

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: NICARAGUA

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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): NI LAND ADMINISTRATION PROJECT (P056018)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 06/18/2002

Midterm Review Date: 03/24/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q1710, IDA-3665A, IDA-36650

Sector(s): Central government administration (44%), Sub-national government administration (36%), Other social services (15%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (3%), Law and justice (2%)

Theme(s): Personal and property rights (P), Other rural development (P), Land administration and management (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Biodiversity (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objective is to improve the security of land tenure and thereby: (a) develop and establish a national policy, legal, institutional and technical framework to support an efficient, reliable and equitable property rights administration; (b) develop, implement and validate a systematic methodology to accelerate and improve the processing of requests for new titles and title reviews in three departments (and nationwide subsequently); (c) achieve substantial progress in the recognition and definition of Indigenous Peoples land rights and demarcate 15 territories and community lands; and (d) achieve substantial progress in the definition and demarcation of existing and proposed protected areas and critical habitats.

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

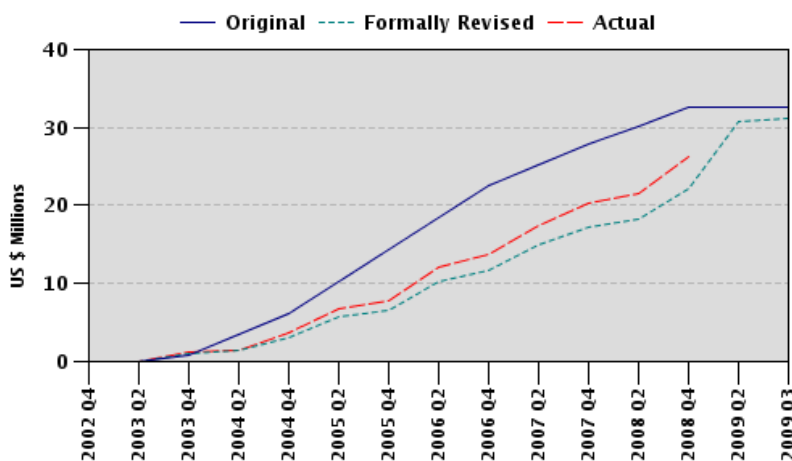
The Project was restructured to reflect changes in implementation arrangements, including the change of the Project's implementing agency and the agency in charge of the titling of indigenous peoples' lands.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress was made on the regularization process, benefitting urban and rural families in the Project's area. Moreover, five indigenous territories were titled. The Public Registry Law, which will help implement the integrated cadastre-registry system was finalized, and is awaiting approval by the National Assembly.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q1710	Closed	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
IDA-3665A	Closed	1.72	1.59	0.00	0.00
IDA-36650	Effective	39.89	24.71	13.70	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI Natural Disaster Vulnerability Reduc (P064916)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 04/03/2001

Midterm Review Date: 01/26/2004

Closing Date: 02/28/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34870, IDA-3487A, TF-51374

Sector(s): Central government administration (67%), Sub-national government administration (26%), Other social services (7%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

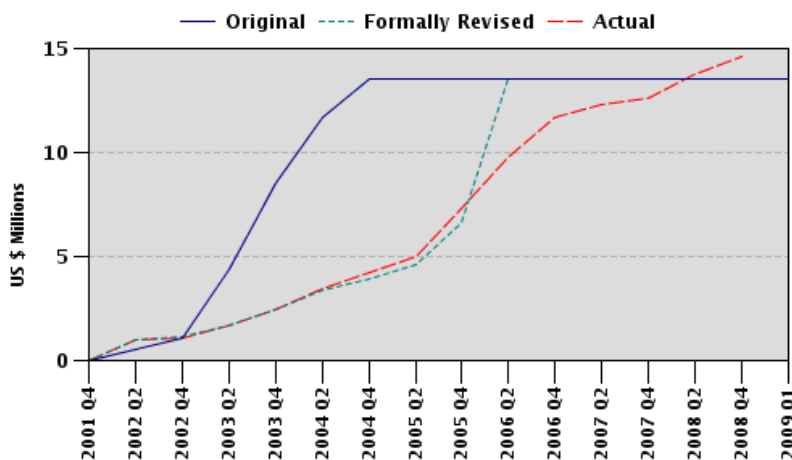
The objective is to improve Nicaragua's disaster management capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well. The majority (95%) of work activities related to the construction of the Emergency Management Complex (EOC) has been completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34870	Effective	12.87	10.88	0.81	0.00
IDA-3487A	Closed	4.06	3.70	0.00	0.00
TF-51374	Closed	1.49	1.47	0.00	0.02



Project Name (ID): NI Offgrid Rural Electrification (PERZA) (P073246)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 05/15/2003

Midterm Review Date: 07/10/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-3760A, IDA-37600, TF-26676

Sector(s): Renewable energy (74%), Central government administration (10%), Micro- and SME finance (10%), Other industry (4%), Other social services (2%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Indigenous peoples (S)

Project Development Objectives:

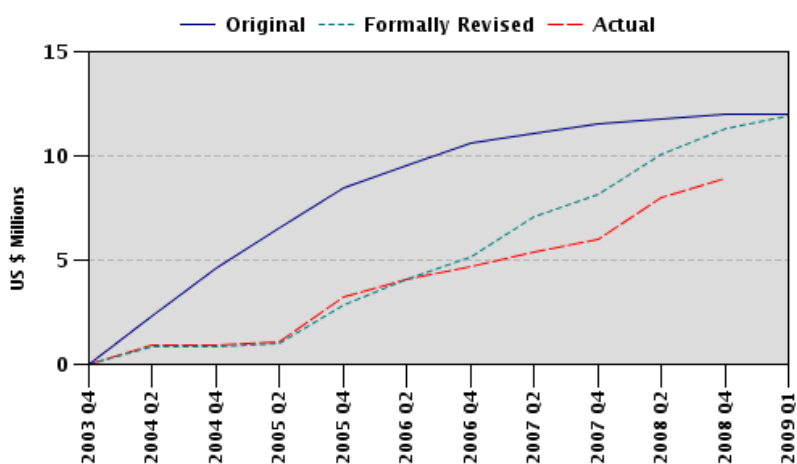
The objectives are to: (a) support the sustainable provision of electricity services and associated social and economic benefits in selected rural areas; and (b) strengthen the Government's institutional capacity to implement its national rural electrification strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation during FY08 advanced considerably, with the construction of several grids to provide electricity service to isolated areas. The solar panel component has been a success and has exceeded its performance indicators. Solar battery charging stations that were damaged by Hurricane Mitch are being reconstructed. Microfinance and support to small businesses in the communities where electrification projects have been developed have advanced as planned.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-3760A	Effective	0.98	0.93	0.00	0.00
IDA-37600	Effective	13.25	7.95	4.78	0.00
TF-26676	Closed	0.45	0.43	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): NI Broad-Based Access to Finan Services (P077826)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 05/18/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39030, TF-57844

Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance (70%), General finance sector (30%)

Theme(s): Regulation and competition policy (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Rural markets (S), Standards and financial reporting (S)

Project Development Objectives:

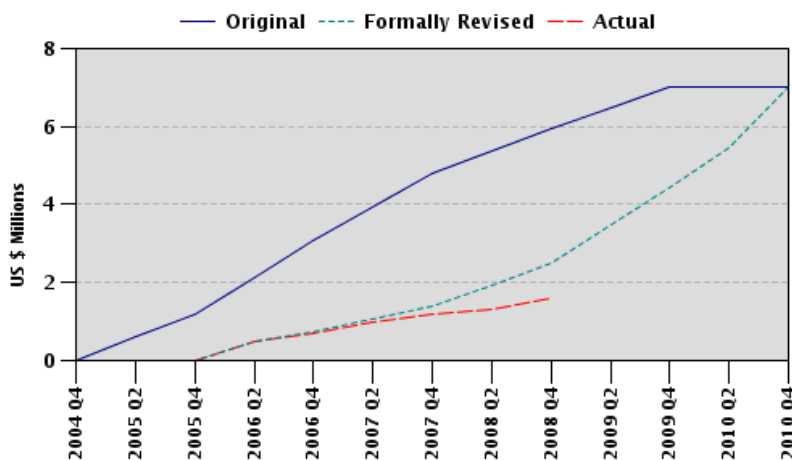
The objective is to improve access of low-income households and micro and small businesses to financial services provided by sound, profitable financial institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has provided support to five microfinance institutions to improve systems and products, increase outreach -- as part of a plan to transform into regulated, supervised financial institutions specializing in microfinance. The project also (a) helped to establish the National Cooperatives Institute (setting industry standards and offering technical training), (b) established and equipped an specialized supervision unit in the Superintendency of Banks, and (c) established standardized industry accounting systems and a central industry risk bureau. In addition, the counterpart has established a strong presence in the poorest part of the country with the Fondo de Credito Rural, and provided training to two leading microfinance institutions in this poor region.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39030	Effective	7.82	1.42	6.27	0.00
TF-57844	Effective	0.21	0.05	0.16	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI PUBLIC SECTOR TA (P078891)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 03/25/2004

Midterm Review Date: 08/09/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54143, IDA-38770

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Law reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

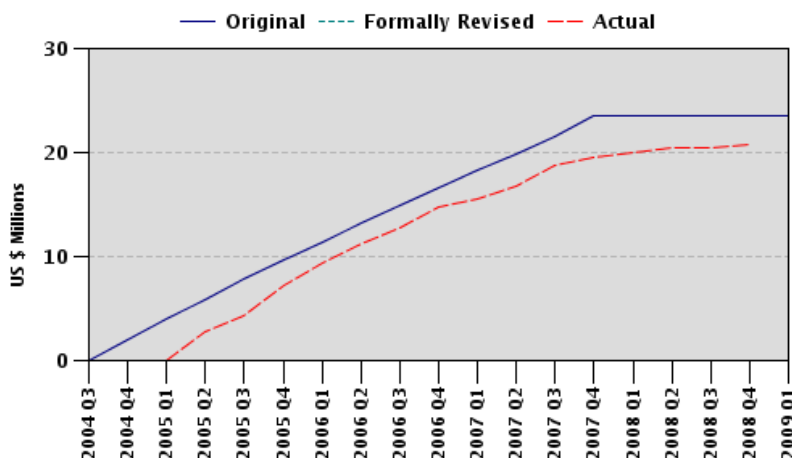
The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the public sector's capacity to develop and implement public policies; (b) increase overall effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency in the use of public resources; and (c) ensure the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress was observed in: a) the expansion of the SIFGA system to decentralized agencies and development of new Financial Management applications; b) continued accreditation of civil servants and implementation of the Civil Service Appealing Committee; and c) formulation of an updated National Human Development Plan consistent with the poverty reduction strategy goals and strengthening of its monitoring system.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54143	Effective	10.13	9.51	0.62	0.00
IDA-38770	Effective	25.86	20.70	3.11	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI - EDUCATION (P078990)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 09/02/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57311, TF-53991, IDA-39780

Sector(s): Primary education (35%), Secondary education (35%), Central government administration (24%), Sub-national government administration (5%), Pre-primary education (1%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Decentralization (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase enrollment for preschool, primary and secondary education; (b) improve quality and relevance of learning; (c) improve systems of governance and accountability; and (d) harmonize donor assistance.

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

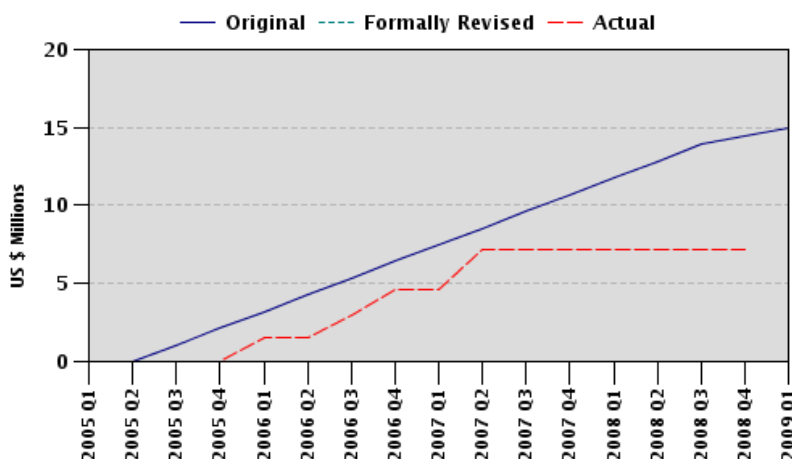
The restructure project would contribute to the implementation of the following activities included in the Ministry of Education Institutional Strengthening Plan 2008-2011: (a) strengthening of administrative and institutional management capacity at all levels; (b) implementation of a management information system to improve the transparency and accountability of sector outcomes; (c) improvement in the quality of education through the application and dissemination of student assessments, consistent with the new curricula; (d) provision of educational materials and textbooks in key subjects; and (e) improvement of teacher classroom practice in rural schools through in-service teacher education programs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The restructuring of the project was approved on June 30, 2008. It is expected that with the restructure, project activities will accelerate during the current fiscal year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57311	Effective	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00
TF-53991	Closed	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00
IDA-39780	Effective	15.49	7.17	8.91	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI - (APL2)HEALTH SECTOR II (P078991)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 04/05/2005

Closing Date: 11/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53140, IDA-40500

Sector(s): Health (93%), Central government administration (5%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

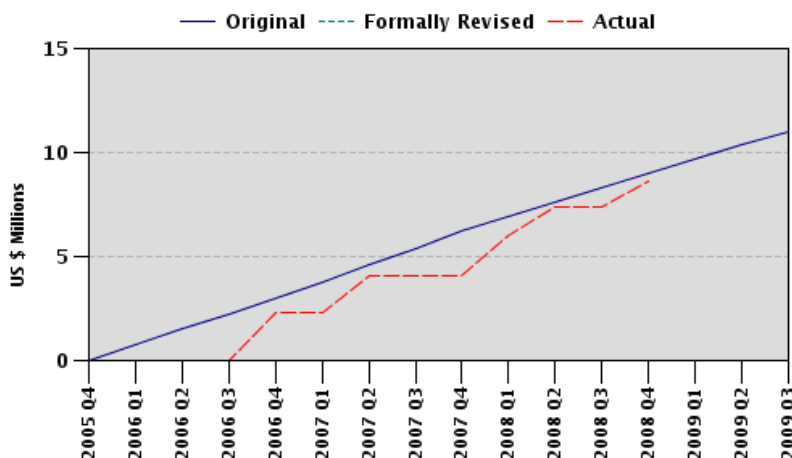
The project’s development objective is to improve health outcomes in Nicaragua, particularly among the poor under a Sector Wide Approach (SWAp).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is achieving its development objectives. The provision of health care services from non-public providers has been encouraged through the purchase of services by the Local Integrated Health Care Systems (SILAIS) through capitation criteria, and substantial progress in the reduction of child and infant mortality rates was accomplished. At the institutional level, the project has fully supported the Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) helping to increase the harmonization and coordination of health sector interventions mainly in maternal and infant health interventions, chronic malnutrition strategy and family planning.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53140	Closed	0.72	0.66	0.00	0.06
IDA-40500	Effective	11.31	8.60	2.49	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI (CRL) Roads Rehab & Maintenance IV (P083952)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 06/08/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41850

Sector(s): Roads and highways (89%), Central government administration (11%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

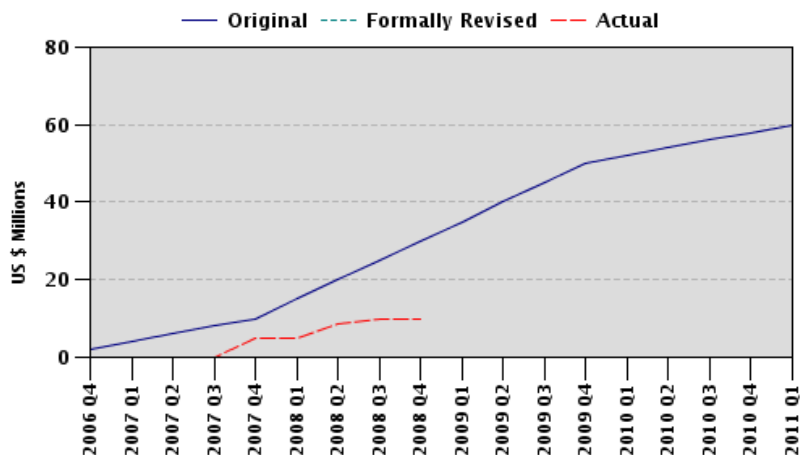
The objective is to support Nicaragua's broad-based economic growth and poverty reduction plan. Specific objectives are to: (a) expand and complement the previous focus on trunk roads; (b) help ensure the sustainability of road improvements; and (c) foster institution building and technical development in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MTI) and the Road Maintenance Fund (FOMAV).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project experienced a slow startup but is now advancing well towards meeting its objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41850	Effective	66.89	9.68	56.71	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI 2nd Agricultural Technology Project (P087046)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 11/29/2005

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41270, IDA-Q4790, TF-53139

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (71%), Central government administration (20%), Forestry (9%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural markets (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Indigenous peoples (S), Nutrition and food security (S)

Project Development Objectives:

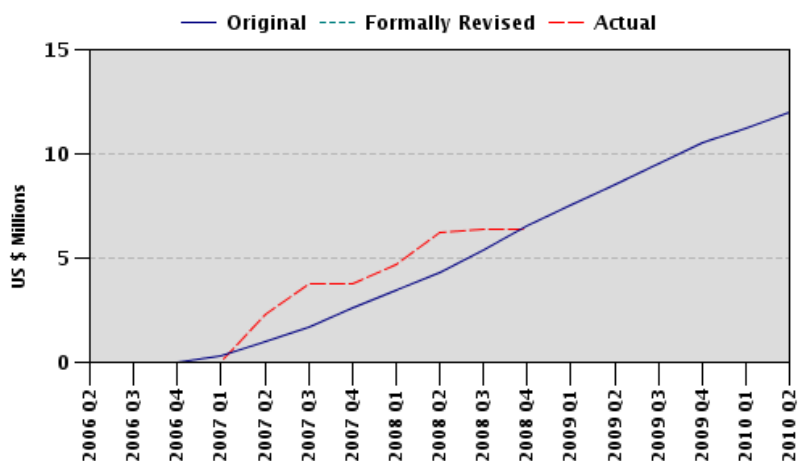
The objective is to provide rural households and communities with broader access to sustainable agricultural, forestry, and natural resource management services and innovations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make sizeable progress towards the achievement of its objectives. Progress is good with respect to support for innovation and technology adoption and data collection procedures. The computerized management information system that will process the data needs attention.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41270	Effective	13.58	6.39	6.47	0.00
IDA-Q4790	Closed	1.98	0.00	1.98	0.00
TF-53139	Closed	0.56	0.50	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): NI Rural Telecom (P089989)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 04/27/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41680, TF-54620

Sector(s): Telecommunications (95%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Other financial and private sector development (S), Decentralization (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

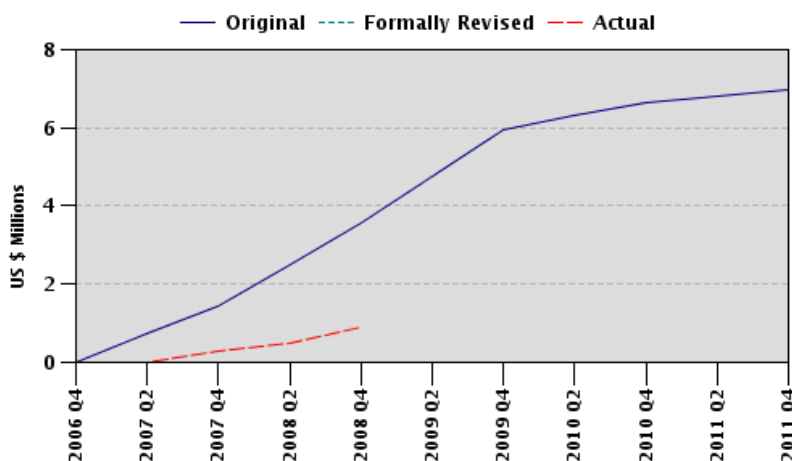
The objective is to increase access to and reduce costs of telecommunications services in rural areas of Nicaragua.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After a slow start the Project has started making significant progress. a) Work to connect 104 populations to the Internet is underway and is expected to be completed by September. b) Activities for the installation of the 99 Telecenters (in each of the municipal head) are advanced and are expected to be completed by December. c) The telecommunications law has been drafted; it is expected that this activity will conclude in October.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41680	Effective	7.90	0.86	7.00	0.00
TF-54620	Closed	0.48	0.34	0.00	0.14



Project Name (ID): NI Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (P106283)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2008

Closing Date: 03/31/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90645, IDA-H4070, IDA-44710

Sector(s): Water supply (42%), Sewerage (31%), Sanitation (20%), General public administration sector (7%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project Development Objectives is to increase access by project beneficiaries to sustainable water and sanitation services in rural areas

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
TF-90645	Effective	1.00	0.06	0.94	0.00
IDA-H4070	Not Effective	19.56	0.00	19.56	0.00
IDA-44710	Not Effective	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.00



Project Name (ID): NI Hurricane Felix Emergency Recovery (P108974)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 03/06/2008

Closing Date: 05/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5960, IDA-43920

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (40%), Housing construction (40%), Other social services (9%), Health (8%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Other rural development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project's objective is to support the sustainable recovery of the communities affected by Hurricane Felix in the North Atlantic Autonomous Region (RAAN) of Nicaragua

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
IDA-Q5960	Effective	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
IDA-43920	Not Effective	17.49	0.00	17.49	0.00

Project Name (ID): NI Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise Dev. (P109691)

Country: Nicaragua

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44680

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (44%), Central government administration (30%), Micro- and SME finance (26%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (P), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to improve the competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the business climate that affects those firms.

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
IDA-44680	Not Effective	20.04	0.00	20.04	0.00

