

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: ROMANIA

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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): SOC SECT DEV (SSD) (P008783)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2001

Midterm Review Date: 04/15/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46160

Sector(s): Other social services (60%), Micro- and SME finance (20%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (18%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Improving labor markets (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

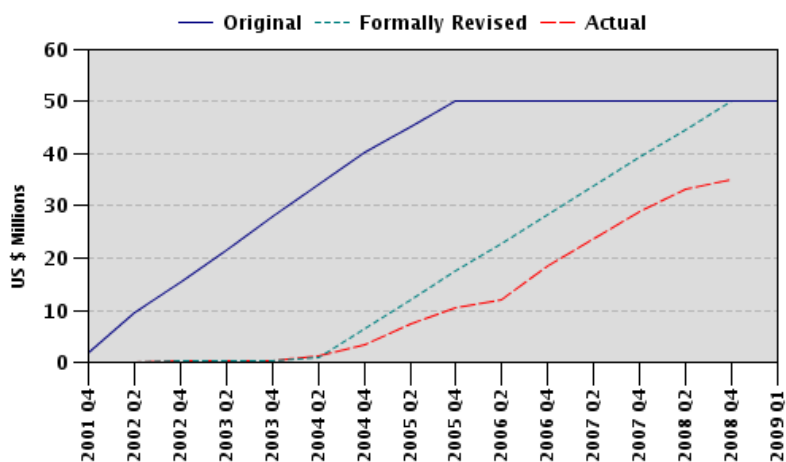
The objective is to reduce poverty and enhance economic growth in Romania through: (a) improvements to policy development, monitoring and evaluation; (b) support of a multi-pillar reform; (c) labor market restructuring; and (d) strengthened effectiveness and quality of social assistance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress in achieving project development objectives is significant and the project is expected to close on time on December 31, 2008 having completed the majority of its activities: including the completion of Government Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation study; Employment Agency staff training; provision of micro-credits for poor communities; active labor market measures-business incubators; development of Social Assistance Services; the implementation of the Integrated Management Information System for Social Assistance and for the National House of Pensions; a public information campaign for private pensions; and the establishment of an Automated Work History Database for all the existing employees. The implementation of the new public pension law has led to improvements in the pension system financial sustainability and created conditions for the introduction of the second pension pillar which was launched, and the first transfers to the private pension funds were made in May 2008. More than 6,400 unemployed have enrolled in labor redeployment programs supported by the project which in many cases has resulted in positive outcomes and reduced unemployment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46160	Effective	50.00	35.19	14.81	0.00



Project Name (ID): IRRIG REHAB (P043881)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date: 11/01/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47170, TF-29480, TF-26526

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (94%), Central government administration (4%), Agricultural extension and research (1%), Vocational training (1%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Water resource management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The primary objectives of the project are to: (a) achieve more economic use of irrigation resources through changes in farmers' and the Land Reclamation Agency's behavior; and (b) increase agricultural productivity in project area.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing steadily towards meeting its development objectives. Implementation of the irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation progressed well while the sector policy and institutional reform remained, in general, on track but with some risks of policy reversals. Substantial steps forward were made particularly in the implementation of works contracts for rehabilitation of primary and secondary infrastructure in the Phase I irrigation schemes and the support program for Water Users' Organizations (WUOs).

The rehabilitation works for the main irrigation infrastructure in the "Nicoresti-Tecuci" scheme were completed three months ahead of schedule and operation of the scheme started in June 2008. Also, the rehabilitation works for all pumping stations of the "Sadova-Corabia" scheme ended in mid-July and the respective stations function at full capacity.

The area contracted for irrigation increased every year while the main focus of irrigation activities continued to shift towards the low lands where irrigation water is cheaper and subsidies are more economically utilized.

Availability of funds for project implementation continues to be a major concern because of the severe financial effects of two sets of factors, external to the project, such as depreciation of Loan currency (US\$) against local currency (RON) and Euro by 37%, increase of prices for fuel by 20%, construction materials and labor in the construction industry by 23%. The total capital cost required for full rehabilitation of all five schemes selected for Phase II, as resulting from the feasibility studies, is of about \$90 million and exceeds by far the funds available in the project (about \$12 million). Therefore, a prioritization of investment for the five schemes selected for Phase II was conducted, based on the marginal return of capital invested in rehabilitation from the energy thus saved.

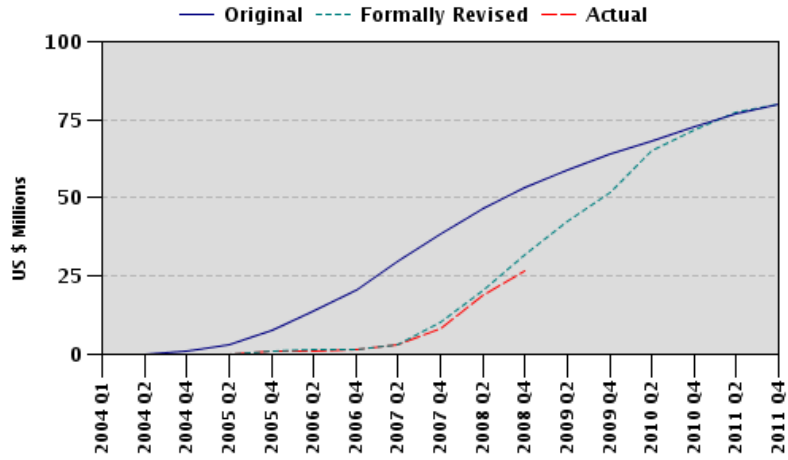
Preparation of designs for further rehabilitation works including main pumping stations and critical hydraulic infrastructure (canals and their appurtenant structures, etc.) is very advanced and new works contracts will start later in the year.

Coordination with the National Rural Development Program (NRDP), Measure 125, which provides financing for "Improving and developing the infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry", is a new direction in project implementation.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47170	Effective	80.00	26.75	53.25	0.00
TF-29480	Closed	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.00
TF-26526	Closed	0.65	0.64	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): FOREST DEVT (P067367)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2002

Midterm Review Date: 05/19/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46830, TF-26361

Sector(s): Forestry (60%), Central government administration (25%), Agricultural extension and research (10%), Agro-industry (3%), Other social services (2%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other environment and natural resources management (P), Other rural development (S), Law reform (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the management of state-owned forests through capacity building and technical innovation for environmentally sustainable and cost effective forest management; and (b) support the establishment of pilot systems for forest management among underserved private forest owners.

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

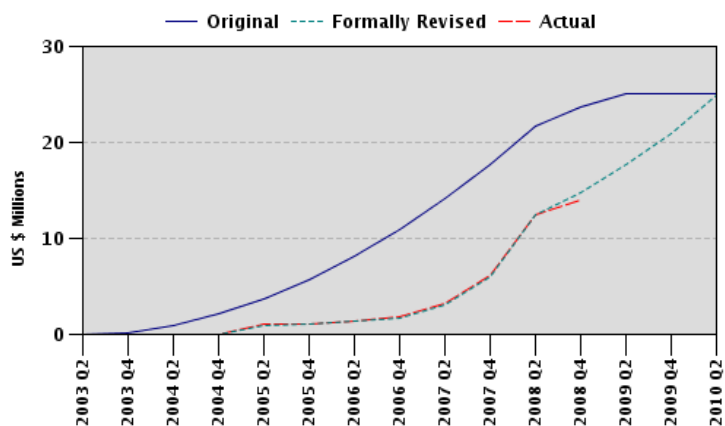
Government's 2005 restitution law greatly changed the policy and institutional framework within which the project is operating. The vastly expanded program of restitution has had profound implications for the forestry sector -- both with respect to public ownership and for the institution charged with responsibility for managing state forests, the National Forest Administration, as well as for new private forest owners, many of which have limited experience or capacity to undertake forest management. During the last year, the project was restructured to take account of these changes, and to narrow the scope of the expected outcomes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Capacity building and training programs have been fully launched this last year for the Department of Forestry. A Strategic Development Plan for the National Forest Administration has been finalized and parts of it are under implementation. The Forest Management Information Monitoring System has been fully designed and is being installed, and an additional component to develop GIS capacities has been designed. The 'best practice guide' to forest roads engineering has been completed and has been adopted as the current standard in Romania. Virtually, all the tendering for the roads planned for rehabilitation has been completed, and civil works are underway. A public awareness program has been launched to improve public understanding of the costs and benefits of forest management. A series of pilot associations of private forest owners were established and experience with these is being evaluated. The project is on track to meeting its revised development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46830	Effective	25.00	14.00	11.00	0.00
TF-26361	Closed	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): PPIBL (P069679)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 09/12/2002

Midterm Review Date: 10/24/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-46760, TF-50477

Sector(s): Central government administration (40%), Banking (30%), Power (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Corporate governance (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

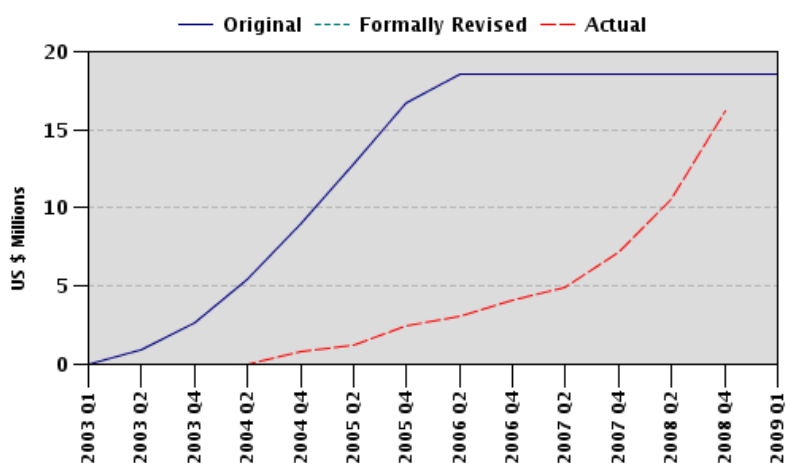
The objective is to provide the required technical assistance to implement policy measures supported by the Second Private Sector Adjustment Loan, and to prepare the reforms supported by the Programmatic Adjustment Loan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continued to fund a long list of emerging technical assistance needs in the public and private sectors, including the Ministry of Justice, the Superior Court of Magistracy, the Ministry of Public Finance, the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Ministry for the Coordination of the General Secretariat of the Government, the Romanian National Securities Commission, the National Agency for Fiscal Administration, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Environment and Water Management. Under the project such administrations are modernizing, strengthening their capacities, and becoming more efficient.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46760	Effective	18.60	16.23	2.37	0.00
TF-50477	Closed	3.17	3.17	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): RURAL EDUC (P073967)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 05/06/2003

Midterm Review Date: 10/10/2006

Closing Date: 09/15/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26809, IBRD-46910

Sector(s): Primary education (45%), Secondary education (40%), General public administration sector (15%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

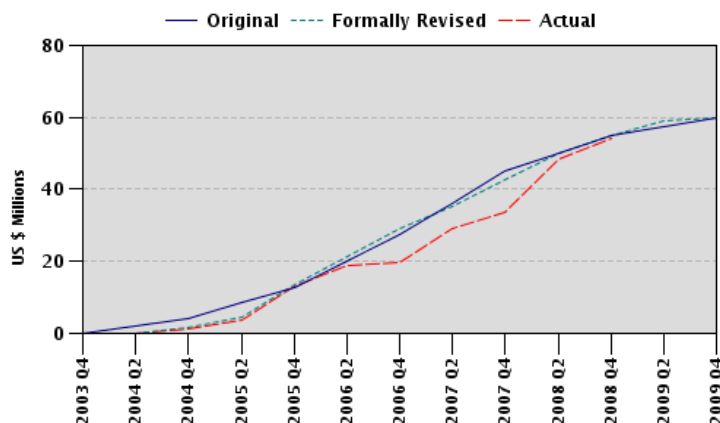
The objective is to have rural schools' students benefit from improved access to quality education, as evidenced by higher achievement scores and completion, and transition rates.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The progress towards achieving project objectives is steady with visible results under all project components. The project has achieved the following outcomes: (a) the school-based teachers' professional development/mentoring program has benefited about 47,000 teachers who participated in an innovative interactive learning experience promoting conceptual and practical changes in the classroom; teachers in schools use interactive teaching methods as well as the new teaching and learning materials also provided through the project; (b) the Open Distance Learning Program for qualifying unqualified teachers from rural schools (in 13 subjects) has a very good reputation at national level, resulting not only in more qualified teachers, but also in retaining effective teachers in rural schools; a total of 1,438 teachers graduated and another 1,700 are in the process; more than 200 handbooks were developed and published, most of them becoming reference textbooks in the higher education system; (c) the school community grant program has successfully completed its fourth (last) round of competition; a total of 1,537 schools received grants under the project; an "Impact Study on the Development and Implementation of the Facilitation Process" confirms the outcome of this program in terms of bringing the school and the community closer together in responding to students' needs, but also related to the increased capacity at school level to prepare school development plans and project proposals as well as accessing funds from other sources; (iv) the National Education Database is used at both central and local level and has been recognized as best practice at EU level.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26809	Closed	0.46	0.40	0.00	0.06
IBRD-46910	Effective	60.00	53.98	6.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): HAZ MITIG (P075163)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 05/20/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/15/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47360

Sector(s): Flood protection (50%), Sub-national government administration (25%), Central government administration (20%), Mining and other extractive (5%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Water resource management (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Other urban development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to contribute to the reduction of the environmental, social, and economic vulnerability to natural disasters and catastrophic mining accidental spills of pollutants.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project progressed well in the last year and over 66% of funds were committed overall, with components A and C exceeding 85%. Availability of funds for full project implementation remains the major concern, with direct impact on achieving the outputs to support meeting the project development objectives, particularly the seismic retrofitting of public buildings and safety of dams.

With the available funds, only 46 public buildings (68 remained in the program) will be made earthquake proof and safety of 6 dams (13 in program) will be completed. Also, works for all but one site in the program will be completed. Under these constraints, about 60,000 people will remain at risk while hundreds of thousands people will be affected in various degrees.

The activities towards reduction of environmental risk in mining areas through remediation works at three high risk project sites are well advanced and have already proved safe during the severe rain storms which hit the area this summer. In addition, preparation of an environmental monitoring system for the mining sector has started recently.

The other project target, enhancing emergency preparedness, is supported by implementation of a new Emergency Management Information System, which is well advanced. Also, assessments of exposure to major natural hazards and scenarios for response to a major earthquake in the Varncea region were developed.

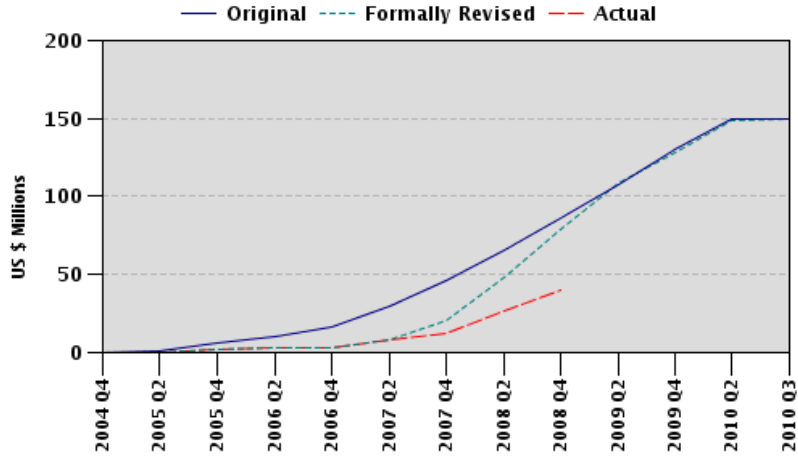
Another critical issue of the project remains the finalization of the legal framework for the Romanian Catastrophe Insurance Program to comprise the Law on CAT Insurance and the supporting implementation norms and regulations. Approval of the draft Law by the Parliament was delayed by ten months, maintaining the financial risk associated to any catastrophic event in the responsibility of the state budget instead of sharing it with the insurance / reinsurance industry.

However, the likelihood of substantially meeting the overall project objectives remains high.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47360	Effective	150.00	39.75	110.25	0.00



Project Name (ID): HEALTH SEC REF 2 (APL #2) (CRL) (P078971)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004

Midterm Review Date: 09/26/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47600, TF-52423

Sector(s): Health (96%), Central government administration (3%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Child health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

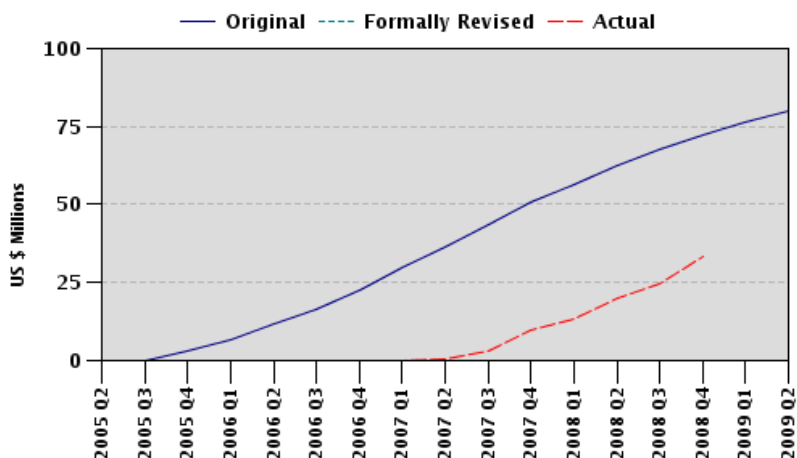
The objective is to provide more accessible services, of increased quality and with improved health outcomes for those requiring maternity and newborn care, emergency medical care and rural primary health care.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although steady progress has been made to achieve project objectives in maternal/child health and emergency services, the project is not as successful in the areas of primary health care and national health accounts. The project is in a process of being restructured, with more emphasis being placed on those activities which are being implemented more successfully. Also, envisioned restructuring would reflect recent policy changes introduced with respect to primary health care.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47600	Effective	96.93	32.42	63.39	0.00
TF-52423	Closed	0.52	0.51	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): ELEC MARKET (P081406)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2003

Midterm Review Date: 02/28/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71810

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Regional integration (P)

Project Development Objectives:

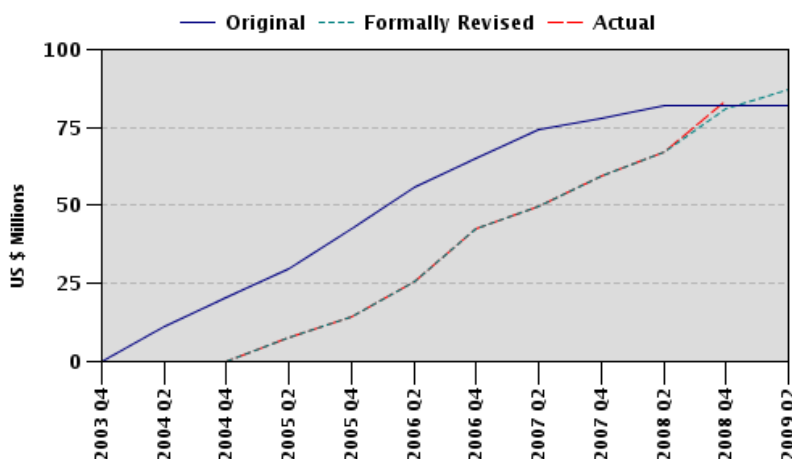
The objective is to develop a well-functioning wholesale electricity market operating in a transparent and predictable commercial and regulatory framework, and features: (a) power exchange which facilitates electricity trading; and (b) a reliable transmission system which supplies electricity at least cost to consumers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

All three original components of the project have been successfully completed with: (a) the introduction and operationalization by Romania's energy regulator (ANRE) of the commercial code for the new electricity market, price-cap tariff regime for distribution and revenue-cap regime for transmission; (b) the launch and operationalization by Romania's electricity market operator (OPCOM) and transmission system operator (Transelectrica), of the OPCOM Power Exchange and balancing market mechanism, respectively; and (c) the rehabilitation by Transelectrica of its Fundeni and Iernut grid substations. Procurement under the new component, added using cost savings, has been completed, and activities are under implementation. They include the development of OPCOM's capabilities to offer market services for the regional electricity market in South East Europe (a part of the Energy Community).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71810	Effective	82.00	83.55	12.97	0.00



Project Name (ID): TRANSPORT RESTRUCTURING (P083620)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/16/2004

Closing Date: 07/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47570

Sector(s): Roads and highways (67%), Railways (33%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Other urban development (S), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

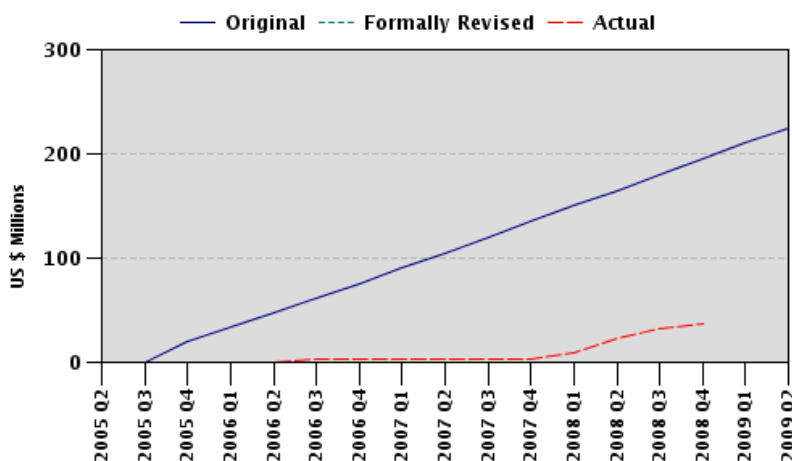
The project aims to improve the efficiency of the railways and road sectors, and thereby reduce the overall costs of transportation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress in meeting the Project Development Objectives is on track, although there is an overall delay of around 18 - 24 months. However, there has been a significant increase in the estimated total project costs mainly due to the adverse change in the US Dollar/Euro exchange rate, and the impacts of inflation in the construction industry since 2004 when the project was appraised. The Government is considering how to finance the additional costs for the project components. A mid-term review is scheduled for September 2008 when a decision will be made on this.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47570	Effective	225.00	36.97	188.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): ECSEE APL #1 (CRL) (P086694)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 01/27/2005

Midterm Review Date: 05/18/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72720

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Regional integration (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

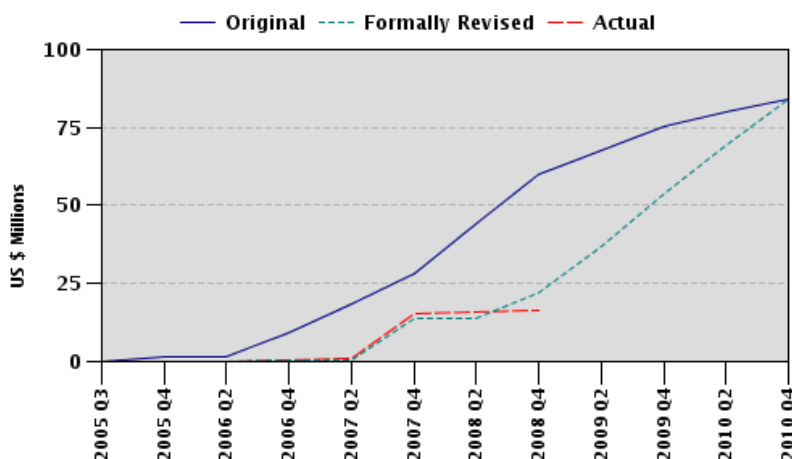
The objective of the Energy Community of South East Europe (ECSEE) Adaptable Lending Program is the development of a functioning regional electricity market in South East Europe and its integration into the internal electricity market of the European Union through the implementation of priority investments supporting electric market and power systems operations in electric generation, transmission, and distribution, and technical assistance for institutional/systems development and project preparation and implementation. This project would establish the ECSEE facility and provide investment support and technical assistance to Hidroelectrica in Romania.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Romania is a regional leader in the Energy Community and is in compliance with the requirements of the Energy Community Treaty, which became effective in July 2006. The contract for the rehabilitation of Hidroelectrica's Lotru hydro station was awarded to one of the leading power engineering firms in the world and the rehabilitation work is underway. The technical assistance component supporting Hidroelectrica's institutional development is about to be completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72720	Effective	84.30	16.18	70.46	0.00



Project Name (ID): MOD AGR KNOWLEDGE & INFORM SYST (MAKIS) (P086949)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/16/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47580

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (75%), Central government administration (25%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the competitiveness of farmers and agro-processors while helping them meet European Union standards.

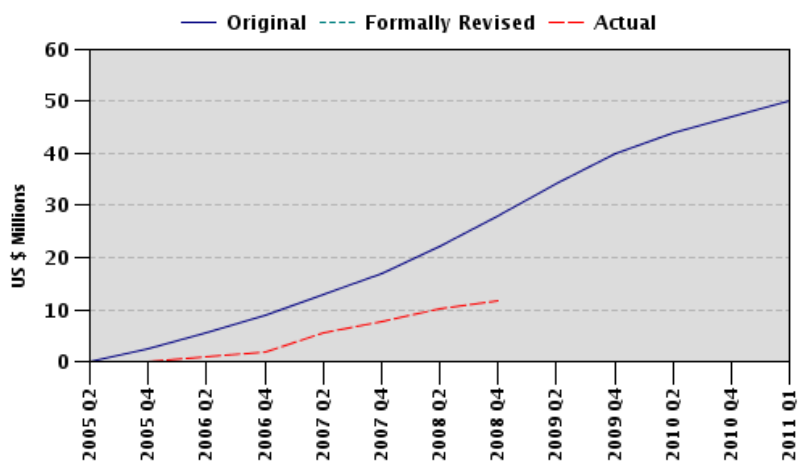
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is likely to achieve its development objectives. The assessment is based on the good performance of two of the three main Project components, namely "Support for Agricultural Research" and "Support for Advisory and Information Systems". The agreed reform program is in process of being implemented in four of the five research institutes included in the project, the National Reference Laboratory for testing for the presence of Genetically Modified Organisms has been established and fully equipped, and the Competitive Grant Scheme is fully operational. In addition, the progress made in the implementation of the advisory services component is on track.

The component aimed at "Strengthening the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority and Phyto-Sanitary Units" is lagging behind targets and no progress has been made lately in the implementation of related activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47580	Effective	64.40	11.73	50.80	0.00



Project Name (ID): MINE CLOSURE, ENV & SOCIO-ECO REG (CRL) (P087807)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/22/2008

Closing Date: 05/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47590

Sector(s): Other social services (49%), Mining and other extractive (48%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Social safety nets (P), Improving labor markets (P), Social analysis and monitoring (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

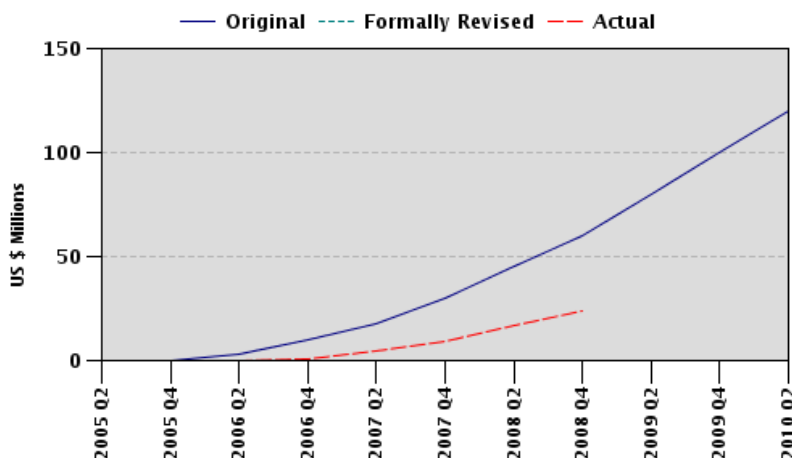
The objective is to (a) close complex mines and ancillary enterprises in an environmentally sustainable manner; and (b) build local and institutional capacity for community-based planning and socio-economic regeneration of the mining regions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Results are being achieved both in terms of (a) technical closure of mine sites, thereby making it possible for communities to make alternative use of the sites; and (b) facilitating job creation and participatory development planning processes in mining communities. However, lack of access (due to concerns related to national indebtedness) to allocated resources puts the achievement of the project's development objectives at risk. If not adequately addressed, the Bank and Borrower may need to consider cancellation of part of the Loan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47590	Effective	120.00	24.23	95.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): KNOW ECON (P088165)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/29/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P4090, IBRD-48090

Sector(s): General public administration sector (32%), General industry and trade sector (22%), Primary education (21%), Tertiary education (21%), Other social services (4%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

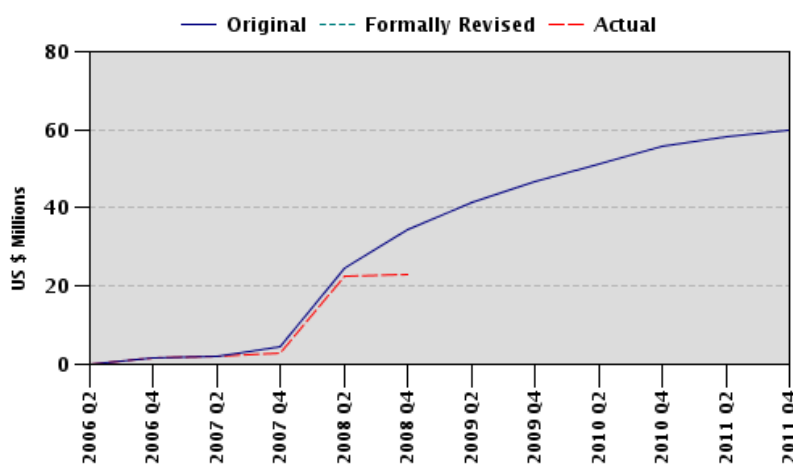
The objective of the project is to accelerate the participation of knowledge-disadvantaged communities in the knowledge-based society and economy in Romania.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward meeting the development objective is good. Compared to the original target of 200, 246 Local Community e-Networks were established at the end of 2007, thus providing access to information and communication technology services to 1.8 million people. This is a major achievement. They are now operational (3% have satisfactory 3-year business plans). Installation of the online system for registration by family associations and self-employed individuals was launched but has been delayed due technical difficulties which are being resolved (the use of this system would reduce significantly the time to complete and increase the accuracy of business registration transactions as compared to the existing processes).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P4090	Closed	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
IBRD-48090	Effective	60.00	23.12	36.88	0.00



Project Name (ID): Municipal Services Project (P088252)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 07/13/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48350

Sector(s): Roads and highways (39%), Flood protection (23%), Water supply (17%), Sewerage (16%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

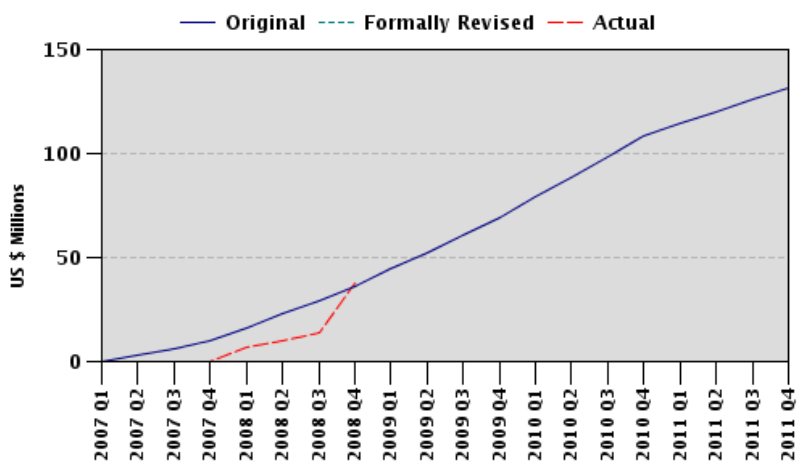
The project will assist Romania to meet European Union environmental directives in the water and wastewater sector, thereby improving the quality and coverage of water and wastewater services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well towards meeting its objectives and the entire loan has been committed. For the Bucharest and Arad components, works contracts are underway which will bring about the increase in service coverage and help Romania meet European Union (EU) Directives. For the component being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, consultants are now preparing investments for which EU grants will be sought. These investments would also help Romania meet EU directives and help improve the quality of water and wastewater services.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48350	Effective	165.62	37.86	126.53	0.00



Project Name (ID): JUDICIAL REFORM (P090309)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 12/15/2005

Closing Date: 04/01/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48110

Sector(s): Law and justice (100%)

Theme(s): Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Other rule of law (S)

Project Development Objectives:

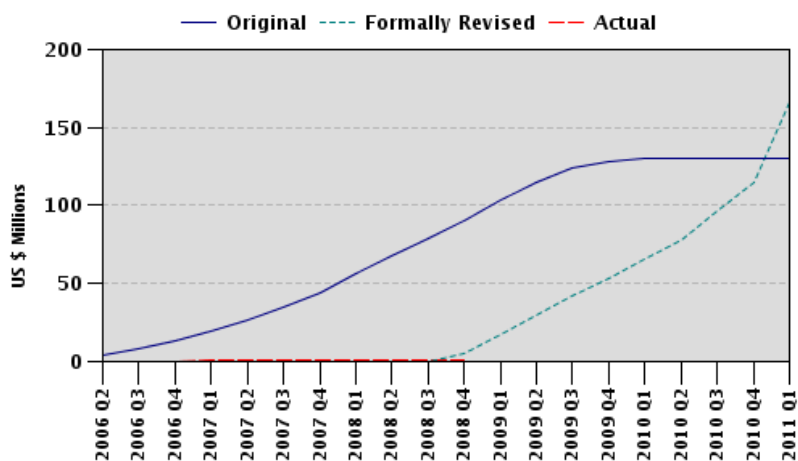
The development objectives are to increase efficiency of the Romanian courts and to improve the accountability of the judiciary.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation has been slower for the civil works component. However, progress has been visible in the development of the new drafts for the Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code, both of which are undergoing public debate and will be presented for Government's approval in the fall. Two courthouses will begin civil works in October 2008. A baseline survey on judicial performance has been carried out. A new judicial qualification test, based on international standards, has been successfully completed and piloted. The National School of Clerks is launching a Distance Learning Program. A comprehensive feasibility analysis for introduction of the new Resource Management System (RMS) for the judicial system has been completed, and the bidding process for the RMS development is being launched in August 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48110	Effective	166.03	1.51	164.37	0.00



Project Name (ID): SOC INCL PROG (CRL) (P093096)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2006

Closing Date: 03/01/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90485, IBRD-48250

Sector(s): Other social services (68%), Central government administration (22%), Pre-primary education (10%)

Theme(s): Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Other social protection and risk management (P), Education for all (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

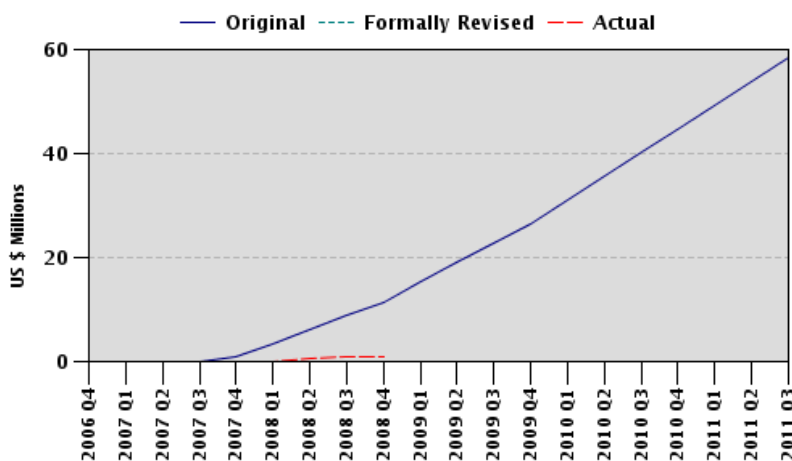
The project's development objective is to improve the living conditions and the social inclusion of the most disadvantaged/vulnerable people in the Romanian society by: (a) improving the living conditions and social inclusion of Roma living in poor settlements; (b) increasing the inclusiveness of early childhood education services in targeted areas; and (c) improving the quality of services for persons with disabilities, youth at risk, and victims of domestic violence.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective on March 16, 2007, 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
TF-90485	Effective	0.64	0.07	0.57	0.00
IBRD-48250	Effective	73.57	0.95	72.56	0.00



Project Name (ID): INTEG NUTRIENT POLLUTION CONTROL (P093775)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 10/30/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48730

Sector(s): Solid waste management (27%), Sewerage (22%), General public administration sector (20%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (18%), Sanitation (13%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

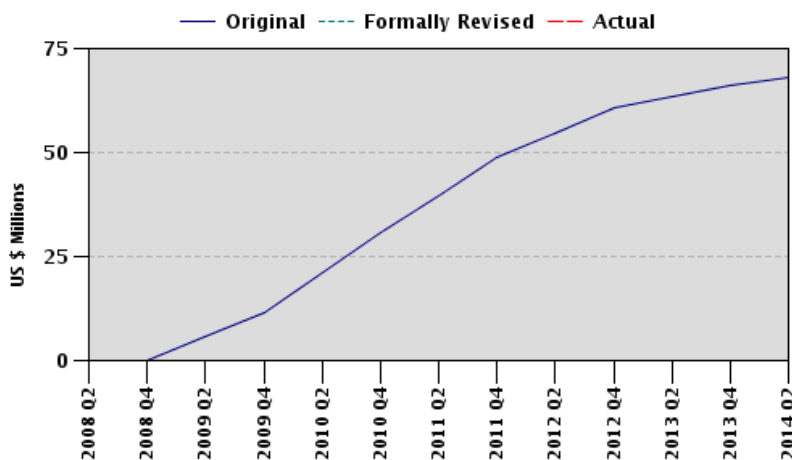
The objective is to meet the EU Nitrates Directive requirements by (a) reducing nutrient discharges into water bodies; (b) promoting behavioral change at the communal level; and (c) strengthening institutional and regulatory capacity.

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-48730	Effective	73.63	0.00	73.63	0.00



Project Name (ID): TRANSPORT SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT (P093812)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/02/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48420

Sector(s): Roads and highways (50%), Railways (45%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Regional integration (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

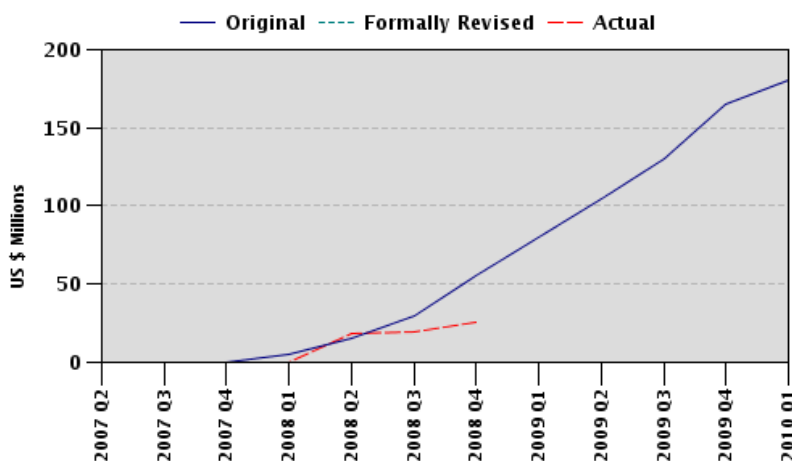
The objective is to reduce transport costs through the improvement of the overall quality of its national roads and railway networks during the first years of European Union accession.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There is a risk that the Project Development Objectives will not be achieved before the project's closing date, since implementation is lagging behind targets. Despite delays in project start, a significant portion of the road component was implemented in 2007, but it was below what was initially planned. The railway component has started only in the first half of 2008. There has been a significant improvement in project implementation capacity for both railway and road components in the first half of 2008, but budgetary constraints on the two implementing entities for 2008 may limit the extent of what can be implemented in 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48420	Effective	180.00	26.11	153.89	0.00



Project Name (ID): AVIAN FLU - RO (P100470)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 09/08/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48390

Sector(s): Health (50%), General public administration sector (35%), Agricultural extension and research (13%), Solid waste management (2%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

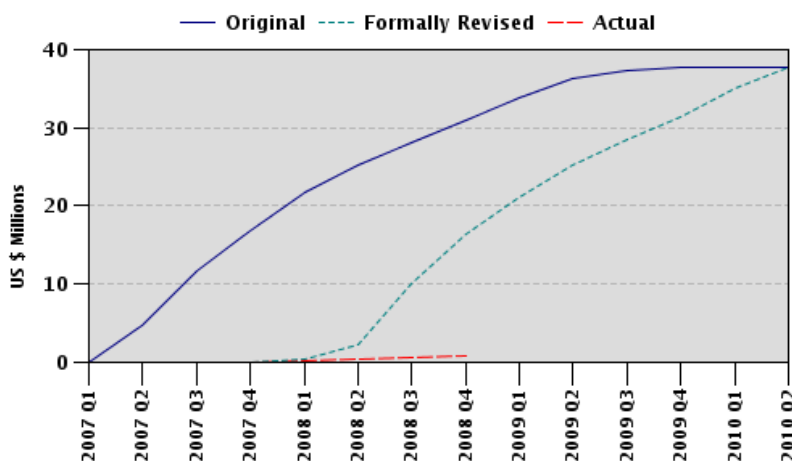
The objective is to enhance Romania's capacity to prevent and control highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and other zoonoses and to provide an effective response to a potential influenza pandemic and other infectious disease emergencies in humans.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

As the disbursement data indicates, project implementation is lagging significantly behind targets. As most activities are still weeks or months away from completion, results are not yet visible. Processes are well under way, however, with a number of large contracts being prepared for signature at the time of this update.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-48390	Effective	47.18	0.77	46.33	0.00



Project Name (ID): CESAR (P100638)

Country: Romania

Board Approval Date: 11/27/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-48750

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (68%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (12%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Other rural development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to facilitate market-based farm restructuring and enhance the ability of farmers to manage their assets and income.

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-48750	Effective	70.19	0.00	70.19	0.00

