

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: TUNISIA

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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): TN-Ozone Depleting Substance (P005591)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/14/1994

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-21936

Sector(s): Other industry (78%), Central government administration (22%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

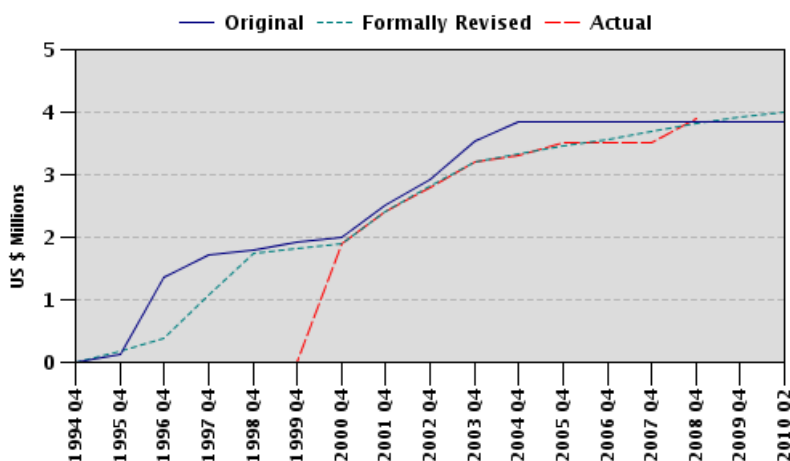
The project objective is to implement a strategy aimed at establishing an institutional and regulatory framework for decreasing the use of ozone depleting substances (ODS) and introducing, on a demonstrational basis, ODS-free technologies to the country's refrigeration, foam, and aerosol industries, thus initiating actions leading to the phase-out of ODS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to progress despite some delays. Given the continued nature of the project until complete phase out of the ozone depleting substances (ODS) and the support mechanisms in place, a request for a Fourth Phase of the Institutional Strengthening Component has been submitted. On the implementation of the National Plan for elimination of ODS, activities have been launched and the Tunisian National Bureau Ozone is committed to completing the technical work in the halon, foam and aerosol sectors by the end of 2008. The potential for implementation of a Tunisia Chiller Replacement Project is also being considered by the Government.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-21936	Effective	5.12	3.91	1.20	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Agricultural Support Services (P005750)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/26/2001

Midterm Review Date: 05/09/2005

Closing Date: 12/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-25459, IBRD-70630

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (65%), Agricultural marketing and trade (19%), Animal production (15%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Rural markets (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

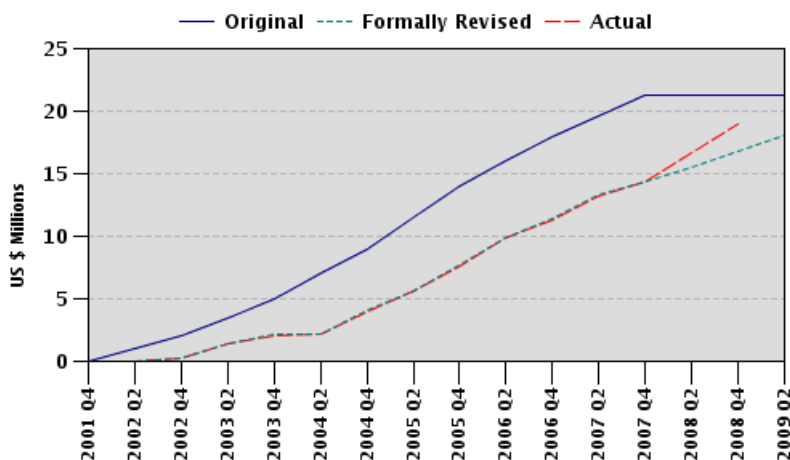
The project objective is to upgrade public and private services to agricultural producers, processors and exporters, in order for them to become more competitive in foreign and domestic markets.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well towards completion, with some components having achieved more than planned at appraisal. However, there are still some institutional issues to be resolved and the budget of the veterinary services is insufficient to expand the sanitary mandate or to monitor the epidemic surveillance network. Not all the decrees of the Livestock Law have been passed. There are still some investments to be made, though they should not be considered critical to achieve the project objectives as they were added at mid-term.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-25459	Closed	0.49	0.37	0.00	0.11
IBRD-70630	Effective	21.33	18.97	5.62	2.33



Project Name (ID): TN-Protected Areas Management Project (P048315)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/27/2002

Midterm Review Date: 11/27/2006

Closing Date: 08/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-21160, TF-22384, TF-28357, TF-51308

Sector(s): Forestry (61%), Central government administration (29%), General education sector (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Export development and competitiveness (P)

Project Development Objectives:

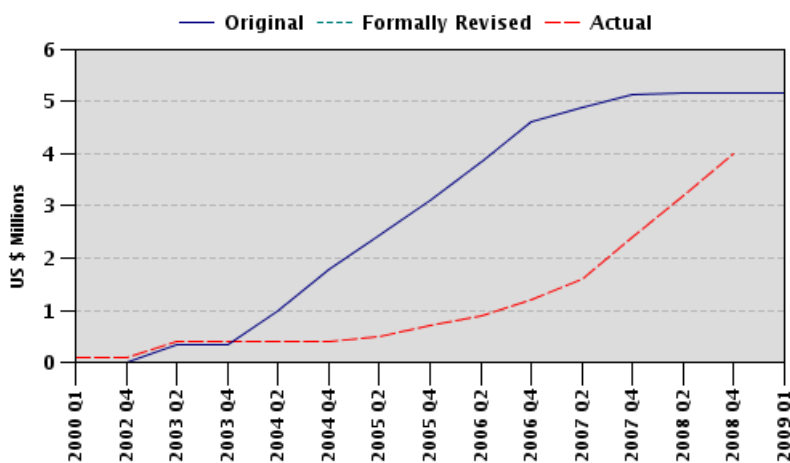
The project objective is to improve the management and protection of three national parks for the conservation of globally significant biodiversity and contribute to the welfare of the local population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress towards achieving its objective, particularly in the area of biodiversity conservation and local population participation around the parks. Recent project indicators show increased population of birds, mammals and vegetation. Park management and promotion, and community participation have contributed to improved welfare through the rehabilitation and construction of access and service roads, protection fencing, rehabilitation of eco-museums, improved access to water for the population and their livestock, and the regeneration of vegetation, tree plantings, and the reintroduction of wildlife species into the depleted park resources. For the communities around the parks, micro projects continue to be financed for livestock production, beekeeping, and handicrafts promotion, as part of the community development plans.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-21160	Closed	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.00
TF-22384	Closed	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
TF-28357	Closed	0.09	0.08	0.00	0.01
TF-51308	Effective	5.13	3.96	1.17	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Cultural Heritage (P048825)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/12/2001

Midterm Review Date: 01/24/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-51463, IBRD-70590, TF-27148

Sector(s): Other social services (78%), Law and justice (12%), Other industry (9%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Law reform (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Export development and competitiveness (S)

Project Development Objectives:

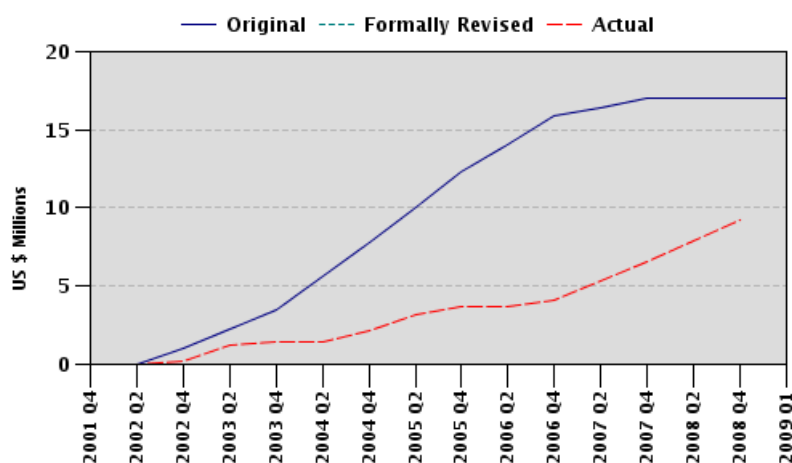
The objective is to improve the management of cultural heritage in order to develop cultural tourism and generate additional revenues.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Implementation is proceeding well, albeit at a somewhat slow pace. There is a particular need to fill key positions such as technical director, communication specialist, and training specialist in order to keep implementation on track. The Djerba Museum is ready for inauguration (now planned early October, 2008) and the works are progressing satisfactorily on the Sousse Museum site. The works planned on the Kairouan medina circuit is well underway, and so is the signing of the main heritage sites on the main road network. Training activities have been partially completed. The three-year project extension should also provide the opportunity for further enhancement of the legal framework and strengthening of cultural heritage management institutions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-51463	Closed	0.33	0.30	0.00	0.02
IBRD-70590	Effective	17.00	9.17	10.81	0.00
TF-27148	Closed	0.45	0.42	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): TN-Transport Sector Investment (P064082)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 04/19/2001

Midterm Review Date: 01/10/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-70510

Sector(s): General transportation sector (52%), Railways (30%), Sub-national government administration (15%), Central government administration (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

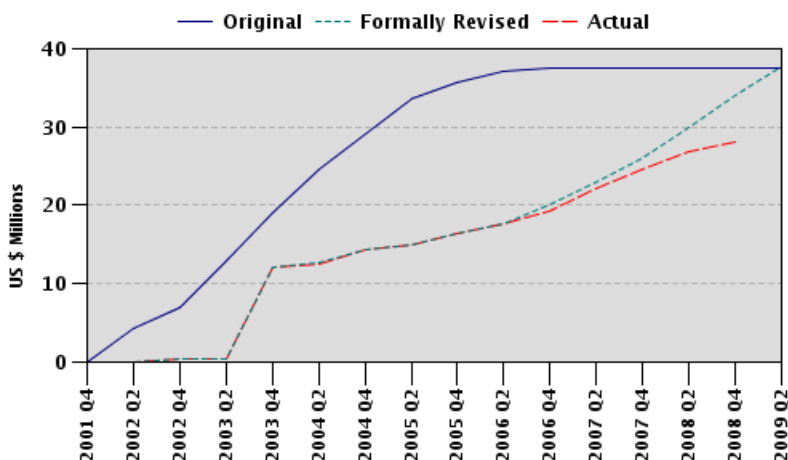
The objectives of the program are to increase the efficiency and quality of transport services and reduce the financial burden of the transport sector on the Government's budget.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

On the reform front the Transport Law has reorganized the institutional setup for urban transport, although all implementing Decrees are yet to be enacted. The percentage of urban transport services operated by private sector has remained stable, but the Ministry of Transport is preparing a plan to expand the role of private companies. By and large project activities are progressing, although procurement delays have affected the schedule of several investments and studies, up to a point where some will not be completed by the loan closing date. However, the Government has agreed to finance any remainder tasks out of budget resources.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70510	Effective	37.60	28.13	16.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Urban Water Supply (P064836)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 11/17/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-29347, TF-25853, IBRD-73390

Sector(s): Water supply (90%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Other financial and private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

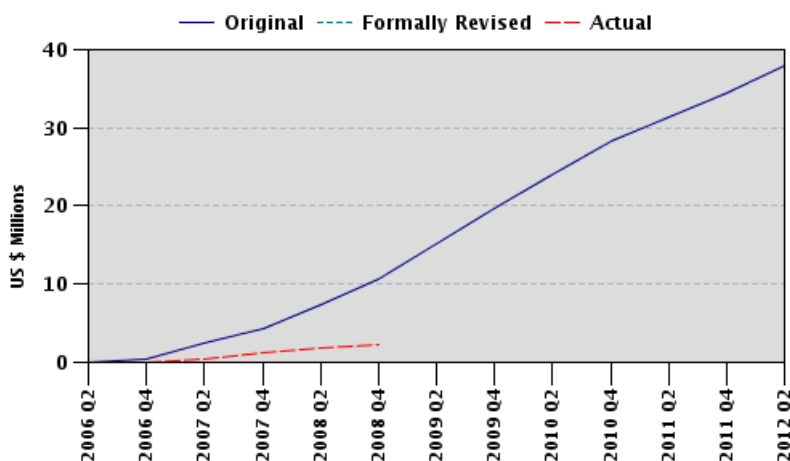
The key development objective is to sustain the reliability and quality of water service in Greater Tunis and selected urban centers, through increased capacity, upgrade and renewal of water supply infrastructure. In addition, the project aims to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (operations, through modernization of management practices and information systems, for better cost control, enhanced revenue and more responsive customer service

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing slowly but steadily. The two largest infrastructure components (new ST4 water treatment plant and rehabilitation of the Ghedir El Golla to Ras Tabia pipeline) are taking more time than expected to be executed due to the long document-evaluation time required by the Tunisian Commission Superieure des Marches, the complexity of the design and the handling of environmental issues in tender documents. The capacity building components are proceeding very well. For the first time a Bank project is addressing issues of integrated management information systems, corporate strategy, financial model of Societe National d'Exploitation et de Distributions des Eaux (SONEDE) and HR related issues together with Office National de l'Assainissement (ONAS) and it is expected that this process will facilitate and strengthen cooperation between both institutions. These components are well advanced and are all expected to be launched during the last quarter of 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-29347	Closed	0.41	0.34	0.00	0.10
TF-25853	Closed	0.50	0.25	0.00	0.26
IBRD-73390	Effective	38.03	2.28	36.31	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-GEF: Gulf of Gabes (P069460)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 03/10/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54942, TF-22968

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (50%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (30%), General public administration sector (20%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Water resource management (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

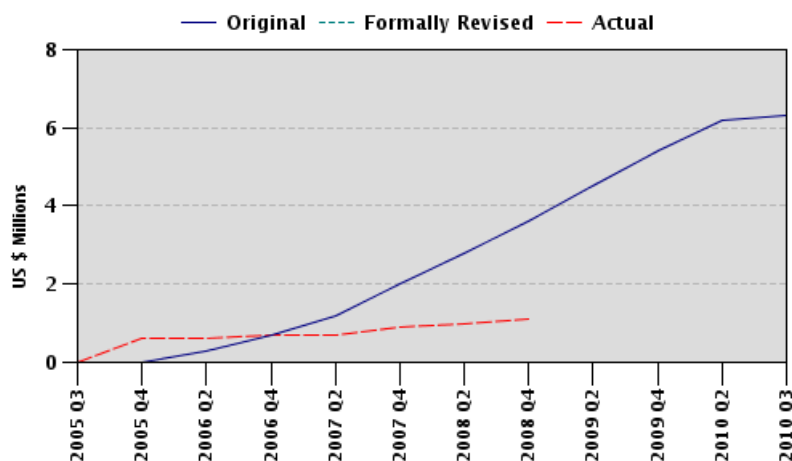
The project's development objective is to establish an integrated and participatory management system for biodiversity protection in the Gulf of Gabes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Given the relatively large number of implementing agencies and the number of planned deliverables, the project has to date focused on setting up coordination mechanisms and initiation of the studies and activities. A more effective participatory approach will be followed, with increased recognition of the role of NGOs. The operationalization of the various Management Plans developed during the first phase of the project has recently started, which is a key step towards the establishment of the planned integrated management system.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54942	Effective	6.31	1.12	5.19	0.00
TF-22968	Closed	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Export Development II (P071115)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/12/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72390, IBRD-74870, TF-51356

Sector(s): Central government administration (30%), General industry and trade sector (30%), Other industry (20%), Agro-industry (15%), Micro- and SME finance (5%)

Theme(s): Export development and competitiveness (P), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Trade facilitation and market access (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) improve access to export markets and finance, and (b) enhance the efficiency of trade logistics.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

An additional financing was made available for this project in March 2008. The purpose was to allow the matching-grants scheme aimed at improving the access to export markets to meet the increasing demand of Tunisian firms, which is a testimony to the success of the scheme.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

On the access to export markets side, by June 2008, close to 800 firms have been approved for participation in the matching grant scheme aimed at improving access to export markets. 460 firms have completed their export plans and generated significant amounts of additional exports. Project targets in terms of numbers of firms involved have already been reached. In addition, an increasing number of Tunisian firms now require the services of a new pre-shipment export finance guarantee facility created under the project.

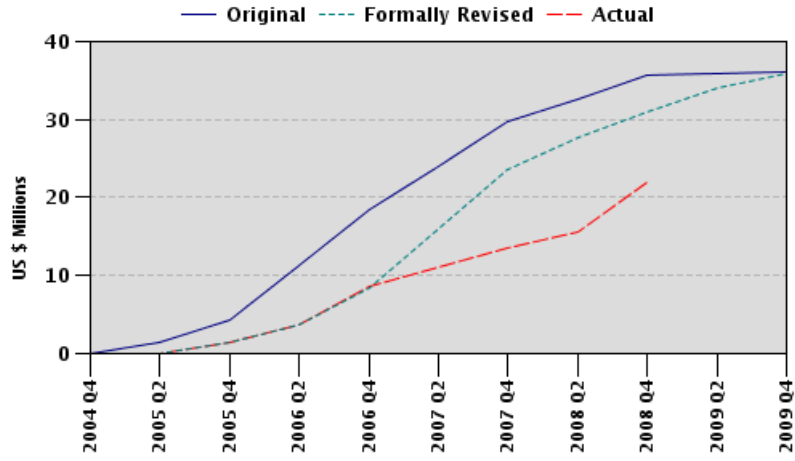
In the trade facilitation area, within the first two years of the project activity, notification delays of mandatory Tunisian technical controls standards to WTO and the access time to WTO notification of foreign technical control regulations have been reduced to about two months instead of 6-12 months before the project. About half of all technical controls on imports are now done on-line against none before the project. Finally, average customs clearance time has been reduced to about 20 minutes against 3.6 days before the project.

Overall, the project has seen good progress and is likely to reach its development objectives. By the middle of the project, most of the outcome indicators have already been reached.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72390	Effective	36.00	21.84	16.45	0.18
IBRD-74870	Effective	6.00	0.02	5.99	0.00
TF-51356	Closed	0.50	0.14	0.00	0.35





Project Name (ID): TN-NW Mountainous and For. Areas Dev. (P072317)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 10/31/2002

Midterm Review Date: 01/29/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26699, IBRD-71510

Sector(s): Roads and highways (35%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (30%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Crops (15%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Rural markets (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Land administration and management (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

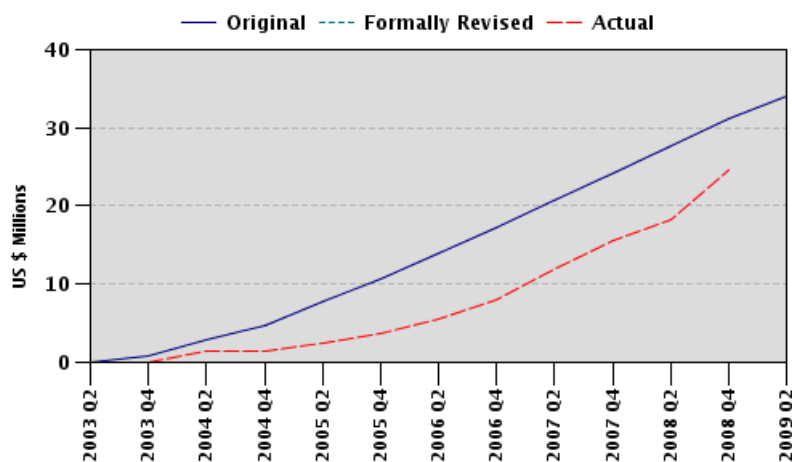
The project objective is to improve the income and welfare of the rural populations in the mountainous and forested areas of Northwest Tunisia through improved agricultural/pastoral production systems and promotion of income-generating activities, while ensuring a sustainable management of the natural resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is proceeding well and the project is likely to reach most of the targets in the coming year. To date, the project has reached its target of assisting 180 rural communities and formulating five-year community development plans. Some of the groupings of communities targeted for income-generation purposes have developed into economic interest groups and agricultural service associations. The forming of micro enterprises still presents a challenge due to the difficulties in accessing credit for rural communities. Women have benefited from 299 micro projects, which exceeds the 200 initially planned. The project has contributed to improved living conditions through the demand-driven approach and community involvement in formulating the community plans. The plans have also built local government capacity in policy and planning and led to economies of scale for local governments and communities, who collaborate on the content of the development and management plans.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26699	Closed	0.45	0.44	0.00	0.01
IBRD-71510	Effective	34.00	24.65	16.30	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Municipal Development III (P074398)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 12/05/2002

Midterm Review Date: 04/08/2006

Closing Date: 01/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71540, TF-26823

Sector(s): Roads and highways (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (30%), Sub-national government administration (25%), Other social services (15%)

Theme(s): Municipal finance (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

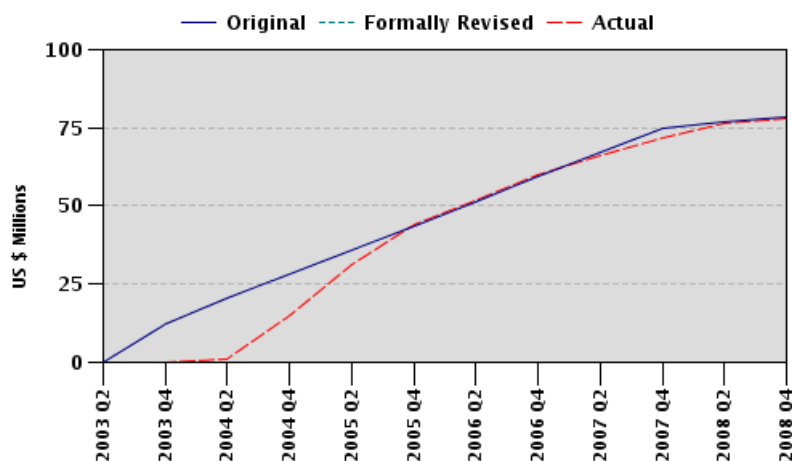
The objective is to enhance the delivery of basic municipal services and infrastructure.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is proceeding well. The following activities have been completed under the project: financing of 2650 priority investments in municipalities, signing of 53 municipal restructuring contracts and preparation of 50 more, implementation of 55 community participation micro-projects, development of computerized tools to monitor municipal expenses and resources, technical assistance to municipalities and to municipal development agencies, and strengthening of the municipal training institute.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71540	Effective	78.39	77.93	18.28	0.00
TF-26823	Closed	0.40	0.31	0.00	0.09



Project Name (ID): TN Higher Education Reform Support II (P075809)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 06/15/2006

Closing Date: 11/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52425, IBRD-73920

Sector(s): Tertiary education (55%), Central government administration (45%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Decentralization (S), Law reform (S), Improving labor markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

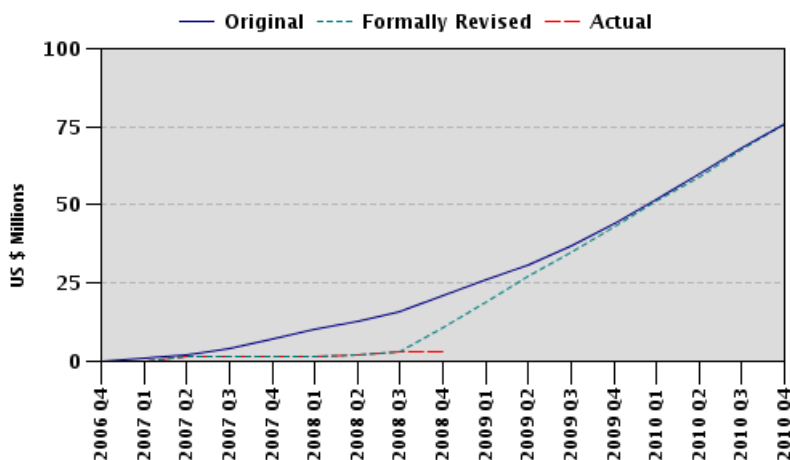
The development objective is to support the implementation of the Government's program to develop the higher education system by increasing the capacity and efficiency in expanding access and improving the quality of education and institutional performance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project is on track to meet its development objective. The Higher Education Law approved in February 2008 provides the legal framework for the most important reforms pursued by this project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52425	Closed	0.48	0.05	0.00	0.43
IBRD-73920	Effective	90.51	2.98	87.37	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-GEF Energy Efficiency Program/Ind. (P078131)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 11/04/2004

Midterm Review Date: 12/07/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54398

Sector(s): District heating and energy efficiency services (65%), General industry and trade sector (29%), Banking (6%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Other financial and private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

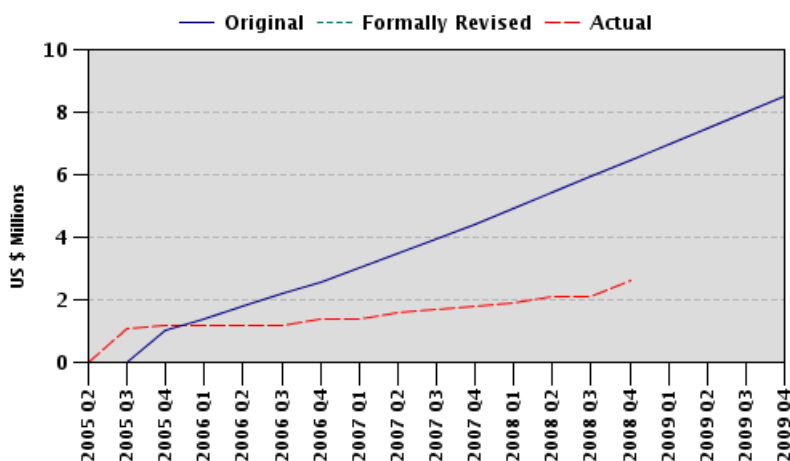
The project objective is to achieve a deeper penetration of sustainable commercial energy-efficiency investment activities in Tunisia's industrial sector by removing barriers and lowering transaction costs.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Performance has been overall satisfactory except for Component 2 (guarantee for energy efficiency project). This is partly due to difficulty in accessing credit in Tunisia (excessive collateral required), partly to the lack familiarity with the concept of Energy Service Companies (ESCO), whereas the main purpose of Component 2 was to promote the development of ESCOs. Sometimes it is easier for industry to obtain a loan directly rather than by using the intermediation of an ESCO.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54398	Effective	8.50	2.64	5.86	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Education PAQSET II (P082999)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 03/08/2004

Midterm Review Date: 10/10/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72200

Sector(s): Secondary education (40%), Primary education (40%), Central government administration (12%), Sub-national government administration (8%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

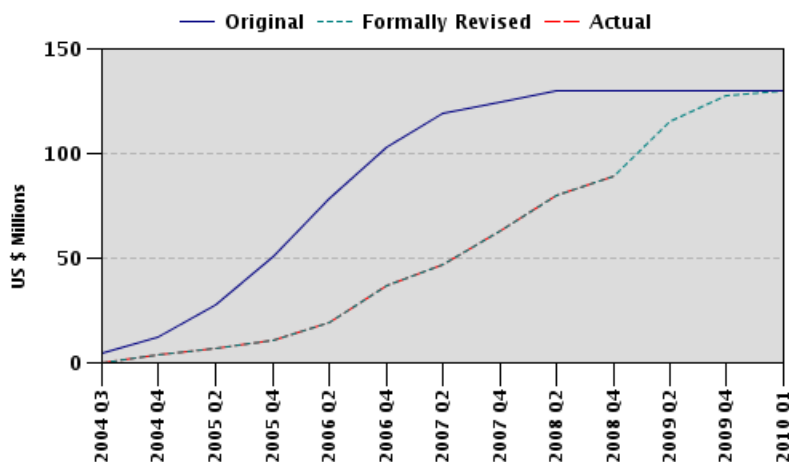
The objective of the project is to promote excellence in teaching and learning through the school sector while continuing the push for equity by ensuring the inclusion of all children at all levels of the basic education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to meet its development objectives; primary and junior secondary completion rates have improved. Challenges still remain to improve secondary dropout rates.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72200	Effective	130.30	89.06	46.32	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-ICT Sector Development Project (P088929)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 07/01/2004

Midterm Review Date: 01/15/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72440

Sector(s): Central government administration (45%), Telecommunications (40%), Law and justice (10%), General education sector (5%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S), Other social development (S), Access to law and justice (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Sector Development Project Development Objective is to develop the ICT sector by: (a) supporting ICT institutional and sector reforms; (b) improving its e-security mechanisms; (c) developing e-government applications; and (d) promoting the participation of the private sector in the ICT sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The progress towards achieving the development objective has been substantial. Two portals (eCulture and eJustice) are about to be completed. They are high-impact, high-visibility eGovernment applications, with a high demonstration and dissemination impact. The project has also deployed IT software to improve the performance of children with mental disabilities (3,000 children out of a total population of 9,000 children with mental disabilities has already been affected by the project; the total population will be affected by end of 2009). 24 specially equipped Internet centres have been deployed, to allow internet access for people with various disabilities.

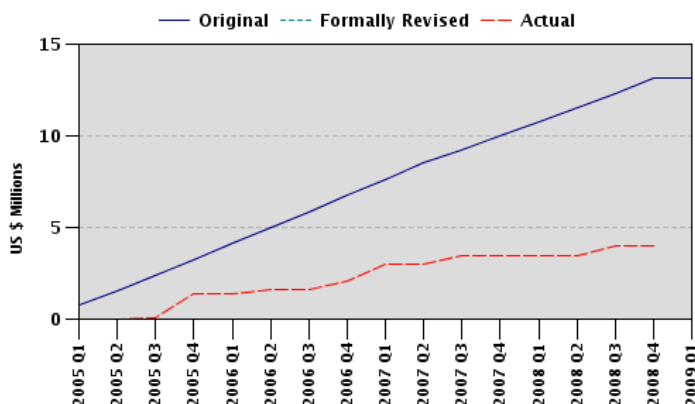
On the policy and institutional side, the activity to formulate an eGovernment strategy has been successfully launched. The strategy is expected to be a cornerstone for the development of eGovernment in Tunisia, and lead to better and innovative public services to the population.

Some progress took place in the area of telecommunications reform, but this is still a weak spot in the project. The project has provided the necessary technical assistance to launch the licensing process, but the political decision may have been delayed.

Finally, good progress took place in the area of eSecurity, through the further institutional strengthening of the National IT Security Agency and follow up training activities. The creation of a data backup centre has suffered delays.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72440	Effective	13.13	4.01	9.47	0.07



Project Name (ID): TN-Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Mgt (P095012)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 03/13/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-74320

Sector(s): Solid waste management (78%), Central government administration (17%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Other social services (1%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

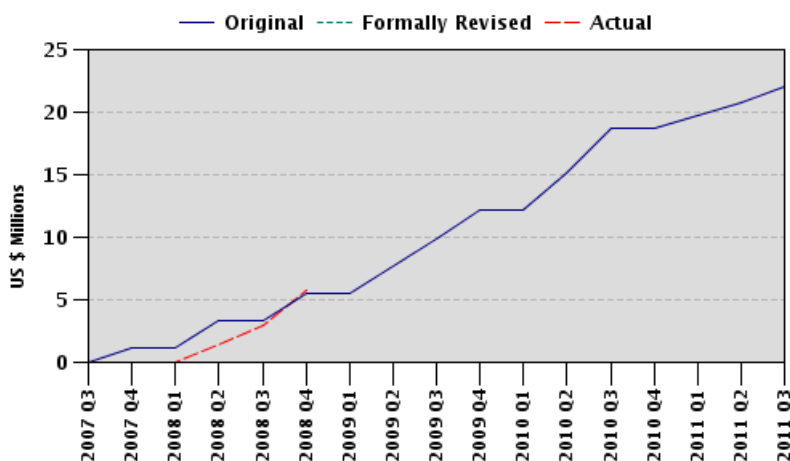
The development objective is to strengthen the key elements of sustainability of municipal solid waste management in Tunisia. The project will also enable the Tunisian Government to enter the emerging global market of carbon credits through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) introduced under the Kyoto Protocol.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Emphasis is being put on stakeholders participation and the process of implementation of the institutional component, as opposed to emphasis on outputs. The investment component continues to progress as planned with some strategic decisions taken for further improving the socio-economic impacts of these investments, such as the rehabilitation of Bizerte Landfill.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-74320	Effective	22.00	5.75	17.38	0.00



Project Name (ID): TN-Tunis West Sewerage (P099811)

Country: Tunisia

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-73970

Sector(s): Sewerage (100%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Other urban development (S), Water resource management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The key development objective is to improve the quality of sanitation services in Greater Tunis and to promote the use of treated wastewater in irrigation on a sustainable basis and in significant quantities, given the severity of water scarcity in Tunisia.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Works on the El Attar Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which represents 50% of the project cost, are progressing well. Disbursements are expected to increase significantly with the award of the mains and pumping station contracts, planned for January 2009. The Management Information System, developed by both the Office National de l'Assainissement and Societe National d'Exploitation et de Distributions des Eaux (SONEDE), which is expected to significantly improve the efficiency of both institutions, is progressing well, albeit with some delays. The Request for Proposal has been finalized and contract award is planned before end-2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-73970	Effective	66.80	3.79	63.75	0.00

