

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION

COUNTRY: REGIONAL PROJECTS

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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): 6C GEF Integ Mgt. Indigenous Communities (P075219)

Country: Central America

Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004

Midterm Review Date: 02/04/2008

Closing Date: 01/01/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54186

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (40%), Other social services (40%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%)

Theme(s): Indigenous peoples (P), Biodiversity (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Land administration and management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

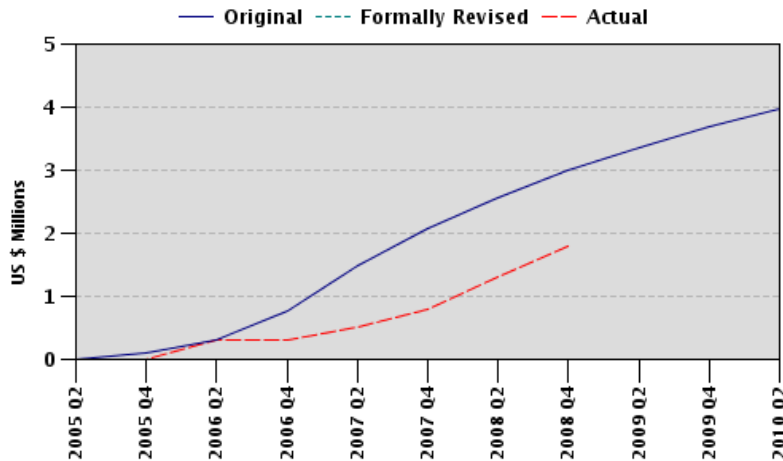
Achieve More Community Biodiversity Conservation in Central America by strengthening the capacity of indigenous to protect and manage their natural and cultural resources

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress toward achieving the development objective has been substantial. a) The area under community conservation has been increased to 76,403 hectares. b) The number of Communities in active conservation and sustainable use is about 119 (out of 150). c) The number of indigenous representatives trained in organizational, technical and financial management is about 608 (out of 1229). d) The total number of subprojects for community income generation activities financed by the project is about 49.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54186	Effective	4.00	1.76	2.24	0.00



Project Name (ID): CA HIV/AIDS PROJECT (P082243)

Country: Central America

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2005

Midterm Review Date: 02/27/2008

Closing Date: 11/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1540

Sector(s): Health (75%), Central government administration (25%)

Theme(s): Other communicable diseases (P), HIV/AIDS (P), Health system performance (S), Personal and property rights (S)

Project Development Objectives:

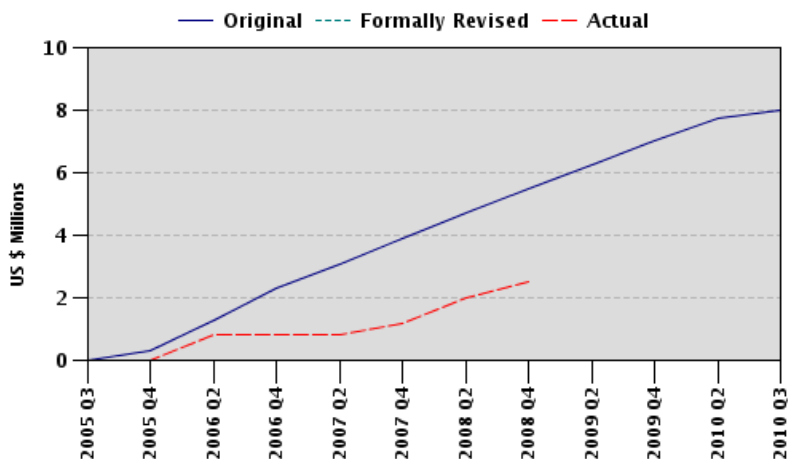
The project development objective is to provide knowledge and tools to decision makers in all countries in the region to manage and control HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project completed its third year. Several of the indicators of the performance matrix are at the expected levels and some have been surpassed. The mid-term review did not find the need for changes in the project design or amendments. Some of the project’s main achievements are: i) the Regional Laboratory was opened in February 2008 and several laboratory services and training events have been implemented; ii) Component 4 is financing 23 subproject for mobile population and indigenous people that are being implemented by NGOs; and iii) a draft of a regional strategy to prevent and control HIV/AIDS in the region has been presented to the Ministers of Health Committee.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1540	Effective	8.55	2.48	5.91	0.00



Project Name (ID): 6C GEF Corazon Transboundary Reserve (P085488)

Country: Central America

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2006

Closing Date: 08/01/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56599, TF-53261

Sector(s): Central government administration (37%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (23%), Forestry (22%), Sub-national government administration (12%), Other social services (6%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Indigenous peoples (P), Other rural development (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the national and binational management of the area of the proposed Corazon Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (CTBR), respecting the rights of traditional populations.

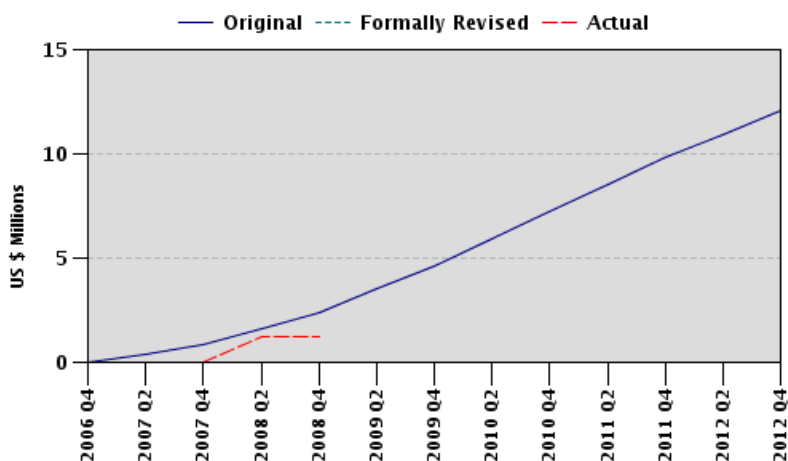
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After considerable delay, all three units have now approved procurement plans. Subproject manuals will now be prepared by each PIU (Project Implementation Unit) to accommodate for different realities in each country.

In Nicaragua, the technical progress has been very limited. In Honduras, the PIU has established a work plan, reached out to key stakeholders and made advancements in refining the subproject manual. The Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD) has taken the lead in coordinating meetings of the Binational Committee, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) certification process, and in the binational coordination of the Annual Operating Plan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56599	Effective	12.00	1.24	10.76	0.00
TF-53261	Closed	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): 6L GEF Guarani Aquifer Project (P068121)

Country: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2002

Midterm Review Date: 02/24/2006

Closing Date: 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-23823, TF-50950, TF-51223

Sector(s): Central government administration (92%), Other social services (3%), General education sector (3%), Renewable energy (2%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Water resource management (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

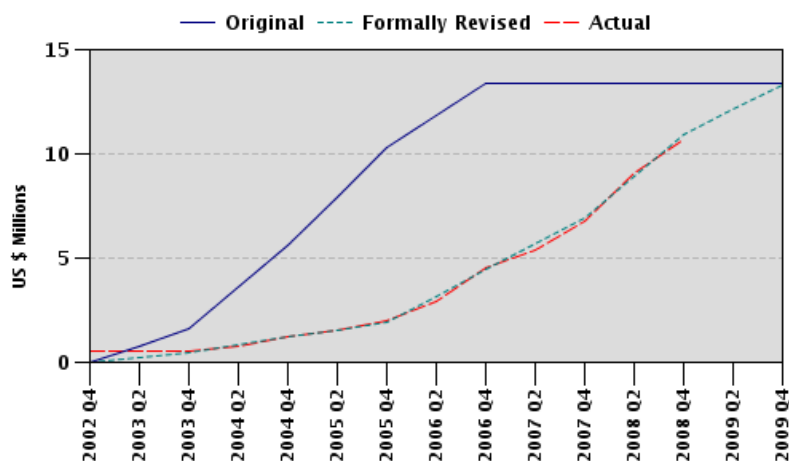
The objective is to promote the sustainable use and management of the Guarani Aquifer System in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay for current and future generations, supported by the joint development and implementation of an adequate, functioning aquifer management framework, based on sustainable technical, scientific, institutional, legal, financial, political, and environmental grounds.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress towards achieving its development objective. a) The project has transformed the knowledge base on the Guarani Aquifer System (GAS) and has resulted in better understanding of the resource distribution, as well as the potential and vulnerability to contamination. b) The implementation of local management through the four pilots has demonstrated how to address local and local-transboundary groundwater management issues. c) The project succeeded in reaching more than 2.5 million people in the four countries on the need for groundwater management. Also through staff exchange and twinning, the project has contributed to the improved capacity of specialists and institutions involved in groundwater management. d) The four countries continue to work together under the Steering Group, and are now reviewing the draft Strategic Action Plan that will form the basis for the future management of the GAS.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-23823	Closed	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00
TF-50950	Effective	13.40	10.11	3.29	0.00
TF-51223	Closed	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): 6L GEF Building IABIN (Inter-Am Biod) (P077187)

Country: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-51150, TF-53526

Sector(s): Information technology (100%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

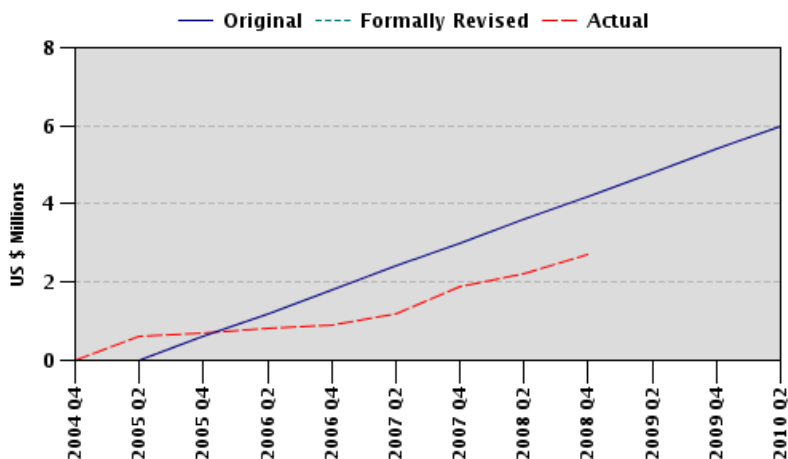
The objectives are to: (a) support the development and consolidation of the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN), an internet-based, decentralized network that will provide wider access to scientifically credible biodiversity information currently existing in individual institutions and agencies in the Americas; and (b) provide the tools to apply this wealth of information to sound decision-making in the area of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project made reasonable progress during the reporting period: a) the project initiated numerous data content development grants and re-defined a number of the agreements with Coordinating Institutions responsible for developing the thematic networks. b) It has developed and implemented a large number of capacity building and training activities for the participating countries and is moving towards the completion of a sustainability strategy for the period after closure of the project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-51150	Closed	0.65	0.63	0.00	0.02
TF-53526	Effective	6.00	2.69	3.31	0.00



Project Name (ID): 6L-Biosafety in Centers of Biodiversity (P095169)

Country: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 03/25/2008

Closing Date: 04/24/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55877

Sector(s): Crops (60%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (25%), Agricultural extension and research (15%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Nutrition and food security (S)

Project Development Objectives:

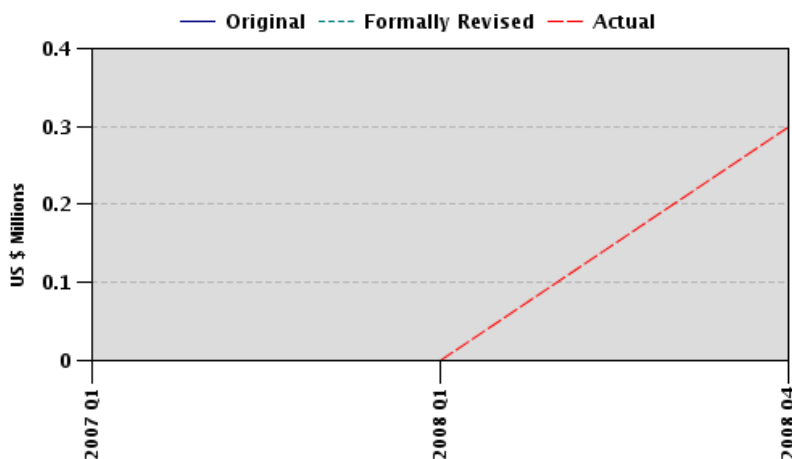
The Global Environmental Objective (GEO) of this regional project is to strengthen the capacity to implement the Cartagena Protocol (CP) on biosafety in the four participating countries (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Peru).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project was approved in February 2008 and was not effective at 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-55877	Closed	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): OECS Protected Areas and Associated Live (P073267)

Country: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 05/20/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/22/2008

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-27935, TF-53299, TF-55386

Sector(s): Central government administration (55%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (27%), Other social services (10%), General industry and trade sector (8%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Regional integration (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

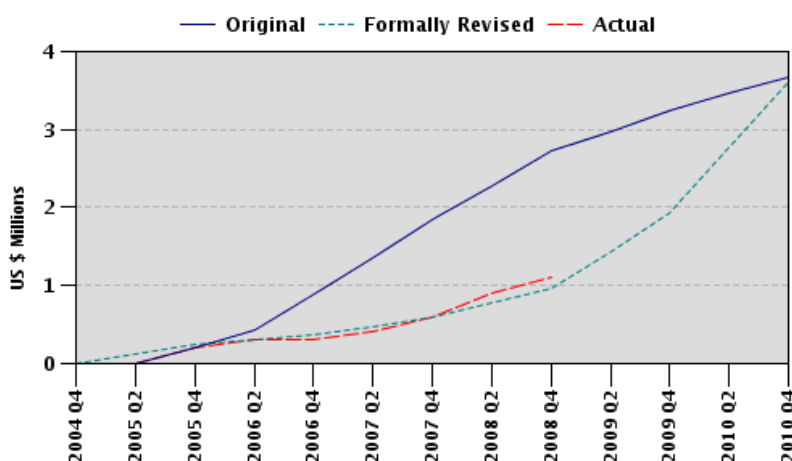
The objective is to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity of global importance in the participating countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project is progressing very well towards the achievement of its development objective. The project has successfully designated 6 Protected Areas (PAs), one in each country, covering a total area of 24,693 hectares. To help in the management of the six designated PAs under the project and other PAs in each country, the project developed a Protected Areas Systems Model Act and Policy that will be the basis for harmonizing policy, legal and institutional instruments among the six OECS countries. Livelihoods Sub-Projects are underway for the Tobago Cays Marine Park and proposals for two more additional sites are completed. The project also supported awareness-creation in PA management and the need for the conservation of associated biodiversity of global importance in the six OECS countries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-27935	Closed	0.22	0.17	0.00	0.05
TF-53299	Effective	3.70	1.08	2.62	0.00
TF-55386	Effective	0.33	0.04	0.29	0.00



Project Name (ID): OECS-Telecomm & ICT Development Pro (P088448)

Country: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 05/12/2005

Midterm Review Date: 03/20/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40590, IDA-40580, IBRD-47750, IDA-40570, IDA-40560, IBRD-47780, IBRD-47770, IBRD-47760

Sector(s): Telecommunications (80%), Central government administration (15%), Law and justice (5%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Regional integration (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

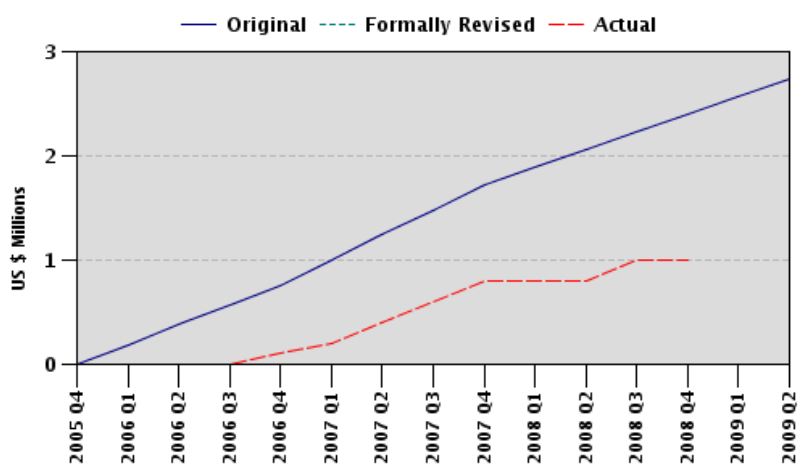
The objective is to improve the access, quality, and use of telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology services to achieve socio-economic development in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing very well. All major consultancies have been completed or are on-going. The project is now making arrangements to commence implementation of the Universal Service projects and ICT pilot projects. All project management arrangements are in place and operating satisfactorily.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40590	Effective	0.65	0.20	0.44	0.00
IDA-40580	Effective	0.32	0.20	0.11	0.00
IBRD-47750	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IDA-40570	Effective	0.32	0.20	0.11	0.00
IDA-40560	Effective	0.32	0.20	0.11	0.00
IBRD-47780	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47770	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47760	Effective	0.54	0.20	0.34	0.00



Project Name (ID): OECS-Catastrophe Insurance (P094539)

Country: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 03/08/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55129, IDA-42720, IDA-42710, IDA-42700, IDA-42690

Sector(s): Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (100%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

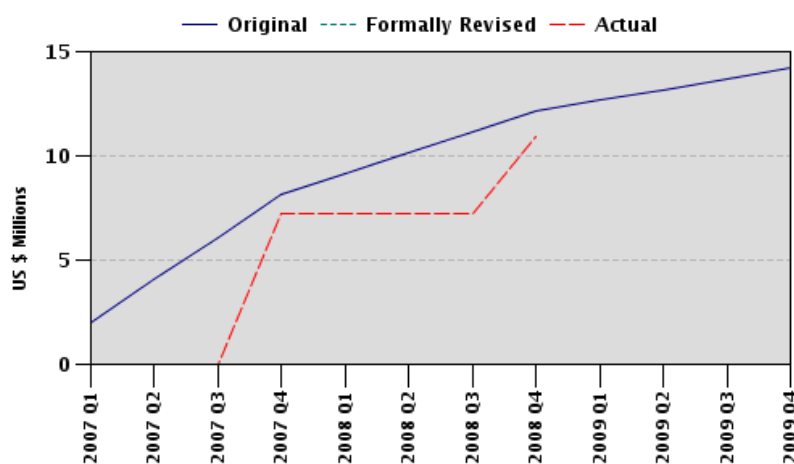
The project provides Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines with insurance coverage against natural disasters (earthquakes and hurricanes). The project finances the entrance fee and the annual insurance premiums (for three years) necessary to participate in the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, established in June 2007. The coverage provided will help the participating OECS governments face immediate liquidity needs emerging from the occurrence of a disaster.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

As of June 10, 2008, participating countries renewed their insurance against catastrophic hurricanes and earthquakes. Dominica, Grenada St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines receive hurricane coverage of US\$23.0 million, US\$39.8 million, US\$31.8 million and US\$4.9 million and earthquake coverage of US\$2.6 million, US\$5.1 million, US\$3.6 million and US\$1.0 million, respectively.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55129	Closed	1.00	0.93	0.00	0.07
IDA-42720	Effective	0.75	0.60	0.13	0.00
IDA-42710	Effective	4.90	3.38	1.35	0.00
IDA-42700	Effective	4.88	3.58	1.13	0.00
IDA-42690	Effective	4.90	3.38	1.35	0.00



Project Name (ID): OECS E-Gov for Regional Integration (P100635)

Country: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 05/27/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44530, IDA-44520, IDA-44510

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

Theme(s): Regional integration (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Tax policy and administration (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The overall development objective of the project is to promote the efficiency, quality, and transparency of public services through the delivery of regionally integrated e-government applications that take advantage of economies of scale. Regional integration refers to the implementation of a harmonized regional e-government framework and e-government applications that are interoperable and deployed to users across the region. Such applications are expected to produce time- and cost-savings for governments, businesses and private citizens as well as greater quality of service provision, including increased transparency for users and the public. The expected benefits would accrue in the areas of public sector reform, empowerment of citizens and businesses, and efficiency gains for institutions and end-users through automation and pooling resources at the regional level.

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-44530	Not Effective	2.45	0.00	2.45	0.00
IDA-44520	Not Effective	2.45	0.00	2.45	0.00
IDA-44510	Not Effective	2.45	0.00	2.45	0.00