capacity for lignite thermal power generation, guided by high standards of environmental and social sustainability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is behind original schedule due to the declaration of independence and change in government.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2540	Effective	9.10	1.90	7.22	0.00
IDA-H3180	Effective	2.14	0.00	2.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): AVIAN FLU - XK (P102165)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 02/01/2007

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2720

Sector(s): General public administration sector (50%), Health (28%), Agricultural extension and research (19%), Solid waste management (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

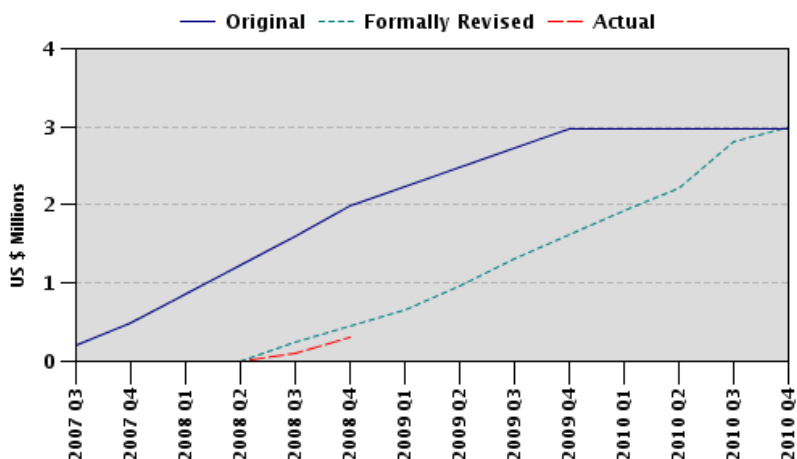
The development objective is to strengthen the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government's capacity to prevent the spread of avian influenza among poultry, to prevent the transmission of avian influenza from birds to other animals and humans, and to prepare for a potential pandemic of avian influenza transmissible between humans.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is on track to achieve the development objectives. The Veterinary Epidemiology Unit has been established with six regional and two central vets in the veterinary service of Kosovo. The Unit is functioning well under the Animal Health Department and their training program is also progressing well. The detailed design for the Kosovo virology lab is in process and soon the country will have this new lab constructed. This will increase the country capacity to diagnose most of the viral diseases. Under the Human Health Component of the Project, the Institute of Public Health diagnosis procedures are in place, equipment has been purchased and installed; and 2 staff of the Institute have been trained. The National plan has been designed for pandemic preparedness level 3 (without human to human transmission), representing an important step forward in upgrading overall national preparedness for prevention and in the case of a pandemic. The Intensive Care Unit of Prishtina hospital for influenza diseases is in the process of being rehabilitated. The AI Project Team is paying due attention to minority areas through the cooperation of the activities with UNICEF and under a non-governmental organization based in Mitrovica North. The World Health Organization is also helping in the minority areas with: (a) the Action Plan for the Prevention and Management of Influenza Pandemic that has been translated into Albanian and Serbian Languages, approved by Ministry of Health and distributed; and (b) the workshop for the preparatory phase six of an Influenza Pandemic, has been held in the Institute of Public Health in the north of Mitrovica.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2720	Effective	3.18	0.24	2.94	0.00



Project Name (ID): Inst. Devt. for Education (P102174)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3420

Sector(s): Primary education (39%), Secondary education (30%), Central government administration (21%), Sub-national government administration (7%), Tertiary education (3%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

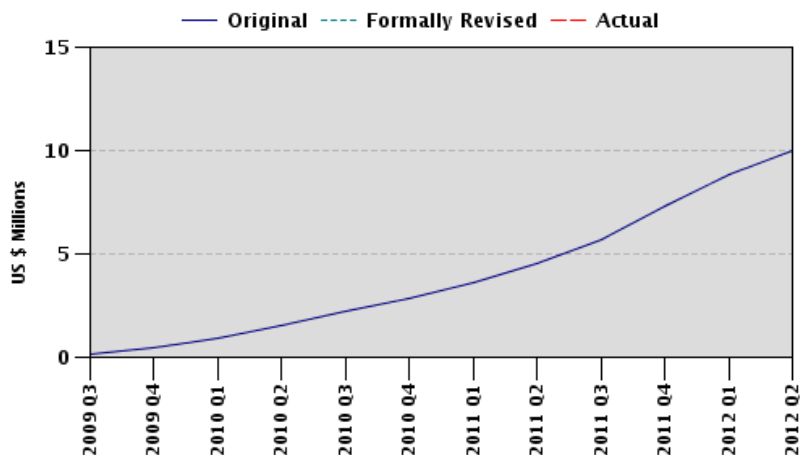
The objective is to strengthen systems, institutions and management capacities needed for education quality improvements.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective on December 14, 2007, and it is too early to report on tangible progress against project objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3420	Effective	10.03	0.00	10.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): Financial Sector TA (P108080)

Country: Kosovo

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3410

Sector(s): Central government administration (76%), Micro- and SME finance (13%), Banking (11%)

Theme(s): Standards and financial reporting (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to enhance the supervision capacity of the Central Banking Authority of Kosovo to oversee the stability and development of the financial system, in particular banks and non bank financial institutions (insurance companies and pension funds).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3410	Effective	2.04	0.00	2.04	0.00

