

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: IRAQ

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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): IQ-Emergency Electricity (P087734)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42890, TF-57818

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

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

Project Development Objectives:

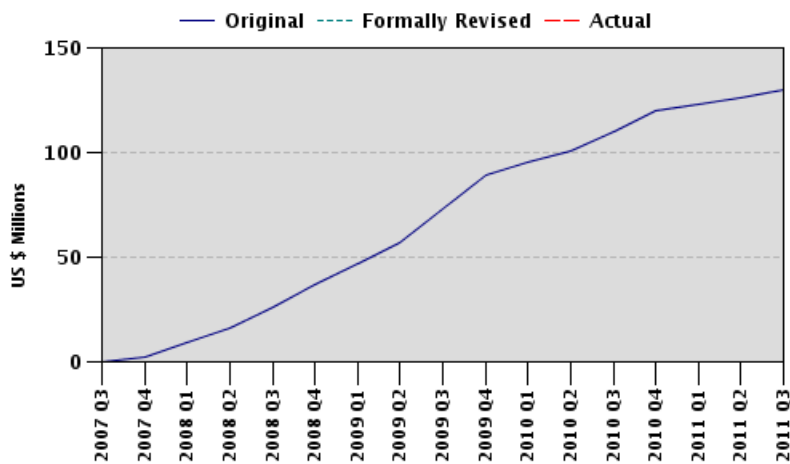
The objectives are to alleviate the current power supply shortfall by restoring the base load generation capacity of the Hartha Power Station Units 2 and 3 to 400 MW, and lay the groundwork for improved power system planning and fuel supply by providing the tools and other support necessary to enhance in-house capability to prepare, implement and operate current and future projects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Negotiation of the Hartha Rehabilitation Contract is in an advanced stage, however, signing is still pending agreements on security arrangements. The completion of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) has been delayed due to the inability to carry out air quality and noise measurements on the ground in Iraq. Measures have been identified to address this and local assistance is being sought to finalize the ESIA. In the meantime, Trust Fund component, focused on consultant support and capacity building, is progressing well.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42890	Effective	135.30	0.00	135.30	0.00
TF-57818	Effective	6.00	0.22	5.78	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-Emergency Road Rehabilitation (P087735)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42120

Sector(s): Roads and highways (98%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Improving labor markets (S), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (S)

Project Development Objectives:

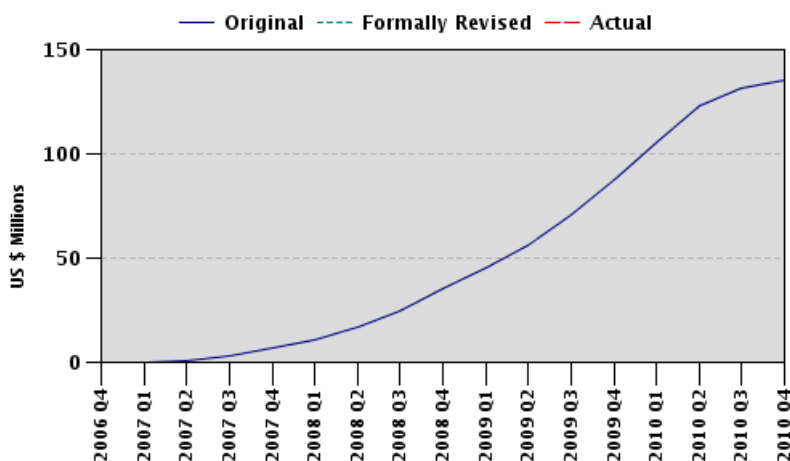
The objective of project is to improve the condition of road assets by rehabilitating highly damaged segments of the country's highway and rural road networks, reestablishing critical river crossings, and restoring the capacity to manage and maintain road assets.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been considerable progress in the northern region, by awarding of contracts for priority road rehabilitation, as well as the middle and southern region, by tender documents issued for priority roads, bridges and rural roads. The external auditors have been selected, the special accounts have been opened and the authorized specimens of signature have been submitted to the Bank. Disbursements are expected to pick up significantly in the short to medium term.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42120	Effective	152.34	0.08-	152.42	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-TF Emergency Community Infrastructure (P087881)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/10/2004

Midterm Review Date: 01/25/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53546

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (75%), Water supply (25%)

Theme(s): Other social development (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

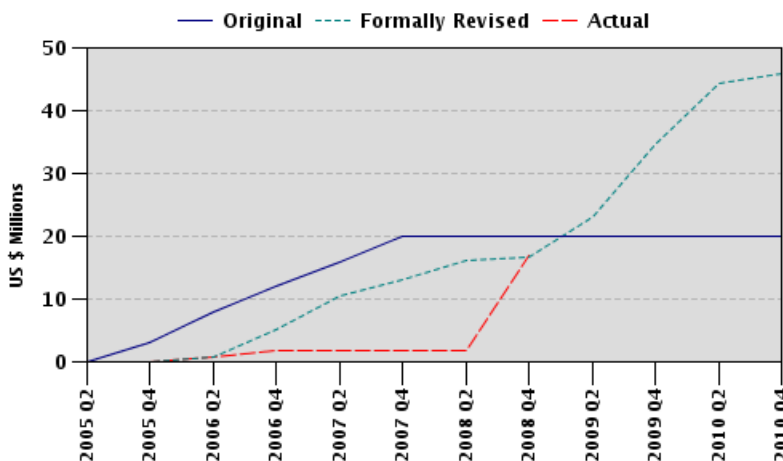
The objective of the project is to address current emergency needs for infrastructure rehabilitation at the community level and generate local employment opportunities. Activities include the restoration of rural water infrastructure using labor-intensive, small-scale civil works programs for water supply, irrigation and drainage infrastructure subprojects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is being implementing at a rapid pace. Twenty subprojects amounting to about US\$17 million have been completed in 11 governorates. The two remaining subprojects are expected to be completed by September/October 2008. Building on this success, additional financing of \$26m has recently been approved. To date, the project has created an estimated 177,000 man-days of local employment (66% of target PDO), improved approximately 70,000 hectares of irrigated areas (78% of target PDO), and benefited about 121,000 of end beneficiaries (62% of target PDO).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53546	Effective	20.00	16.80	3.20	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency School Construction & Rehab. (P087907)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 10/08/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53545

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (50%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to alleviate severe school building hazards by constructing new schools to replace unsafe or overcrowded facilities and rehabilitate schools in need of urgent repair. The objective is to improve the educational facilities for the benefit of the students, to create local employment during the construction phase, and to create long-term income generating activities in the staffing of schools.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

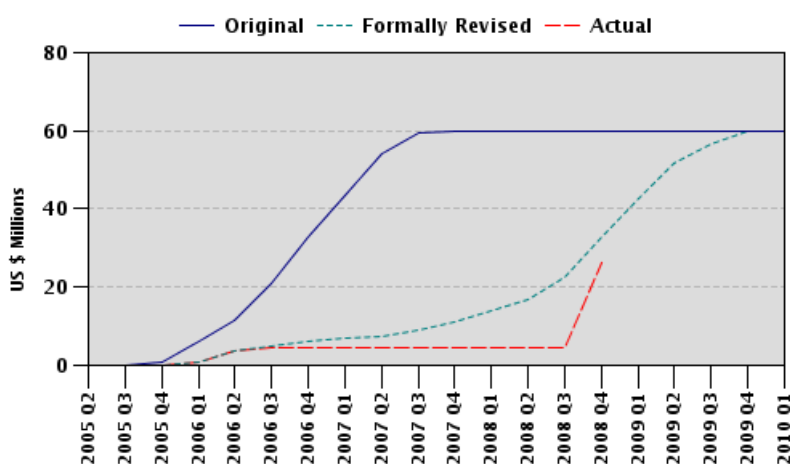
Additional Financing in the amount of US\$6 million was approved. This supplemental grant provides additional funding for the Emergency School Construction and Rehabilitation Project, to construct 33 new schools in the Marshland areas. The grant is being implemented by the three governorates concerned and its objective is to improve the existing educational environment for a higher quality of education, and to increase local stakeholder participation. As of June 2008, there has been significant progress with the project; 11 of 33 schools are completed.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Major rehabilitation of the 133 schools is complete, benefiting 45,000 students and creating 3,000 construction jobs. The construction of 16 schools has been completed under Phase I, while 16 others remain at various stages of completion. Under Phase II, 11 schools are under construction, while the remaining 12 are under evaluation. The total number of new schools constructed will be 55.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53545	Effective	60.00	25.23	34.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-TF Emerg. Water, Sanitation & Urban (P087910)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/03/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54455

Sector(s): Water supply (58%), General transportation sector (23%), Sewerage (9%), Central government administration (5%), Flood protection (5%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Other human development (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The projective objective is to restore basic water supply, sanitation and urban services for urban areas outside Baghdad.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

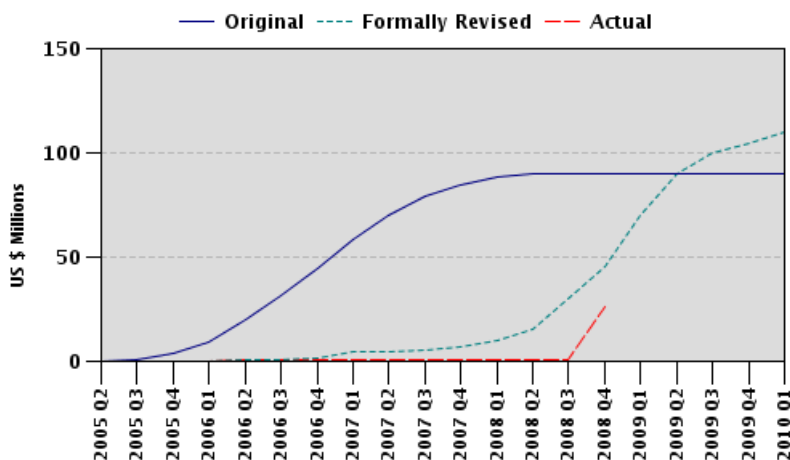
The Project was restructured in February 2008, cancelling a number of contracts due to the security situation in Iraq and unavailability of funds. The PDO remains unchanged.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation continues to experience delays. 14 contracts have been awarded to date (USD 73.4 million) and disbursement to date amounts to USD 28 million (equal to 24% of the Grant). The client has requested an extension of the closing date to allow for full completion of all project components and the PDO is thus expected to be fully met by project closing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54455	Effective	110.00	25.75	84.25	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-TF Emerg. Baghdad Water Supply (P087912)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/03/2004

Closing Date: 07/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54435

Sector(s): Water supply (58%), Roads and highways (23%), Sewerage (9%), Flood protection (5%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Other human development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

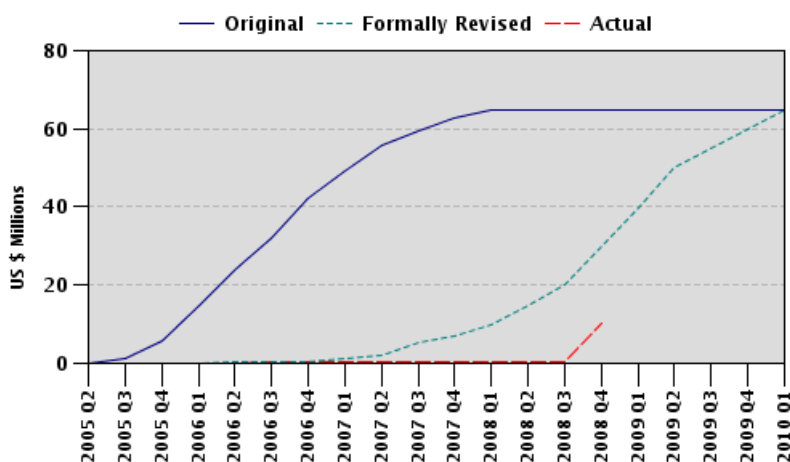
The project objective is to restore basic water supply and sanitation services for the capital city of Baghdad.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation has improved in the past few months. Commitments currently amount to USD 56.6 million (87% of the value of the Grant). The Mayoralty of Baghdad (MOB) has requested an extension of the closing date to allow for completion of all project components. The project objective is thus expected to be fully met by project closing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54435	Effective	65.00	10.26	54.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): Iraq Emergency Health Project (P091305)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 11/30/2004

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54404

Sector(s): Health (100%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P)

Project Development Objectives:

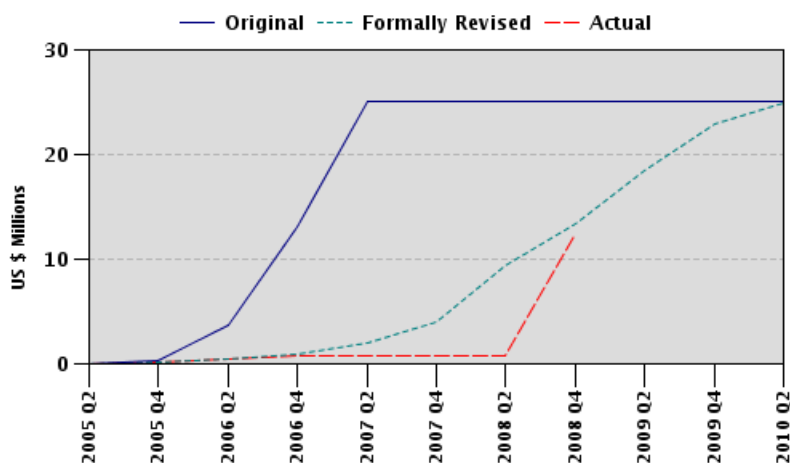
The objective of the Project is to improve access to quality emergency services in selected health facilities to serve the urgent needs of the Iraqi population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project, overall, is likely to meet its development objective. The rehabilitation of seven hospitals is completed with six of them handed over to the respective health directorates providing emergency health services and one completed with preliminary handover. Medical equipment (cardiac equipment, ventilators, resuscitation and operating equipment) has been delivered to all hospitals. The distribution of nearly US\$1.3 million of emergency drugs is completed. Twenty-two doctors have been trained in emergency preparedness and response through workshops organized by the University of Maryland held in Cairo, Egypt. Forty-eight doctors have been trained in trauma management by the King Abdulaziz Medical City Trauma Courses Center. Fifty-nine nurses have been trained in the same subject by the American University in Beirut.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54404	Effective	25.00	12.23	12.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-Emergency Private Sector Development (P091344)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 11/30/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54462

Sector(s): General information and communications sector (60%), General finance sector (20%), General industry and trade sector (20%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

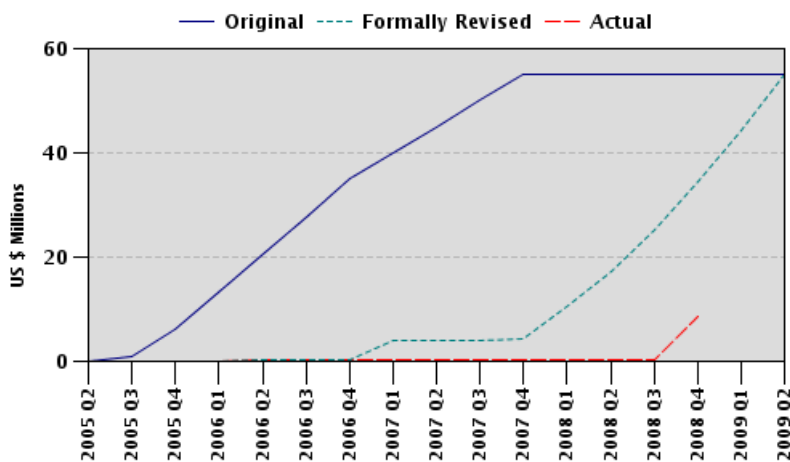
The objective is to provide a number of priority building blocks necessary to help develop the Iraqi private and financial sectors through effective telecommunications networks and better institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been substantial progress over the past year towards the project development objectives and procurement. Overall, implementation is proceeding well. All major contracts are under implementation, with the exception of the "Development of the Erbil and Basra Industrial Estates" sub-component. The latter contracts have recently been negotiated and are expected to be awarded by end-September 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54462	Effective	55.00	8.52	46.48	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-Emergency Water Supply (P094650)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 06/10/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44090, TF-56970

Sector(s): Water supply (95%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Access to urban services and housing (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to help addressing the urgent needs for safe water supply to nearly 250,000 people in Ghammas, Nasr, Wasit and Maumonah urban centers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved on June 10, 2008 and is not yet effective. Pre-qualification of contractors for the works contracts have started.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-44090	Not Effective	106.79	0.00	106.79	0.00
TF-56970	Closed	0.80	0.43	0.37	0.00

Project Name (ID): Third Emergency Education Project (P096234)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 11/29/2005

Closing Date: 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41280

Sector(s): Primary education (49%), Secondary education (49%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Improving labor markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

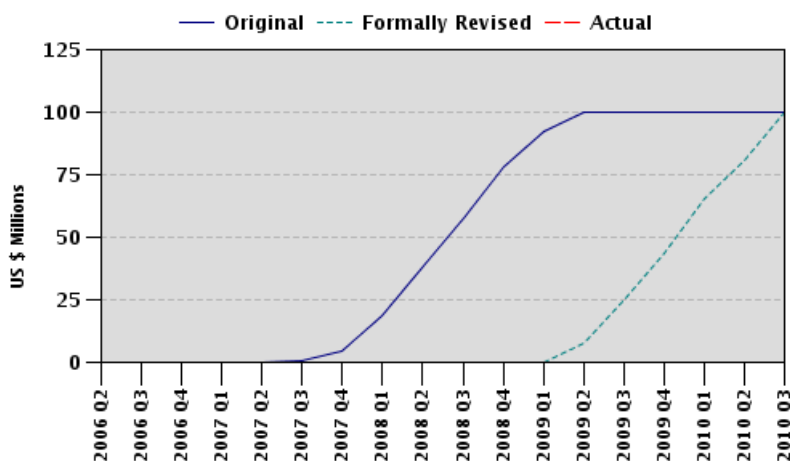
The principal objective of the project is to (a) reduce overcrowding in primary and secondary schools through construction of new buildings and the provision of furniture and equipment; (b) build capacity for policy reform in key areas of the education system: budget, finance, planning and strategy development, a national school construction program, teacher supply, utilization and development, curriculum development, institutional capacity; and (c) develop a national school construction and maintenance program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After an effectiveness delay of two years, the project became effective in October 2007 and implementation has just started.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41280	Effective	112.42	0.00	112.42	0.00



Project Name (ID): Iraq Emergency Disabilities Project (P096774)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 11/23/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54052

Sector(s): Health (50%), Other social services (50%)

Theme(s): Injuries and non-communicable diseases (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Other social protection and risk management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

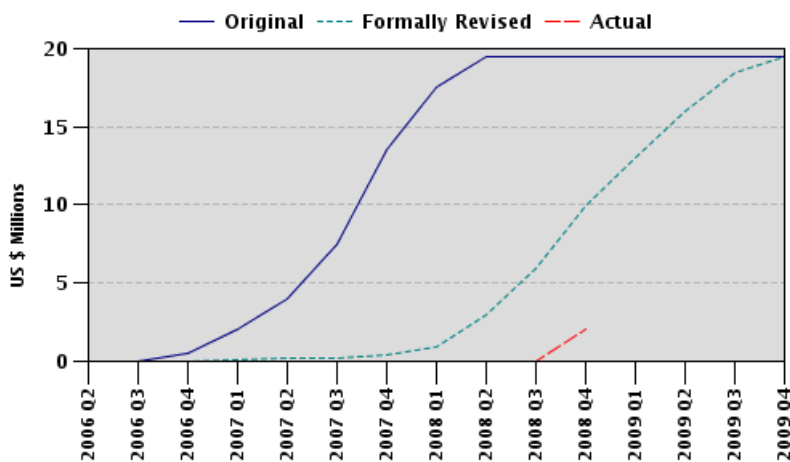
The objective of the Project is to support the delivery of improved rehabilitation and prosthetic services that reduce the burden of physical disability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In April 2008, the Ministry of Health and the World Bank agreed to a series of milestones to be achieved by June 30, 2008 to speed up implementation and set the stage for a potential restructuring. Since then, project implementation has picked up significantly. There is evidence of improved ownership and leadership and there has also been improved project implementation oversight. Project implementation continues to be affected by the ongoing security situation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54052	Effective	19.50	2.07	17.43	0.00



Project Name (ID): Household Survey and Policies for Povert (P098979)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 07/24/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56441

Sector(s): General public administration sector (100%)

Theme(s): Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (P), Other economic management (P), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S), Improving labor markets (S), Social safety nets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

To strengthen the ability of decision makers in the Government of Iraq to make informed decisions toward reducing poverty, creating jobs and protecting the vulnerable. Specifically, the project strengthens the ability of decision makers to:

- (a) Collect and analyze data on poverty and unemployment
- (b) Develop information-based strategies to reduce poverty, generate employment and improve the functioning of the safety net.
- (c) Assess the effect of economic policy options on both poverty and unemployment, including the impact of sequencing reforms and policies.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

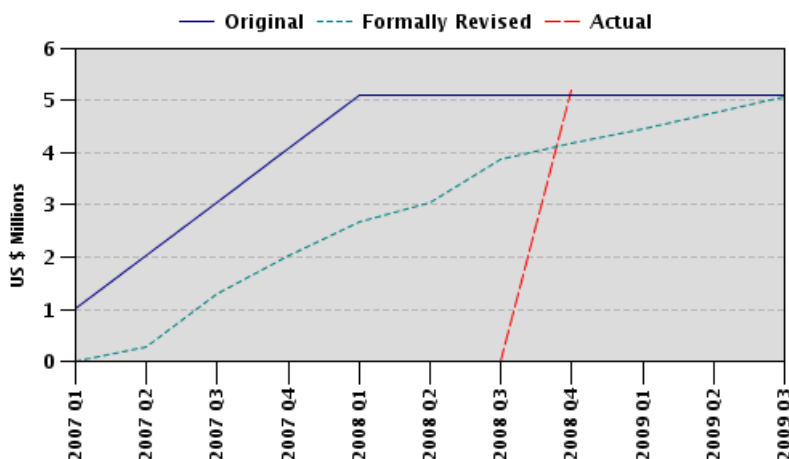
Additional financing in the amount of US\$2.5 million was approved for this project in FY08. This additional financing fills a financing gap (which emerged due to the appreciation of the Iraqi Dinar and high inflation) and permits implementation of expanded activities that scale up the project's impact.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The analysis of the household survey is moving along well. The Tabulation Report is nearly ready for publication and the work on the poverty analysis is in progress. The High Committee in charge of the preparation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper is actively engaged and working closely with the Data Analysis Unit.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56441	Effective	5.50	5.19	0.31	0.00



Project Name (ID): IQ-Dokan & Derbankdikhan Emerg. Hydropower (P099059)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 12/12/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-42490

Sector(s): Renewable energy (100%)

Theme(s): Other public sector governance (P)

Project Development Objectives:

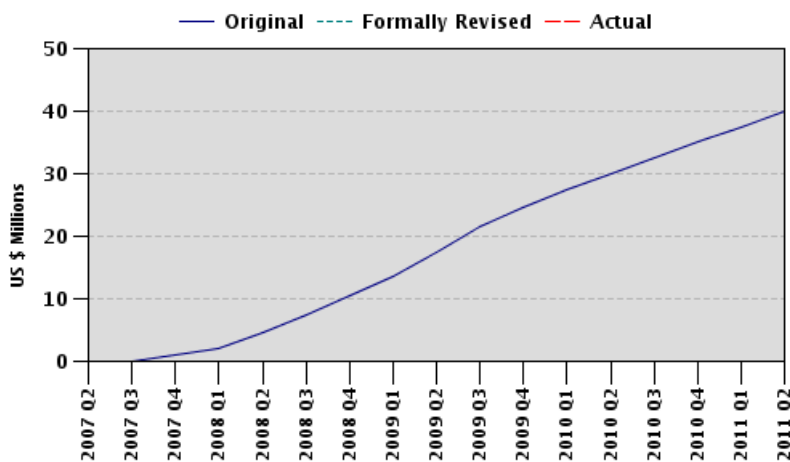
The objective is to help alleviate the current power supply shortfall in the Kurdish region through urgent repair work, strengthen the capacity of local operational staff, and prepare for the rehabilitation of the Dokan and Derbandikhan hydropower plants.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant progress has been made in preparing bidding documents and draft contracts for most remedial works and repair projects financed by the project. However, due to the general security situation in Iraq, contracting of projects allowed to be tendered by direct contracting has not yet been concluded. It is hoped that by the end of summer 2008 contracting of these pending contracts will be successful. In addition, the Project Management Team is in the process of launching bidding documents for other repair projects.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42490	Effective	42.81	0.14	42.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Social Protection Project (P099295)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 07/25/2006

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56808

Sector(s): Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (50%), Other social services (50%)

Theme(s): Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (P), Social safety nets (P), Social risk mitigation (P)

Project Development Objectives:

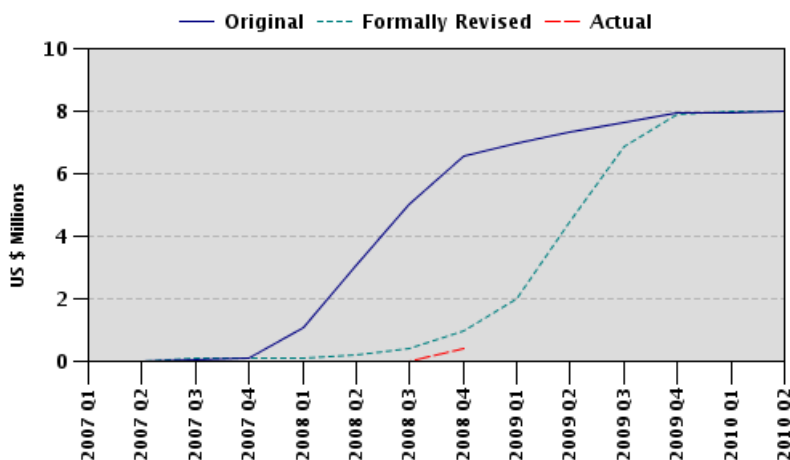
The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the policy, management and administrative capacity in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Finance to develop, manage and monitor pension and social safety net reforms.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although the project suffered from initial implementation delays, project management is strong, and significant progress has been made in the last six months: 42 Iraqi staff have been trained in IT systems (totaling about 850 person days of training), and the Pension Survey work has commenced. In addition, the Project Management Office (PMO) revised the implementation framework for the Social Safety Net Beneficiary Assessment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56808	Effective	8.00	0.45	7.55	0.00



Project Name (ID): KRG Emergency Health Response (P107698)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 06/18/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-92237

Sector(s): Health (93%), Central government administration (7%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Other human development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to assist the Kurdistan Regional Government to build capacity in the establishment of rapid, coordinated and effective response services to health emergencies, including those resulting from acts of violence, accidents, or natural disasters.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Project became effective on June 30, 2008, and project start-up activities have begun. A Project Launch Workshop will take place in Jordan in July 2008, focusing on detailed planning of project activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-92237	Effective	8.70	0.00	8.70	0.00

