

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08**

**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION**

**COUNTRY: IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF**

**Operations Policy and Country Services  
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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 report<sup>1</sup> contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

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<sup>1</sup> 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):** IR-2nd Primary Health Care & Nutrition (P069943)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 05/18/2000

**Midterm Review Date:** 03/03/2004

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-45500

**Sector(s):** Health (95%), Central government administration (5%)

**Theme(s):** Nutrition and food security (P), Child health (P), Health system performance (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives of the project are to sustain and improve health conditions in rural and urban areas through: (a) ensuring access to and quality of health care; and (b) improving the nutritional status of children under 3 years of age and pregnant and lactating women.

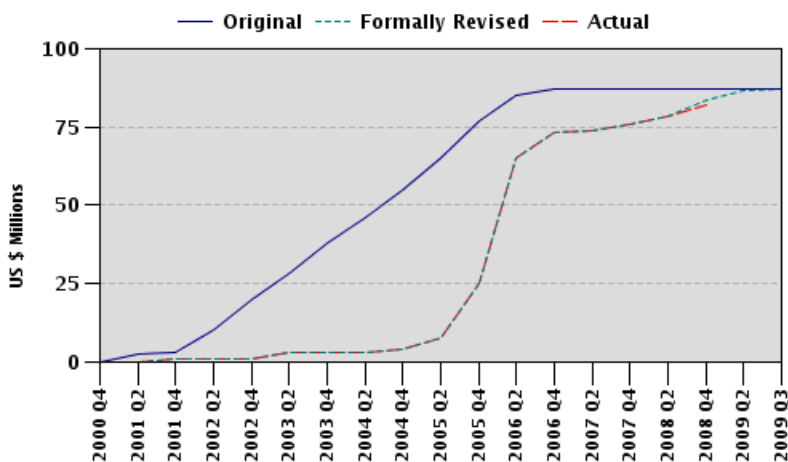
**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Access and quality of health care has been improved with the upgrading of health facilities and training of management level staff in key areas (nutrition, health management, health technicians, etc.).

Improvements to the nutritional status of children under 3 years of age and pregnant and lactating women flows from the nationalization of the food fortification efforts undertaken by government and flour fortification initiatives in three pilot areas prior to national implementation. Support to Avian Influenza prevention and control program is also on track and all activities are expected to be completed by the project closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45500	Effective	87.00	81.78	5.22	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Alborz Integrated Land & Water Mgt (P071170)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 05/26/2005

**Closing Date:** 10/31/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-P4070, IBRD-47820

**Sector(s):** Irrigation and drainage (90%), Central government administration (3%), Agricultural extension and research (3%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (2%), Forestry (2%)

**Theme(s):** Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resource management (P), Rural policies and institutions (S), Land administration and management (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

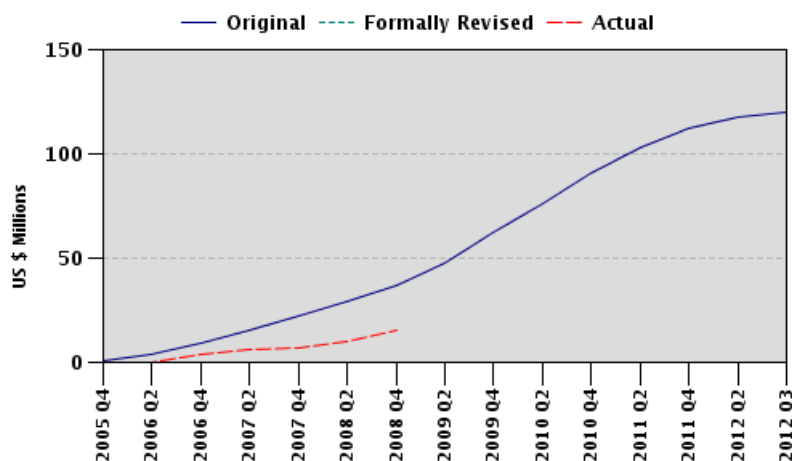
The project objectives are to pilot and demonstrate the benefits of integrated water resources management on a basin scale by: (i) sustainably increasing agriculture productivity through the improved irrigation and drainage system and participatory management mechanism; (ii) reducing soil erosion and sediment yields into the Alborz Dam; and (iii) protecting the water environment through improved water monitoring, reservoir operation and pest management.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall project implementation is satisfactory. The project has established a Basin Water Council and formal and on-the-job training has been provided to farmers and the staff of relevant departments to further the project objecting of promotion and creation of Water Users' Associations (WUAs). The project's Environment and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is satisfactory with overall good progress made by ESMP consultants in providing guidance for further strengthening and accelerating the execution of the measures in the ESMP. The Panel of Experts (POE) for dam safety will review all technical aspects before the first full reservoir impoundment starts in 2009. The first partial impoundment of the Alborz dam reservoir was delayed due to the severe drought since last winter.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-P4070	Closed	1.46	0.00	0.00	1.46
IBRD-47820	Effective	120.00	15.75	104.25	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Ahwaz & Shiraz Water And Sanitation (P071191)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 05/25/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/28/2007

**Closing Date:** 09/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-47380, TF-26482

**Sector(s):** Water supply (57%), Sewerage (43%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other urban development (S), Other human development (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

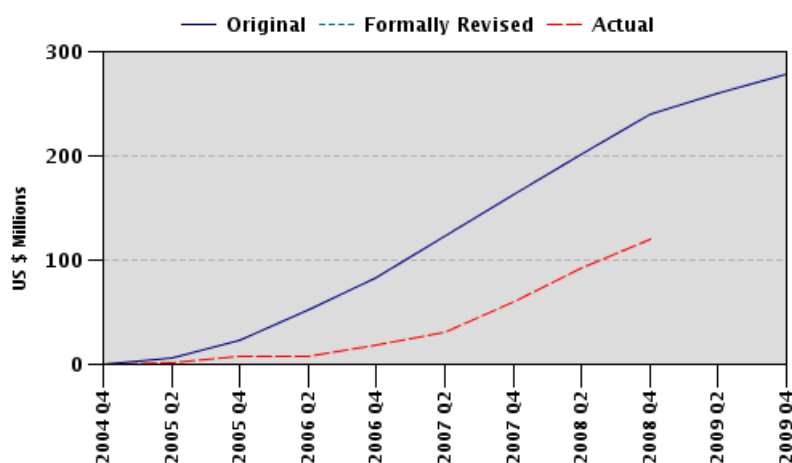
The objectives are to: (i) improve the quality of life in the cities of Ahwaz and Shiraz, particularly in the poorest areas; (ii) strengthen and develop the capacity of the Water Companies; (iii) assist the Water Companies in improving their efficiency, sustainability and financial autonomy; and (iv) carry out studies for future sector reforms, particularly with respect to institutional arrangements, improved utility management and the preparation of a sanitation strategy.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation has picked up pace after initial delays. With the completion of works in the next 12 months, the project will have contributed to the improvement of water supply with unaccounted-for water down from 35% to 31%. The project has started to contribute to the strengthening of the water companies through the capacity building component and the project is assisting the utilities in identifying bottlenecks and defining a business plan for increased efficiency and sustainability. Two on-going studies (sanitation strategy and optimization of sector institutions) will help provide the basis for decision making for future sector reforms.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47380	Effective	279.00	117.63	161.37	0.00
TF-26482	Closed	0.50	0.39	0.00	0.11



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Urban Upgrading and Housing Reform (P073433)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 05/25/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/14/2007

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-47390, TF-26698

**Sector(s):** Other social services (35%), Sub-national government administration (25%), Housing finance and real estate markets (20%), Roads and highways (10%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (10%)

**Theme(s):** Municipal governance and institution building (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Gender (S), Other public sector governance (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

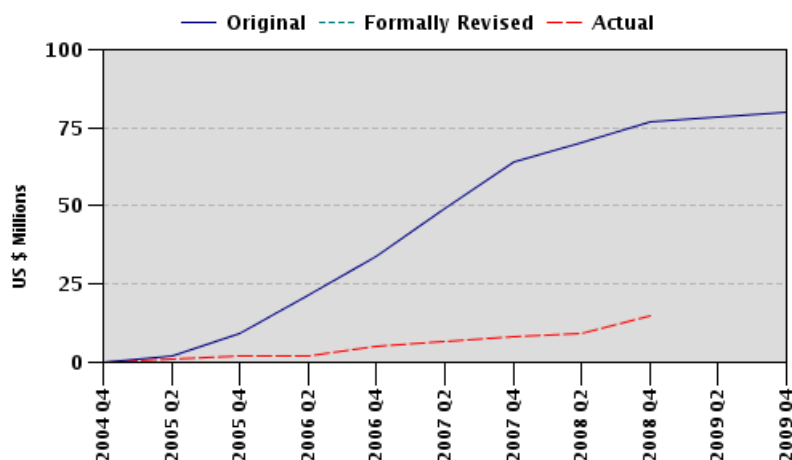
The objectives are to: (i) improve the living conditions in under-serviced neighborhoods in up to five provincial capital cities; and (ii) prepare the systems, capacity, and regulatory foundation and initiate market-based housing sector reforms.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After a slow start, justified by the complexity of the project, the project has made considerable progress towards achieving its main development objectives. The launch of all operational activities under the project; the increasing rate of project commitments; and the improved compliance with a number of project outcome and output indicators clearly indicate that the project is on track to fulfill its ambitious goals to finance economic, social and community infrastructure projects in the five provincial capital cities of Bandar Abbas, Zahedan and Kermanshah, Tabriz and Sanandaj. Similarly, the project is providing valuable inputs into the housing policy formulation process and a number of key housing sector reform studies have been initiated and are making good progress towards enhancing housing affordability and efficient functioning of the housing market.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47390	Effective	80.00	11.38	68.62	0.00
TF-26698	Closed	0.50	0.47	0.00	0.02



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Environmental Management Support (P074499)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 04/08/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/26/2006

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-46880

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (70%), Sub-national government administration (30%)

**Theme(s):** Environmental policies and institutions (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Water resource management (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

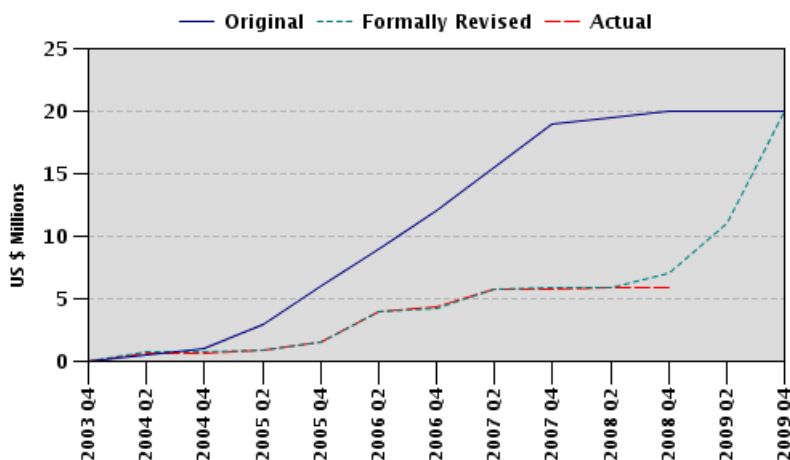
The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the capacity of the Department of Environment in Tehran, Isfahan, Markazi and Khorasan to monitor air quality, and in Khuzestan to monitor water quality.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Progress continues towards achieving the PDO, and the project continues to deliver it planned outputs despite delays. Progress to-date includes: installment of air quality monitoring stations in the provinces of Mashad (11), Esfahan (11), and Arak (5); preparation of the soil Atlases for the five provinces; the revision of the water and soil standard, and testing the operation of the Environment Management Information System in Khorastan. Also, as a result of the cost of the environmental degradation study financed under the project, the DOE Department of Education and Research received an additional budget allocation from MPO, of US\$2.5 million to carry out economic evaluations of the Iranian Ecosystem to be undertaken by national universities and local consulting firms.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46880	Effective	20.00	5.92	14.08	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Northern Cities Water & Sanitation (P076884)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 05/26/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-47830

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

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Other human development (S), Water resource management (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

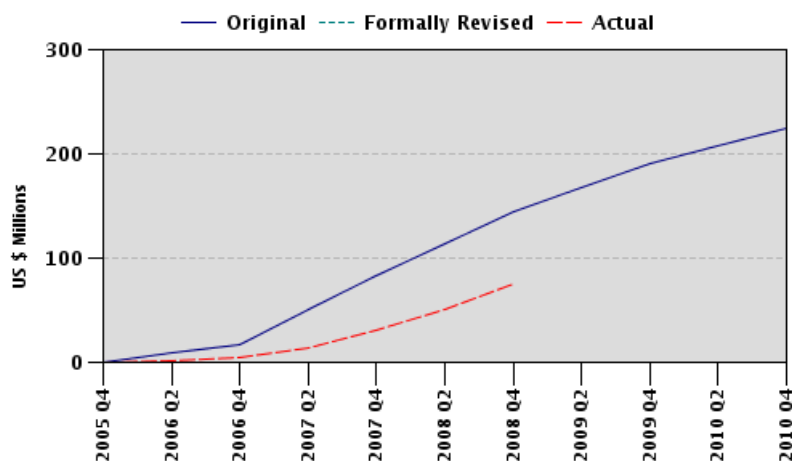
The project objectives are to enhance the quality of life in the four northern cities of Rasht, Anzali, Sari and Babol and improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of the Water and Wastewater Companies.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

After initial delays, project implementation is back on track. Most of the planned works are either initiated or under bidding. The water distribution networks and wastewater collection systems in all 4 cities will likely be completed within the next two years. The utilities are benefitting from technical assistance on institutional assessment and the development of a business plan for improved operational efficiency and sustainability.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47830	Effective	224.00	75.18	148.82	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Earthquake Emergency Response (P080802)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 06/03/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 05/04/2005

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-46970

**Sector(s):** Housing construction (35%), Roads and highways (25%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%), General education sector (10%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (10%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

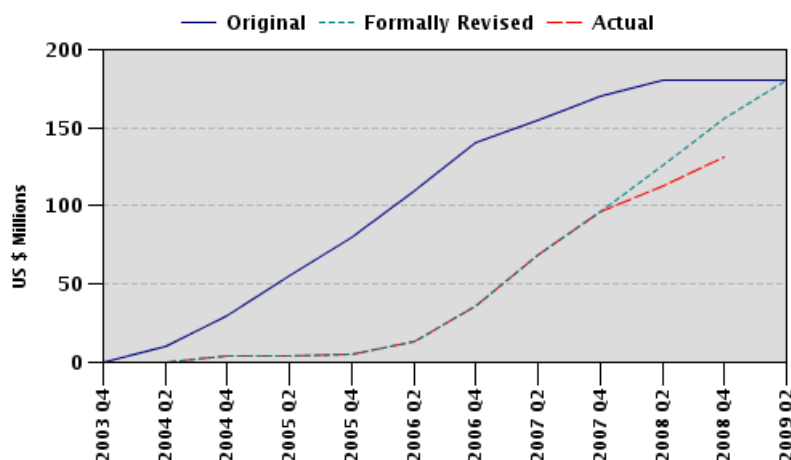
The Project Development Objectives are to: (i) relieve the social and economic hardship caused by the earthquake in Qazvin, Zanjan, Hamadan and Markazi, with a focus on reconstruction; and (ii) strengthen the capacity of the Government to prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is approaching the closing date and progress to achieve the stated development objectives is substantial. More than 90% of all small works have been completed or are currently under implementation in the four provinces, including the reconstruction of Social Infrastructure (e.g. schools, health centers, sport and community facilities) and Public Infrastructure (e.g., rural access roads, water and sanitation networks and electricity networks). The sub-projects implemented in the four target provinces are clearly achieving very visible outcomes. For example, the upgraded roads are already contributing to reducing car accidents; a large number of patients are using the completed emergency centers, while small fire-stations in the rural villages are attending an average of about 2 emergencies per day. Despite all the positive progress, an extension would be required to allow the successful completion of few ongoing works and to finalize some of the key studies and activities under the Capacity Building component aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Government to manage natural disaster risk. In fact, despite the commendable implementation progress so far, the project has suffered implementation delays related to an extremely harsh and extended winter of 2008, which brought works to a halt for about 5 months, and the current international geo-political situation, which is affecting international banking relations and the transfer of funds to Iran, with heavy consequences for project disbursements.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-46970	Effective	180.00	131.11	48.89	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** IR-Bam Earthquake Emergency Reconstr. (P088060)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Board Approval Date:** 10/28/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 03/03/2007

**Closing Date:** 05/31/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-47550

**Sector(s):** Housing construction (82%), Roads and highways (10%), Telecommunications (6%), Aviation (2%)

**Theme(s):** Natural disaster management (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

### Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objectives are to: (i) restore the living conditions of the communities affected by the earthquake; (ii) improve emergency preparedness in the Province of Kerman and the city of Bam; and iii) strengthen the planning and management capacity under the reconstruction program.

### Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made significant progress towards achieving its development objective. The rural and urban housing reconstruction scheme is now fully completed allowing more than 55,000 households impacted by the earthquake access to much improved living conditions. In fact, the project went beyond its physical target allowing about 20% more families to be housed in safer buildings. The project also advanced implementation of the sector activities, particularly through the rehabilitation and widening of the Mayen-Bam Highway, the installation of the new fixed and mobile telephone networks, and the launch of the pilot retrofitting program of selected public buildings (i.e., schools, hospitals, railway station, mosque, etc.). All of these activities converge to considerably improving the level of preparedness and mitigation against future natural calamities in one of the most disaster prone regions of Iran.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47550	Effective	220.00	124.27	95.73	0.00

