

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION

COUNTRY: REGIONAL

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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): CA AIDS CONTROL (CRL) (P087003)

Country: Central Asia

Board Approval Date: 03/15/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55014, TF-53750, IDA-H1490

Sector(s): Health (65%), Central government administration (25%), Other social services (7%), Law and justice (3%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Health system performance (S), Other communicable diseases (S), Personal and property rights (S)

Project Development Objectives:

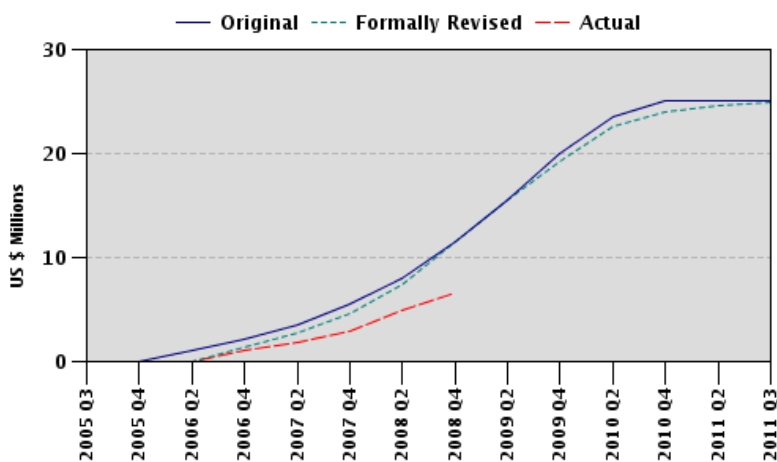
The objective is to minimize the potential negative human and economic impact of a generalized HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation continues to accelerate and enhanced efforts are targeting key activities for achieving the project development objectives. The 1st and 2nd rounds of sub-grant awards financing small and large projects in all Central Asia regions have been completed; US\$15 million have been committed for these grants. Proposals for the 3rd round aim at targeting service delivery for high-risk groups and increasing service coverage, which would further improve the impact of the grant program. Specifically, more efforts will be concentrated on increasing fund allocations for groups most-at-risk (Injecting Drug Users, Commercial Sex Workers, prisoners, people living with HIV/AIDS, men having sex with men, and migrants and refugees if there is epidemiological evidence of high-risk behavior) and on developing human resource capacity related to harm reduction activities. Additional efforts are being made under the project to bring to the attention of decision makers in Central Asia: (i) the need to approve the use of sentinel surveillance information in national and regional epidemiological monitoring systems, and (ii) the need to register test kits for surveillance work in all countries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55014	Effective	1.95	0.00	1.95	0.00
TF-53750	Closed	0.89	0.75	0.00	0.14
IDA-H1490	Effective	25.44	6.61	18.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): GeoFund 1 (P075046)

Country: Europe and Central Asia

Board Approval Date: 11/14/2006

Closing Date: 12/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-51712, TF-57268, TF-57269

Sector(s): Renewable energy (88%), District heating and energy efficiency services (6%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

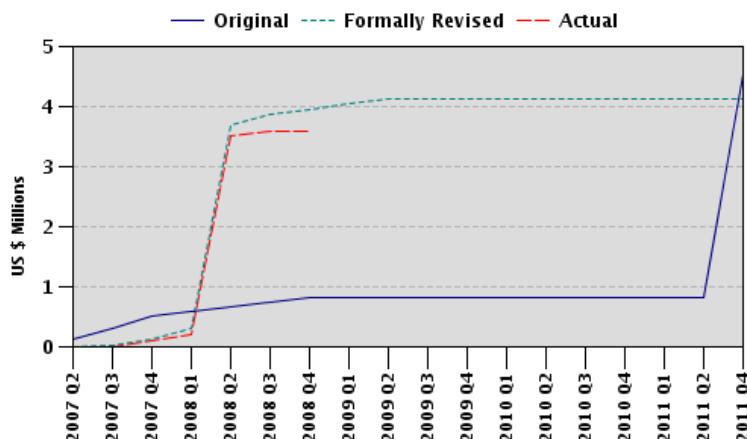
The program objective of the GeoFund is to systematically promote the use of geothermal energy in the European and Central Asia Region by removing barriers to the development of renewable energy. The most important barriers include knowledge and information barriers; institutional, policy, legal and regulatory barriers; and financial barriers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The GeoFund mitigated the financial risk by providing geological risk insurance (GRI). Due to the negative drilling results, the GRI was called and paid to the project investor MOL, Hungarian Oil and Gas Company. GeoFund support has helped to launch MOLs entry into geothermal energy development. The company maintains a substantial commitment to geothermal exploration and development i.e. by investing the received GRI into new geothermal development activities which should result in commercially viable exploitations. International Geothermal Association is executing the region’s wide technical assistance component of the GeoFund program designed to address knowledge and information as well as institutional, policy, legal and regulatory barriers to geothermal development. Implementation is well on track and several activities including country assessment of barriers to geothermal energy use for power production in Hungary, dissemination material for a course on geothermal feasibility studies and project implementation, and international studies and workshops on mineral co-production in geothermal development have been completed. Due to the initial delays in project implementation it is expected that the closing date will need to be extended beyond current grant closing date of 12/30/2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-51712	Closed	0.77	0.77	0.00	0.00
TF-57268	Effective	0.81	0.25	0.56	0.00
TF-57269	Closed	3.72	3.31	0.00	0.41



Project Name (ID): NERETVA/TREBISNJICA RIVER BASIN GEF (P084608)

Country: Europe and Central Asia

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52845, TF-52844

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (58%), Sewerage (26%), Central government administration (11%), Other social services (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The development and global environmental objective of the project is to provide mechanisms for the efficient and equitable water allocation among the users of the Neretva Trebisnjica River Basin at the transboundary level, and for enhancing the basin ecosystems and biodiversity through improved water resource management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project (GEF total grant of US\$8.0 million) was approved by the Board on May 29, 2008. However, the project was not effective before the close of 2008 fiscal year.

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Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52845	Closed	0.29	0.27	0.00	0.01
TF-52844	Closed	0.15	0.14	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): LAKE SKHODER INTGD ECOSYST MGMT GEF (P084605)

Country: South Eastern Europe and Balkans

Board Approval Date: 05/27/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53868, TF-53866

Sector(s): Central government administration (50%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%), Other industry (20%), Sewerage (10%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to help establish and strengthen institutional mechanisms for transboundary cooperation in Albania and Montenegro to improve sustainable management of Lake Skadar-Shkoder. The global development objective is to maintain and enhance the long-term value and environmental services of Lake Skadar-Shkoder and its natural resources.

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-53868	Closed	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
TF-53866	Closed	0.18	0.17	0.00	0.01

