

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: PARAGUAY

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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): PY Pilot Community Development Project (P069269)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date: 03/21/2002

Midterm Review Date: 10/31/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26317, IBRD-75210, IBRD-71090

Sector(s): Central government administration (25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (25%), General industry and trade sector (25%), Other social services (25%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Improving labor markets (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to test a decentralized, participatory, bottom-up development approach as a way to improve the quality of life and social inclusion of poor rural and marginal urban communities in three departments on the southern border of Paraguay (Itapua, Misiones and Neembucu).

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

The Additional Financing would support scaling-up of activities of the project to enhance its impact through a decentralized, participatory and bottom-up development approach. Additional Financing is deemed the most effective way to build on the current momentum and respond to the immediate demand and opportunity to enhance the development impact of the project. The loan, for US\$9.00 million combined with US\$2.38 million in counterpart funds and US\$1.27 million of beneficiary contributions is expected to benefit an additional 5,000 poor families, including over 27,500 beneficiaries, for a total beneficiary population of 10,000 families and more than 55,000 beneficiaries over the duration of the entire Project.

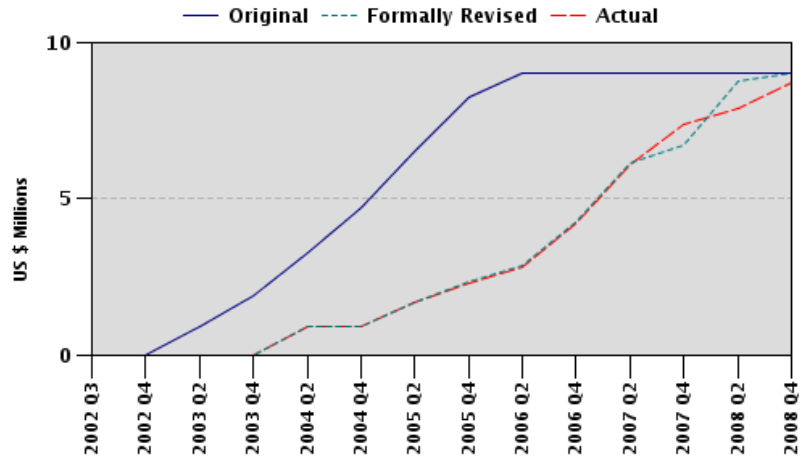
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made significant progress. The Project has already surpassed its quantitative beneficiary targets. 500 subprojects have been approved, benefiting more than 5,100 families and almost 30,000 persons. These figures exceed the original target of 3,700 families and 18,500 beneficiaries. The targets for inclusion of vulnerable and socially marginalized groups (including indigenous groups, women, and youth) as project beneficiaries have also been met. The project has also made substantive progress in developing transparent and participatory mechanisms for community-driven development (CDD). Recent monitoring data show that the project has been able to decentralize decision making at different territorial levels and has gained legitimacy among local, departmental, and national level authorities as well as with civil society organizations. The project has successfully developed institutional mechanisms to identify potential beneficiaries, make decisions at the local level regarding investment priorities, and deliver benefits (funding and technical assistance) in a transparent and participatory manner.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26317	Closed	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00
IBRD-75210	Not Effective	9.00	0.00	9.00	0.00
IBRD-71090	Effective	9.00	8.70	0.30	0.00





Project Name (ID): PY- EDUCATION REFORM PROJECT (P073526)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2003

Midterm Review Date: 03/20/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54361, IBRD-71900

Sector(s): Secondary education (60%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Other social services (5%), Tertiary education (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

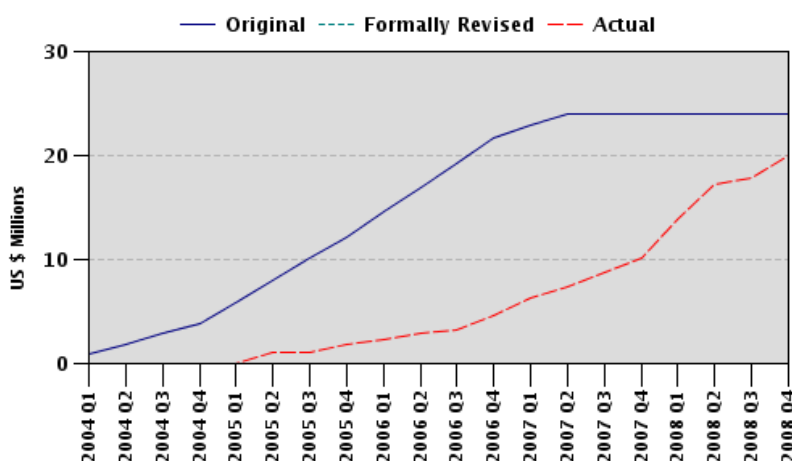
The objectives are to improve management and efficiency of the education system, and to raise educational outcomes and equity at the secondary education level.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing very well. The majority of the Project's physical targets and Development Objectives have been achieved. The only trigger which remains outstanding relates to increases in efficiency as measured by the student-teacher ratio in basic and secondary education. All the activities of the project has been under execution or have concluded their cycle, such as the scholarships program whose technical, institutional, and financial sustainability has been assured by the Ministry of Education and Culture; the measuring of student learning; and the provision of textbooks (physics, chemistry, and natural sciences) to upper secondary schools and bibliography for the Learning Resource Centers funded by the project. The civil works (prototype schools) included in the Project has experienced delays but they will be completed before the new Closing Date of the Project (June 30, 2009).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54361	Effective	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.00
IBRD-71900	Effective	24.00	18.96	5.04	0.00



Project Name (ID): PY Road Maintenance (P082026)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date: 08/24/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54760, IBRD-74060

Sector(s): Roads and highways (90%), Central government administration (8%), Sub-national government administration (1%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Indigenous peoples (S), Municipal governance and institution building (S)

Project Development Objectives:

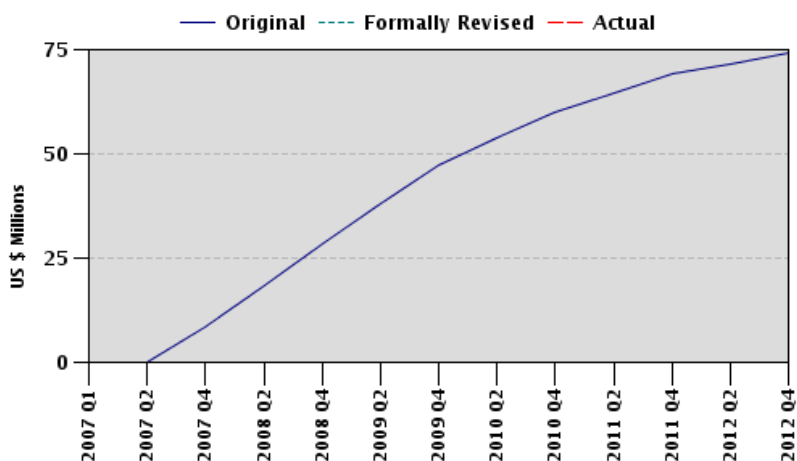
The project's development objective is to establish a sustainable road management strategy that ensures the upgrading and maintenance of the road network through a rational and balanced use of scarce resources.

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
TF-54760	Closed	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.00
IBRD-74060	Effective	74.00	3.00-	77.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): PY Sustainable Agric. and Rural Devlp. (P088799)

Country: Paraguay

Board Approval Date: 01/29/2008

Closing Date: 12/28/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75030, TF-53772

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (55%), Agricultural extension and research (30%), Animal production (10%), General public administration sector (5%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Water resource management (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the quality of life of small-holder farming community and indigenous communities in the project areas in San Pedro and Caaguazu departments in a sustainable manner.

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-75030	Not Effective	37.50	0.00	37.50	0.00
TF-53772	Closed	0.48	0.38	0.10	0.00

