

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: LEBANON

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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): LB-Urban Transport Development Project (P034038)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2002

Midterm Review Date: 03/27/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-25375, IBRD-71230

Sector(s): Roads and highways (94%), Central government administration (6%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Other urban development (P), Regional integration (P)

Project Development Objectives:

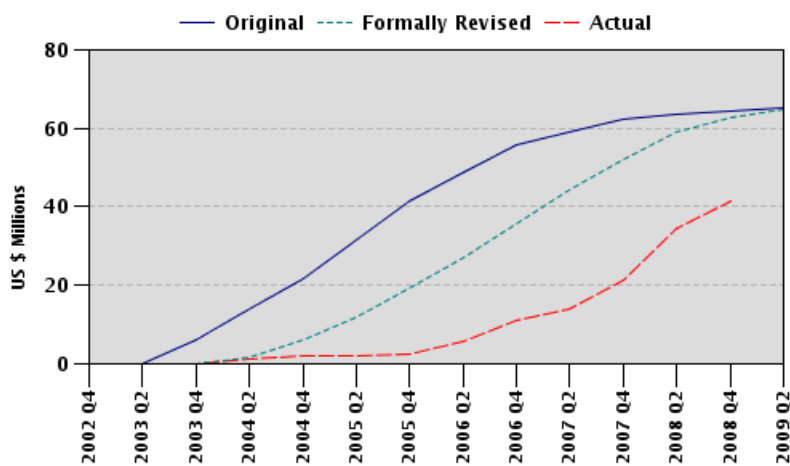
The project objective is to set up a state-of-the-art parking and traffic management system in the Greater Beirut Area.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall implementation progress of the Corridor Improvement Program is proceeding well with the exception of the Airport Road site which is now picking up. Previous causes of delays in the Traffic Management Program have been largely addressed, however, the lengthy processing of works permits by the Municipality have led to additional delays. Limited progress has been made on the Traffic Police issue. Due to project implementation delays and cost increases of critical goods, the Ministry of Finance is expected to shortly submit a request for additional financing of about \$70 million.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-25375	Closed	0.48	0.46	0.00	0.02
IBRD-71230	Effective	65.00	41.49	23.51	0.00



Project Name (ID): LB-Education Development Project (P045174)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 03/30/2000

Midterm Review Date: 06/20/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-70100, TF-25456

Sector(s): General education sector (100%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Access to urban services and housing (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to enhance access, and build the knowledge base and institutional capacity at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education that is necessary to initiate reform of the general and vocational educational systems in Lebanon. This will be accomplished through: (a) completion of an integrated policy and strategy framework for general education and vocational education; (b) building an Education Management Information System to serve both educational streams; (c) completion of a study relating to education financing for both education streams; and (d) supporting a process of institutional reorganization and strengthening.

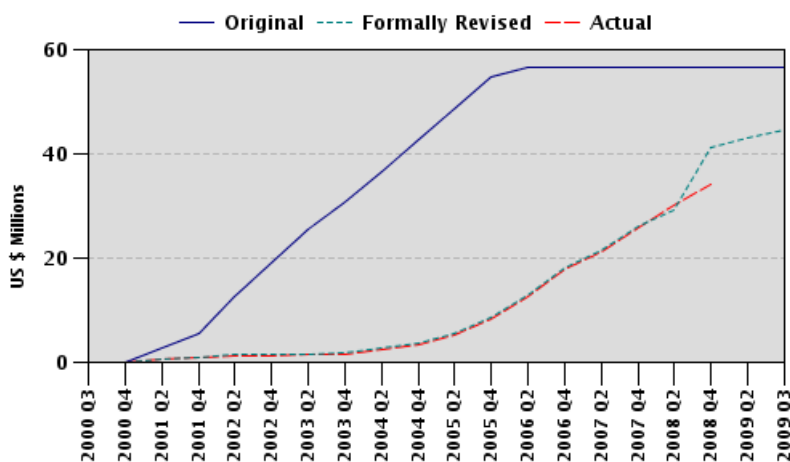
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made excellent progress towards achieving its objective. Progress to date is as follows:

- (a) A holistic Education Sector Strategy has been prepared.
- (b) Organizational Development is in progress.
- (c) While the Education Management Information System has yet to become an operational reality, procurement for the system is in an advanced stage
- (d) The Finance Study has been completed (including an econometric model developed).
- (e) Interventions aimed at quality enhancements have progressed very well and by and large are completed.
- (f) Infrastructure investments have also progressed well.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70100	Effective	56.57	34.22	10.36	11.99
TF-25456	Closed	0.45	0.44	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): LB-CULTURAL HERITAGE AND URBAN DEV. (P050529)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 04/17/2003

Midterm Review Date: 06/07/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71660, TF-25693

Sector(s): Other industry (30%), Roads and highways (20%), Central government administration (20%), Sub-national government administration (20%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (10%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

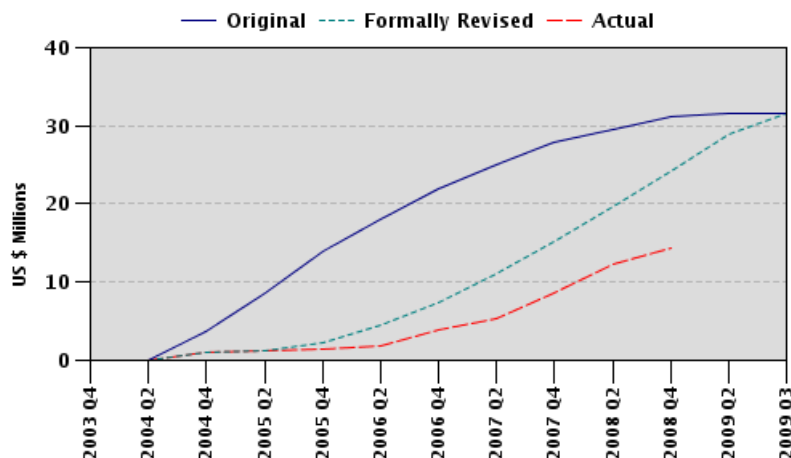
The objectives are: (i) to create the conditions for increased local economic development and enhanced quality of life in the historic centers of five main secondary cities; and (ii) to improve the conservation and management of Lebanon's built cultural heritage.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation is well underway but is facing a number of constrains. These include the current political and security environment, shortage in skilled labor force resulting from migration of qualified engineers to the Gulf countries, rapid price increases of building material and termination of contracts due to failure to comply with contractual obligations. Unfortunately, the recent events and civil unrests affecting the whole country have also caused some implementation delays and set-backs. However, the strong commitment of both the mayors and the project implementation agency has greatly contributed to move implementation forward, despite the overall volatile country environment. In fact, the project continues to show results also in terms of creating conditions for increased local economic development. The physical outputs such as public spaces rehabilitated, streets upgraded, historical facades and buildings restored have greatly contributes to create a pleasant and attractive urban environment, which is contributing to catalyze private investments and trigger economic development. There is clear evidence that in the majority of the target cities the project has propelled many economic activities related to cultural heritage valorization in the old cities, as local residents have recently established several new coffee shops, restaurants and hotels.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71660	Effective	31.50	14.31	17.19	0.00
TF-25693	Closed	0.35	0.30	0.00	0.05



Project Name (ID): LB-First Municipal Infrastructure (P050544)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 06/22/2000

Midterm Review Date: 11/06/2003

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-22549, IBRD-70260

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (45%), General transportation sector (23%), Roads and highways (23%), Central government administration (6%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

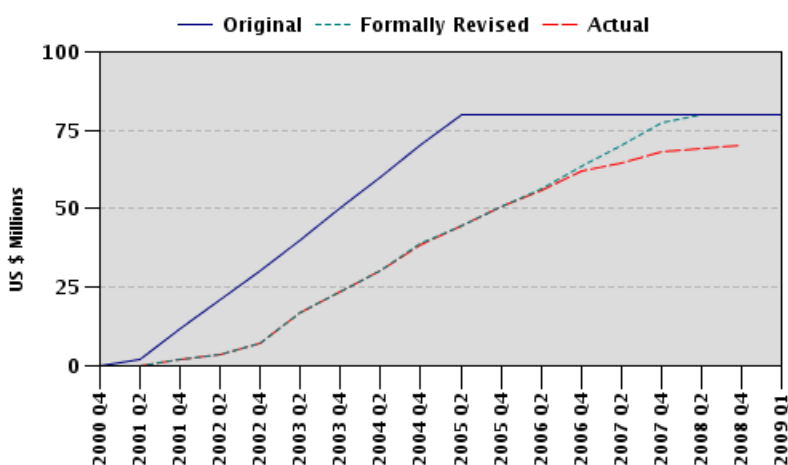
The Project Development Objectives are to restore selected basic municipal infrastructure to improve the living conditions, primarily in municipalities previously deprived of such investments and to set the stage for the development of the municipal sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made excellent progress toward achieving its Project Development Objectives. Assisting more than 700 municipalities, the project allowed to significantly improving the living conditions of the urban population while building operational capacity at the local level. With the physical work essentially completed, the remaining months before the closing date will allow the final hand-over of the various infrastructure investments to the respective municipalities, compensate the contractors for cost increase after adoption of the Government’s new environmental regulations, and implement a broad dissemination strategy of the Local Development Strategies prepared for five of the largest cities in Lebanon. The project has been consistently rated as one of the best performing operations in the Lebanon program.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-22549	Closed	0.38	0.22	0.00	0.20
IBRD-70260	Effective	80.00	70.47	9.53	0.00



Project Name (ID): LB-BA'Albeck Water and Wastewater (P074042)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 06/04/2002

Midterm Review Date: 11/06/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71170

Sector(s): Sewerage (49%), Water supply (42%), Sub-national government administration (7%), Central government administration (2%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

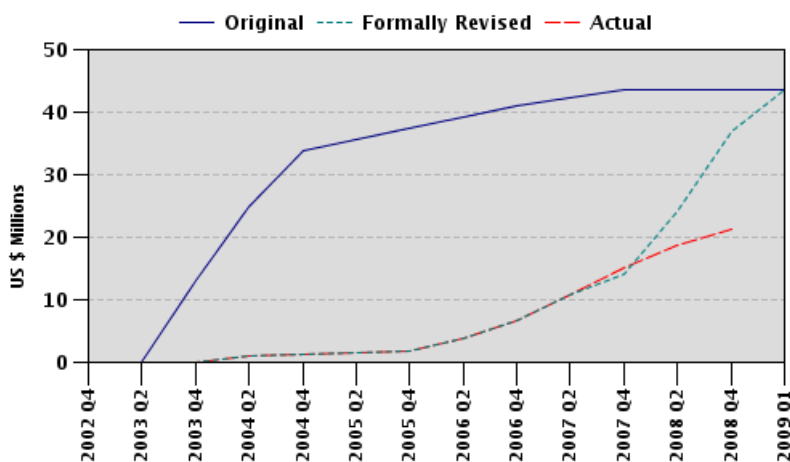
The objectives are to develop and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ba'albeck Hermel Water and Irrigation Authority (BHWIA) and the Zahle and Chamsine Water Authorities (ZWA and CWA), improve the access of customers of BHWIA to satisfactory water supply and wastewater services, involve the private sector in the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater facilities and rationalize the use of water through the introduction of water meters.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is proceeding well, however there have been delays related to the ongoing political and security situation, the 2006 war and capacity issues within Ba'albeck Regional Water Authority. An action plan to speed up implementation has been agreed upon and an extension of closing date is being considered in order to allow for the finalization of ongoing activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71170	Effective	43.53	20.17	23.36	0.00



Project Name (ID): LB-Municipal Infrastructure (P103875)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 11/03/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57505, TF-57333

Sector(s): Roads and highways (32%), Sub-national government administration (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (30%), Other social services (5%), General industry and trade sector (3%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Access to urban services and housing (S), Other urban development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

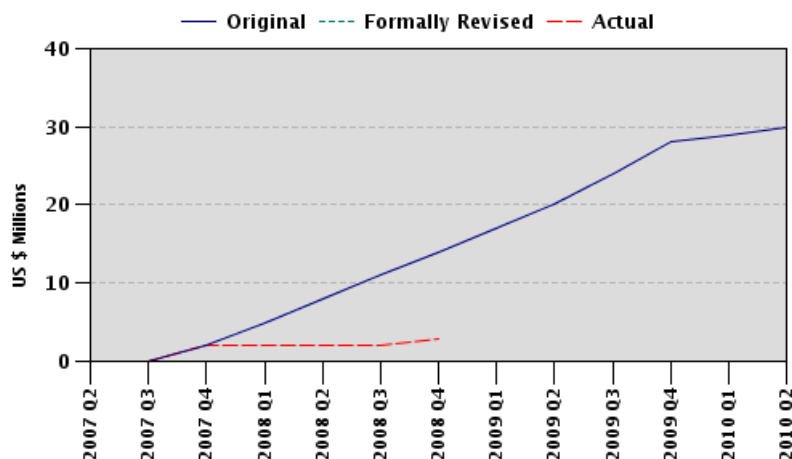
The project objectives are to: (i) restore basic services and rebuild priority public infrastructure in the affected municipalities and villages; (ii) support local economic recovery and development in the municipalities that have suffered the heaviest damage; and (iii) provide technical assistance to, and build the capacity of municipalities to mitigate the impact of the hostilities on municipal finances (within the broader context of developing the municipal sector).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well. Activities financed under the Grant have focused on restoring basic services and rebuilding priority public infrastructure in the affected municipalities and villages by the 2006 conflict. Simultaneously, the Local Development Program supporting the local economy revival was identified through a participatory process and is now ready for implementation. Moreover, the experienced gained under this operation has helped design an immediate response to the Nahr el Bared crisis. This required preparation of an infrastructure emergency operation of US\$3.5 million for the adjacent municipalities to the Palestinian camp, as well as launching a community development program through a US\$2 million grant from the Bank Post Conflict Fund. As the physical work under the project is advancing well, increased attention is now paid to the specific capacity building activities mainly: (i) the creation of the Municipal Observatory; (ii) the launching of the Municipal Finance Cell study program, and (iii) the implementation of initial beneficiary assessment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57505	Effective	30.00	2.71	27.29	0.00
TF-57333	Closed	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): LB- Bekaa Emergency Water Supply Project (P103885)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 03/20/2007

Closing Date: 05/20/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-58085

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

Theme(s): Other human development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

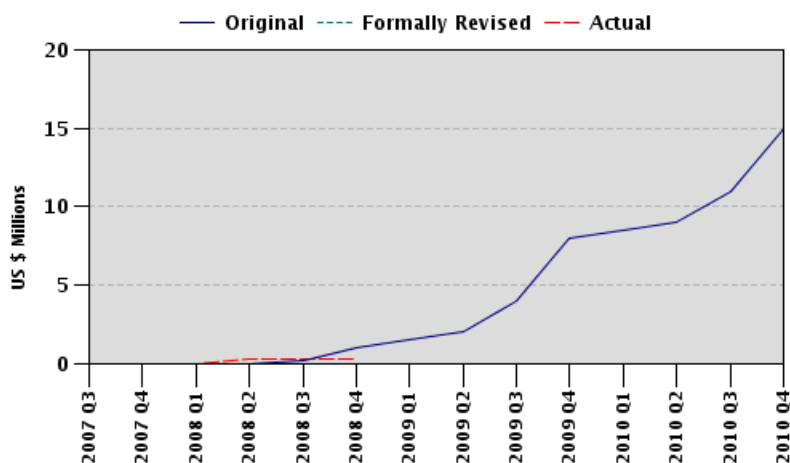
The key development objective of the proposed government program for the West Beka'a and World Bank-financed project is to alleviate the precarious conditions of the area's water supply systems, which have been further aggravated by the recent hostilities and long-term neglect. More specifically, the project is expected to improve health conditions of the population of the West Beka'a through the provision of non-contaminated water in increased quantities by rehabilitating the area's water network.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Detailed designs and tender documents are currently in advanced stages of preparation, despite initial delays early in 2008 caused by difficulties in accessing the site and unavailability of key data in electronic format. The Project Management Unit, set up by the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), is now fully operational and this is expected to have a positive impact on project implementation.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-58085	Effective	15.00	0.26	14.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): LB-Emergency Pwr Reform Capacity Reinfor (P104774)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 03/19/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-58084

Sector(s): Power (50%), Central government administration (50%)

Theme(s): Other public sector governance (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to accelerate the implementation of reforms and restructuring of Electricite du Liban (EdL) by enhancing the capacity of Ministry of Energy and Water (MOEW), EdL and the Higher Council for Privatization.

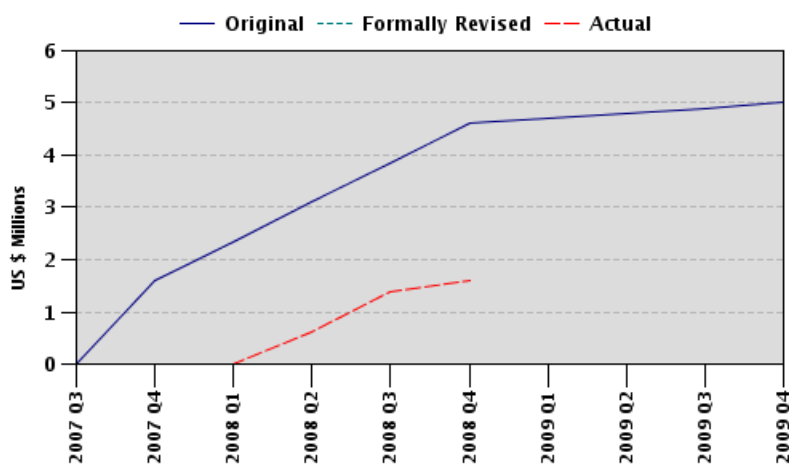
The project is contributing to the funding of advisory services which complement the service contracts, technical assistance and investment support currently provided by other donors.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The advisory work financed under this grant is continuing, albeit with delays due to the political impasse over the past 6-12 months. The first set of deliverables were of high quality, notably the work on restructuring of EdL and on the inventory of technical and financial issues and capabilities at EdL. The studies will serve as important input to the new Minister of Energy in formulation of a prioritized action program for the sector.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-58084	Effective	5.00	1.56	3.44	0.00



Project Name (ID): LB Emergency SP Implementation Support (P106489)

Country: Lebanon

Board Approval Date: 09/07/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Other social services (90%), Health (10%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the Emergency Social Protection Implementation Support Project is to accelerate and improve the quality of the implementation of the package of social sector reforms presented by Lebanon at the Paris III donor conference in the areas of social insurance, safety nets, and health expenditures.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been significant progress in project implementation.

(a) Progress in the modernization of social insurance system has been very good, especially with respect to the electronic claims processing and utilization control system, and the development of options to secure the financial sustainability of the health insurance branch

(b) The strengthening of social safety net component has progressed well. A targeting formula based on the 2004 household survey has been developed and is now complete. The main application form, based on the formula, has also been developed.

(c) The health sector cost rationalization component progress has been mixed. The Ministry of Public Health has established three national committees to accelerate work on the proposed reforms. However momentum has been slow.

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

