

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

SOUTH ASIA REGION

COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

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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): Afghanistan Health Sector Emergency Reha (P078324)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/05/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/18/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2060, IDA-H3840, TF-51711, IDA-H0430

Sector(s): Health (88%), Central government administration (10%), Non-compulsory health finance (1%), Water supply (1%)

Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Child Health (P), Population and reproductive Health (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objectives are: (i) to assist the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in reducing the rates of infant, child and maternal mortality, child malnutrition, and fertility through expanding delivery of the Basic Package of Health Services and increasing equity in the delivery of services; (ii) strengthen the MOPH's stewardship over the sector including a greater role in health care financing, coordination of partners, and overseeing the work of NGOs; and (iii) building the capacity of Afghan health workers to provide and manage health services.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

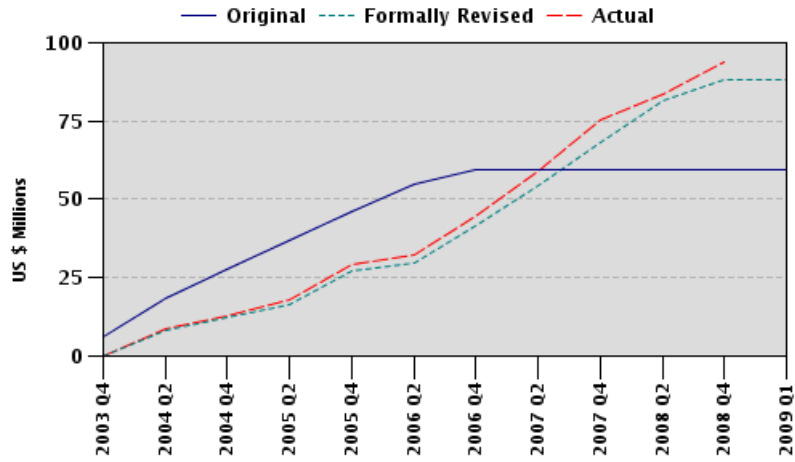
Additional financing of US\$20 million was provided to extend this successful project and to improve the delivery of services in Helmand Province which is severely effected by insecurity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been made. A 2006 household survey shows that the under-5 mortality rate in Afghanistan is now 191 per 1,000 live births, down from an estimated 257 in 2002, a 26% decline, resulting in more than 80,000 under 5 deaths being prevented each year. The coverage of antenatal care has increased from 4.6% in 2003 to 32% in 2006 while immunization coverage (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis 3rd dose) increased from 19.5% to 35% over the same period. MOPH administrative data indicates that coverage of services is still increasing every year. Independent facility assessments show that the quality of care has improved by 41% from 2004 to 2007. The stewardship role of MOPH has also been strengthened as witnessed by the increasing willingness of donors (United States Agency for International Development and the European Commission) to course their resources through government channels and the increasing oversight and influence MOPH has on donor-funded projects. The capacity of the Afghan health workers and managers continues to be strengthened as witnessed by the good results that are being achieved. Provider knowledge scores increased from 53.5% in 2004 to 68.7% in 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2060	Effective	34.48	32.04	0.00	0.00
IDA-H3840	Not Effective	19.15	0.00	19.15	0.00
TF-51711	Closed	0.50	0.45	0.00	0.05
IDA-H0430	Effective	71.05	60.76	4.67	0.00



Project Name (ID): AF: Emer Irrig Rehab (P078936)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/23/2003

Midterm Review Date: 03/25/2006

Closing Date: 03/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38450, IDA-H3980, IDA-H2840

Sector(s): Irrigation and drainage (75%), General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (10%), Central government administration (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

Assist the Borrower in restoring irrigated agricultural production in its rural areas, through improved and reliable water supply to rehabilitated traditional irrigation schemes.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

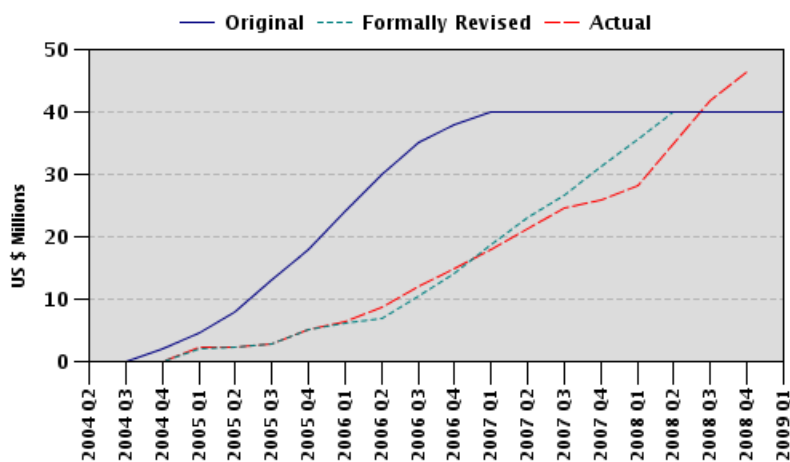
The project objective remains unchanged. An additional IDA Grant of US\$28 million was approved on June 12, 2008, and the agreement was signed on July 15, 2008. The closing date of the project was extended to March 31, 2011

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make good overall progress. The project development objective was to increase the irrigated area by about 80, 000 hectares and to increase agricultural productivity. This objective has already been achieved. The total area served by the irrigation schemes has also exceeded the original target of 280, 000 hectares envisaged at appraisal and crop yields have substantially increased in the rehabilitated areas. After approval of additional financing, the target for increase in irrigated area has been revised upwards to 120, 000 hectares.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38450	Effective	45.44	36.29	6.18	0.00
IDA-H3980	Not Effective	28.11	0.00	28.11	0.00
IDA-H2840	Effective	27.30	10.16	16.98	0.00



Project Name (ID): AF: Emergency Communications Development (P083720)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 10/07/2003

Midterm Review Date: 12/12/2005

Closing Date: 09/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38250

Sector(s): Telecommunications (65%), Central government administration (23%), Information technology (10%), Postal services (2%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P), Other public sector governance (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Regulation and competition policy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

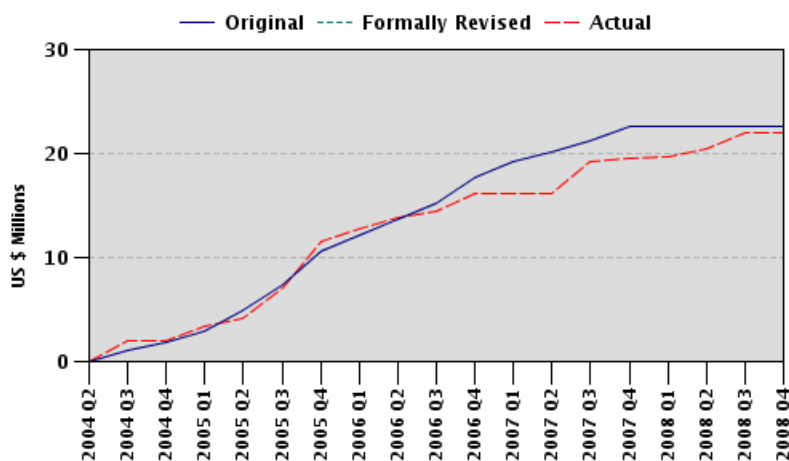
The objective of the Emergency Communications Development Project is improvement of government communications capacity and telecommunications sector development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project development objective is largely expected to be met. Progress has been made towards meeting the project's development objective as follows: (i) the Government Communications Network is fully operational; (ii) Afghan Telecom has been corporatized and is in the process of being privatized; (iii) Afghanistan today has over 5 million mobile subscribers; and (iv) the sector has seen over US\$1 billion in foreign direct investment.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38250	Effective	25.34	21.96	1.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Customs and Trade Facilitation (P083906)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/23/2003

Midterm Review Date: 11/20/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38440

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

Theme(s): Trade facilitation and market access (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Tax policy and administration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

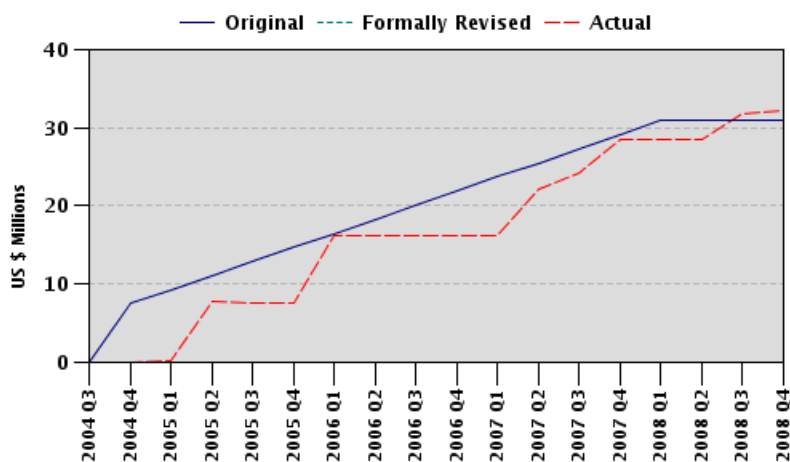
The objective is to help establish a more efficient customs and transit regime.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has surpassed most of the targets set at the outset. Customs revenue increased from US\$50 million in Solar Year (SY) 1381 to US\$356 million in SY 1386, due largely to the computerized control over transit shipments, tighter control over clearance and overall improved performance of the Afghan Customs Department (ACD). Trade Facilitation Activities have resulted in considerable improvements in border processing times. Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) transit module implemented at four major transit routes Towrkham-Jalalabad-Kabul, Islamqalae-Herat-Kabul, Hairatan-Mazar-Kabul and Torghundi-Herat-Kabul. This has resulted in nearly 100 percent transit closure compliance. ASYCUDA full Declaration Processing System now functioning at Kabul Customs House and Kabul Airport. Rehabilitation of key infrastructure has progressed well with more than 60 facilities rehabilitated or functionally improved, including the main headquarters building for Customs and Revenue in Kabul, Jalalabad Inland Clearance Depot buildings, truck parking and allied infrastructure. Good progress achieved towards modernization of communication systems of the ACD with Very High Frequency and High Frequency radios installed at 16 sites and Very Small Aperture terminal and Virtual Private Network installed at 10 locations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38440	Effective	35.32	32.15	0.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): Emergency Power Rehabilitation Project (P083908)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/22/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39330, TF-54718

Sector(s): Power (95%), Central government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

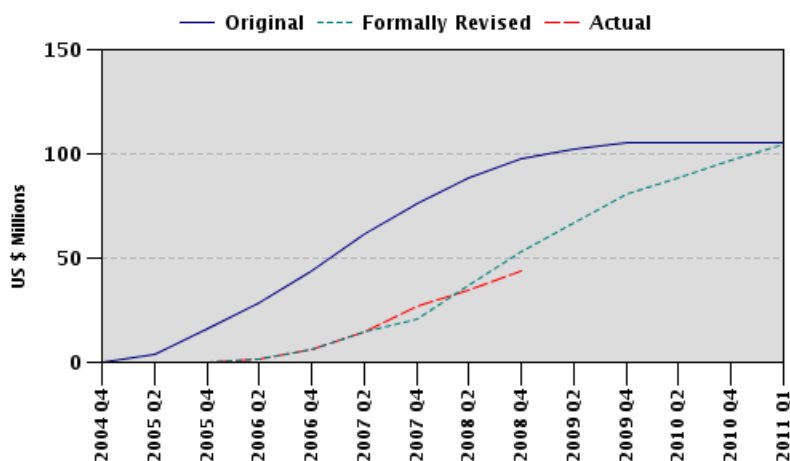
The objective is to provide an improved and more reliable power supply to the people in Kabul.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress towards achieving the project's development objectives is now on track with the implementation picking up for all the components. One of the components is completed and the rehabilitated transmission line is supplying uninterrupted power from the hydro power stations to the capital city of Kabul.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39330	Effective	114.38	43.36	69.49	0.00
TF-54718	Effective	20.00	0.23	19.77	0.00



Project Name (ID): Kabul Urban Reconstruction Project (P083919)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/29/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39670

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (40%), Sub-national government administration (35%), Roads and highways (24%), Central government administration (1%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Other urban development (P), Municipal governance and institution building (P), Pollution management and environmental Health (S), Land administration and management (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the delivery of basic urban services in vulnerable communities in Kabul through the upgrading of urban infrastructure and capacity improvements for the Kabul Municipality and the Ministry of Urban Development

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

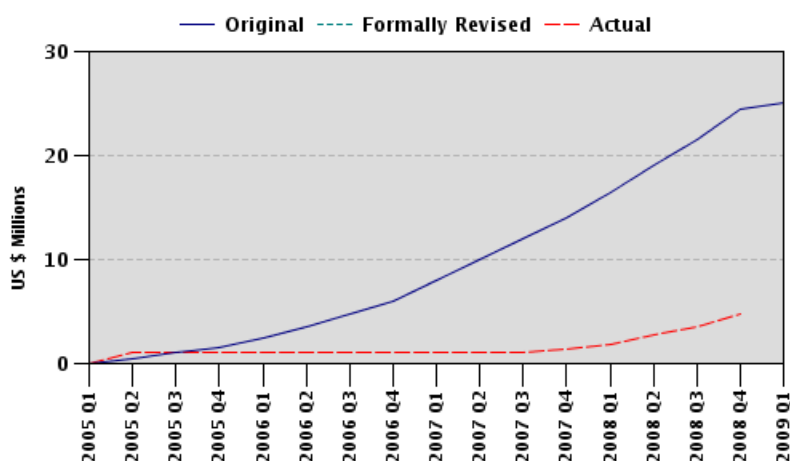
The project received additional financing of US\$5.6 million from the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund to improve services in four historic neighborhoods of Kabul.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been made. Upgrading of two neighborhoods (54 hectares) is complete resulting in improved services for approximately 11, 000 people. Upgrading of the remaining 16 neighborhoods has begun with resulting service improvements anticipated for approximately 100, 000 residents.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39670	Effective	27.04	4.65	22.36	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Quality Improvement Program (P083964)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Midterm Review Date: 04/30/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1190, TF-54730

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (25%), Sub-national government administration (15%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (S), Participation and civic engagement (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:

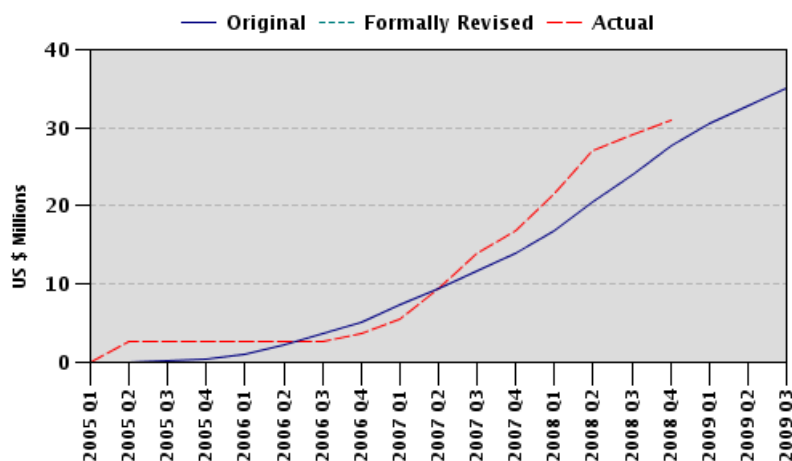
The objective is to improve the quality of education especially education of girls through: (a) a focus on schools and communities to strengthen their capacity to better manage teaching-learning activities; (b) investment in human resources (teachers, principals and educational administration personnel) and physical facilities; and (c) institutional development of schools, District Education Departments, Provincial Education Departments and the Ministry of Education.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Ministry of Education (MOE) continues to illustrate strong ownership of the program and despite recent issues faced with financial management, the project is on track to reach its development objective. So far, 5, 000 School Management Committees (SMCs) have been established and are functioning with quality grants disbursed to 2, 479 SMCs out of an end-of-project target of 2, 735. Infrastructure grants have been disbursed to 100 schools out of an end-of-project target of 250. A successful nationwide school survey was completed and there is an established and functioning Education Management Information System in place at MOE.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1190	Effective	38.65	30.99	6.11	0.00
TF-54730	Effective	44.00	9.13	34.87	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Admin Capacity Building Project (P084736)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/27/2005

Midterm Review Date: 10/19/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1440

Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Law and justice (15%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

To enhance the performance of public sector procurement, financial management, and accountability systems which will contribute to a more effective, transparent, and accountable state. This will be accomplished through operational support to the recipient's treasury, internal and external audit and procurement functions as well as through the reform of the related regulatory framework and, where feasible, capacity building.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

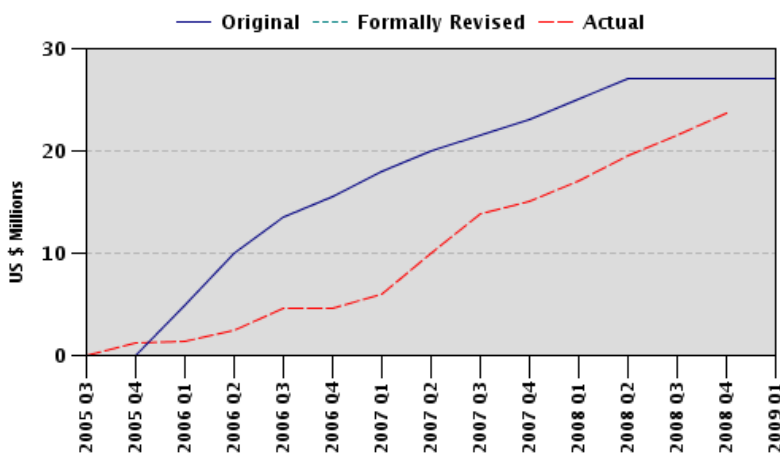
Goal of restructuring was to amend the Project Development Objective (PDO) to more accurately reflect the original intent of the GOA and donors, to assure a high level of integrity in the management of public sector resources when these were growing rapidly to finance post conflict reconstruction.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The Government's financial management performance, which is directly supported by this project, is documented as of December 31, 2007 in the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability study and was found to exceed project expectations, although this good performance still rests largely on operational advisors in procurement, treasury and external audit. Performance all along the accountability chain of reporting, external audit and parliamentary oversight compared to that of middle income countries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1440	Effective	30.12	23.72	4.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF-Civil Service Capacity Building (P086228)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/02/2005

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53940

Sector(s): Central government administration (50%), General public administration Sector (50%)

Theme(s): Macroeconomic management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

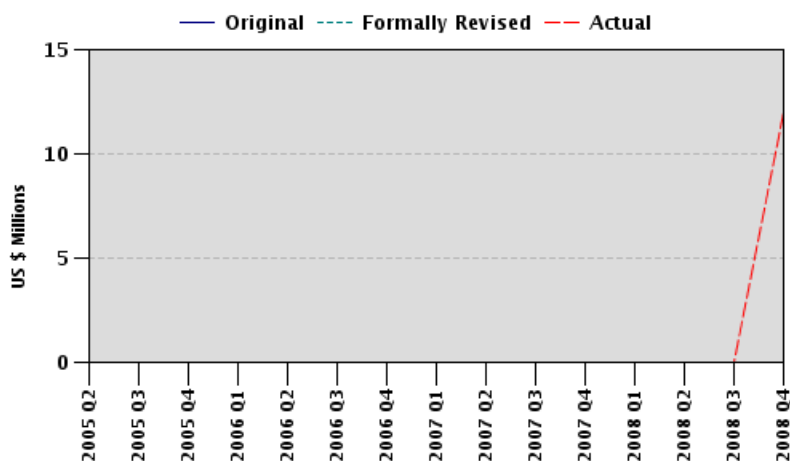
To build civil service capacity through buying in Afghan expertise available internationally, regionally and nationally.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Two-hundred-and-thirty qualified Afghans have been recruited by merit and placed in over 20 ministries and agencies. Ninety advisory positions have supported the preparation of ministry and sector strategies. One-hundred-and-forty line positions have supported reform implementation within ministries. All resources are now fully committed and the project will be completed by the end of 2009.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53940	Effective	13.00	11.98	1.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): Urban Water Sector (P087860)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/25/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2250

Sector(s): Water supply (73%), Central government administration (27%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives of the project are to initiate actions to: (i) transform the Central Authority for Water Supply and Sewerage into a technically viable operation; (ii) establish the financial sustainability of the Afghan Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Company; (iii) increase access to and reliability of the water supply service in Kabul; and (iv) prepare a follow-up project under which more substantial institutional and financial objectives could be achieved and coverage further expanded in Kabul and provincial towns.

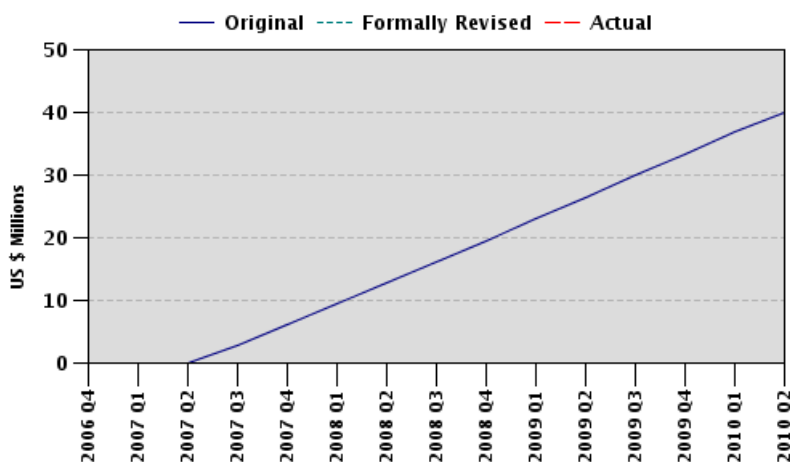
The project will be financed in parallel by the German Development Cooperation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

On the institutional side, the Afghan Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation was incorporated and registered with the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency on August 11, 2007 and its Board of Directors appointed by the Government. On the investment side, the expansion of Kabul water supply network (Logar II scheme) is still in too early a stage to report meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2250	Effective	42.28	0.00	42.28	0.00



Project Name (ID): Investment Guarantee Facility (P088719)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/29/2004

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39680

Sector(s): Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings (100%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P)

Project Development Objectives:

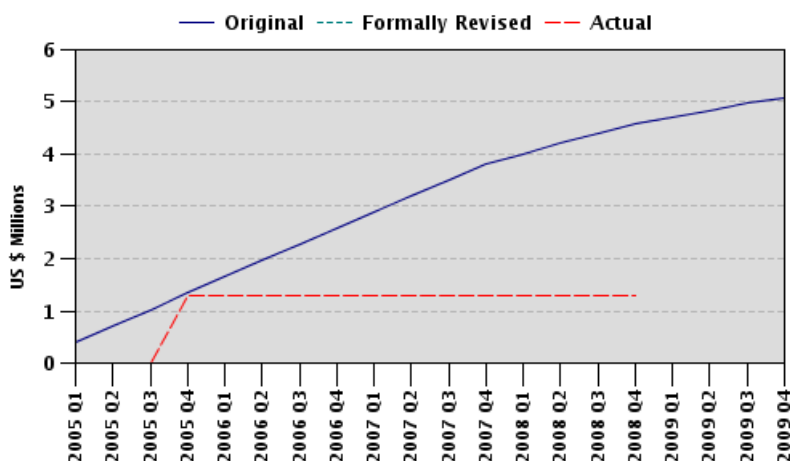
The proposed Investment Guarantee Facility is intended to assist Afghanistan in its reconstruction efforts by stimulating foreign direct investment through a program of political risk assurance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite the difficult business environment with deteriorating security situation impeding the flow of foreign direct investment to Afghanistan, the project has made continuous and steady progress toward achieving its development objective. To date, a total of 6 guarantees have been underwritten utilizing the Afghanistan Investment Guarantee Facility (AIGF) for 5 beneficiaries, which include agro-processing, financial, pharmaceutical, construction and telecommunication industry. The total amount of foreign direct investment stimulated by AIGF so far is estimated at about US\$107.5 million, generating approximately 1, 200 new jobs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39680	Effective	5.30	1.25	4.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): Strengthening Higher Education Program (P089040)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/19/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1620

Sector(s): Tertiary education (96%), Central government administration (4%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

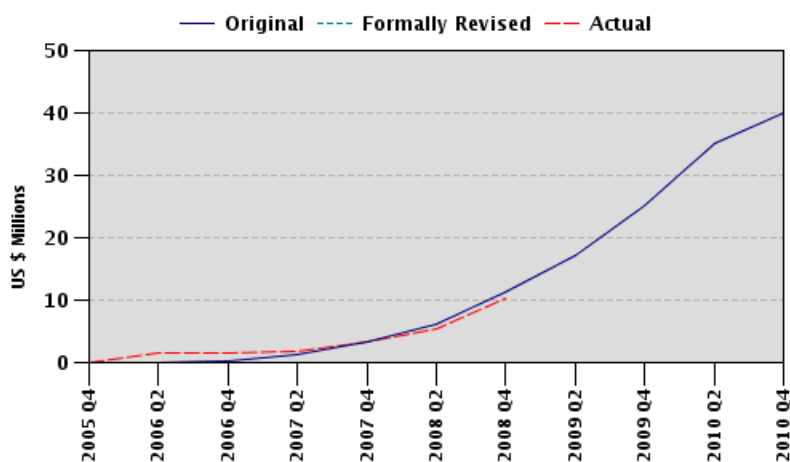
The development objective of the program is to progressively restore basic operational performance at a group of core universities in Afghanistan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has been progressing well and it should be noted that there is widespread ownership and commitment on the part of the client to achieving the project's development objectives. There are currently 11 partnerships that have been signed with five project universities. The partnerships and the block grants (including construction of laboratories and libraries) are in various stages of implementation with several of the block grant activities already completed. The Ministry of Higher Education has a strategic advisor but the development of a strategic plan for the sub-sector is still an ongoing process.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1620	Effective	42.83	8.83	33.45	0.00



Project Name (ID): AF PSD Support Project (P090928)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 02/22/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q4980, IDA-H2750

Sector(s): Power (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (27%), General transportation Sector (25%), General industry and trade Sector (13%), Central government administration (5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

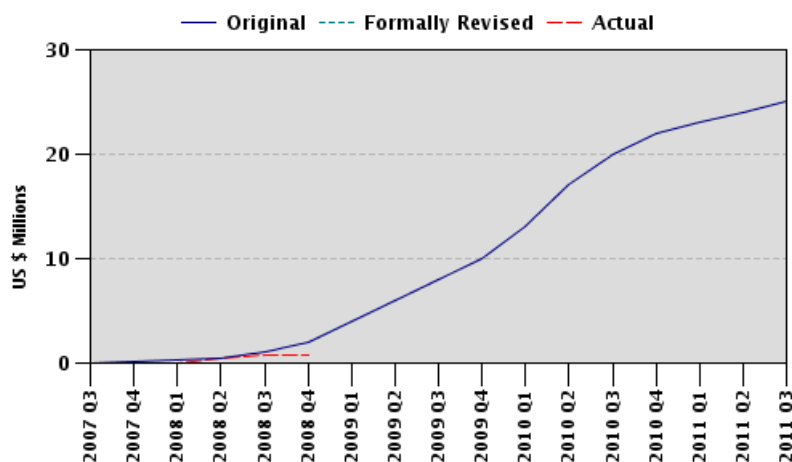
The objective of the project is to increase the volume of private investment and productive jobs in Afghanistan by: (i) Enhancing the provision of land and infrastructural services for enterprise development; (ii) Enhancing the capacity of government agencies to analyze private sector development (PSD) issues, develop and implement PSD-related strategies, policies, projects and programs; and (iii) Enhancing the capacity of government agencies to promote Afghanistan as an investment destination and provide investment facilitation services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant human capacity has been built into the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency's Industrial Parks Development Department which is implementing the project. Physical work on the Hissar-e-Shahi Industrial Park commenced in March 2008 and a large amount of the work has already been completed. The land leveling/grading is 60 percent complete, the boundary wall is 60 percent complete, road works are 25 percent complete, and boring of two deep wells are 100 percent complete. The construction completion of the park and distribution of the plots to meet the development objective will take another 12-15 months.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-Q4980	Closed	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.95
IDA-H2750	Effective	27.34	0.69	26.61	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF - Nat. Emergency Employment Pgm (P091036)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 03/14/2003

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-50973

Sector(s): Other social services (40%), Roads and highways (40%), Irrigation and drainage (20%)

Theme(s): Other social protection and risk management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (S)

Project Development Objectives:

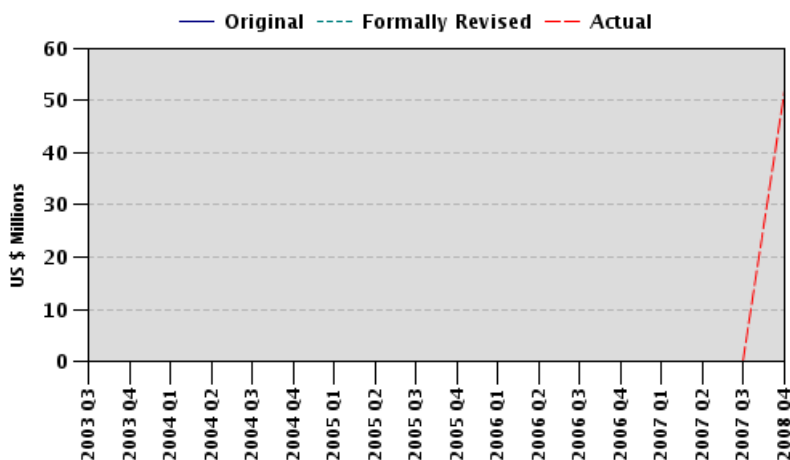
The objective of the project is to provide employment in rural areas at a minimum wage, as a safety net, to as many people and in as short a time as may be feasible.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been achieved, and the project is on track to meet its objectives. Approximately 3,000 kilometers (km) of rural access and 9,000 meters of cross drainage structures have been completed. In addition, 98 natural resource management sub-projects, 23 small irrigation sub-projects and four large irrigation sub-projects (rehabilitating 15,000 hectare in Shamalan area) have been completed. Labor days generated under the project are 5.13 million, and it is expected that once final payments have been completed 5.7 million labor days would have been paid. The project is nearing completion. Sub-projects under the National Emergency Employment Program Phase I (NEEP-I), and with further continuous financing under follow-on NEEP projects, have now reached to all provinces of Afghanistan.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-50973	Effective	61.62	51.94	0.88	8.80



Project Name (ID): ARTF- Improvement of Power Supply (P091060)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/10/2003

Closing Date: 03/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52541

Sector(s): Power (100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

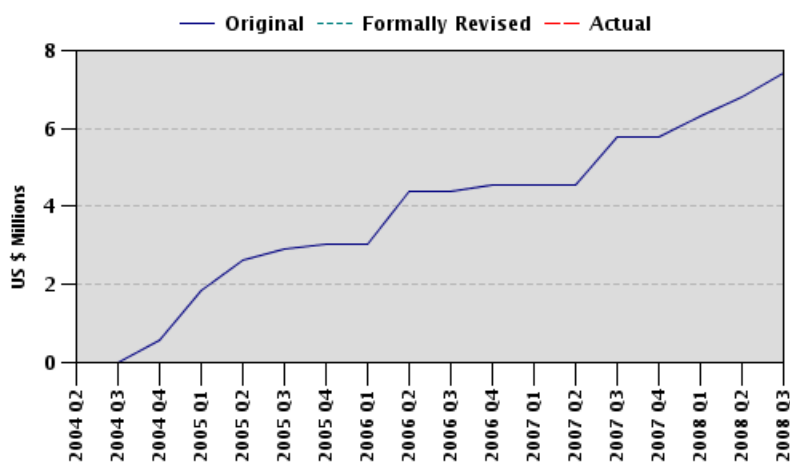
The objectives of this project are to improve the availability and reliability of power supply to Kabul.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After initial delays due mainly to security, the project has progressed considerably and the only remaining sub-component is expected to be completed before the closing date. The main component of the project involved rehabilitation of two units of 22 Molecular Weight each at the Mahipar Power Station. The first unit was commissioned in May 2007 and the second unit is expected to be completed by December 2008. In addition, the project co-financed two activities already completed: (i) the rehabilitation of the main public lighting system in Kabul, and (ii) the rehabilitation of the non-functional transmission line 110 kilo-Watts between Sarobi and Breshna Kot Sub-stations.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52541	Effective	7.44	6.84	0.60	



Project Name (ID): ARTF - Recurrent and Capital Costs (P091258)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/13/2002

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-50577

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

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

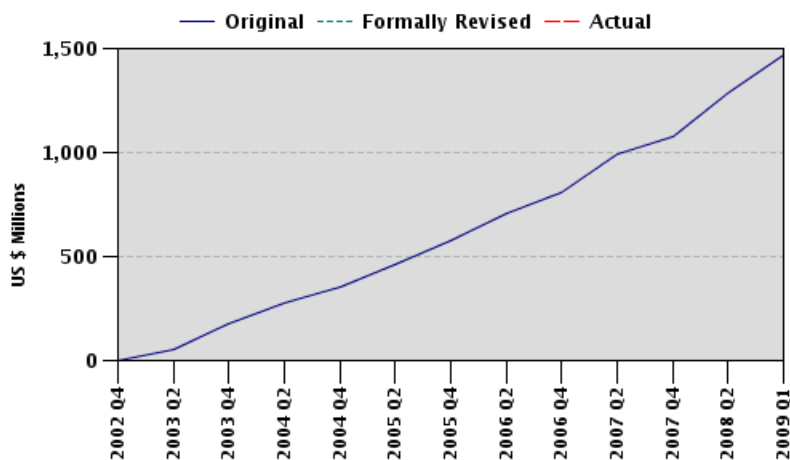
The project development objective is to provide a coordinated financing mechanism so that the Government of Afghanistan can make predictable, timely, and accurate payments for approved recurrent costs related to: (i) salaries and wages of civil servants; and (ii) Government operating and maintenance expenditures, except security.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been made. Improvements have been made in the Government's compliance with agreed fiduciary standards, as well as the Government's own control procedures. The overall trend of expenditure eligibility has also been improving.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-50577	Effective	1,542.00	1,402.52	139.48	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF - Feasibility Studies Facility (P091259)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 03/07/2003

Closing Date: 02/28/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-50970

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

Theme(s): Other economic management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

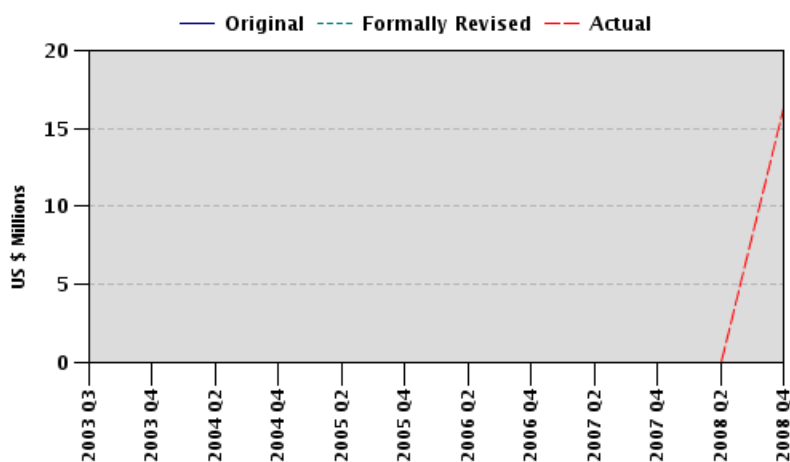
The project's development objective is to build capacity within the Government of Afghanistan by providing expertise to line ministries and developing local technical and professional capacity to define reconstruction and development projects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In terms of the activities implemented to date, the project has had a much lower impact in terms of feasibility studies and its contribution to the preparation of the public investment pipeline. One feasibility study for the Baghdara Hydropower Project commissioned under the project is still ongoing. The Aynak Copper Deposit Transaction advisory service funded by the project has been instrumental in the preparation of a transparent and efficient tender process for the Aynak copper deposit.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-50970	Effective	18.50	16.27	2.23	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF - Microfinance (P091264)
Country: Afghanistan
Board Approval Date: 07/10/2003
Closing Date: 06/30/2010
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52452, TF-52081
Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance (100%)
Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P)

Project Development Objectives:

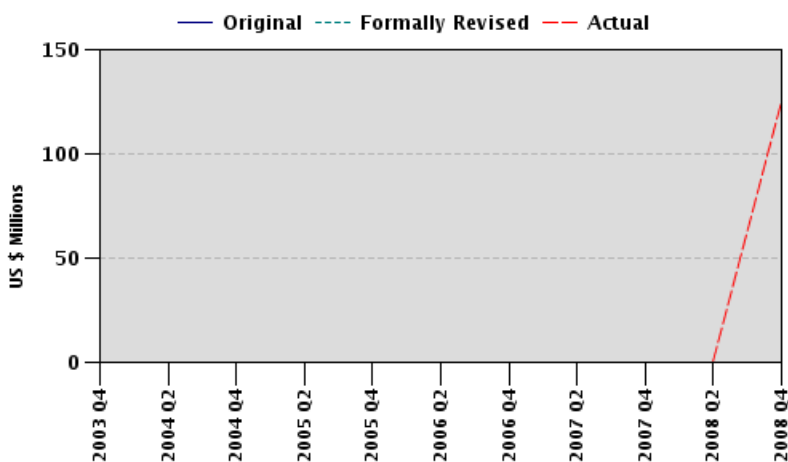
The objective of the project is to create a sustainable microfinance sector that provides increased outreach to financial services for microfinance clients, especially the poor and women, thereby facilitating economic independence and improved livelihoods for them.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Considerable progress has been made towards meeting the project's development objectives. Starting in 2003 when there were virtually no microfinance services available, there has been an exponential growth of microfinance provision in the country. The project has contributed to creating a microfinance sector that reaches out to nearly 450, 000 active clients (65 percent are women) and has over US\$113 million in loans outstanding. Microfinance service providers have also mobilized more than US\$12 million in small savings deposits. Financial services through microfinance institutions are now available across 23 provinces in the country. Progress towards full operational sustainability has been on track with respect to the projected timeline, with currently four of the 15 microfinance providers being operationally sustainable. These four providers account for over 50 percent of the total microfinance loans outstanding.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-52452	Effective	183.30	123.96	59.34	0.00
TF-52081	Closed	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF - Afghanistan Short-Term Urban WSS (P092162)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 02/18/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54729

Sector(s): General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (100%)

Theme(s): Other urban development (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

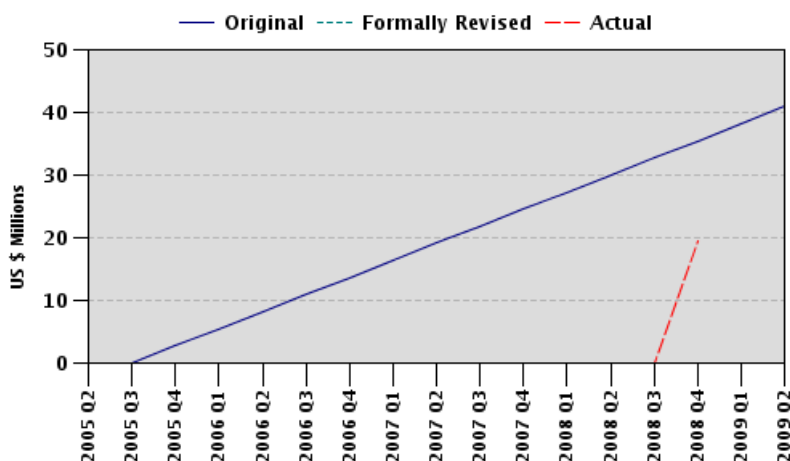
The project development objectives of the project are: (i) to provide sustainable, improved water supply and sanitation services to the urban segment of the Afghan population; (ii) to build the technical and institutional foundation for the medium-term Urban Water Supply and Sanitation program; and (iii) to ensure continuity of investment by benefiting from the implementation arrangements already in place and fully operational.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Physical activities have commenced in all three investment components. Twenty-one boreholes have been drilled for Kabul Water Supply, and Kabul Sanitation has successfully completed the smaller works. Works are in progress for the construction of office/warehouse buildings and production boreholes in the provincial towns.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54729	Effective	41.00	19.58	21.42	0.00



Project Name (ID): Civil Service Reform Project (P097030)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2007

Closing Date: 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2970

Sector(s): Central government administration (90%), Sub-national government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (P)

Project Development Objectives:

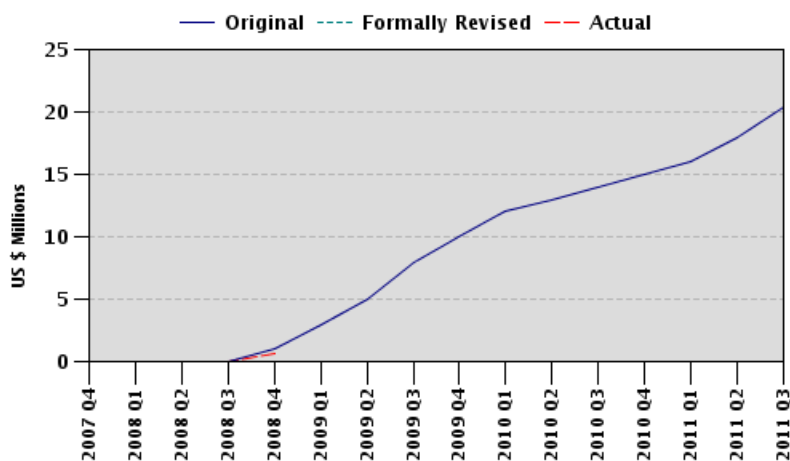
The objective of the Project is to assist the Recipient's service delivery ministries in performing core functions to an acceptable level with greater accountability for the use of public resources, through reorganization of core ministries and management of the civil service in accordance with clear rules and procedures.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Some progress has been made in laying the basis for meeting the project development objectives, albeit with delays in several areas. A civil servants law has been approved and lays the basis for a new grade and pay structure, and merit based recruitment throughout the civil service. Agreements are being reached with ministries to provide support with implementation of key HR and organizational reforms and capacity has been improved in some areas such as appointments. The Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission is well prepared to lead reforms but implementation will remain a challenge in the context of limited capacity within ministries.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2970	Effective	21.93	0.60	21.33	0.00



Project Name (ID): Afghanistan: Natural Resources Devt (P098118)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 06/20/2006

Closing Date: 07/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2380, IDA-Q5090

Sector(s): Central government administration (55%), Mining and other extractive (45%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

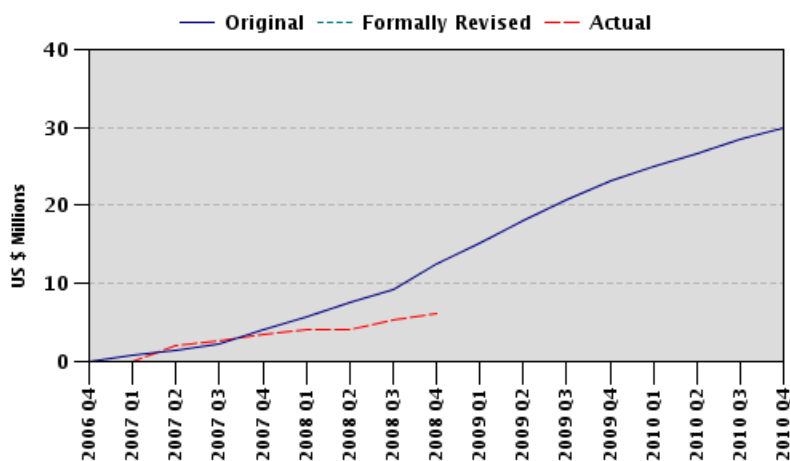
The objective of this project is to assist the government to improve its capacity to effectively regulate Afghanistan's minerals and hydrocarbon resources sector in a transparent manner and foster private sector development. This project will assist principally the Ministry of Mines to make the transition from being a producer of minerals and other commodities to a policy-making institution and regulator for the sector through capacity building and institutional strengthening.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making good progress. It helped to ensure that policy and process foundations were in place for the government to undertake a successful selection process for the Aynak copper mine, while project-funded policy and technical advisors provided input to the government during that period. Capacity building is ongoing, most notably with the Afghanistan Geological Survey. In terms of assisting the Ministry of Mines to move to a more policy and regulatory role, the project is supporting the Ministries of Mines and Finance in the area of transparency and governance, working towards Afghanistan's endorsement of and adherence to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. The project is also close to establishing the International Advisory Council, which will advise the Government on the compliance of contracts with legislation and regulations. Regarding oil and gas, after significant input from the project and other donors, a new Hydrocarbons Law was passed by the Lower House of Parliament in June 2008, this is undergoing review before moving to the Upper House.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2380	Effective	33.71	6.13	27.19	0.00
IDA-Q5090	Closed	1.55	0.00	0.00	1.55



Project Name (ID): AF: Hort. & Livestock Project (P098256)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/25/2006

Midterm Review Date: 06/14/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-91885, IDA-H2260

Sector(s): Central government administration (32%), Crops (23%), Animal production (19%), Agricultural marketing and trade (16%), Agricultural extension and research (10%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to stimulate marketable output of perennial horticulture and livestock in focus areas.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

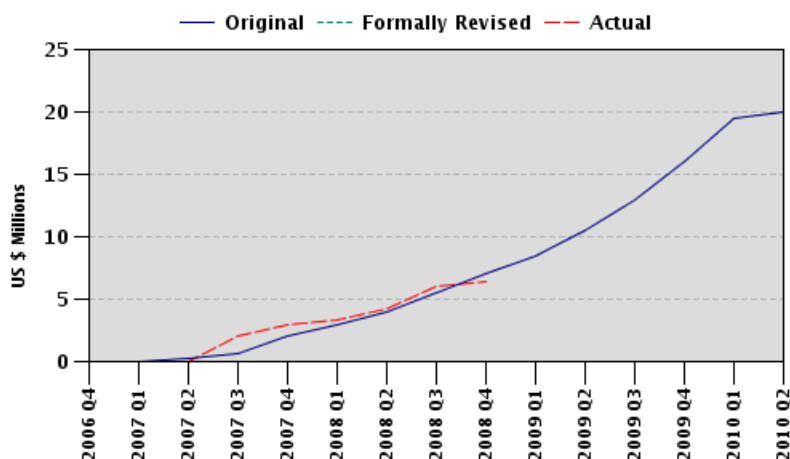
A Grant of US\$11 million from the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund was approved on March 18, 2008 to partly fill the financing gap of US\$30 million. During the Mid-term Review it was agreed that project activities will be focused in one cluster in each province.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

While the project is more than one year behind schedule, implementation activities are starting to move ahead. The horticulture and integrated pest management facilitating partners have mobilized and field operations are being expanded. Initial monitoring shows substantial improvement in fruit yields. Animal health activities have been launched and the poultry production component is expected to start soon. However, the dairy development sub-component has been delayed and has yet to be launched. Similarly, creation of a National Union for Horticulture Development in Afghanistan has also been delayed.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91885	Effective	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00
IDA-H2260	Effective	22.77	6.35	16.13	0.00



Project Name (ID): AF: Public Financial Management Reform (P099980)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2980

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

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Other public sector governance (S), Gender (S), Other trade and integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

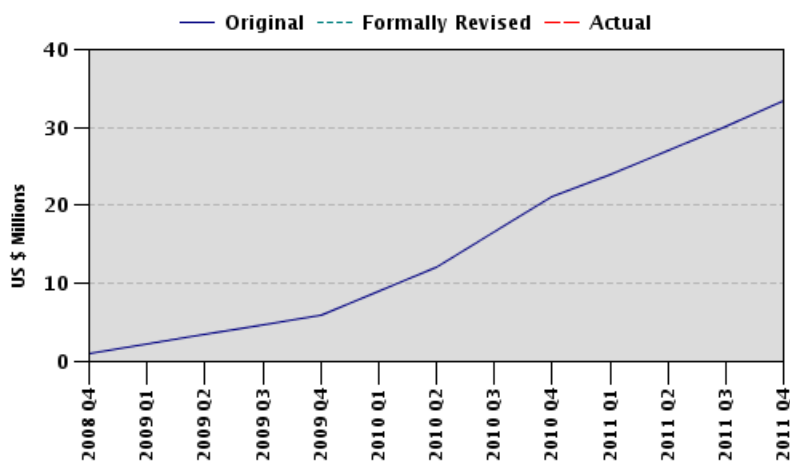
The objectives of the Project are to: (i) to develop an efficient and effective public financial management system; and (ii) develop the human resource capacity of the Ministry of Finance and Office of the Auditor General to ensure better operation of public financial management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In line with project implementation plans, to end of June, 2008, operations support for treasury, procurement and audit, which are the major activities planned for this project, are still being implemented under the Public Administration Capacity Project whose implementation period ends December 31, 2008. So at this point the operations support under this project have yet to begin but activities on capacity building and institutional strengthening in procurement, audit and reform management of the Ministry of Finance are all proceeding. Staff from 22 ministries have been trained in procurement and immediate level auditing training is underway for staff of the Ministry of Finance.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2980	Effective	35.92	1.20	34.72	0.00



Project Name (ID): Avian Flu (P100935)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/11/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2670, TF-57769

Sector(s): General public administration Sector (68%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry Sector (16%), Health (12%), Solid waste management (3%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Other communicable diseases (P), Natural disaster management (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Health system performance (S), Pollution management and environmental Health (S)

Project Development Objectives:

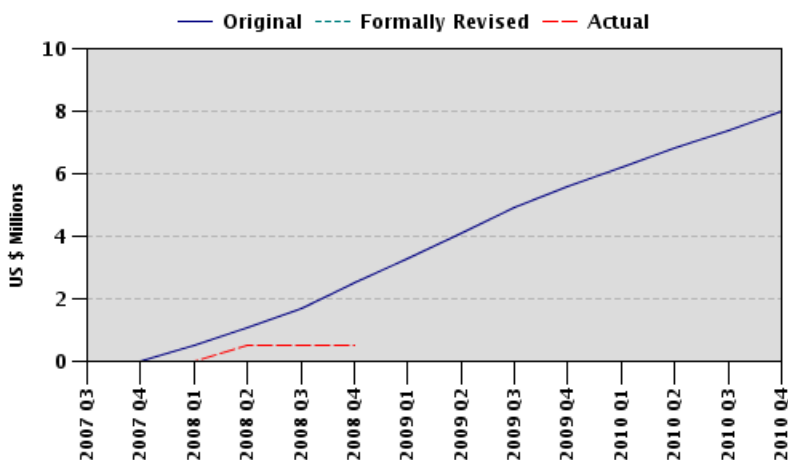
The development objective is to minimize the threat posed by highly pathogenic Avian Influenza to the poultry sector and prepare for possible spread of Avian Influenza to humans, through necessary short-and medium-term measures to identify, control and mitigate the effects of the disease.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After initial delays, project activities are moving ahead. Preparation of various manuals and work plans for fiscal year 2009 have been completed. Following Avian Flu outbreaks in neighboring countries, a poultry vaccination campaign was carried out in February 2008 covering semi-commercial farms in high risk areas. Training, simulations, and review of old legislation are expected to start soon. Good progress has been made in strengthening the disease early warning system and a comprehensive communication strategy has been prepared.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2670	Effective	8.77	0.50	8.26	0.00
TF-57769	Effective	5.00	0.50	4.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): Afghanistan HIV/AIDS Prevention Project (P101502)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 07/31/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3280, IDA-Q5490

Sector(s): Health (70%), Central government administration (26%), Other social services (4%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

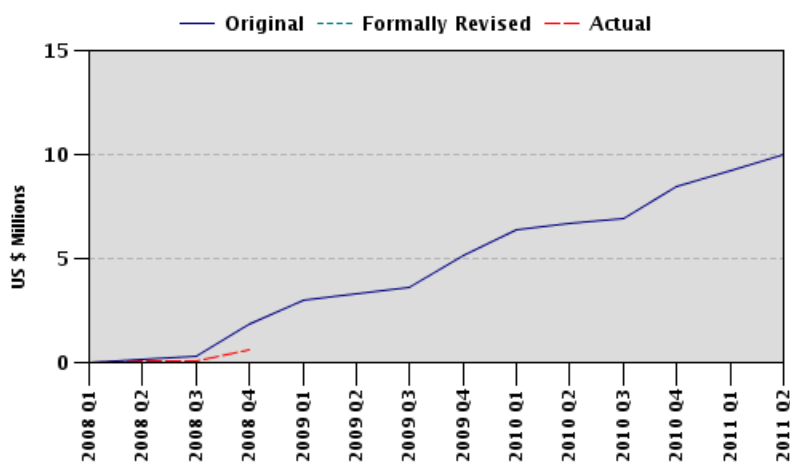
The project development objective is to slow down the spread of HIV and build up the national capacity to respond to the epidemic.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has contributed towards building the national capacity to respond to the epidemic by strengthening the National Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Control Program both technically and managerially. Several Non-governmental Organizations have started the provision of preventive and curative services to vulnerable groups including injecting drug users, sex workers and prisoners. The above activities are in line with the plans to achieve the Project Development Objectives by 2010.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3280	Effective	10.72	0.60	10.12	0.00
IDA-Q5490	Closed	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14



Project Name (ID): Afghanistan Skills Development Project (P102573)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/31/2008

Closing Date: 02/28/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3520

Sector(s): Vocational training (83%), Central government administration (17%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

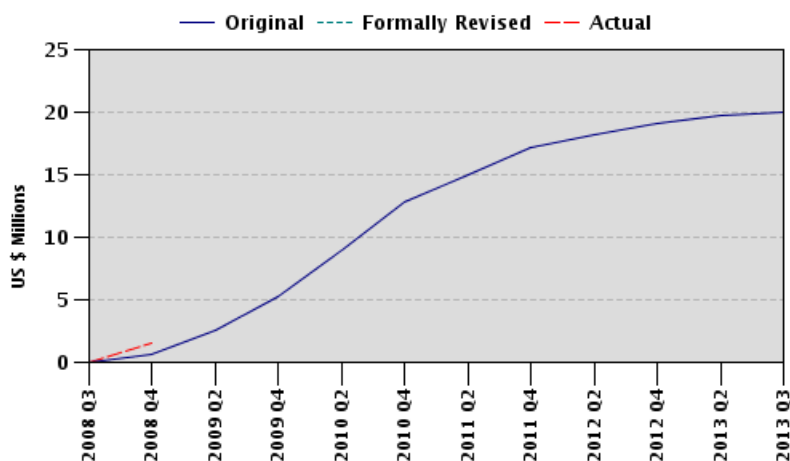
To increase the number of immediately-employable graduates by building, in stages, a high quality TVET system that is equitable, market responsive, and cost-effective.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Although the project was only declared effective on March 20, 2008 and was launched on April 29, 2008, a key component, the commencement of operations of the National Institute of Management and Administration, has already been achieved and will be officially inaugurated by President Karzai on August 6, 2008.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3520	Effective	20.02	1.50	18.55	0.00



Project Name (ID): National Emergency Rural Access Project (P103343)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 12/13/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3440, IDA-Q5570

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

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective (PDO) of the proposed project, derived from the overarching program objective of NRAP, is to provide year-round access to basic services and facilities in the rural areas of Afghanistan covered by the project. This will be achieved through rehabilitation and maintenance of rural access infrastructure by contracting with the private sector and, to a lesser extent, with the communities. The achievement of the PDO will enhance the well being of the population and promote equitable licit economic growth in the country.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3440	Not Effective	117.89	0.00	117.89	0.00
IDA-Q5570	Closed	0.50	0.47	0.03	0.00



Project Name (ID): AF Microfinance Project (P104301)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/08/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3480

Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance (100%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Gender (S), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

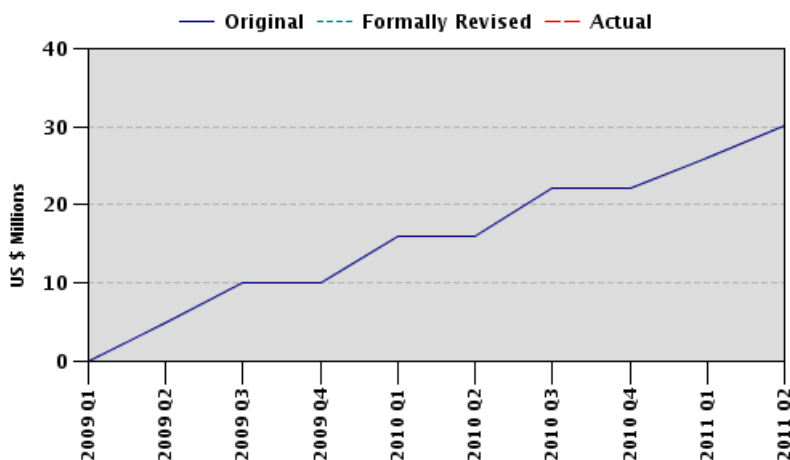
The objective is to create a sustainable microfinance sector that provides increased outreach to financial services for microfinance clients, especially the poor and women, thereby facilitating economic independence and improved livelihoods for them.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in June 2008, and thus, for fiscal year 2008 it is too early to report on direct project progress. However, to the extent that this project goes hand in hand with, and helps scale up an Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) financed microfinance initiative, it is worth noting that the microfinance sector supported by the parallel ARTF microfinance project has made considerable progress. Nearly 450, 000 active clients spread across 23 provinces (65 percent are women) have been reached, loans outstanding exceed US\$113 million and savings mobilized stand at US\$12 million. Progress towards full operational sustainability has been on track with respect to the projected timeline, with currently four of the 15 microfinance providers being operationally sustainable. These four providers account for over 50 percent of the total microfinance loans outstanding.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3480	Effective	31.20	0.00	31.20	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF-Management Capacity Program (P106170)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 02/13/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90077

Sector(s): Central government administration (50%), General public administration Sector (50%)

Theme(s): Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (P)

Project Development Objectives:

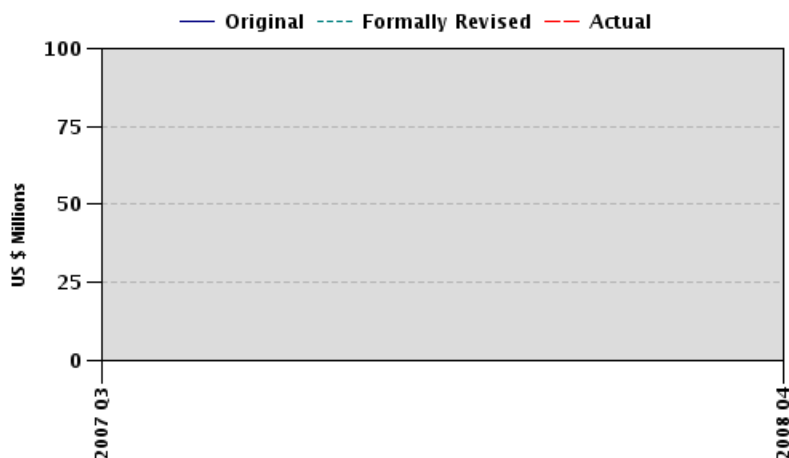
To enable key line ministries to strengthen their management capacity to improve budget utilization and service delivery.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to meet its development objectives. The management capacity needs assessment has been conducted in the first priority 13 ministries. Merit based recruitment is underway to fill 70 priority positions in Kabul and the Provinces. The Government of Afghanistan's Capacity Development Secretariat, who is implementing the Management Capacity Program and other complimentary programs, is now fully operational.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-90077	Effective	10.00	0.40-	10.40	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Quality Improvement Program II (P106259)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 01/31/2008

Closing Date: 09/01/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3540

Sector(s): Tertiary education (37%), Primary education (17%), Secondary education (17%), Sub-national government administration (16%), Central government administration (13%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

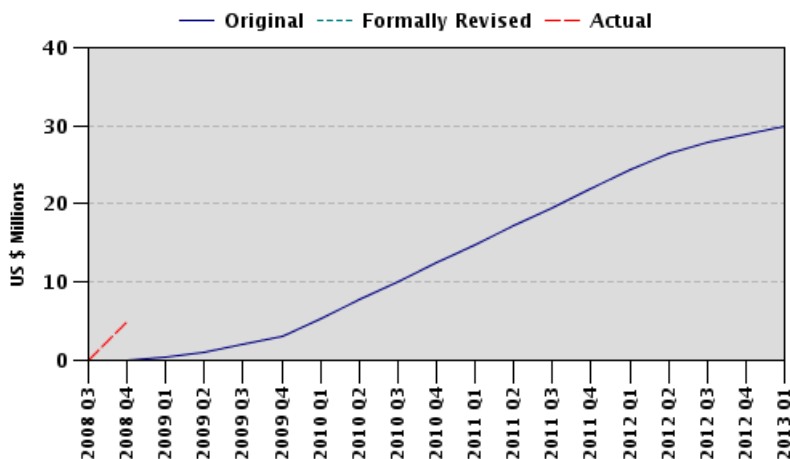
The project development objective is to increase equitable access to quality basic education especially for girls through school grants, teacher training and strengthened institutional capacity with support from communities and private providers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and although project launch took place in May 2008, the project was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress to be reported.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3540	Effective	30.55	4.69	25.87	0.00



Project Name (ID): ARTF Kabul-Aybak MazareSharif Power Proj (P106654)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 10/04/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-91120

Sector(s): Power (92%), Central government administration (8%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

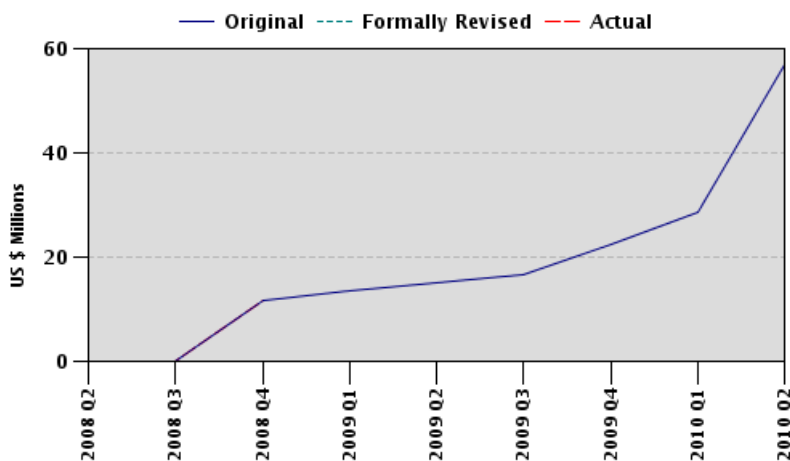
The development objective of the project is to help provide reliable and quality power to the consumers in the target areas of the cities of Kabul, Aybak, and Mazar-e-Sharif.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project implementation has started well and the progress towards achieving the development objectives is on track.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-91120	Effective	57.00	11.61	45.39	0.00



Project Name (ID): Afghanistan Judicial Reform Project (P107372)

Country: Afghanistan

Board Approval Date: 05/19/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-92160

Sector(s): Law and justice (100%)

Theme(s): Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to strengthen the centralized state justice system in Afghanistan and increase access to justice for the Afghan people.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in July 15, 2008 and was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-92160	Effective	27.75	0.00	27.75	0.00

