

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

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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): MP/AR-REDUCTION OF OZONE D (P005920)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 01/09/1997

Closing Date: 11/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-22013

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (96%), Central government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

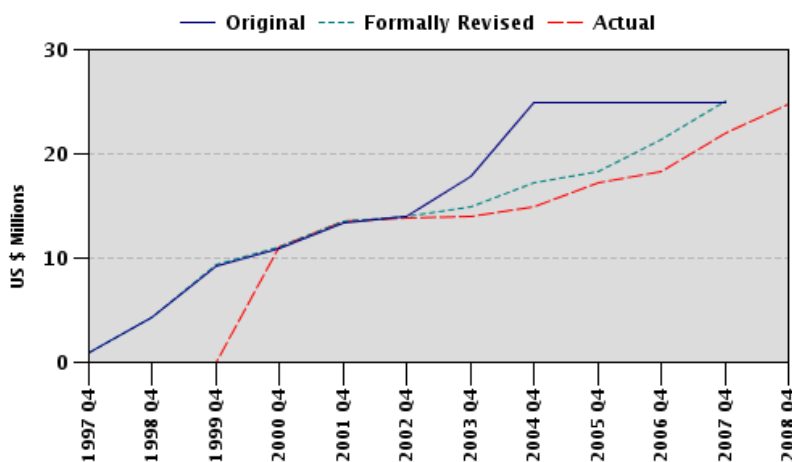
The objectives are to: (a) phase out ozone depleting substances consumption through the provision of technical and financial assistance; and (b) strengthen the institutional framework in Argentina to better identify, prepare, evaluate, and administer subprojects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been significant progress toward achieving development objectives: a) The project has surpassed its target of reducing 1,612 tons of ozone depleting substances (ODS) by roughly 35 percent. To date, around 2,182 tons ODS have been reduced. b) During October 2007, Argentina's chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) production plant, FIASA, closed its CFC production line. This was the last CFC production facility in operation in America. c) Alternatives to control pests that affect cotton are being tested and results are expected by the end of 2008. d) The refrigeration technology change at IKALA has started, as new equipment has been shipped from Italy. This change is expected to be completed early 2009. e) The National Strategy to phase out the use of CFCs in the Metered Dose Inhalers sector is being prepared. This strategy will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for approval during the November 2008 meeting.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-22013	Effective	25.00	24.75	0.25	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR PROV AG DEVT I (P006010)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 04/22/1997

Midterm Review Date: 05/31/2001

Closing Date: 11/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-41500, IBRD-74250

Sector(s): Roads and highways (32%), Water supply (32%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (32%), Sub-national government administration (2%), Central government administration (2%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase and diversify agricultural production and exports; (b) increase and stabilize the agricultural incomes of small and medium-sized commercial farms; (c) improve the effectiveness of basic agricultural support services; (d) improve rural productive infrastructure; (e) strengthen national and provincial institutional capacity; and (f) rationalize public investments and promote an expanded private sector role in agricultural development.

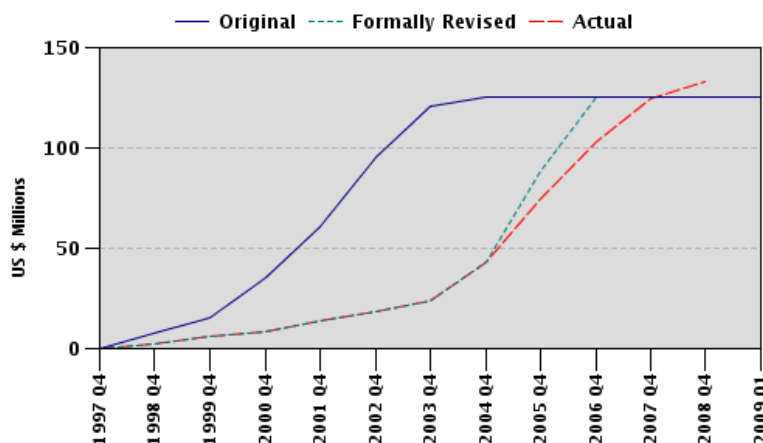
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation continued to advance during the past year to meet its development objectives. Currently, 19 of 24 subprojects in the portfolio have successfully finished implementation related to irrigation and drainage infrastructure, basic infrastructure, sanitary and phytosanitary systems, and commercial development and food quality. In addition, it has directly impacted 130,000 hectares of land and over 30,000 beneficiaries. Water resources management activities show impressive partial impacts of irrigation and drainage subprojects, promoting increases in the efficiency of water conduction (15%), area under irrigation (36%), intra-farm water use (16%) and yields (80% in grapes and 190% in fruits and vegetables), as well as crop diversification, water drainage and the subsequent lowering of the water table. The need for producers to engage in off-farm activities has been lowered and increased the demand for on-farm, contracted labor. Regarding basic infrastructure, rural roads rehabilitation subprojects increased the ability of rural producers to transport their products an additional 72 days/year on average (from 246 to 315-325 days/year). This was also a significant factor in the 50% increase recorded in surface area used in crop production in relevant areas.

Sanitary and phytosanitary services subprojects contributed to decrease the damage caused by the *Carpocapsae* and *Grapholita* plagues in important crops.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-41500	Effective	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-74250	Effective	37.00	7.96	29.04	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR SMALL FARMER DV. (P006041)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 07/17/1997

Midterm Review Date: 12/23/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-42120, IBRD-74780, TF-22731

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (25%), General transportation sector (25%), Central government administration (15%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Indigenous peoples (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase productive and organizational capacity in participating poor, rural communities; (b) emphasize on rural poverty issues in the sectoral agenda and improve coordination of rural development programs and policies; and (c) provide financial assistance to poor, rural producers in areas declared in flood emergency or disaster.

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

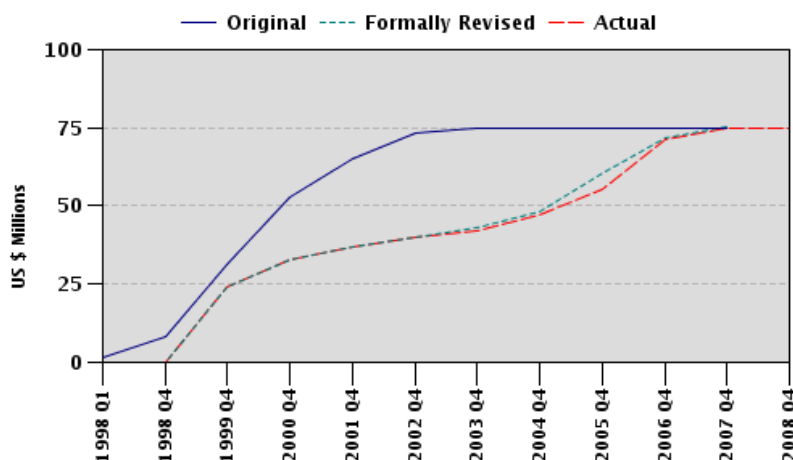
The additional finance of \$45 million is to scale up original project activities. The project description remains generally unchanged.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been considerable progress in (i) Productive and organizational capacity in participating poor, rural communities increased. Progress include: (a) Income for families receiving productive sub-project grants increased by at least 20%, (b) Food production for families receiving household sub-project grants increased by at least 20%, (c) At least 22,000 families benefit from project activities, and (d) At least 80% of the 300 producers groups engaged in group input procurement or pooled marketing. ii) Greater emphasis on rural development in national and provincial policy. Progress include: (a) Provincial rural development policies have started to reflect needs, aspirations and actions focused on beneficiary populations, (b) Rural development strategies incorporate database developed under the project, and (c) Adoption of appropriate technology, developed under the project initiated.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-42120	Effective	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
IBRD-74780	Not Effective	45.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
TF-22731	Closed	0.74	0.79	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR RENEW.ENERGY R.MKTS (P006043)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 03/30/1999

Midterm Review Date: 12/14/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-44540

Sector(s): Renewable energy (89%), Sub-national government administration (11%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other urban development (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) provide the rural areas of participating provinces with reliable electricity supply in a sustainable manner; (b) advance on the reform of the energy sector; (c) expand the participation of the private sector in the provision of electricity in the rural areas; and (d) support the creation of sustainable business operations for rural energy.

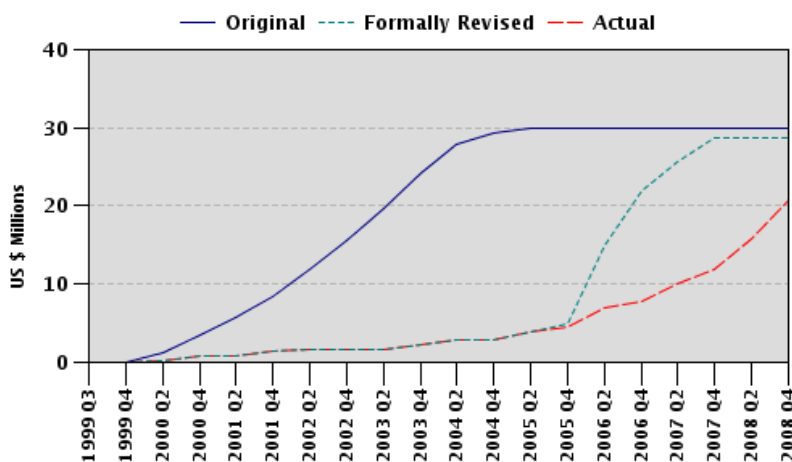
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation improved considerably in the last years. Works are underway for installing: 6,360 Solar home systems; 1,900 solar systems for rural schools and other public facilities; 1,615 wind home systems; 127 solar-thermal systems; and 23 mini-grids. The total number of beneficiaries will be around 30,000 people, distributed in the 15 provinces actively involved in the project.

An additional financing loan of US\$50 millions to scale up the project is under preparation. Board approval is expected for Q4-2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-44540	Effective	30.00	20.77	9.23	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR-Heads of Household Transition Project (P055483)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 03/23/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73690, IBRD-P3830

Sector(s): Other social services (99%), Sub-national government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Improving labor markets (P), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

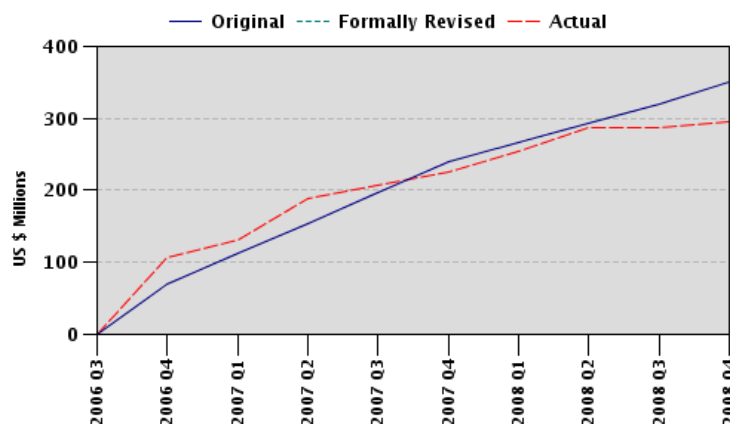
The objectives are to: (a) reduce poverty by supporting the workfare component of the Heads of Household Program, including continued improvements in Program management and governance; and (b) promote activities aimed at getting more beneficiaries of this Program into full-time employment, thereby enabling them to graduate from the Program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been substantial progress in the area of employment services and in the continued implementation of management and governance improvements in the Program. Many of the targets have either been met or exceeded and progress on the transition strategy is running ahead of expectations. Progress has been slower in the area of subprojects for productive activities and for construction cum training. An amendment approved in December 2007 increased the focus of the project on improving the employability of beneficiaries of the Heads of Household Program. As of January 2008, only beneficiaries participating in activities improving employability (education, training, self-employment) are eligible for project financing. As of June 2008, there were about 650,000 beneficiaries registered in the Program, about 10% below the number registered at the beginning of the year. 350,000 beneficiaries have transferred to the Familias Conditional Cash Transfer Program and 90,000 individuals to the Insurance. The Insurance is operating in 140 municipalities, giving access to 40% of the Heads of Household Program beneficiaries. About a third of Insurance participants are engaged in either education or training activities and they have had on average 3 interviews in the employment office. Progress on the employment services component is good. Slightly over 200 offices are operating, exceeding the target of 150. The share of participants of the Heads of Household Program in the lower half of the income distribution has risen from 88% to 91.3% (second half of 2006 data), compared to a target of 92% by end 2007. Over 200,000 (current or newly) ineligible participants have been dropped from the Program, compared to the target of 100,000. 311,344 Heads of Household participants have been interviewed in employment offices, compared to the target of 300,000. 15,000 Heads of Household participants have completed their primary or secondary education cycle compared to the target of 5,000.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73690	Effective	350.00	295.99	54.01	0.00
IBRD-P3830	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50



Project Name (ID): AR Basic Municipal Services Project (P060484)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/06/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73850

Sector(s): Water supply (27%), Sanitation (27%), Roads and highways (21%), Sewerage (14%), Sub-national government administration (11%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Decentralization (P), Water resource management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

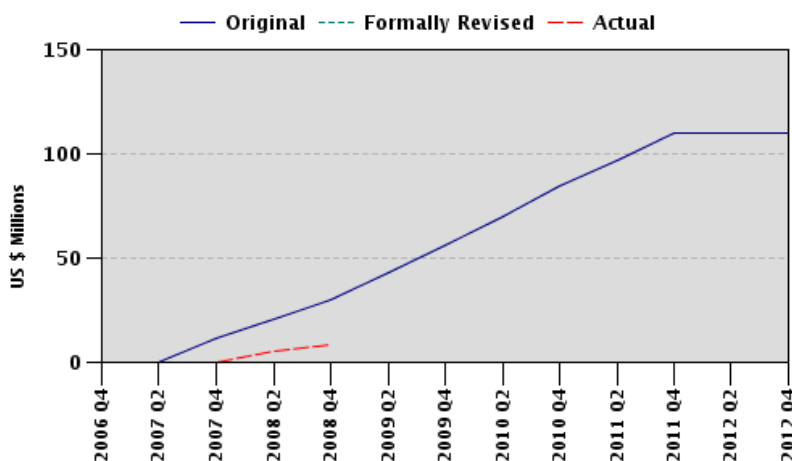
The objective is to improve the quality of life and quality of basic municipal services through the provision of water supply and sanitation, urban drainage, and roads infrastructure in participating provinces and municipalities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in June 2007. The first subsidiary sub-loan with the Province of Rio Negro was signed and works are progressing adequately. Three other Provinces (Neuquen, Santa Fe and Mendoza) are closer to complete the signing of their respective Subsidiary loans and have subprojects ready to be implemented and several other provinces have initiated the process of adhering to the project and are preparing their respective authorization laws.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73850	Effective	110.00	8.32	101.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR B.A.URB.TSP (P039584)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 05/15/1997

Midterm Review Date: 11/13/2000

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-29187, IBRD-P3020, IBRD-74420, IBRD-41630

Sector(s): General transportation sector (90%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

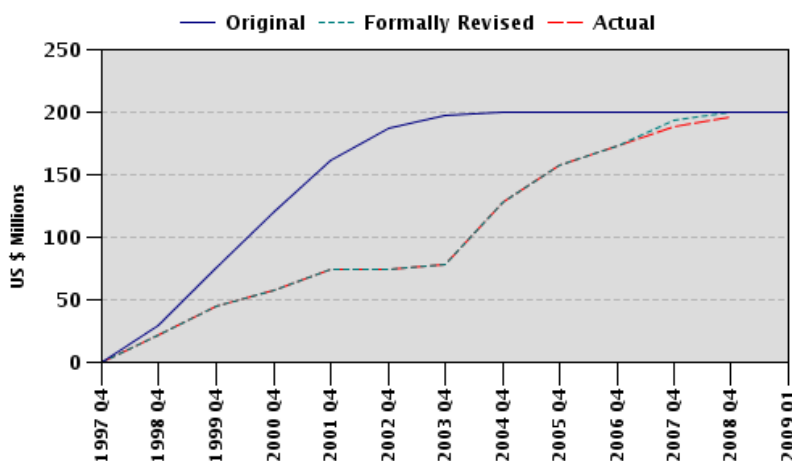
The objectives are to: (a) improve the service quality and coverage of mass transit through public-private partnership; (b) enhance infrastructure as defined in the concession agreements between government and the private sector; (c) improve the conditions of traffic safety and environmental quality; and (d) develop an integrated urban transport (road and rail) system in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Additional Financing approved in FY07 was only effective in January 2008 thus the project is 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-29187	Closed	0.71	0.76	0.00	0.00
IBRD-P3020	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
IBRD-74420	Effective	100.00	0.57	99.43	0.00
IBRD-41630	Effective	200.00	194.05	5.95	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR- Second Secondary Education Project (P064614)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 12/07/2000

Midterm Review Date: 12/13/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45860

Sector(s): Secondary education (97%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Access to urban services and housing (P)

Project Development Objectives:

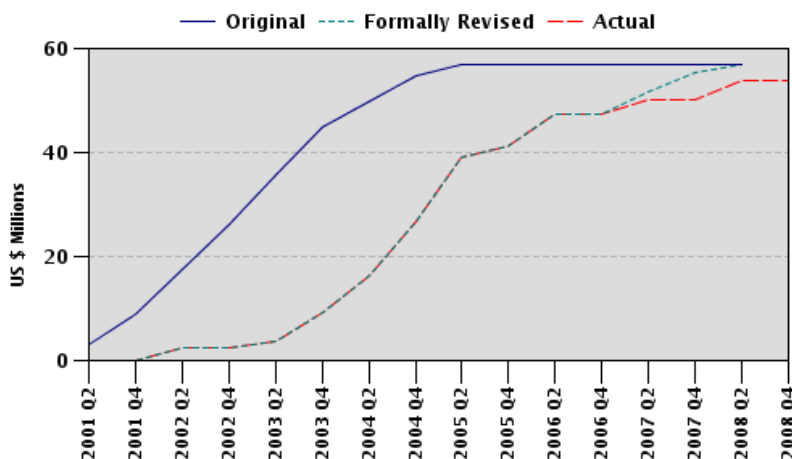
The objectives are to: (a) increase access to quality education; (b) improve equity; and (c) improve school management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project closing date has been extended to September 30, 2008 to allow completion of project implementation activities, which include civil works.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45860	Effective	56.99	53.84	3.15	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Subnational Gov Public Sec Modernizat (P070448)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 12/15/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73520

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Personal and property rights (S), Tax policy and administration (S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

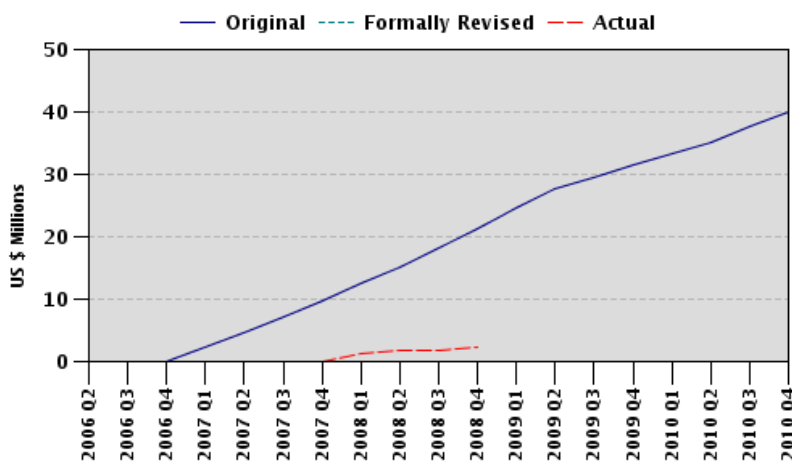
The objectives are to: (a) support the integrated development and adoption of basic management tools that are conducive to the efficient and transparent management of provincial and municipal resources; (b) strengthen provincial governments in such key areas as those related to land tax and tax administration, human resources management, judicial services, civil registries, control entities and public safety functions; and (c) support the strengthening of municipal governments through pilot activities designed to demonstrate the benefits of integrated modernization efforts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite initial delays, implementation is progressing towards its development objectives. During the year 6 provinces have been added to the project and 6 modernization management plans have been presented for a total of 31 subprojects. A total of US\$36.40 million has been committed to these projects.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73520	Effective	40.00	2.34	37.66	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR-Provincial Road InfrastructureProject (P070628)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/07/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73010

Sector(s): Roads and highways (100%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

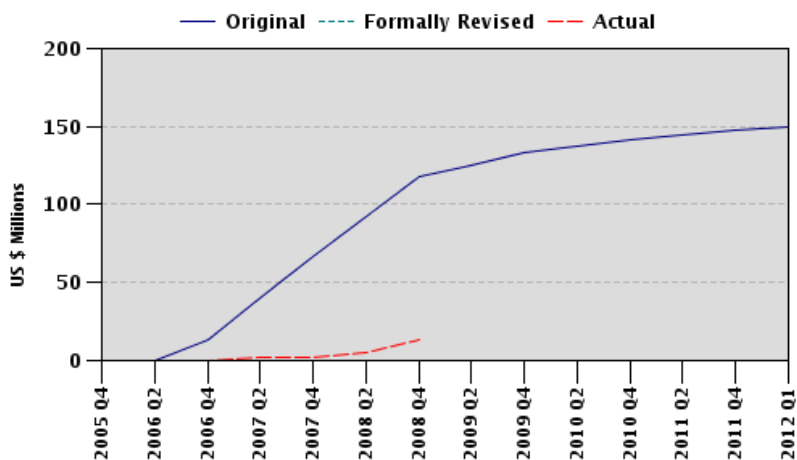
The objective is to improve the reliability of essential road assets, which facilitate access of provincial production to the markets, and the efficiency of their management through the introduction of performance-based road Rehabilitation and Maintenance contracts (CREMA) at the provincial level.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Four Provinces have signed the required Subsidiary Agreements to participate in this Program (Cordoba, Corrientes, Santa Fe and Entre Rios). On the works component, two CREMA contracts (covering about 180 km) have been awarded in Cordoba. Four additional CREMA contracts are in the process of being awarded in Cordoba and Corrientes (covering some additional 330 km) and a 40 km-long rehabilitation contract is being procured for the Province of Entre Rios. Other two Provinces are expected to participate in the Program (Chubut and Neuquen) as they are completing the steps to sign the Subsidiary Agreements with the Federal Government. Although some actions have been taken under the institutional strengthening component its implementation is lagging behind targets.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73010	Effective	150.00	13.11	136.89	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Rural Education Improvement Project (P070963)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 12/15/2005

Closing Date: 10/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26841, IBRD-73530, IBRD-P4210

Sector(s): Primary education (60%), Pre-primary education (25%), Sub-national government administration (7%), Secondary education (5%), Central government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Education for all (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Indigenous peoples (S)

Project Development Objectives:

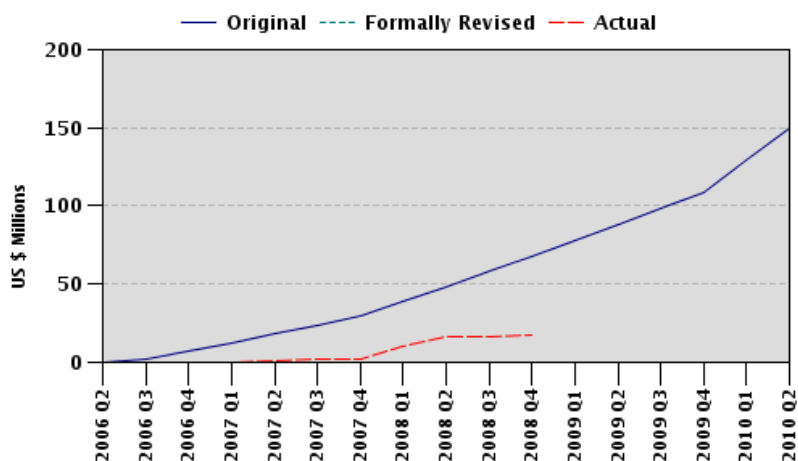
The objectives are to (a) improve the coverage, efficiency, and quality of the Argentine education system; and (b) improve the governance of the Argentine education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achieving the development objective has been slow. The first installment of didactic materials and teacher training has started arriving at rural schools, some of them located in remote areas throughout the country.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26841	Closed	0.61	0.47	0.00	0.14
IBRD-73530	Effective	150.00	17.17	132.83	0.00
IBRD-P4210	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



Project Name (ID): AR-Provincial Maternal-Child Hlth Inv Ln (P071025)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 04/15/2004

Midterm Review Date: 06/05/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72250, TF-26296

Sector(s): Compulsory health finance (68%), Health (17%), Central government administration (9%), Sub-national government administration (3%), Other social services (3%)

Theme(s): Child health (P), Health system performance (P), Population and reproductive health (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Social risk mitigation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

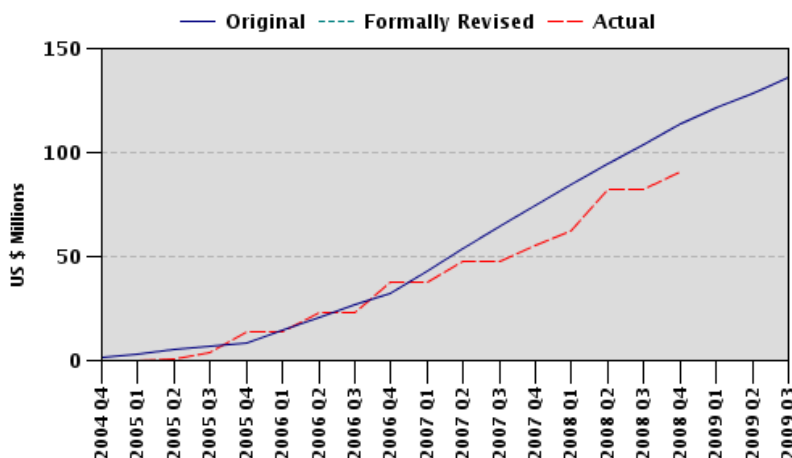
The project will contribute to: (a) stop the increase in infant mortality and further reduce it; (b) support the implementation of a significant change in health service contracting and management at provincial level, and (c) strengthen the stewardship capacity of the national and provincial ministries of health.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to implement well. a) At the end of April 2008 there were more than 530,000 enrollees (an average of 79.3% of the eligible population in all 9 provinces). b) All nine provinces have maternal and child insurance system in place ('Plan Nacer'). c) Adjustments to the health interventions fees have been made to prioritize specific interventions. d) The tracer ('Trazadoras') of performance goals system and the concurrent audits system are being implemented regularly.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72250	Effective	135.80	90.64	45.16	0.00
TF-26296	Closed	0.75	0.41	0.00	0.34



Project Name (ID): AR (CRL1)Buenos Aires Infrastr SIDP (1APL) (P088032)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 12/07/2004

Midterm Review Date: 09/19/2006

Closing Date: 07/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72680

Sector(s): Roads and highways (55%), Sewerage (30%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Flood protection (5%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

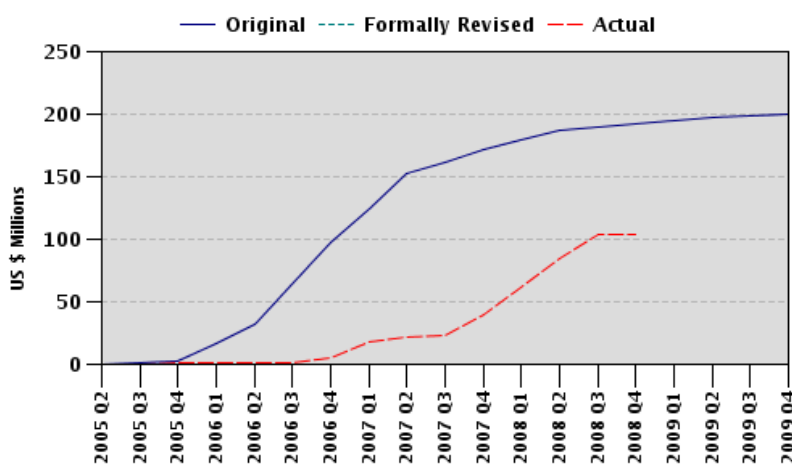
The objectives are to: (a) enhance the provision of water and sewerage services for low-income people, in particular for those living in highly vulnerable areas; (b) improve high priority segments of the road network; (c) mitigate urban flooding; and (d) support the reactivation of the economy and strengthen its regional competitiveness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to advance as planned. Adequate progress has been made in the implementation of the works components. Main works have been procured and are under implementation (almost 80% of loan amount has been committed). Even though some progress has been achieved under the Institutional Strengthening and Technical Assistance components, the original implementation pace is lagging behind targets.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72680	Effective	200.00	103.49	96.51	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR National Highway Asset Management (P088153)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/27/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72420

Sector(s): Roads and highways (94%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

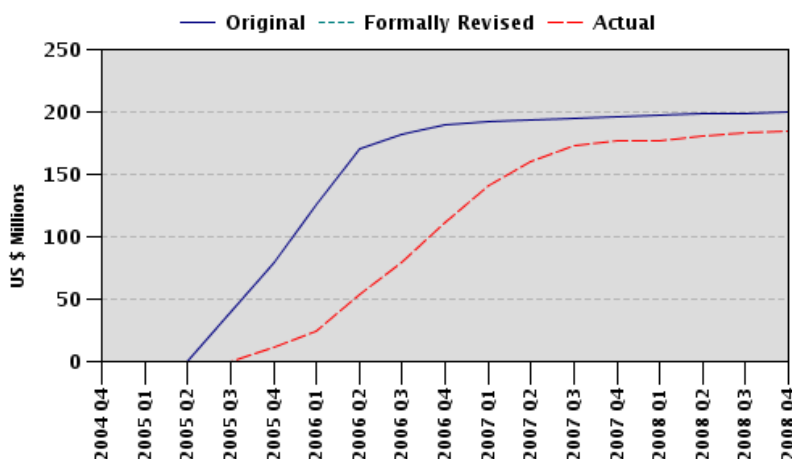
The objective is to develop an efficient road network management strategy to preserve the national road network in the long term, gradually expanding the use of performance-based contracts and strengthening road sector management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The National Highways Directorate (DNV) has expanded the use of performance-based rehabilitation and maintenance contracts (CREMA). Twenty-eight CREMA contracts financed with loan proceeds (covering a total length of about 4,970 km) and twelve additional CREMA contracts financed with local funds (covering 1,870 km) have been procured. Even though some progress has been achieved under the Bridge Restoration, Road Safety and Institutional Strengthening components, the original implementation pace is lagging behind targets: (a) a Bridge Management System has been developed and is being implemented; (b) Five road safety interventions have been procured in critical black spots of the network (two intersections are currently under execution, the others in the process of being awarded). In addition, DNV has signed a partnership agreement with Asociacion Argentina de Carreteras to design and carry out communications/educative road safety campaigns while the selection of firms has been initiated to carry out road safety audits in three corridors and prepare designs to implement a pilot initiative; (c) a Human Resources study is being procured to carry out a diagnosis of the National Highways Directorate (DNV) and design a short run action plan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72420	Effective	200.00	185.23	14.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR (APL1)Urban Flood Preven&Drainage (P088220)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 04/05/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72890

Sector(s): Flood protection (94%), Sub-national government administration (4%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (2%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Other urban development (P), Water resource management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

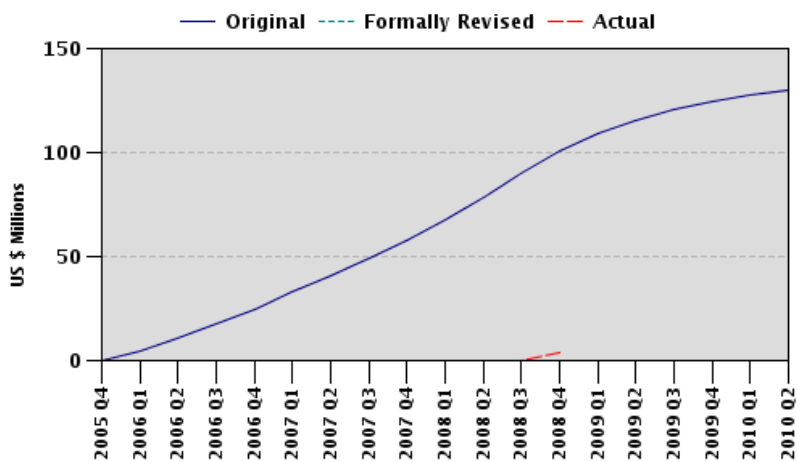
The objective is to increase the City of Buenos Aires resilience to flooding with protection of its critical infrastructure and the introduction of a risk management approach to the Government investment program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The main contracts financed under the project, for the construction of the drainage tunnels and their supervision, have been signed and works started. Procurement for works and studies under the non-structural are also currently under way.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72890	Effective	130.00	3.79	126.79	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Solid Waste Management Project (P089926)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 02/28/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73620

Sector(s): Solid waste management (83%), Sub-national government administration (8%), Central government administration (6%), Other social services (3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Climate change (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Other social development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

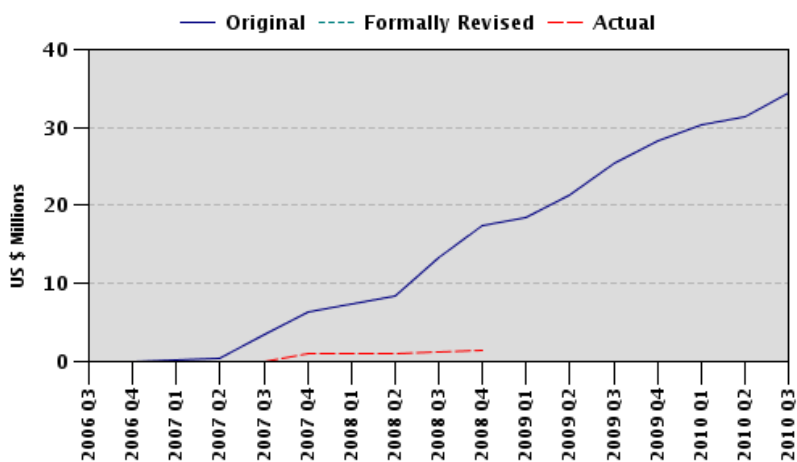
The objective is to improve public health and quality of life by developing environmentally and financially sustainable systems for urban solid waste management in Argentina.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although the Project is lagging behind targets, it has brought some improvement in the development of sustainable systems and plans for solid waste management for many regions and municipalities in Argentina. Specific progress include: a) A subsidiary agreement has been signed between the General Pueyeredon Municipality and Secretaria de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable in order to finance the construction of a new landfill and the closure of the existing dumpsite. b) Chubut province has been working on activities for the landfill construction/operation. c) Rosario's municipal authorities signed a subsidiary agreement with the National Government to finance a strategy of waste minimization. d) Mendoza province has defined a plan to finance the construction of 2 landfills, the completion of another, the closure of dumpsites and the financing of studies for dumpsites closures and the update of a Solid Waste Management. e) Santa Fe and Chaco provinces have started to prepare a provincial plan for solid waste management. f) Campana and Zarate municipalities (in Buenos Aires province) requested support to finance an intermunicipal SWM plan for future investments. g) New provinces and municipalities were included in the project. Although the readiness in every of these provinces varies, action plans and recommendations to comply with eligibility were provided.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73620	Effective	40.00	1.40	38.60	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Energy Efficiency Project (P090119)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/26/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55036

Sector(s): District heating and energy efficiency services (82%), Central government administration (18%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to increase the efficiency in the use of energy by developing a sustainable and growing market for energy efficiency services and equipment in Argentina.

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-55036	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR-Essential Public Health Functions (P090993)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 11/21/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74120, IBRD-P4280

Sector(s): Health (83%), Sub-national government administration (9%), Central government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Other communicable diseases (S), Natural disaster management (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

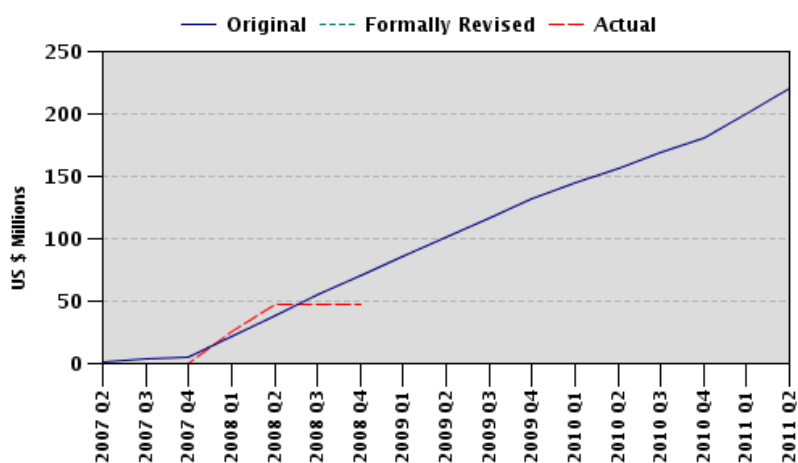
The project's development objectives are to: (a) increase the coverage of ten prioritized Public Health Programs; (b) reduce population's exposure to principal risk factors associated with collective illness; and (c) improve the stewardship role and appropriate regulatory environment of the nation's public health system. The project aims to support Argentina's Federal Health Plan and its objectives to reduce mortality and morbidity associated with collective illness.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was successfully integrated into the new Ministry of Health (MOH) Administration that has given it high priority and even considered it as their flagship program. It has been also successfully integrated in 23 (of 24) Provinces, including City of Buenos Aires. Additionally, 17 Provinces signed their first Performance Agreements. There was an upward trend in Results Indicators through December 2007. Most Intermediate and Monitoring Indicators improved, particularly those relating to Sangre Segura, Immunizations, and Healthy Municipalities, which include now a network of 270 users and 130 account holders. Nevertheless, three indicators are still having fallen short: Chagas, Tuberculosis, and Health Promotion. The MOH has restructured these three programs in order to correct these current trends. The main achievements at this stage include efforts to comply with environmental safeguards and indigenous issues (hospital assessments, and the impact mitigation plans for the labs to be built have been completed, and environmental training for hospitals is progressing).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74120	Effective	220.00	47.04	172.96	0.00
IBRD-P4280	Closed	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50



Project Name (ID): AR Inst. Strengthening - ANSES II TA (P092836)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 07/05/2005

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73180

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Other public sector governance (P), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S)

Project Development Objectives:

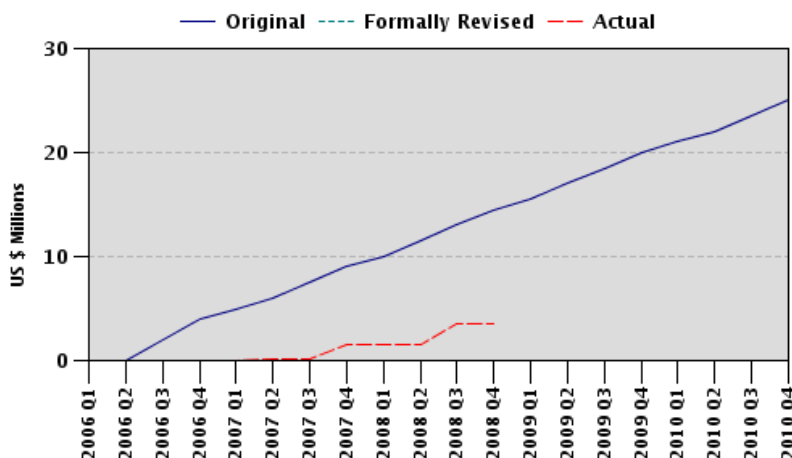
The objective is to enhance service delivery by the National Social Security Administration (ANSES) by improving its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability, supporting institutional reengineering, fraud and error detection, change management and greater internal and external oversight, as well as the institutional strengthening of the Social Security Secretariat.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After the recent change in leadership, initial progress was made in the implementation of core project activities, including the design and implementation of (i) the modernization and optimization of beneficiary relationship management; (ii) a review of the ANSES# strategic plan, including an organizational - functional assessment of ANSES and improved M&E; (iii) Enterprise Resources Management (ERP), (iv) studies on social security (e.g. the fiscal impact of the recent reforms); (v) Human Resources Management, including the design of an integrated career plan, and e-learning; and (vi) improvement in access to ANSES benefits for the most vulnerable groups.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73180	Effective	25.00	3.52	21.48	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR (APL2)Urban Flood Prev.&Drainage (P093491)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/06/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73820

Sector(s): Flood protection (70%), Sub-national government administration (16%), Other social services (6%), Housing construction (4%), Roads and highways (4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Land administration and management (P), Water resource management (S), Improving labor markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

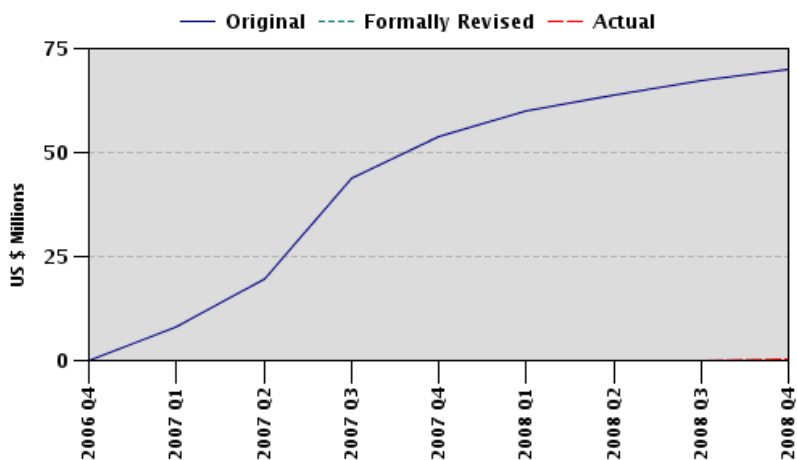
The objective is to reduce vulnerability to floods through a mix of physical, institutional and financial measures in six provinces (Chaco, Corrientes, Misiones, Santa Fe and Entre Rios), situated along the Parana and Uruguay rivers.

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
IBRD-73820	Effective	70.00	0.48	69.53	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Lifelong Learning Project (P095514)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74740

Sector(s): Vocational training (50%), General public administration sector (21%), Other social services (14%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (9%), General industry and trade sector (6%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Improving labor markets (P), Education for all (S), Other social development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

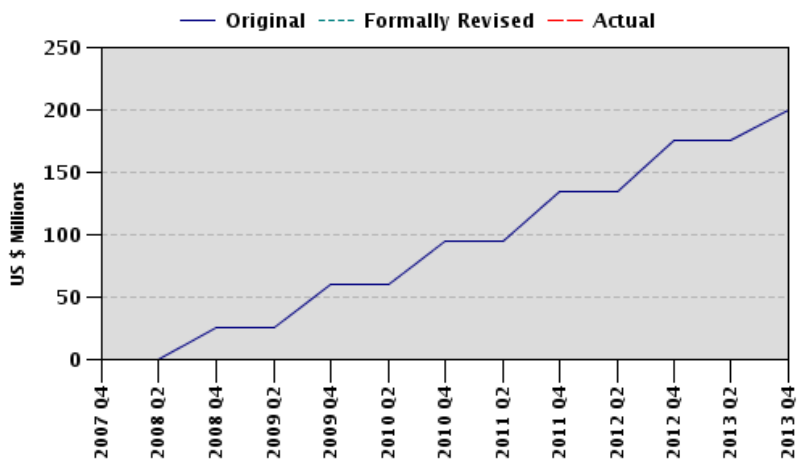
The objective is to support the Government of Argentina to consolidate, strengthen, and increase the coverage of a lifelong learning and competency-based training system for adults 18 years or older, in order to enhance their employability and strengthen their career ladder opportunities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The expansion of competency-based training and certification system as well as the strengthening of management information system are on track. As of May 2008, 90 competency-based occupational standards have been registered by sector groups and 8355 workers have been certified according to competency-based occupational standards. In the case of training institutions, it is expected that the first 11 institutes will be able to receive their quality certifications by the end of 2008. There are delays in the implementation of both the adult education and the youth components. In the case of the youth component, the first group of participating municipalities is expected to start to register participants in July. In February, discussions were held on possible designs for evaluations for competency-based training, adult education, and the youth component. Agreement has been reached on the design in the case of adult education, for which administrative data would be sufficient. Agreement on the design of the impact evaluation for competency-based training and the youth program is pending. The project is experiencing administrative delays in carrying out the ex-ante financial assessments for implementing agencies (none have been carried out so far), in agreeing on the terms of reference for the financial audit, and in contracting the systems audit.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74740	Effective	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR (APL2) Prov Maternal-Child Health (P095515)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 11/02/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74090

Sector(s): Compulsory health finance (50%), Health (30%), Sub-national government administration (11%), Central government administration (9%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

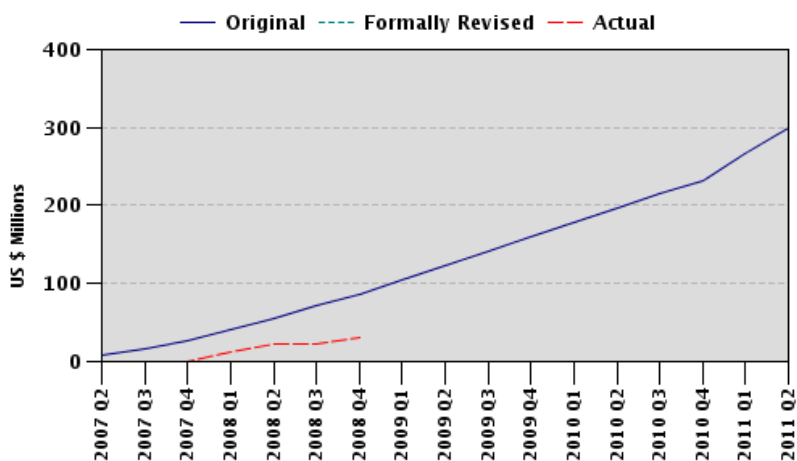
The project development objectives are to: (a) increase access by eligible uninsured mothers and children to basic health services; and (b) strengthen the incentive framework for efficiency and focus on results between the national level and the Eligible Provinces and among Eligible Provinces and service providers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project shows good implementation since effectiveness in May 2007. Enrollment of 13 (out of 15 eligible) provinces have reached approximately 303,000 beneficiaries (22% of project target population and 26% of target population in those provinces) by April 2008. The billing process is improving and providing the basis for a better involvement of the providers into the incentives scheme. The project has implemented successfully the performance based disbursement for 12 provinces, effective December 1, 2007. Quarterly results provided by the Concurrent Auditing are essential to ensure transparency and quality control of the project. There are already 105,000 mothers and children in the program in the 12 provinces, with Buenos Aires and Cordoba showing the highest enrollment level with more than 30,000 each.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74090	Effective	300.00	30.96	269.04	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR APL2 National Highway Asset Mgt (P095569)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74730

Sector(s): Roads and highways (94%), General public administration sector (4%), General education sector (2%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to develop an efficient road network management strategy to preserve the national road network in the long term, gradually expanding the use of performance-based contracts and strengthening road sector management.

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-74730	Not Effective	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR- SANTA FE ROAD Infrastructure (P099051)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 02/13/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74290

Sector(s): Roads and highways (99%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

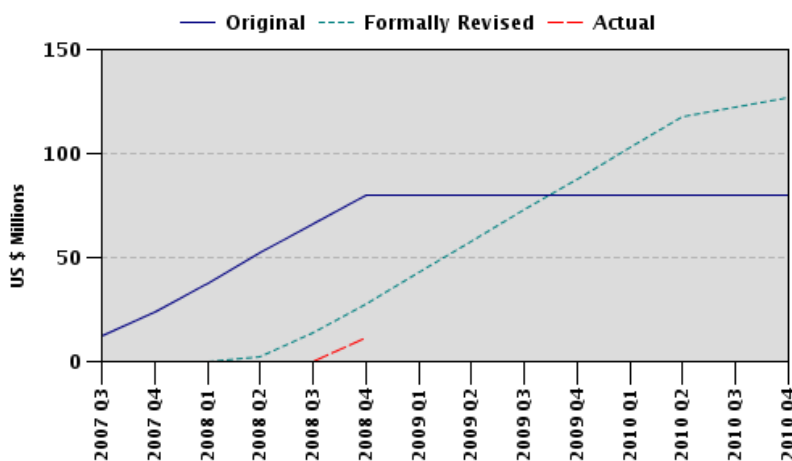
The objective is to improve transport conditions along a strategic road corridor, National Road 19, which links the Province of Santa Fe with regional and international markets. The project also aims to: (a) improve road safety in selected segments of the provincial road network; and (b) identify transport infrastructure and trade facilitation constraints by setting up a system to measure logistics costs and (c) improve the provincial capacity to monitor results in large infrastructure investments.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Satisfactory progress has been made towards achieving PDO. Contracts (a total of 5) for the upgrading of National Road 19 have been signed and works are expected to start by September 2008. Construction will take 30 months. A contract to improve road safety along Provincial Road 21 will be awarded in July 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74290	Effective	126.70	11.88	114.82	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR-Cordoba-Road Infrastructure (P099585)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 07/11/2006

Closing Date: 10/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73980

Sector(s): Roads and highways (97%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Municipal finance (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

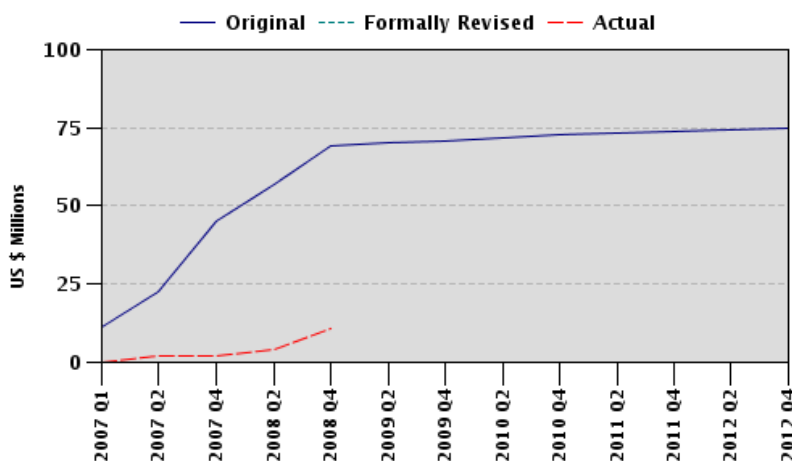
The objective is to improve the reliability of the Province of Cordoba's road sector assets and the efficiency of their management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Province of Cordoba has made significant progress under the civil works components: Five paving contracts have been signed, and execution of works have started in all five of them. The Rehabilitation and Maintenance Contract (CREMA) 3 was signed in December 2007 and works started in May 2008. Institutional strengthening has progressed, in particular with regards to: (i) the implementation of an integrated financial management system at the Ministry of Finance, (ii) the implementation of monitoring systems and organization restructuring within ACIF, (iii) training of ACIF and DPV staff; (iv) design of road safety related interventions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73980	Effective	75.00	10.55	64.45	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR Sustainable Natural Res Mgt (P100806)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 03/18/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75200

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (42%), Central government administration (31%), Forestry (27%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

Improve the sustainable and efficient management of forest resources, conserve biodiversity in protected areas and forest landscapes, and integrate small producers into forestry development and conservation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not yet effective as of the end of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-75200	Not Effective	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00

Project Name (ID): AR 2nd State Modernization (P101170)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74490

Sector(s): Central government administration (90%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Other public sector governance (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Managing for development results (S)

Project Development Objectives:

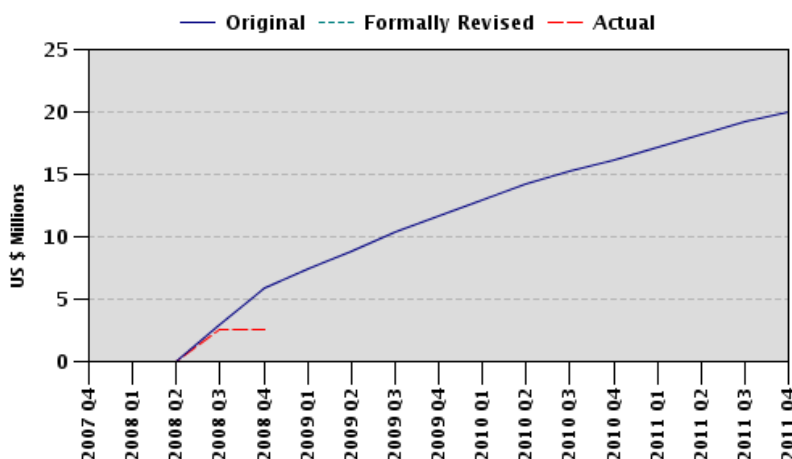
The objective is to deepen and expand client engagement to support the Borrower’s objectives to help strengthen the capacity of the Chief of Cabinet Office to: (a) carry out its mandate on key public sector management areas, enhancing capacities on organizational strengthening, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge-building; and (b) support the design and promotion of the use of key public sector management tools.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Initial progress was made in the implementation of core project activities, including support to the design of a new state modernization strategy, the organizational reform of the Chief of Cabinet Office and of the National Investment Promotion Agency, and the implementation of the key public management tools, such as e-government, procurement, human resource management and quality management.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74490	Effective	20.00	2.50	17.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): AR APL2 Buenos Aires Infrastructure (P105288)

Country: Argentina

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 02/15/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74720

Sector(s): Roads and highways (40%), Sewerage (21%), Water supply (21%), Flood protection (12%), Sub-national government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Improving labor markets (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) enhance the provision of water and sewerage services for low-income people, in particular for those living in highly vulnerable areas; (b) improve high priority segments of the road network; (c) mitigate urban flooding; and (d) support the reactivation of the economy and strengthen its regional competitiveness.

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-74720	Not Effective	270.00	0.00	270.00	0.00