

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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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): PA LAND ADMINISTRATION (P050595)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 01/16/2001

Midterm Review Date: 07/30/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-70450

Sector(s): Central government administration (79%), Forestry (16%), Other social services (3%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Personal and property rights (P), Law reform (P), Indigenous peoples (S)

Project Development Objectives:

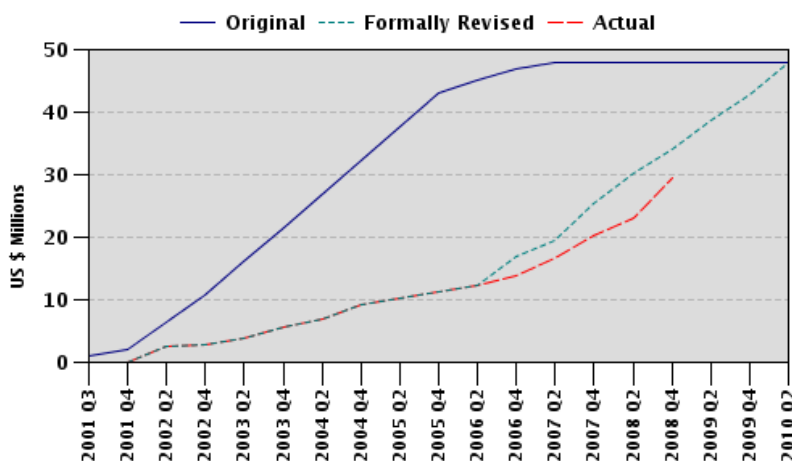
The project objective is to modernize the land administration system, including priority protected areas and indigenous territories.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After some delays the project has improved significantly during the last 18 months. a) Legal and institutional reforms, field surveys and consolidation of protected areas and indigenous territories have been carried out. b) There were advances in the development of the SIICAR system, which should be operational at the beginning of next year. c) Titling has improved in the last months to 7000 but it is still behind the original target of 27,000 titles by the end of 2009.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70450	Effective	47.90	29.39	18.51	0.00



Project Name (ID): PA BASIC EDUCATION II (P052021)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 09/07/2000

Midterm Review Date: 10/13/2003

Closing Date: 12/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74830, IBRD-70320

Sector(s): Secondary education (54%), Primary education (32%), Pre-primary education (9%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Education for all (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Social safety nets (P), Indigenous peoples (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and efficiency of education, and (b) increase convergence of primary and preschool education.

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

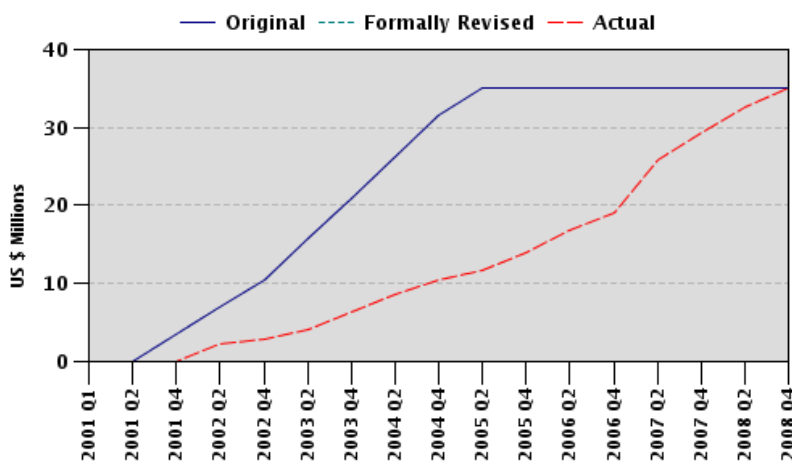
Additional financing of \$5 Million was approved to scale up this project (there is no change to the original project objectives).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The new loan was effective on February 2008 and is 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-74830	Effective	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
IBRD-70320	Effective	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): PA Public Policy Reform TA Project (P055844)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2001

Midterm Review Date: 01/19/2004

Closing Date: 10/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P3380, IBRD-74460, IBRD-46350

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S), Other economic management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

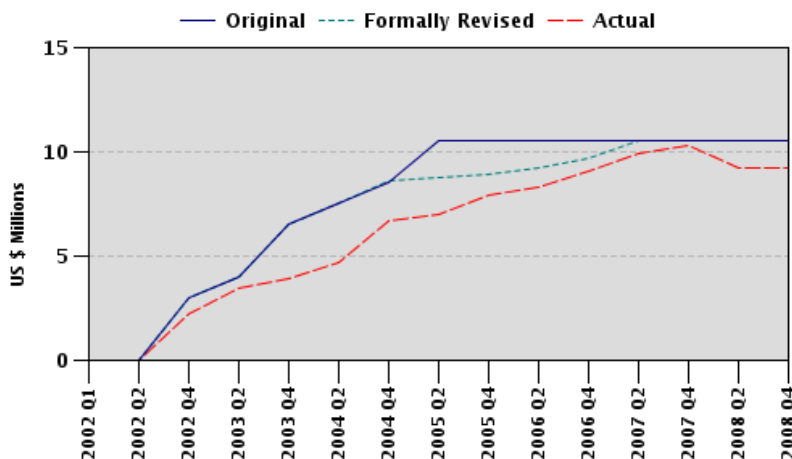
The objectives are to support trade policy, strengthen economic management, improve social spending, modernize national statistics, and improve public procurement procedures.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was restructured and additional financing was approved in the previous year. The Additional Financing loan had just become 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-P3380	Closed	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.10
IBRD-74460	Effective	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
IBRD-46350	Closed	10.50	9.22	0.00	1.28



Project Name (ID): PA Rural Productivity (former 2nd Rur Po (P064918))

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 03/21/2007

Closing Date: 01/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P4230, IBRD-74390

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (33%), Agricultural marketing and trade (33%), Agro-industry (14%), Agricultural extension and research (10%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Other rural development (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

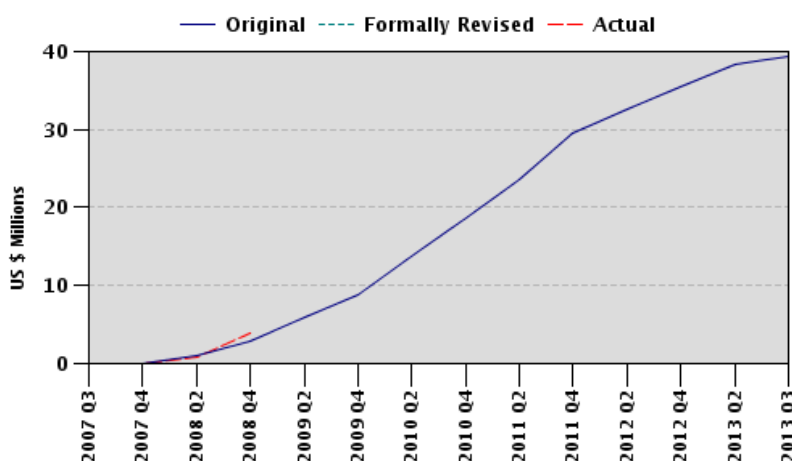
The project objective is to contribute to increased productivity, competitiveness and market access among organized rural small-scale producers in the provinces of Herrera, Los Santos and Veraguas, while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and the conservation of important biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Since project effectiveness in November 2007, the projects has been progressing significantly. a) More than 40 business plan proposals have been presented, encompassing about 1,400 rural producers, of which 15 have been authorized to date for further development into business plans. b) Three pilot business plans (coffee, yucca and hot peppers) which were undertaken during project preparation have now been approved for financing and will be benefiting some 400 producers. c) About 230 community environmental subprojects have been financed to date (about half of these during the current reporting period). A roster of some ninety private technical service providers (already exceeding the project's goal) shows their strong participation in the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P4230	Closed	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.90
IBRD-74390	Effective	39.40	3.85	35.55	0.00



Project Name (ID): PA-Water&Sanitation in Low-Income Comm. (P082419)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 07/17/2007

Closing Date: 05/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56581, IBRD-74770

Sector(s): Water supply (60%), Sanitation (24%), Central government administration (16%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Other human development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective for this project is to increase access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services in participating communities. The specific objectives are to:

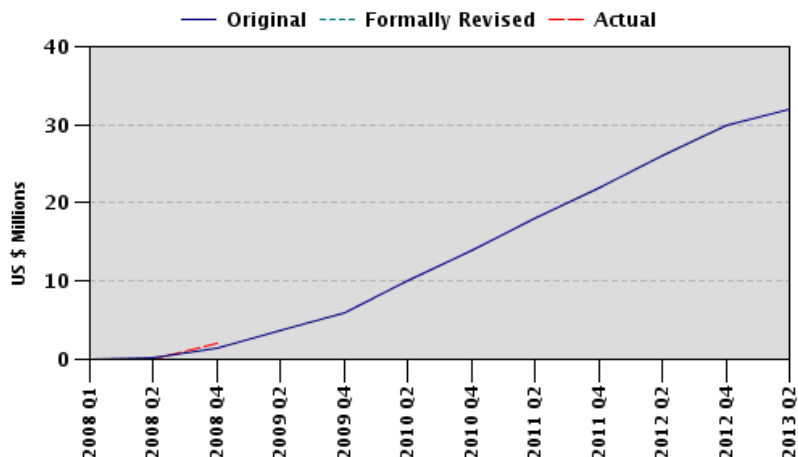
- Enable participating households and communities in rural and poor urban areas to access water and sanitation services through innovative approaches geared to providing services on a sustainable basis;
- Initiate a policy dialogue under the leadership of MINSA and generate the knowledge basis for evidence-based decision-making, with the long-term goal of strong institutions, a focus on beneficiaries and better coordination among stakeholders;
- Improve sanitation and hygiene practices.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project shows different implementation levels on its three main components since it has been declared effective in March 2008. The main component - rural water supply and sanitation - is under implementation, with a series of fast-track works under construction in 27 communities, and the designs for another 85 are in process. The urban water and sanitation component has moved much slower. Progress on a national handwashing initiative has also been very slow. Finally, the project has developed a conceptual framework for a sector information system that remains to be validated by the main sector stakeholders.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56581	Closed	0.50	0.43	0.00	0.07
IBRD-74770	Effective	32.00	1.89	30.11	0.00



Project Name (ID): PA -GEF Rural Productivity (P083045)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 06/15/2006

Closing Date: 06/28/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52549, TF-56628

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (75%), Sub-national government administration (15%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Small and medium enterprise support (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

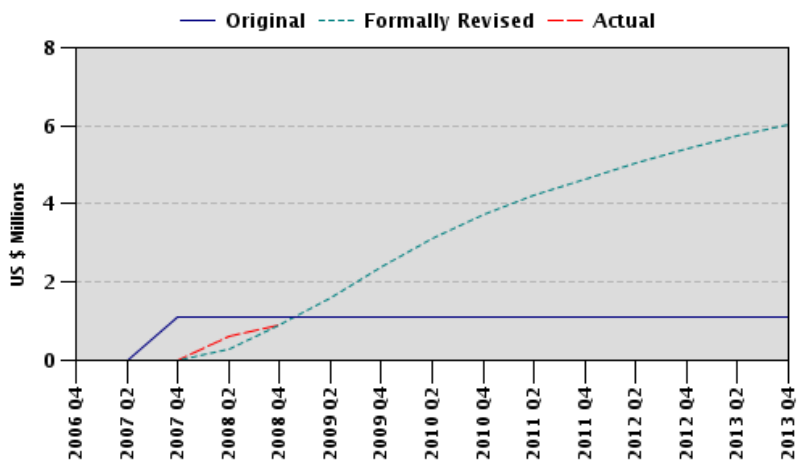
The Project Development Objective of the partially-blended Rural Productivity and Sustainable Development Project is to contribute to increased income and employment of small-scale rural producers in Panama.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made progress in: a) characterization of beneficiaries; b) completion of the first sub-project cycle (29 sub-projects in execution); c) strategy for co-management for protected areas; and d) design of biodiversity and protected areas monitoring systems.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52549	Closed	0.28	0.17	0.00	0.10
TF-56628	Effective	6.00	0.89	5.11	0.00



Project Name (ID): PA Social Protection project (P098328)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 07/26/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74790, TF-56734

Sector(s): Central government administration (39%), Health (38%), Other social services (23%)

Theme(s): Nutrition and food security (P), Social safety nets (P), Indigenous peoples (S), Child health (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project development objectives are to: (1) improve the management and operation of the conditional cash transfer program, (2) provide beneficiaries with an incentive framework to increase their participation in the CCT program, (3) strengthen the supply of nutrition and child growth promotion interventions in the indigenous areas of the RO (comarcas); and (4) enhance government capacity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was declared effective on February 2008 and is progressing well. Significant advances have been made towards having a sound operational Management Information System. The modules of Administration and Verification are operational, although the info about Health facilities need to be adjusted. Other three modules are under design.

Capacity has been built to prepare and execute activities by strengthening its newly established Direction of Social Policies (previously in the Ministry of Finance) and its IT capacity, and by appointing a new head to the Technical Secretariat of the Social Cabinet.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74790	Effective	24.00	0.40	23.60	0.00
TF-56734	Closed	0.64	0.43	0.00	0.22

