

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

COUNTRY: WEST BANK AND GAZA

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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): GZ-Solid Waste & Environmental Mngmnt. (P054051)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 10/10/2000

Midterm Review Date: 01/26/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53262, TF-24696

Sector(s): Solid waste management (89%), Central government administration (4%), Sub-national government administration (4%), Other industry (3%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal finance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

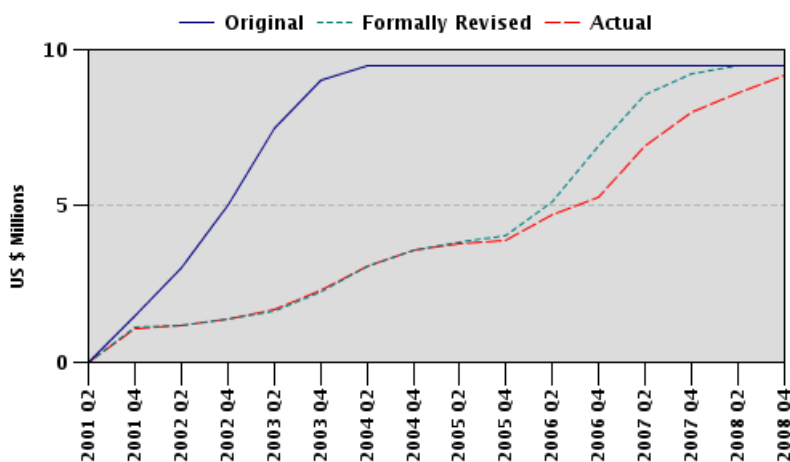
The project objective is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for the Jenin District and surrounding areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is largely complete and efficiently operational despite logistical difficulties. The project closing date has been extended to June 30, 2009 in order to facilitate implementation of the Italian financed (\$1.6 million) Anabta component. The amended Legal Agreement has been signed and Wadi Shaer Joint Services Council (responsible for Anabta) has started implementation, programmed to take 9 months. The extension also provides an opportunity to remain engaged and monitor the performance of the Bank financed project.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53262	Effective	1.68	0.00	1.68	0.00
TF-24696	Effective	9.50	9.22	0.28	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-Gaza II Emergency Water (P065920)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 06/07/2005

Midterm Review Date: 11/26/2006

Closing Date: 01/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55245

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (67%), Water supply (15%), Sanitation (12%), Sewerage (6%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Pollution management and environmental health (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Other human development (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are to improve the efficiency, management, operation and delivery of water and wastewater services in Gaza, functionally strengthen the newly establish coastal Municipalities Water Utility (CMWU) in Gaza as a modern, well run water utility and strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

Additional financing of US\$ 5.0 million was approved on April 22, 2008 and the closing date was extended to January 31, 2008.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

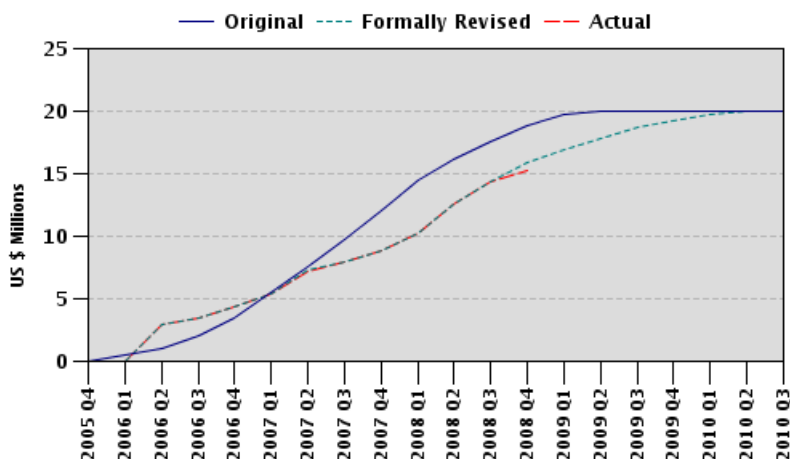
Over the last year the project managed to maintain provision of proper water and sanitation in Gaza despite the extremely difficult political and economic conditions. The CMWU has managed to modernize the water distribution system and to drill new water wells with good water quality.

The CMWU has also gained the donor community trust and has leveraged more than US\$ 55.0 million over the last two years. The CMWU has operationalized its 5 regional offices and finalized the staff skills assessment and started to implement the staffing plan. In June 2008 the CMWU issued the first utility bills in some cities and is planning to cover the entire Gaza before the end of 2008.

The Palestinian Water Authority has improved their licensing and quality regulations and wastewater reuse standards and the development of protection zones guidelines are underway.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-55245	Effective	20.00	15.26	4.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-Emergency Water (P065921)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2003

Midterm Review Date: 03/11/2006

Closing Date: 09/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52627

Sector(s): Water supply (96%), Sub-national government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resource management (P), Municipal governance and institution building (S), Other human development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

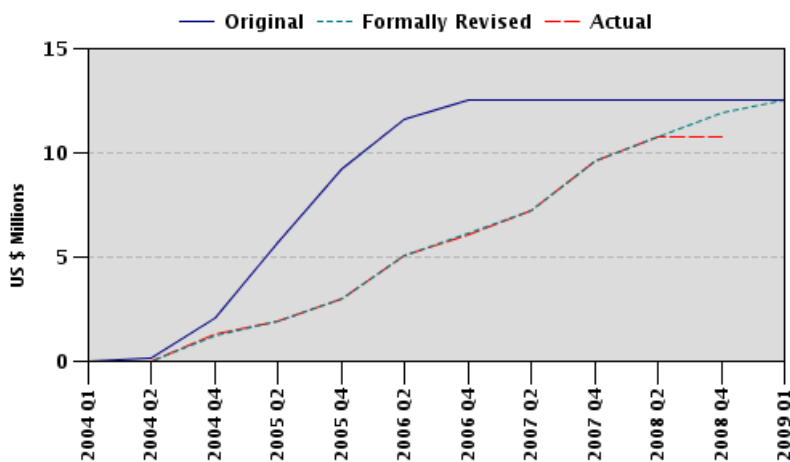
The project objective is to help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies, and reduce system losses, water costs and health risks to the population of the southern West Bank.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project closing date is expected to be extended by one year. The project is currently experiencing difficulties in procurement of well equipment under one component. This issue is currently being addressed and if successfully resolved, will guarantee that the project achieves its development objectives. All other components are completed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52627	Effective	12.50	10.81	1.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-Emergency Municipal Service Rehab II (P074594)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2006

Midterm Review Date: 03/10/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54521, TF-57873

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (35%), Power (23%), Roads and highways (18%), Other social services (12%), General public administration sector (12%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other social protection and risk management (P), Municipal finance (P), Social safety nets (S), Pollution management and environmental health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

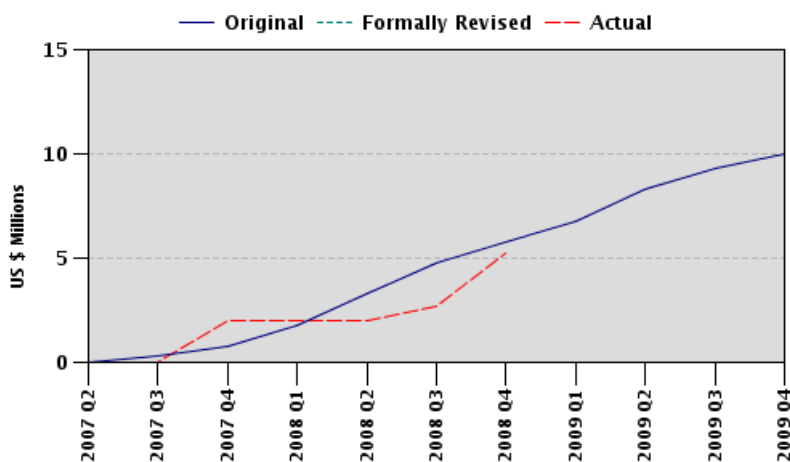
The project objectives are to provide funding for infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance to help mitigate further deterioration in the delivery of essential municipal services, and create temporary job opportunities at the local level through the launching of labor-intensive employment generation schemes. In addition, through the Municipal Development Lending Fund, the project would pilot innovative initiatives to improve municipal service cost recovery and leverage partnerships with local Non-government Organizations to deliver services more effectively.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing towards achieving its original objectives through priority investments in solid waste collection, street lighting, provision of water, wastewater and electricity services, street cleaning, rehabilitation of deteriorating infrastructure and labor-intensive employment. This progress, however, has been slow due to un-avoidable exogenous factors, such as (i) restrictions on the movement of people and goods, especially the blockade on Gaza; (ii) low contract management capacity at the municipal level; and (iii) the protracted strike by the Contractor's Union in protest of the dollar devaluation. Project funds are expected to be fully disbursed by December 2008, 6 months prior to the closing date.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54521	Effective	2.47	1.97	0.50	0.00
TF-57873	Effective	10.00	4.59	5.41	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment (P074595)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 09/07/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/22/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57595, TF-54208, TF-56186

Sector(s): Sanitation (50%), Sewerage (50%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are to: (i) mitigate the immediate and gathering health and environmental safety threats to the communities surrounding the effluent lake at the Beit Lahia wastewater treatment plant; and (ii) provide a satisfactory long-term solution to the treatment of wastewater for the Northern Governorate in Gaza.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

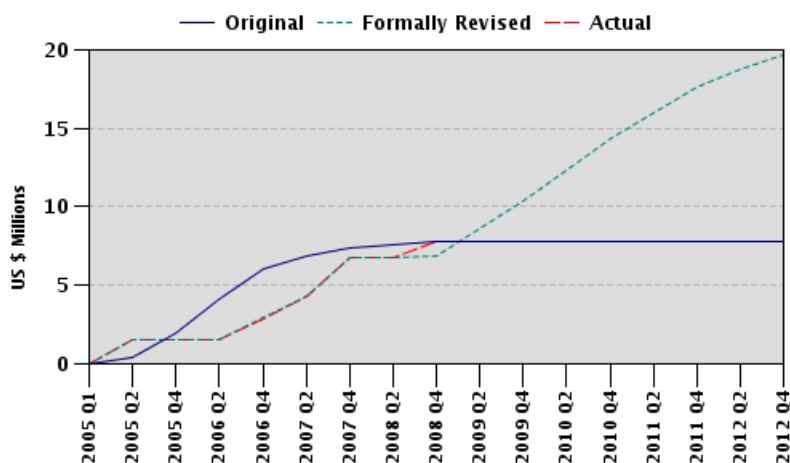
An additional grant in the amount of US\$12 million was approved in April 2008. The grant will finance (i) the cost overrun associated with the construction of NGEST -Part A and (ii) a risk management facilities and monitoring program.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Part A was expected to be completed by August 2008, however there were delays in completion due to closures and difficulties in getting goods and materials into Gaza. It is expected that Part A be operational by December 2009. Bidding for Part B and the Risk management facilities are in progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57595	Effective	8.71	0.00	8.71	0.00
TF-54208	Effective	7.80	7.78	0.02	0.00
TF-56186	Effective	6.15	0.00	6.15	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-Land Administration (P080892)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 01/26/2005

Midterm Review Date: 06/23/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54637, TF-54686

Sector(s): Central government administration (68%), Sub-national government administration (14%), Law and justice (10%), Other industry (4%), Tertiary education (4%)

Theme(s): Personal and property rights (P), Land administration and management (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

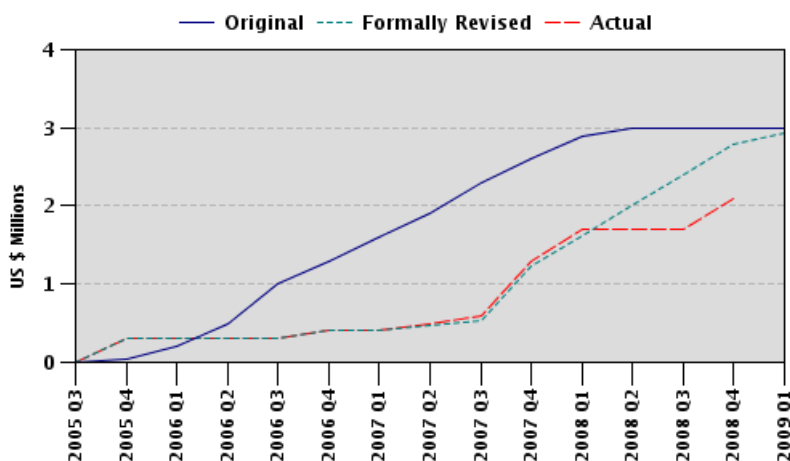
The project objective is to assess the feasibility of introducing reforms in land administration within an emerging government structure by enabling the formulation of policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite the successful preparation of land reform policies and approval of the Cabinet, no concrete action plan for implementation has to date been adopted. The Palestinian Authority has been successful in launching systematic land registration, the first one to be done in 40 years; however the implementing agency, the Palestinian Land Authority, has yet to capitalize on this success by encouraging land owners to request their titles. Consultations are ongoing with the parties on measures to move implementation forward.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54637	Effective	1.48	0.93	0.55	0.00
TF-54686	Effective	3.00	2.10	0.90	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-Social Safety Net Reform Project (P081477)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date: 02/27/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53793, TF-53377

Sector(s): Other social services (90%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Social risk mitigation (P), Child health (S), Education for all (S), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of the project is to mitigate the impact of the continued socio-economic crisis on a subset of the poorest and most vulnerable households. An additional objective would be to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to manage cash transfer programs.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

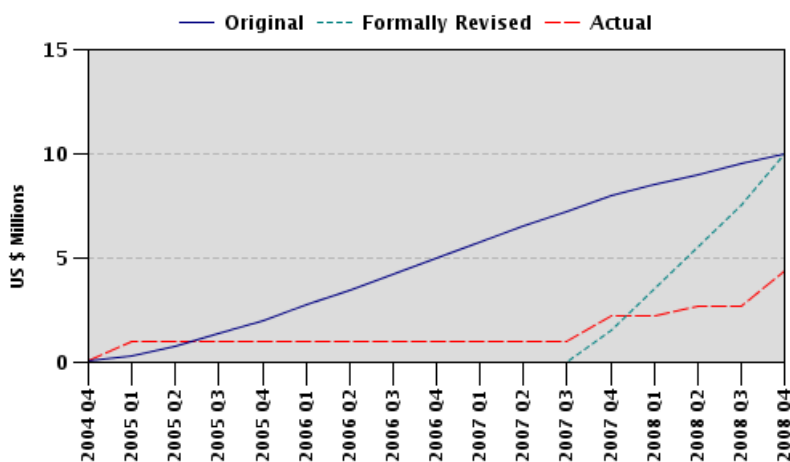
Additional Financing (AF) in the amount of US\$10 million was approved on April 22, 2008. The AF will maintain the development objective and components as set out in the June 2007 restructured project. The AF will be used to pay cash benefits to poor households.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Since project restructuring in June 2007, the project has progressed steadily towards achieving its objectives. The following milestones have been achieved: (a) the poverty targeting database is fully operational; (b) households receiving cash assistance are in the lowest quintile and this was confirmed by a Bank financed ex-post review of beneficiary households; (c) MoSA has shown an increased desire to harmonize the various cash assistance schemes; and (d) a first draft outline of a social protection strategy was prepared.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53793	Effective	10.00	4.38	5.62	0.00
TF-53377	Closed	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20



Project Name (ID): WBG: Tertiary Education Project (P083767)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 04/26/2005

Midterm Review Date: 05/19/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56121, TF-55089, TF-53897, TF-53333

Sector(s): Tertiary education (80%), Central government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Education for the knowledge economy (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

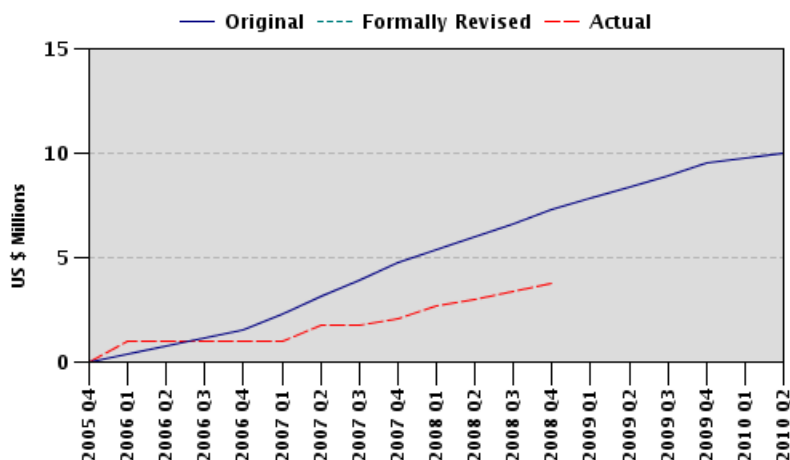
The objectives are: (a) to improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, governance and quality assurance, (b) increase internal and external efficiency of the tertiary education system, as a first step toward achieving sustainability, and (c) to create incentives and provide the basis for improvements in efficiency, quality and relevance of tertiary education institutions in order to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Palestinian population.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project is making very good progress towards meeting its development objective. For many of its intermediate indicators the goals have already been achieved, in particular those related to the implementation of the Quality Improvement Fund.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56121	Effective	7.60	1.71	5.67	0.00
TF-55089	Effective	10.00	3.78	6.22	0.00
TF-53897	Closed	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30
TF-53333	Closed	0.28	0.19	0.00	0.08



Project Name (ID): GZ-Electric Utility Management (P084461)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 05/15/2008

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Power (87%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The development objective is to reduce the fiscal burden of the electricity sector on Palestinian Authority's budgetary resources through lower deductions from clearance revenues for arrears owed to Israeli Electricity Companies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved in May 2008 and is not yet effective. Conditions of effectiveness are expected to be met by August 15, 2008.

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



Project Name (ID): Palestinian NGO Project III (P096777)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/19/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57074, TF-57872

Sector(s): Other social services (84%), Health (16%)

Theme(s): Social safety nets (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Health system performance (S), Other social protection and risk management (S), Improving labor markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

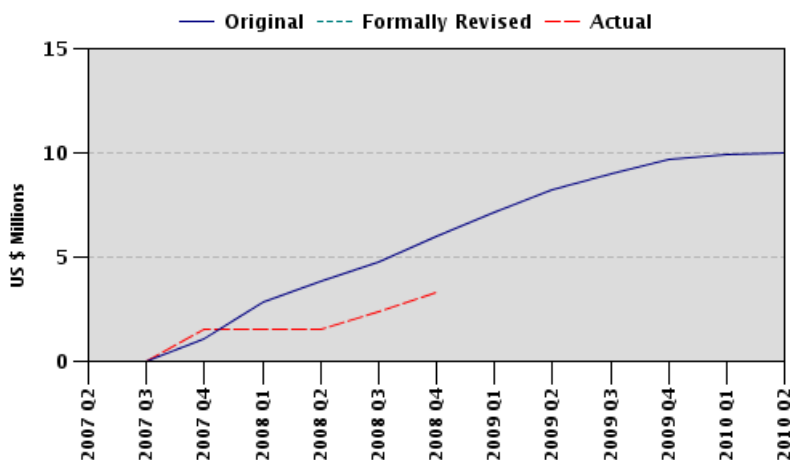
The objective is to provide social services to those who are poor, vulnerable or affected by the deteriorating socioeconomic conditions by establishing an effective mechanism to improve the quality and sustainability of NGO social service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall, implementation progress to date is on track; however, there have been some delays in Gaza due to border closures and difficulty in securing needed goods. Substantial progress has taken place in the area of NGO sector development. The signing ceremony of the Code of Conduct took place in February 2008 with around 250 NGOs in the West Bank and over 160 in Gaza. New NGOs continue to sign the Code. The Code of Conduct was identified as a MNA Region best practice example on governance and anti-corruption and was showcased at a global conference on the subject in Turkey. An international specialist is working closely operationalize the M&E system and provide on the job training to key staff

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57074	Closed	0.35	0.32	0.00	0.03
TF-57872	Effective	10.00	3.31	6.69	0.00



Project Name (ID): Avian/Human Influenza Prevention/Control (P100568)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 09/07/2006

Midterm Review Date: 03/14/2007

Closing Date: 01/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57322

Sector(s): General public administration sector (60%), Health (31%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (5%), Solid waste management (3%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Other communicable diseases (P), Natural disaster management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Pollution management and environmental health (S), Social risk mitigation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

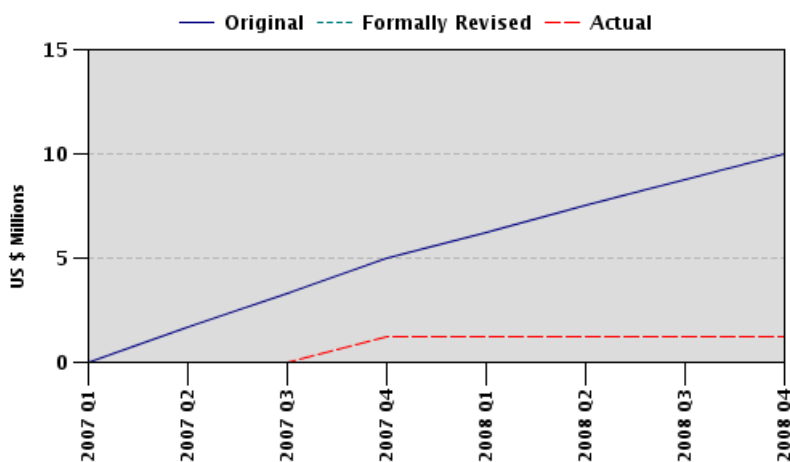
The project objective is to minimize the threat to humans caused by highly pathogenic avian influenza infection, primarily in domestic poultry, and to improve control and response measures to avian influenza pandemic and other emergencies caused by infectious diseases among humans.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The emergency preparation activities for better preparedness and planning, response and containment, carried out through a trust fund to UNDP, has made good progress towards achieving the project objectives. Two veterinary laboratories have been upgraded in the West Bank, personal protective equipment has been purchased for veterinary and health staff, establishment of a communications network for increasing surveillance capacity and training in use of equipments has been carried out. No outbreaks have been reported since the first outbreak in 2006. A compensation system has been established to handle future outbreaks. Some needed consultancies on assessments and recommendations for capacity building of the ministries of health and agriculture are ongoing and are expected to be completed by end of 2008. The communications strategy is being developed and several initiatives are being carried out in coordination with other donors. However, the project will need to be restructured to streamline activities and extend the timeline.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57322	Effective	10.00	1.18	8.82	0.00



Project Name (ID): GZ-VILLAGE & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (P104257)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 04/22/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90994

Sector(s): Other social services (54%), Central government administration (15%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (14%), Roads and highways (14%), Sub-national government administration (3%)

Theme(s): Participation and civic engagement (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Other social development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

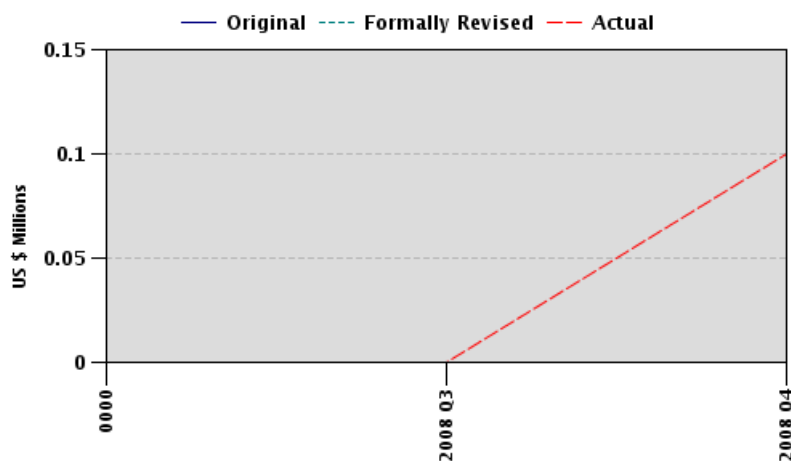
The project objective is to promote a coordinated development approach which builds the capacity of communities to plan for and manage development resources. The project will provide block grants to marginalized communities to finance projects identified through a participatory mechanism. It will also support the Ministry of Local Government to supervise implementation of the project by communities, including promoting the participatory planning processes and maintaining a knowledge base for local development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was approved in March 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
TF-90994	Effective	0.25	0.12	0.13	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Services Support Prog MDTF (P104993)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 09/18/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57315

Sector(s): Health (40%), Other social services (30%), General education sector (20%), Power (5%), Water supply (5%)

Theme(s): Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Other human development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The Program's objective is to mitigate the deterioration of basic services brought about by the inability of the Palestinian Authority (PA) to meet its budget requirements by providing financing for non-salary operating expenditures in key social and service delivery sectors (Health, Education, Social Assistance and Water, Sanitation and Electricity).

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

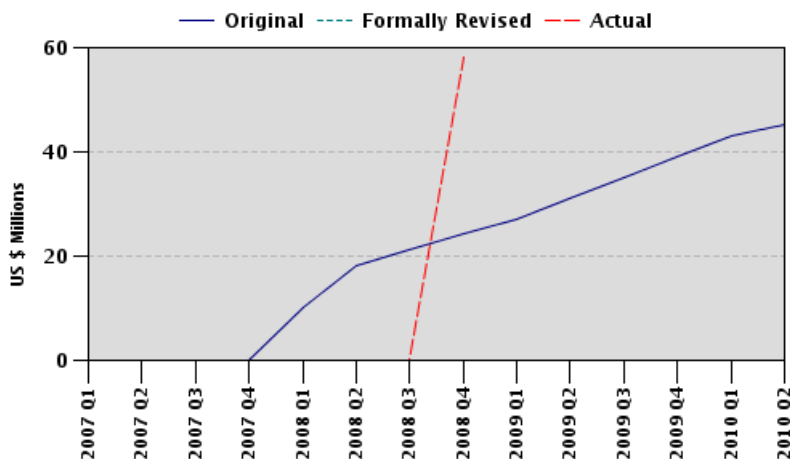
Restructuring: a Bank review conducted in FY08 confirmed that the Emergency Services Support Project (ESSP) is not the suited vehicle for adopting complex procurement procedures for goods, works and services, in general, and the procurement of pharmaceuticals in particular. The procurement process proved to be quite lengthy, which contradicted with the emergency nature of the project. Consequently, effective October 2007, the project has been simplified with the elimination of procurement-related activities. Since then, there has been an increased focus on spending on essential recurrent needs with no procurement of goods and limited procurement of services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation is expected to achieve the targeted objectives and results. The ESSP Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) has proved to be a valid concept in a protracted crisis environment such as the West Bank and Gaza as it has contributed to maintaining key essential services which otherwise would have likely stopped. The ESSP continues to attract donor interest and proved to be the right mechanism for channeling emergency funds to the key social service delivery ministries. In FY08, the ESSP MDTF received a total donor contribution of US\$19.3 million equivalent.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-57315	Effective	77.81	54.90	22.78	0.04



Project Name (ID): Emergency Services Support Project III (P108373)

Country: West Bank and Gaza

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-91212

Sector(s): Health (50%), Central government administration (32%), General education sector (15%), Other social services (3%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective of Third Emergency Services Support Project (ESSP III) is to mitigate the deterioration of basic services brought about by the inability of the Palestinian Authority to meet its budget requirements by providing financing for non-salary operating expenditures in key social and service delivery sectors. The basic services are education, health, and social welfare services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The current project is the third phase of a grant-funded emergency operation that was initiated in March 2002.

ESSP III became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and is still in the early stages of implementation. It accompanies an ongoing multi-donor trust fund. The ESSP program continues to provide the primary channel through which financial support covers non-salary expenditures of the key social ministries, thereby allowing them to sustain their delivery of basic services. Based on achievements realized under previous phases of the program, it is anticipated that the project will mostly meet its development objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91212	Effective	10.00	1.99	8.01	0.00

