

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: JORDAN

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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): JO: ODS Phaseout II (P049706)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 10/06/1996

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-22004

Sector(s): Petrochemicals and fertilizers (90%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The Project Development Objective is to phase out the import and use of ozone depleting substances (ODS) by January 2010, with the interim steps of import freeze at 1996 levels by 2000, 50% reduction by 2005, and 85% reduction by 2007.

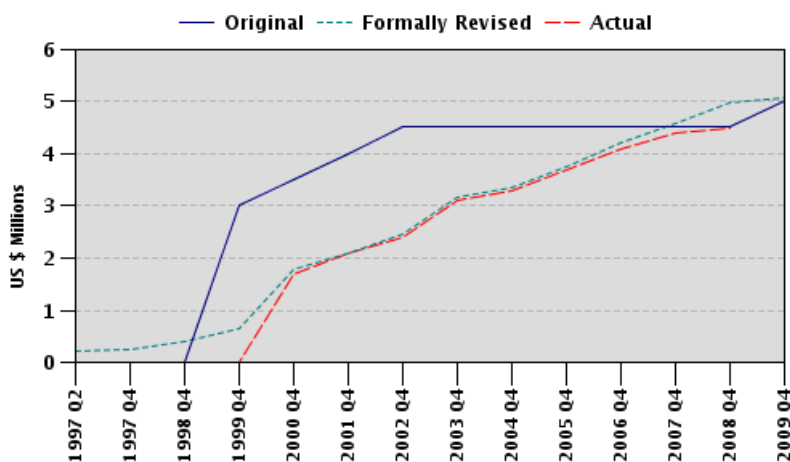
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

During FY08, the project progressed towards achievement of its development and global environment objectives through completion of the Mobile Air Conditioning (MAC) sub-project and implementation of the activities included in the Institutional strengthening component (including enacting the control system on illegal ODS trade, supporting the development and adoption of new legislation, promoting public awareness, etc).

Consultations are underway between the World Bank and the Government to support a chiller replacement project in Jordan, within the context of the World Bank's global chillers replacement project, approved by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund (MLF) under the Montreal Protocol.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-22004	Effective	5.00	4.51	0.49	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Privatization TA (USAID) (P053834)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 04/30/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52183, TF-21517

Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (90%), General finance sector (10%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Corporate governance (P), Regulation and competition policy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

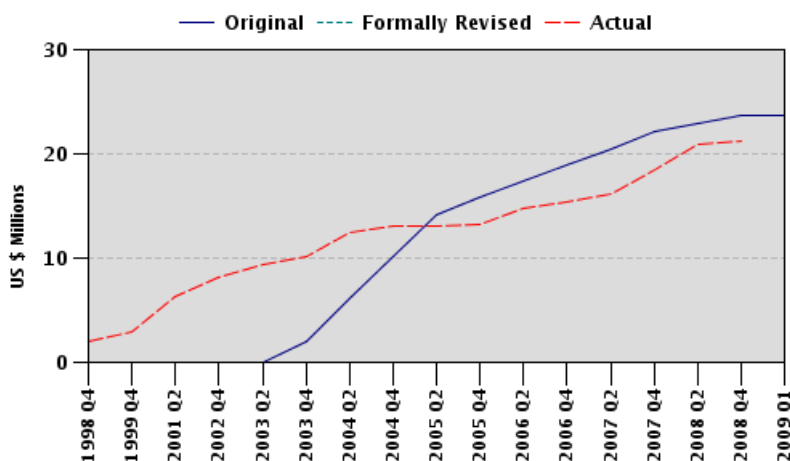
The original grant agreement supported two objectives: (1) privatization of Jordan's portfolio of existing state-owned enterprises; and (2) legal and regulatory reforms to improve the legal and institutional framework for business

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards meeting development objectives has been good. The Executive Privatization Committee has successfully privatized almost all of the portfolio of State Owned Enterprises it took over circa 1997. It is now transitioning into promotion of public-private partnerships. The Prime Minister launched an initiative in June 2008 to encourage private investment in key areas of service delivery -- e.g., transport, health, and environment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52183	Effective	9.50	7.56	1.94	0.00
TF-21517	Closed	14.21	13.72	0.49	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Conservation of Medicinal/Herbal Pl (P069847)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 05/06/2003

Midterm Review Date: 11/12/2007

Closing Date: 12/16/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52299, TF-23719

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (100%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Other environment and natural resources management (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

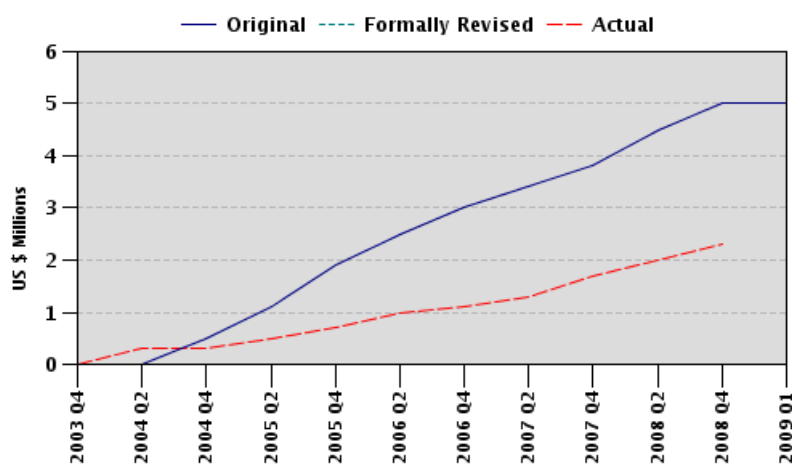
The project aims at designing and testing models to improve the conservation of medicinal and herbal plants and the livelihood of rural communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress towards the biodiversity impact and outcomes of the Project and the validity of its sustainable practices. Progress in meeting the Objective's four targets is steady and the key outcome indicators are on target. The Project Management Unit has already made good progress on key priority actions identified during the mid-term review, including more direct involvement of the Steering Committee and preparation of a detailed action plan for the last year of the project so as to speed up disbursements and reaching agreement on the long-term institutional arrangement for sustaining the activities related to medicinal herbal plants (the responsibility of the National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension). The closing date has been extended to allow the project to fully achieve its objectives and disburse the remaining funds.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52299	Effective	5.00	2.31	2.69	0.00
TF-23719	Closed	0.35	0.29	0.00	0.06



Project Name (ID): JO-Regional & Local Development (P070958)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53331, IBRD-74220

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (31%), General transportation sector (31%), Sub-national government administration (18%), Central government administration (11%), Banking (9%)

Theme(s): Municipal finance (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Decentralization (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Other urban development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

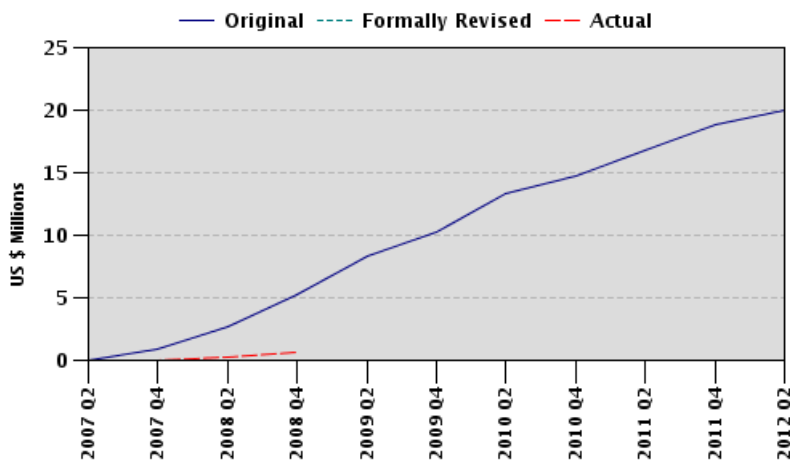
The Project Development Objective of the project is to promote regionally balanced local development, building on the role of municipalities as the lead agencies for local development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is moving ahead in an exemplary manner. Over the last year, responsibility was transferred from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. While this change generated some delays, the project is overall on track: all eligible municipalities have submitted applications for the Performance-Based Block Grants (PBBG), more than 50% of eligible municipalities have already signed municipal compacts and the remaining will do so over the next few months. In addition, all the municipalities with signed municipal compacts have already launched bids for small works. Among the early results of the project, it is noticeable to mention that the PBBG program has gained a strong reputation with municipalities, which are matching the grant funds with financial contributions well above the required minimum 10%. In addition, the project team is also very pleased for the recent announcement of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MOMA) 2008-2011 Municipal Development Strategy. The issuing of this strategic framework, which clearly identifies the project as a key element for the implementation of the reform agenda of the Municipal Sector, is a first step towards developing the Local Development White Paper, identified as one of the key expected outcomes of the project. In order to maintain the momentum reached by the project implementation and better support MOMA's new strategy for Municipal Development, effective donor coordination in the Municipal Sector should be encouraged.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53331	Closed	0.52	0.51	0.00	0.00
IBRD-74220	Effective	20.00	0.60	19.40	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Integrated Ecosystems/Rift Valley (P075534)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2007

Closing Date: 07/14/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-51187, TF-90462

Sector(s): Central government administration (41%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (33%), Other social services (13%), Other industry (13%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

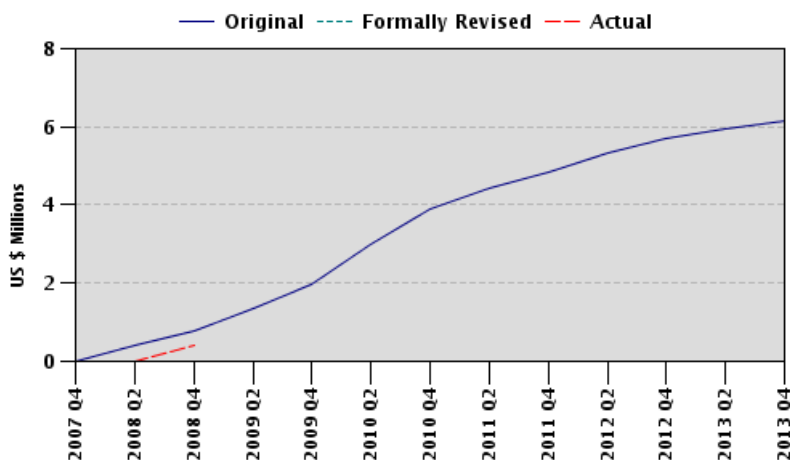
The project objective is to apply the principles of integrated ecosystem management to the existing land use master plan of the Jordan Rift Valley and establish a network of well managed protected areas that meets local ecological, social and economic needs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

With the Project Management Unit now in place, implementation is progressing well. The procurement of some key contracts has taken place and the work under Component 1 to conduct key assessments for the proposed Protected Areas and Special Conservation Areas sites, is now effective. The PMU has also progressed on the policy work related to protected area system. There have been two Steering Committee meetings with active participation of all members, and they have reviewed and approved the annual work plan and revised procurement plans.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-51187	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00
TF-90462	Effective	6.15	0.40	5.75	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Education Reform for Knowledge Econ.I (P075829)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 05/08/2003

Midterm Review Date: 01/16/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71700, TF-53276

Sector(s): Secondary education (35%), Primary education (35%), Pre-primary education (30%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

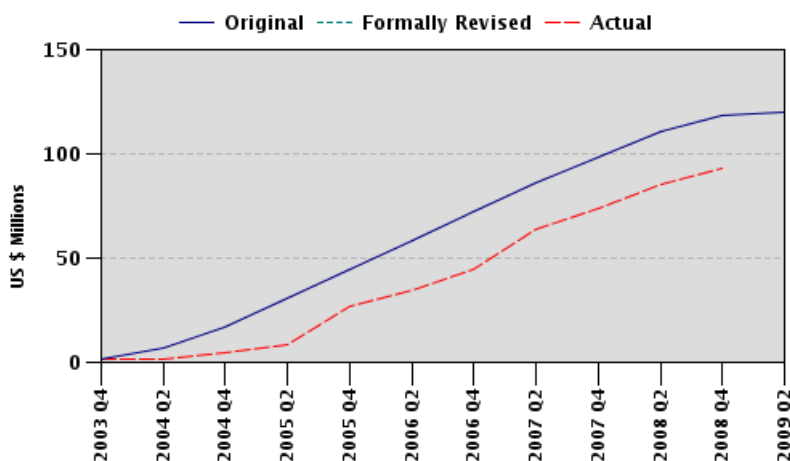
The objective is to transform the education system at the early childhood, basic, and secondary levels to produce graduates with the skills necessary for the knowledge economy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The system has been substantially transformed, with a new National Education Strategy, new curricula, textbooks and assessment methods, and intensive training provided to all teachers, from early childhood to secondary education. The loan financed activities in teaching/learning supplies and school construction/extensions. Targets for school construction, extensions and equipment supply have been met or exceeded. Targets for policy and institutional development, financed by other donors and the Ministry of Education, have been partially achieved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71700	Effective	120.00	93.32	26.68	0.00
TF-53276	Effective	4.79	2.55	2.01	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Amman Development Corridor (P081505)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date: 03/28/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72280, TF-51885

Sector(s): Roads and highways (76%), Central government administration (16%), General transportation sector (8%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Trade facilitation and market access (P), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

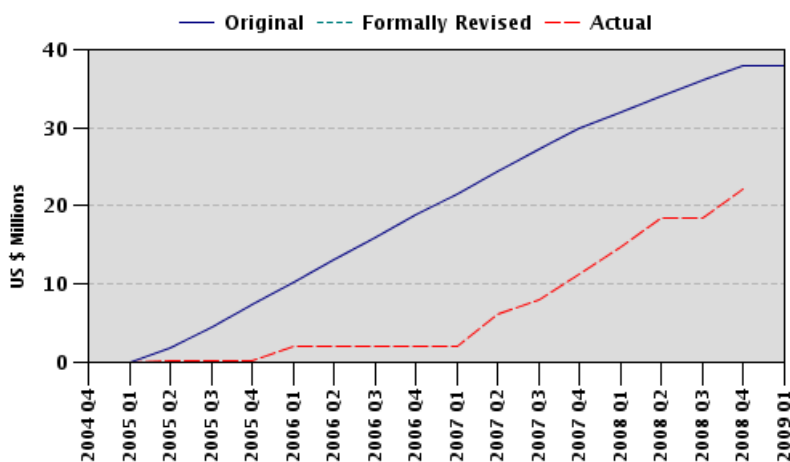
The project objectives are to support more efficient transport and logistics services by removing key infrastructure transport bottlenecks and provide access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development purposes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is proceeding well with most works to be completed by September 2009. However, due to major cost overruns, the government has submitted a request for \$33 million in additional financing. The request is being processed by the Bank and is expected to be approved by end December 2008. The project will also finance the identification of a first priority urban transport investment project in Amman. Funding of the preparatory activities of the priority urban transport project will be added to the additional financing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72280	Effective	38.00	22.16	15.84	0.00
TF-51885	Closed	0.49	0.49	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO-Cultural Heritage, Tourism & Urban Dev (P081823)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 01/30/2007

Closing Date: 09/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74260, TF-55611

Sector(s): General transportation sector (37%), Other social services (32%), Other industry (13%), Sub-national government administration (12%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

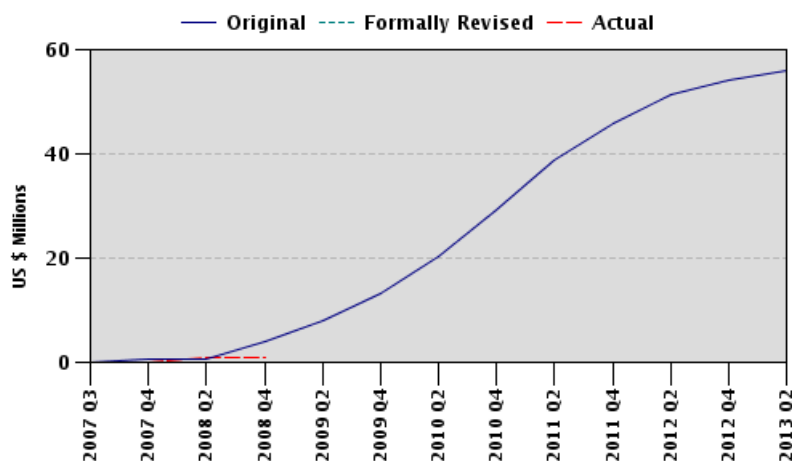
The objective is to develop Jordan's tourism industry in a sustainable long-term manner and contribute to local economic development in Jerash, Karak, Madaba, Salt and Ajloun--five historically and culturally important cities; and to consolidate the tourism industry in Petra.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Over the last one year of implementation, the project has made tremendous progress, thanks to the high level of implementation readiness achieved at the time of project preparation. Large works for urban renewal are either awarded or currently under bidding process in all the target cities and most of the planned consultancies for technical assistance have been mobilized. While the implementing agency at the Ministry of Tourism is facing difficulties in retaining key staff due to the competition of the private sector, the problem has been partly overcome by mobilizing two specialized firms to carry out the supervision of large works in the target cities. As all other investment projects in the region, the project is affected by increases in the cost of building materials.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74260	Effective	56.00	0.14	55.86	0.00
TF-55611	Closed	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO: Public Sector Reform Capacity Bldg. (P091787)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 03/22/2005

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72790

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

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

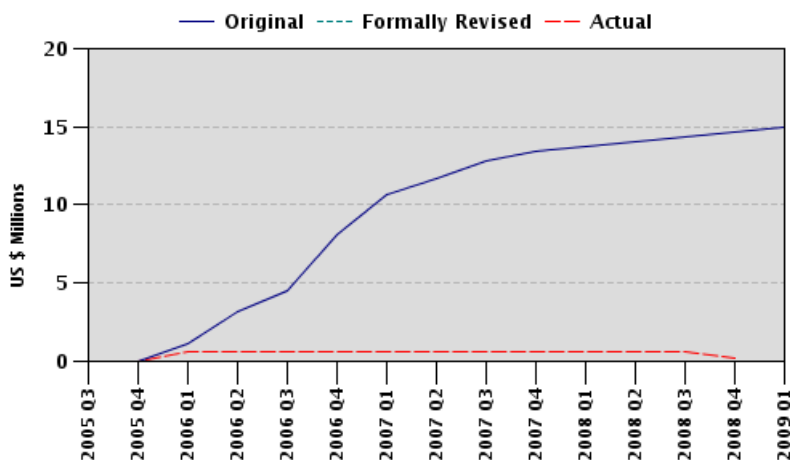
The project's principal goal is capacity building and implementation of the Government's public sector strategy, and seeks to support an important set of cross cutting reforms in areas ranging from policy coordination to improved financial and human resource practices.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The political situation in Jordan and the inability to move forward on a cross-sectoral agenda, has precluded the possibility of any progress in the context of this instrument. On March 25, 2008, the Ministry of Planning sent a request to the Bank to cancel the loan. This operation is now cancelled.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72790	Effective	15.00	0.16	0.41	14.43



Project Name (ID): JO-Promotion of a Wind Power Market (P093201)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/26/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54261

Sector(s): Renewable energy (83%), Central government administration (17%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The main objective of the project is to increase electricity supply from renewable energy sources in a sustainable manner through the private sector and thereby help reduce the level of carbon emissions from hydrocarbon-based power generation sources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved by the Board on June 26, 2008 and the Grant Agreement was signed on August 19, 2008 by the Borrower. The preparation of a Project Operational Manual is the main condition for Grant effectiveness and has been submitted to the Bank for review.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54261	Closed	0.35	0.23	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO - Employer Driven Skills Dev. (P100534)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2008

Closing Date: 09/30/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75610, TF-56968

Sector(s): Vocational training (69%), Central government administration (31%)

Theme(s): Improving labor markets (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P)

Project Development Objectives:

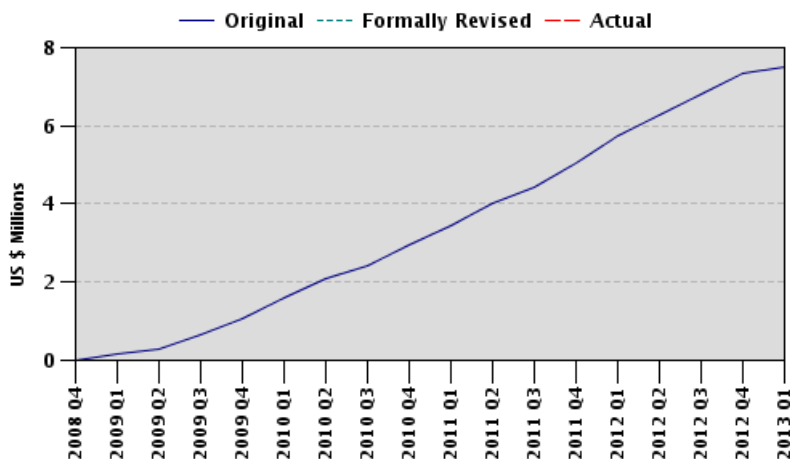
To realign policy formulation with employment, technical and vocational education and training (E-TVET) operational mechanisms through the development of employer participation in (i) sector policy formulation; (ii) institutional development and reform; and (iii) skill development program design and delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved on June 3, 2008 and is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-75610	Effective	7.50	0.02	7.48	0.00
TF-56968	Closed	0.35	0.33	0.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): JO - Social Protection Enhancement (P100546)

Country: Jordan

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2008

Closing Date: 08/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-75620, TF-56969

Sector(s): Central government administration (75%), Other social services (25%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to improve the management and operations of the cash social assistance programs and to improve the access to and quality of social care services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project has been approved, but is not yet effective.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-75620	Not Effective	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
TF-56969	Closed	0.50	0.41	0.09	0.00

