

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: URUGUAY

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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): UY Non Comm. Disease Prevention (P050716)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 08/28/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74860, TF-52535

Sector(s): Health (77%), Central government administration (23%)

Theme(s): Injuries and non-communicable diseases (P), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

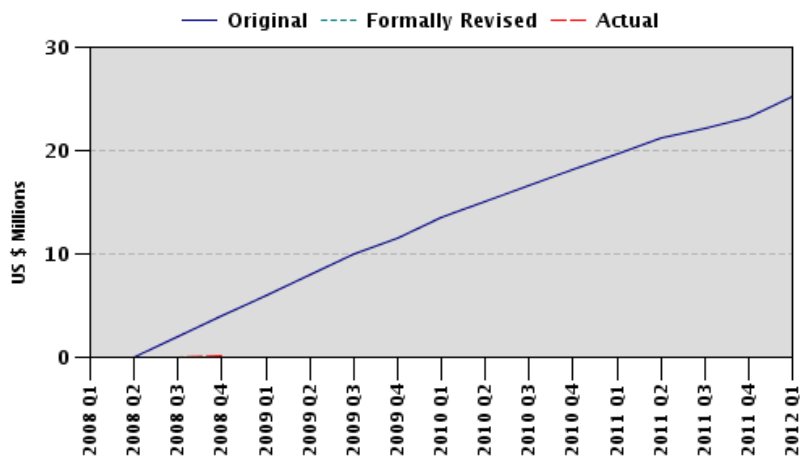
The objectives are to (i) To expand accessibility and quality of primary health care services related to selected Non Communicable Diseases early detection and medical care; and (ii) To avoid and reduce exposure to selected Non Communicable Diseases risk factors as well as their health effects.

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
IBRD-74860	Effective	25.30	0.06	25.24	0.00
TF-52535	Closed	0.45	0.38	0.00	0.07



Project Name (ID): UY Transp. Inf. Maint. and Rural Access (P057481)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 06/09/2005

Midterm Review Date: 09/28/2007

Closing Date: 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73030

Sector(s): Roads and highways (92%), Central government administration (3%), Ports, waterways and shipping (3%), Sub-national government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Regional integration (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

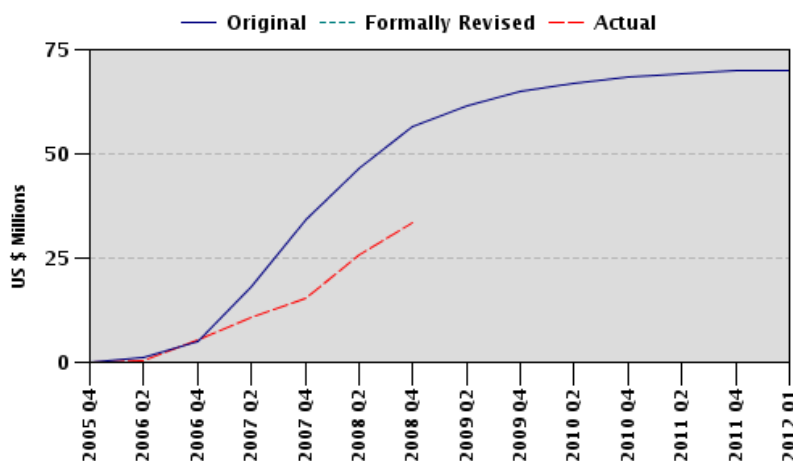
The objective is to upgrade the country's transport infrastructure to a condition that facilitates the transportation of freight and passengers at a cost-efficient level of service.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is progressing well towards the achievement of the project objective. Investments in roads have increased with a certain delay-period due to the lag between investments and actual improvements in levels of service.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73030	Effective	70.00	33.59	36.41	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY Energy Efficiency Project (P068124)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 05/13/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53298

Sector(s): District heating and energy efficiency services (94%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

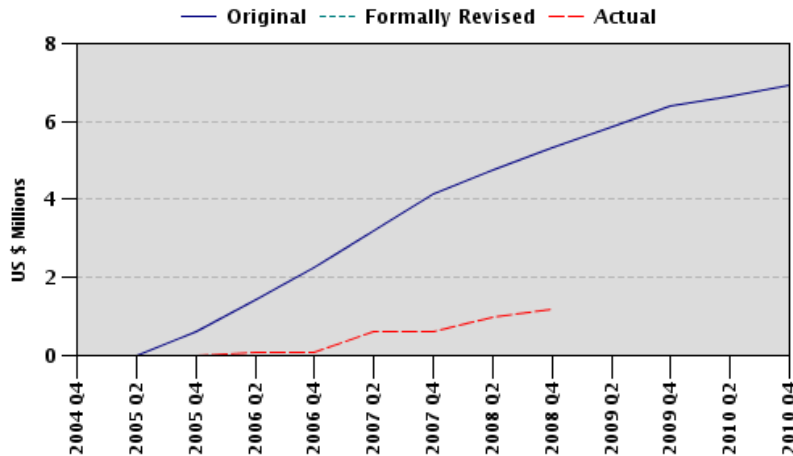
The objective is to increase the demand for and competitive supply of energy efficient goods and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is slowly advancing towards its development objectives. Main activities were related to labeling scheme, trainings, development of a pipeline of energy efficiency projects and dissemination activities. Nevertheless progress is being made toward the implementation of the Energy Efficiency fund.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53298	Effective	6.88	1.13	5.75	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY PUBLIC SERVICES MODERNIZATION TA (P070058)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 03/22/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45980, TF-27092

Sector(s): Telecommunications (33%), General energy sector (30%), Central government administration (25%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (6%), General transportation sector (6%)

Theme(s): Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) increase the efficiency and sustainability of access to public services; and (b) increase the efficiency and sustainability of the financial sector especially of the public banks, supporting the modernization and performance of Banco Hipotecario del Uruguay (BHU).

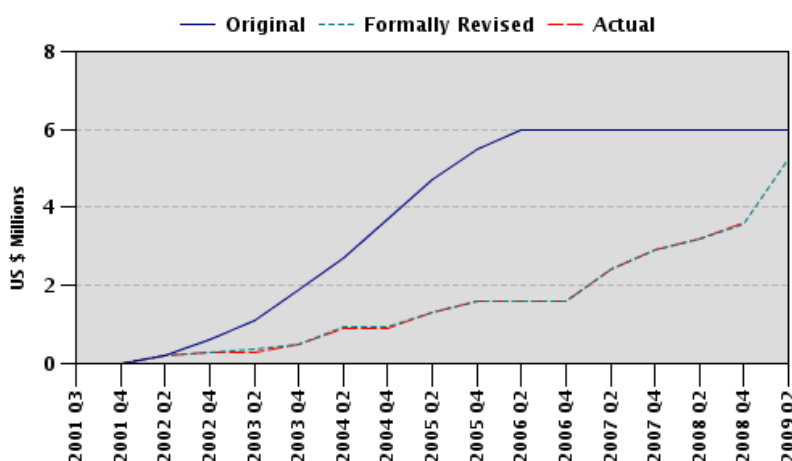
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress on implementation has been slow: a) regulatory agencies are established and operating for the water supply and sanitation, natural gas, petroleum products, power and communications sectors. b) Targets for private sector participation were achieved for communications (there are ten international operators and three cellular operators compared to the target of 3 and 3) and power (10 percent of maximum power demand is met by private providers). c) Private sector participation targets in water supply and sanitation had also been achieved (54,700 persons compared to the target of 45,000). d) A total of 785 schools have access to the Internet.

Quality of services indicators for water and power utilities are regularly produced and published.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45980	Effective	6.00	3.55	1.70	0.75
TF-27092	Closed	1.29	0.79	0.00	0.50



Project Name (ID): UY Integr. Nat. Res. & Biodiveristy Mgmt (P070653)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 06/09/2005

Closing Date: 08/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73050

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (20%), Animal production (20%), Irrigation and drainage (20%), Forestry (20%), Sub-national government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Other environment and natural resources management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

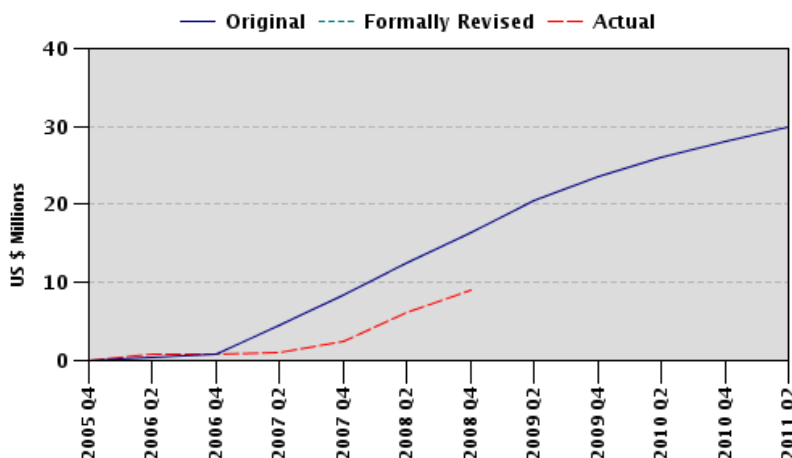
The development objective of the Integrated Natural Resources and Biodiversity Management Project is to promote, particularly among groups of small and medium-sized farmers, the adoption of economically and environmentally viable integrated production systems, within a context of holistic ecosystem and natural resources management, while mainstreaming biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This innovative project is showing good progress. This is reflected by: a) a highly decentralized implementation structure, increasing demand for integrated natural resource management and biodiversity subprojects and well coordinated support services involving training, technical assistance, applied research and monitoring and evaluation; b) the number of subprojects now reaches 1,045 approved. Proprietors are mostly small-scale farmers followed by medium-size. The sector with the highest demands so far has been livestock 53% followed by horticulture 15% and dairy 17%; c) there have been more than 600 professionals trained; and d) the Drought Alleviation Program has 196 projects approved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73050	Effective	30.00	9.09	20.91	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY- BASIC EDUCATION 3 (P070937)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 04/25/2002

Midterm Review Date: 11/14/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71130

Sector(s): Primary education (54%), Pre-primary education (20%), Tertiary education (12%), Central government administration (11%), Other social services (3%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Education for all (P), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

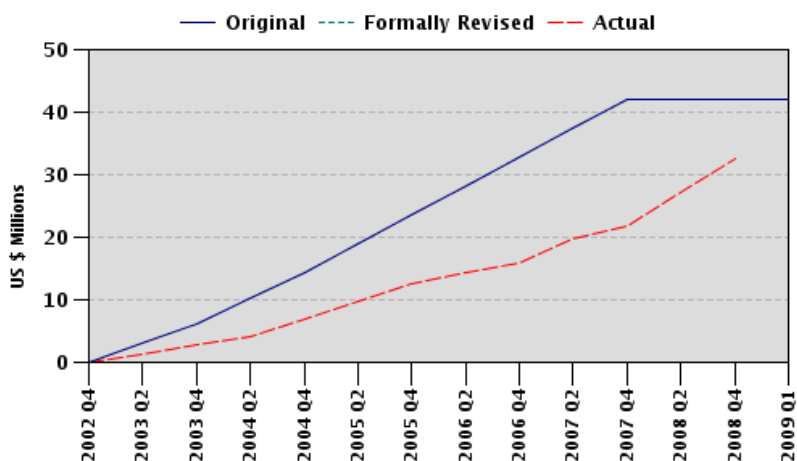
The objective is to improve education quality in schools serving socio-economically disadvantaged populations in Uruguay.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is reaching its objective of improving the school quality for a majority of disadvantaged children, both in regular (non-full time) schools and through expansion of full-time schools (FTS). Rising construction costs and improved targeting of socio-economically disadvantaged students to be served by full-time schools have resulted in a need to increase project financing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71130	Effective	42.00	32.58	9.42	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE - ERL (P074543)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2001

Midterm Review Date: 08/02/2002

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-70700, IBRD-74210

Sector(s): Animal production (86%), Central government administration (14%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

Additional financing in the amount of US\$6.5 million (Ln. 7421-UR) was approved by the Bank on December 19, 2006. The project will finance the scaling up of the livestock traceability system, the strengthening of the Borrower's monitoring and surveillance capacity to prevent future outbreaks from spreading beyond the directly affected areas, and MGAP's contribution to the coordination of the animal health activities at the regional level.

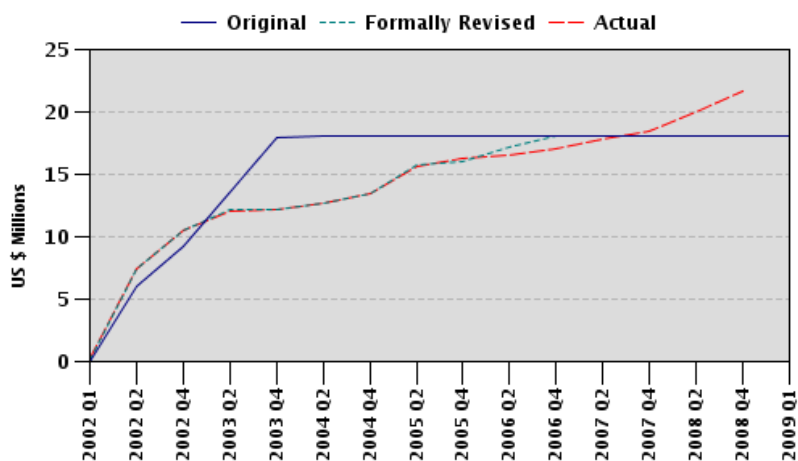
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The additional financing was declared effective on August 30, 2007. All project components are being implemented in accordance to plans. The

project is increasing its involvement in policy matters regarding the public role in animal health and not just procuring equipment as demonstrated by the establishment of a dialogue with MGAP and DGSG authorities, the agreement to conduct an overall review of institutional issues with support from experts from PANAFTOSA and the closer links between the project and activities related to animal health in the region.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70700	Closed	18.50	18.49	0.00	0.01
IBRD-74210	Effective	6.50	3.24	3.26	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY Promoting Innovation to Enhance Compe (P095520)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 05/01/2007

Closing Date: 12/15/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74450, IBRD-P4290

Sector(s): Tertiary education (47%), General industry and trade sector (42%), Central government administration (11%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Technology diffusion (P), Export development and competitiveness (S)

Project Development Objectives:

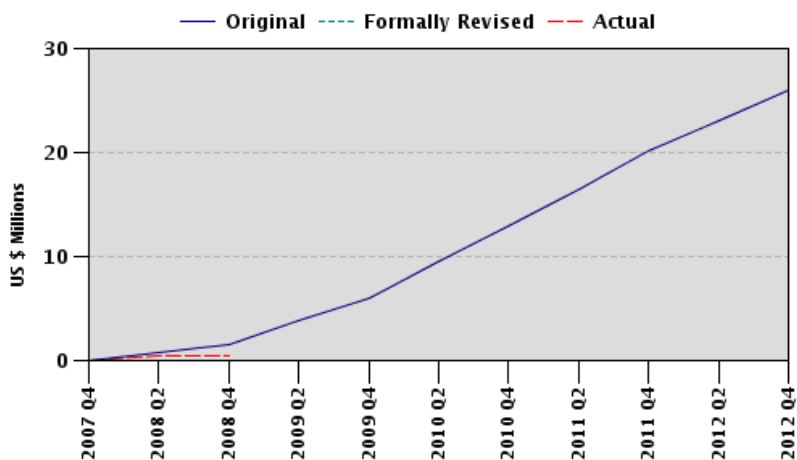
The project development objective is to strengthen Uruguay's capacity to generate, transfer and adapt knowledge and technology.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

On the first year of project implementation the project is gradually picking up its pace and moving forward. The calls-for-proposals for the main subprojects have been launched.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74450	Effective	26.00	0.50	25.50	0.00
IBRD-P4290	Closed	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45



Project Name (ID): UY Institutions Building TAL (P097604)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 05/30/2007

Closing Date: 12/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P4340, IBRD-74510

Sector(s): Central government administration (83%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (16%), Law and justice (1%)

Theme(s): Tax policy and administration (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Social risk mitigation (S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S), Managing for development results (S)

Project Development Objectives:

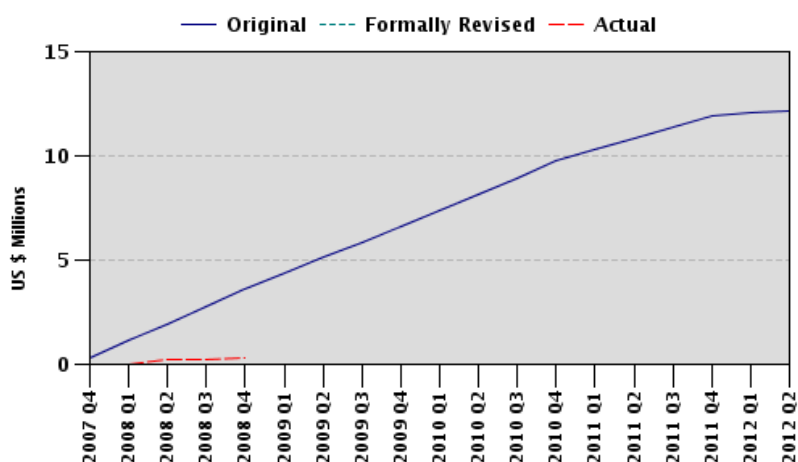
The objective is to improve Uruguay's public sector performance by: (a) modernizing the public sector in the areas of customs administration, monitoring and evaluation, performance-based budgeting, and e-government; and (b) strengthening institutions involved in the design and implementation of public policy reforms in the areas of taxation, improvement of the business environment, and social protection.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Monitoring and Evaluation in public sector has advanced considerably with the signing of Memorandums of Understanding with four Ministries -Labor, External Relations, Interior and Housing- which include methodological designs for each ministry's information system, an action plan and definition of working groups. A tax reform bill came into effect on July 1, 2007, introducing a dual personal income tax. The project supports the Banco de Proteccion Social, which is one of the main tax collecting agencies. Implementation to date has been on track. The project supported the development of a new software (Atyro) for tax declarations, the update of remuneration and deductions registries, new documentation for pre-invoicing of tax liabilities, and software for transfers to the internal revenue service. Several client services have been introduced (calling center, tax advisory services, mail and email support, and information via web page). Training programs and external relations actions were undertaken. Total collection of the new tax is close to the medium term target of 2.1 percent of GDP. Significant progress has been made in improving the information transparency framework for capital markets, including improvements in the legal framework for accounting standards (Decree 266/07) and a draft new Capital Markets Law has been prepared. Preparatory (consultant) work for the achievement of objectives under other components is underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P4340	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20
IBRD-74510	Effective	12.10	0.64	11.46	0.00



Project Name (ID): UY OSE APL 2 (P101432)

Country: Uruguay

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74750

Sector(s): Water supply (70%), Sewerage (30%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to ensure that Uruguayans receive more accountable, customer-oriented, and better value-for-money water and sanitation services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been made towards achieving the project development objectives in the first 9 months of implementation. The national public water utility Obras Sanitarias del Estado (OSE) has already initiated key institutional reforms to enhance its client responsiveness and efficiency, including the creation of an integrated commercial and operational department and the rolling-out of business process re-engineering, including the implementation of a new country-wide integrated information system. Works to increase the back-up capacity of Aguas Corrientes water treatment plant, necessary to increase the reliability of OSE's potable water supply infrastructure are under execution. In order to better tackle unaccounted for water, OSE has refined its water balance, and has met its annual target to replace 50,000 household meters. Finally, the expansion of the sewerage network has been finalized in Minas, and is nearing completion in Mercedes. Efforts to promote household connections to the existing network are also underway, through the launch of a dedicated credit program to finance internal plumbing costs.

Note: This loan that was converted to new pricing terms and required a new sub-loan to be set up. This has resulted in a systems issue whereby the amount of the loan is now showing as \$100 million rather than the approved amount of \$50 million. This will be corrected in due course.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74750	Effective	50.00	6.74	43.26	0.00

