

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION

COUNTRY: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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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): DO-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROJECT (P054937)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 09/05/2002

Midterm Review Date: 06/04/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-25609, IBRD-71440

Sector(s): Pre-primary education (90%), Other social services (5%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Child health (S), Nutrition and food security (S)

Project Development Objectives:

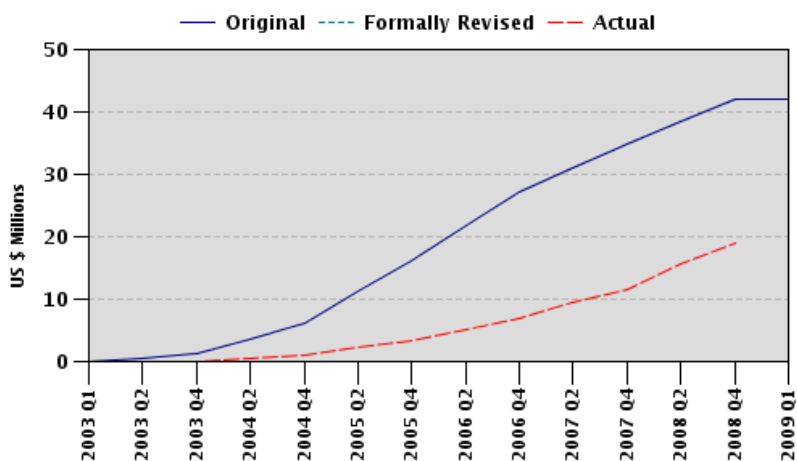
The objectives are to: (a) increase access and quality of formal pre-school (kindergarten) education for all children aged five, and (b) improve access to and quality of non-formal early childhood education that is available to children up to age five.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made important progress in many areas, such as the application of the pedagogical model, work with families, classroom technology implementation, development of an inter-sectoral and inter-institutional roundtable on early childhood, and implementation of the Grant Program. Nevertheless, the rate of classroom and model center construction and rehabilitation is lagging behind schedule.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-25609	Closed	0.18	0.16	0.00	0.01
IBRD-71440	Effective	42.00	18.86	23.14	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO-Health Reform Support (APL) (P076802)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 06/26/2003

Midterm Review Date: 10/16/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71850

Sector(s): Health (50%), Non-compulsory health finance (50%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P)

Project Development Objectives:

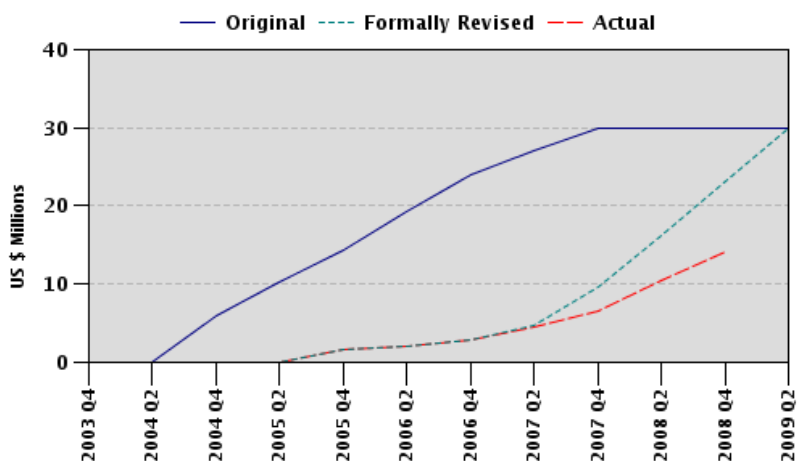
The objectives are to support the Borrower to: (a) improve access of the poor in prioritized regions and provinces; (b) reorganize and strengthen health systems in prioritized regions; (c) strengthen the financial planning of the Regimen Subsidiado, ensure effective enrollment of the poor and improve their knowledge of their rights under the Seguro Familiar; and (d) strengthen the capacity of national health sector organizations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The loan's closing date has been extended by 12 months to lengthen the implementation period of the restructured project from two to three years. With this extension and major progress in implementation, the Project is likely to achieve all of its key objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71850	Effective	30.00	13.50	16.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Financial Sector Technical Assistance (P078838)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 02/12/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72160

Sector(s): Banking (38%), Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement (25%), Capital markets (20%), Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (17%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Other financial and private sector development (P), Standards and financial reporting (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S)

Project Development Objectives:

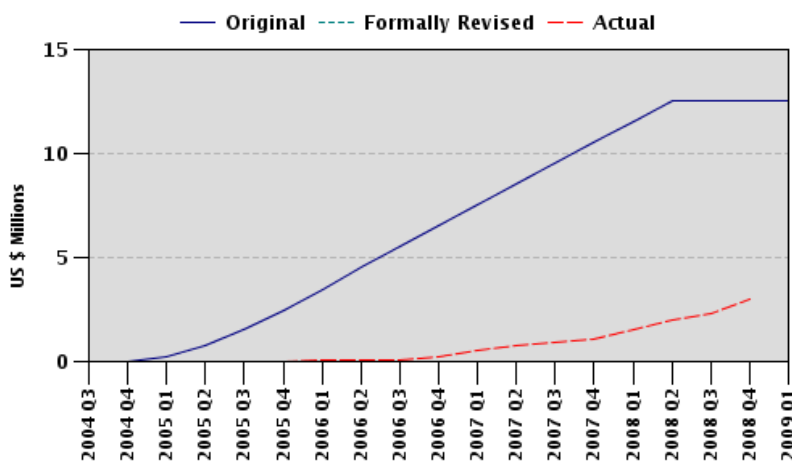
The objectives are to (a) strengthen the institutional capacity of the monetary authorities and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the financial regulatory agencies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The objective of strengthening the institutional capacity of the monetary authorities is advancing with the presentation to the Senate, in December 2007, of a draft new Monetary and Financial Law (LMF). Progress is being achieved on the recapitalization of the Central Bank with the approval, in July 2007, of a recapitalization plan (with character of Law) that will be implemented over the next ten years. The objective of strengthening the institutional capacity of the financial regulatory agencies is also being met by all the implementing agencies except the Superintendency of Insurance which decided not to participate in the project. The modernization of the payments and securities settlements have advanced significantly with the recent implementation, in April 2008, of a new Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system with technical and financial support of the Project.. Also a new BCRD regulation (developing the powers granted to the Central Bank in the LMF) was approved to provide a sound legal basis for the payments systems.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72160	Effective	12.50	2.93	9.57	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Power Sector Program Loan (P082712)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 05/10/2005

Closing Date: 03/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72920

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Corporate governance (S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to support the initial phase of the financial recovery of the sector to stabilize power supply, with improving cash recovery, controlling costs and dealing with arrears.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has helped to initiate the financial recovery of the sector and stabilize power supply, paying in a timely manner the energy supplied by the generators. The sector is slowly recovering and the CRI (cash recovery) has consistently improved over the last year, from 58.2% in mid October 2007 to 61.4% in February 2008. The extension recently granted would provide the necessary time for complying with the outstanding activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72920	Effective	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Power Sector TA Project (P082715)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 02/12/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/16/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72170

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

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

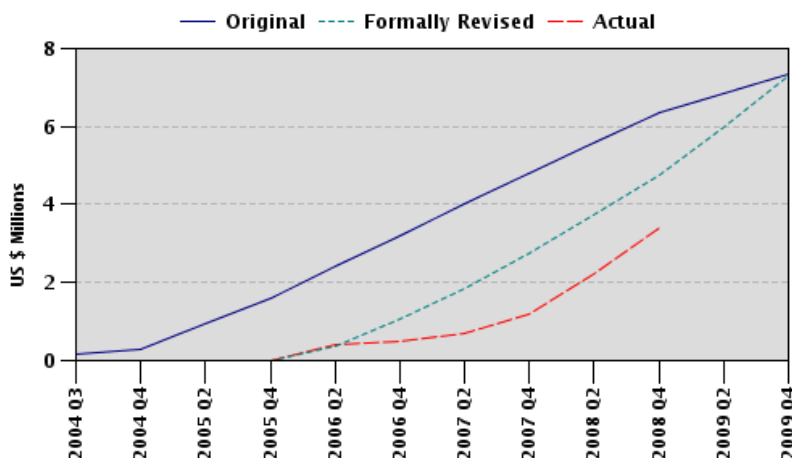
The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the Government's regulatory and consumer protection performance; (b) improve policy formulation and implementation; (c) design the transmission grid and the wholesale power market; and (d) increase the quantity and quality of electricity for the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making progress towards achieving its development objective. The power sector is slowly recovering and the cash recovery index has consistently improved over the last year, from 58.2% in mid October 2007 to 61.4% in February 2008. Institutional and technical capacities have slowly increased and the Government -recently reelected- is committed to speed up decisions to improve the energy sector. A planning exercise is needed to overcome uncertainty in future fuel prices and challenges remain in the regulatory and electricity pricing areas.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72170	Effective	7.30	3.11	4.19	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Electricity Distrib Rehabilitation (P089866)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 05/20/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75600

Sector(s): Power (100%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development is to increase the Cash Recovery Index of the three electricity distribution companies and to improve the quality of electricity service.

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-75600	Not Effective	42.00	0.00	42.00	0.00

Project Name (ID): DO Social Sectors Investment Program (P090010)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 08/02/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74810

Sector(s): Central government administration (55%), Other social services (45%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Child health (P), Education for all (P), Social risk mitigation (P)

Project Development Objectives:

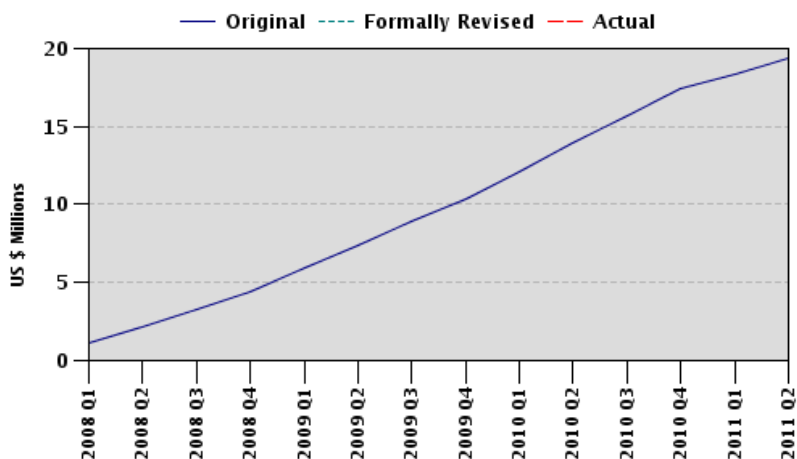
Improve coverage, targeting and effectiveness of the Borrower's social protection programs, through the provision of legal identity documents to poor Dominicans, Institutional Strengthening of targeting mechanisms, and increased monitoring and evaluation of social programs.

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-74810	Effective	19.40	0.00	19.40	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Youth Development Project (P096605)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 03/23/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73710

Sector(s): Vocational training (66%), Adult literacy/non-formal education (21%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Improving labor markets (P), Education for all (S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S)

Project Development Objectives:

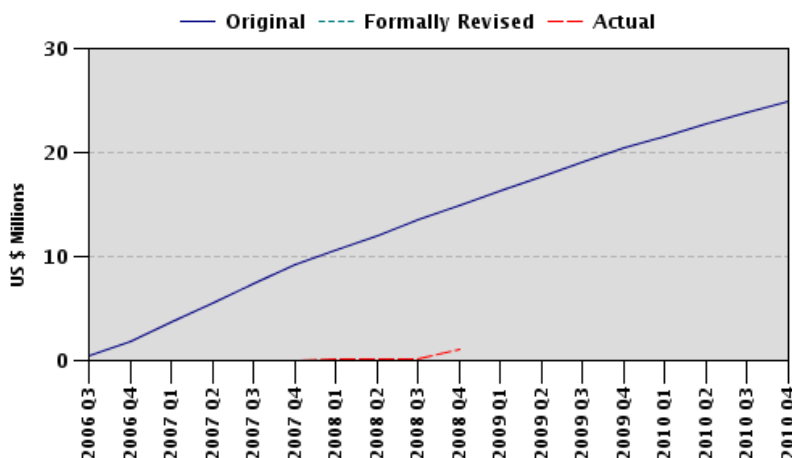
The objective is to improve the employability of poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills, and expanding second chance education programs to complete their formal education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made important progress towards achieving Project Development Objectives. a) Both the Secretaria de Estado de Trabajo (SET) and the Secretaria de Estado de Educacion (SEE) have made important progress in preparing to improve and expand their respective programs. b) Important advances have been made in planning for the implementation of job training courses for youth. Budgetary resources for 2008 were lower than expected, forcing the number of job training courses this year to be reduced from 500 to 170. c) Progress has also been made in the strengthening and expansion of the 'second chance' education programs. Evaluation activities have been carried out to establish a baseline for program quality, and preparations to equip its centers have started.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73710	Effective	25.00	1.06	23.94	0.00



Project Name (ID): DO Emergency Recovery & Disaster Mgmt (P109932)

Country: Dominican Republic

Board Approval Date: 05/01/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75460

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (27%), Power (26%), Irrigation and drainage (23%), Renewable energy (21%), Central government administration (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to restore major infrastructure damaged by the tropical storms that struck the Dominican Republic end 2007, in particular in the agriculture, electricity and water supply and sanitation sectors, and to strengthen the country's capacity for future risk management in these sectors.

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-75460	Not Effective	80.00	0.00	80.00	0.00

