

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

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COUNTRY: BANGLADESH

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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): Municipal Services (P041887)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/16/1999

Midterm Review Date: 03/03/2002

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-31771, IDA-31770

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (58%), General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (20%), Other social services (17%), General transportation Sector (5%)

Theme(s): Municipal governance and institution building (P), Access to urban services and housing (P), Municipal finance (P), Pollution management and environmental Health (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to improve urban environment, infrastructure and services.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

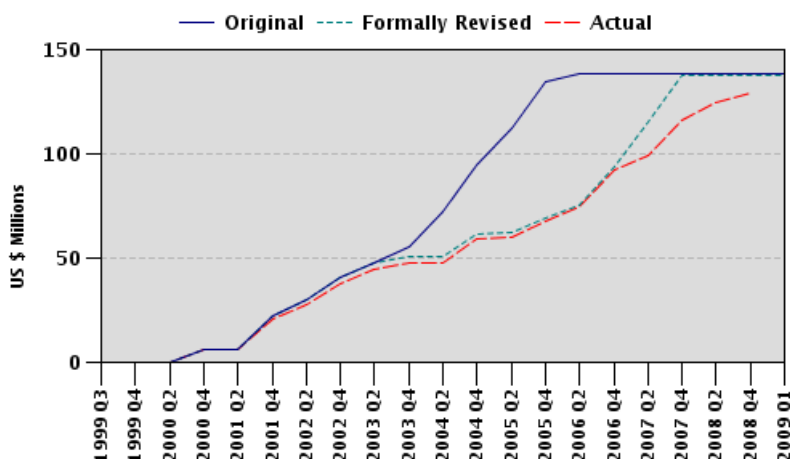
A credit of SDR15.8 million and implementation period of three years have been added to support rehabilitation of urban infrastructure damaged by the 2007 flood.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

With the original credit nearly exhausted, the original components of urban infrastructure investments and strengthening of municipal management and monitoring have made steady progress under works already committed, while a large demand for the support remains unmet. The fiduciary control and social participation mechanisms have been strengthened.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-31771	Not Effective	24.89	0.00	24.89	0.00
IDA-31770	Effective	158.13	129.20	13.45	0.68



Project Name (ID): Legal & Judicial Capacity Building (P044810)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2001

Midterm Review Date: 09/26/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-27508, IDA-34850

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

Theme(s): Access to law and justice (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (P), Law reform (P), Legal services (P), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

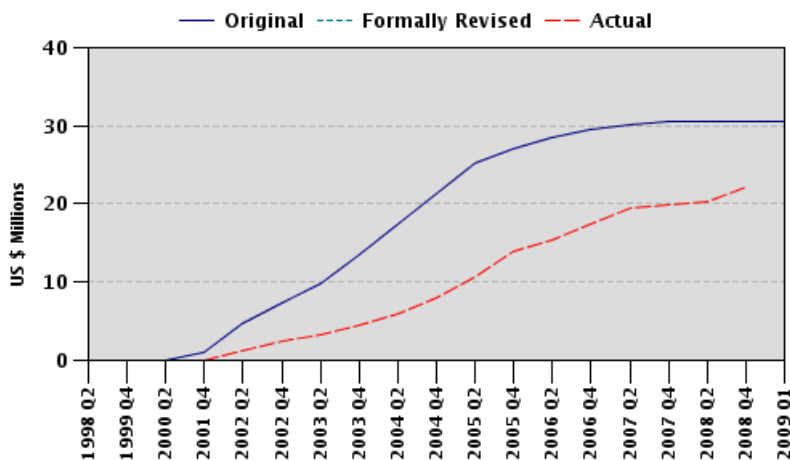
The project development objectives are: (a) to improve the legal and judicial environment by improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the civil justice delivery system; and (b) increase access to justice, particularly for women and the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There has been slow-down in the progress towards achieving the core objective because the judiciary is facing temporary shortage of judges, and that is negatively affecting the increasing trend in clearance rates that were earlier achieved by the courts. The shortage of judges has arisen as a result of a more fundamental reform of separation of the judiciary from the executive branch of the government; the judiciary had to take over the magistracy courts that were earlier manned by about 700 executive officers. They did not join the judiciary and so existing judges of the civil judiciary had to take over those courts in addition to their existing work. This is a temporary issue and new recruitment has already started. However, given that a more fundamental reform of separation of the judiciary from the executive has formally been achieved, it should have a longer-term positive impact in sustaining the institutional reforms already achieved under the project and through it the core objective of the project. Some of the results that have been achieved which have brought about more transparency and efficiency in the system include: (a) substantial amendments of the civil procedure code that has allowed the use of alternate dispute resolution within the system; (b) simplification of many of the processes of delay; (c) passing of a reform-enabling law that has allowed for a fundamental change in the court administration and case management process; and (d) creation of the position of Judicial Administrative Officer in the pilot districts which has led to a fundamental change in the way the case is filed from what it was before.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-27508	Closed	0.31	0.28	0.00	0.04
IDA-34850	Effective	37.32	22.13	13.15	0.00



Project Name (ID): Social Investment Program Project (P053578)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 03/18/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/23/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44500, IDA-37401, IDA-37400, IDA-H3490

Sector(s): Other social services (50%), General transportation Sector (40%), Media (5%), General education Sector (5%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Other rural development (P), Gender (S), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S), Rural policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's development objective is to develop effective and efficient financing and institutional arrangements for improving the access to local infrastructure and basic services through the implementation of community-driven small-scale infrastructure works and social assistance programs.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

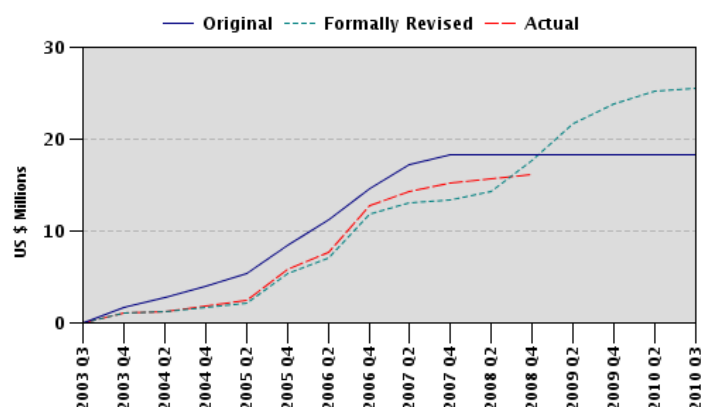
Additional Financings of IDA \$25 million was approved in FY08 as part of Restoration and Recovery Program to support speedy recovery of the flood affected population, particularly the poor and vulnerable in project districts and to be expanded into neighboring districts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has made considerable progress on the ground in consolidating gains and laying solid foundation for livelihood improvement and institution building in the on-going project villages, which was the objective of the additional financing approved in FY07. The project's development objective remains relevant and achievable. In the 922 project villages, there are now over 15,000 'Jibakayan' (Livelihood) groups, actively mobilizing savings and planning for livelihoods improvement activities, in addition to the already completed 1,300 infrastructure projects. The project's achievements and the benefits of community level planning and management of resources for their own development priorities have additionally been recognized with the processing of a second additional financing for the flood affected area. The second additional financing activities are now under way in the flood-affected districts to carry out livelihood restoration and generate employment for 2007 flood affected communities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-44500	Not Effective	49.76	0.00	49.76	0.00
IDA-37401	Effective	8.60	0.00	8.60	0.00
IDA-37400	Effective	21.95	16.22	4.07	0.00
IDA-H3490	Effective	25.98	0.00	25.98	0.00



Project Name (ID): Microfinance II (P059143)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 01/18/2001

Midterm Review Date: 08/19/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-34571, IDA-34570

Sector(s): Micro- and SME finance (96%), Central government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Other financial and private sector development (P), Access to urban services and housing (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Other public sector governance (S), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project will continue IDA's support for poverty alleviation through microcredit by: (a) expanding outreach to reach a greater number of the poor; (b) diversifying microcredit operations to reach the urban poor; the hard-core poor, and microentrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance (TA) for building sustainable institutional capacity in Bangladesh's apex microcredit wholesaler, the Palli Karma-Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) and its partner organizations (POs); and (d) establishing a legal, regulatory and supervisory framework for non-government organizations (NGOs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) to improve their creditworthiness as well as accelerate their integration with the formal financial market.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

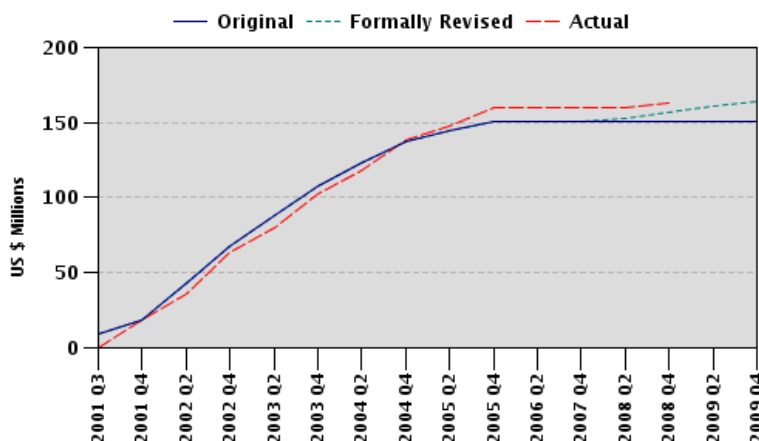
Additional financing of US\$15 million for the project was approved in 2007 in order to expand the microfinance outreach to a hitherto underserved segment of the urban poor. Specifically, the additional financing aims at assisting rickshaw pullers, affected by ban on non-motorized transport, to switch to alternative professions by providing them skill development training and microcredit.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Despite the prolonged take-off period for the additional financing, the project has been making good progress since March 2008. The microfinance scaling up is speeding up as the PKSF and POs are now serving an entirely new segment of urban poor; the rickshaw pullers affected by government policy on non-motorized vehicles. The POs have already given life skills training to over 15, 000 poor people and preparation for skill development and business development trainings are going on. The project has enabled the beneficiaries to reduce their dependence on rickshaw pulling for livelihood by 50 percent. About 7, 000 poor people received microcredit and are in the process of switching to alternative professions.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-34571	Effective	15.82	2.65	13.17	0.00
IDA-34570	Closed	181.28	160.48	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Central Bank Strengthening Project (P062916)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date: 10/04/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37920

Sector(s): Banking (100%)

Theme(s): Standards and financial reporting (P), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Legal institutions for a market economy (P), International financial architecture (S)

Project Development Objectives:

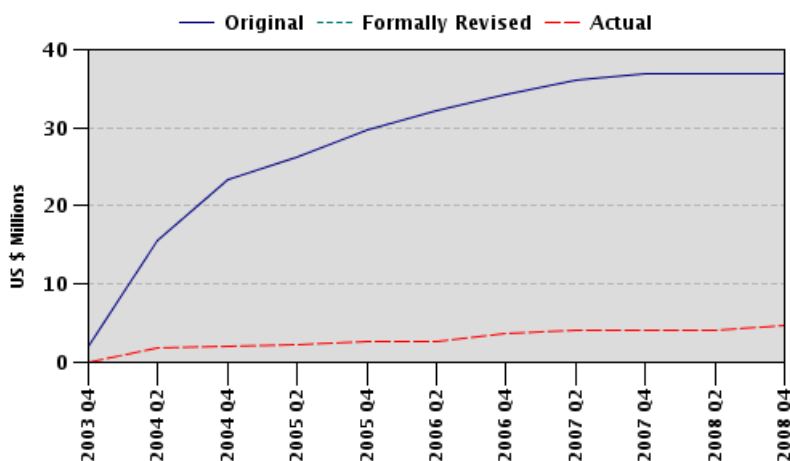
The project's development objective is to achieve a strong and effective regulatory and supervisory system for Bangladesh's banking sector through modernization of the Bangladesh Bank (central bank) by automating its operations and implementing change process and strengthening regulatory regime for bank supervision through enhanced on-site supervision, off-site surveillance, tighter prudential regulations, and credit information service.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The achievement of key project development objectives has improved significantly with recent progress made in implementing the information technology component and the Bangladesh Bank's business staff being re-energized and re-engaged in the project. Bangladesh Bank and the World Bank have agreed on a project restructuring plan, as there are some components no longer relevant and/or implemented by other donor agencies. The proposed restructuring plan includes some new components and a possible extension of the closing date. Overall, the project is progressing well with implementation at an advance stage.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37920	Effective	44.48	4.66	39.23	0.00



Project Name (ID): Water Management Improvement Project (P040712)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 09/18/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2015

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-29551, TF-25991, IDA-43590

Sector(s): Flood protection (64%), Irrigation and drainage (27%), Central government administration (9%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Natural disaster management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

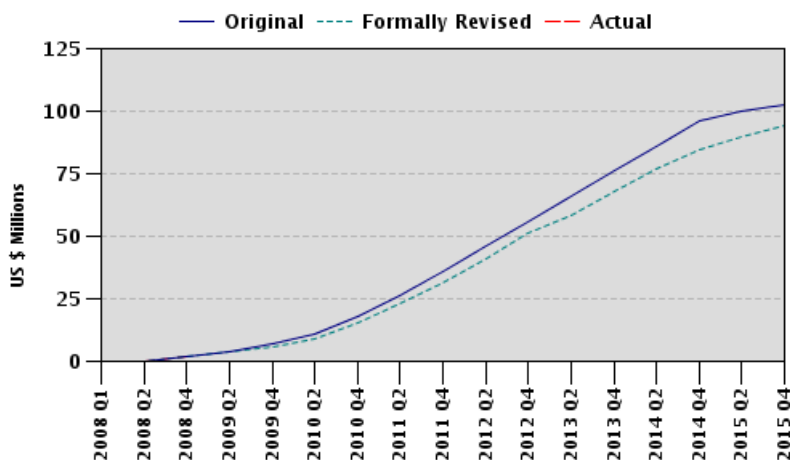
The project development objectives are to: (a) improve national water resources management by involving the local communities to play an expanded role in all stages of the project cycle; and (b) to enhance institutional performance of the two principal national water institutions (Water Resources Planning Organization and Bangladesh Water Development Board).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is in its first year of implementation and although it is too early to assess its achievements, with the current project design, it is likely to meet its objectives. The overall implementation progress is behind the work plan targets but has started moving in the right direction. The pace of implementation is gradually picking up and the work plan for fiscal year 2009 is expected to be accomplished.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-29551	Closed	0.26	0.25	0.00	0.01
TF-25991	Closed	0.35	0.17	0.00	0.18
IDA-43590	Effective	110.55	1.97	100.23	8.08



Project Name (ID): Rural Transport Improvement Project (P071435)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date: 12/15/2005

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37911, IDA-37910

Sector(s): Roads and highways (80%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project's objectives are to provide rural communities with improved access to social services and economic opportunity, and to enhance the capacity of relevant government institutions to manage rural transport infrastructure.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY08

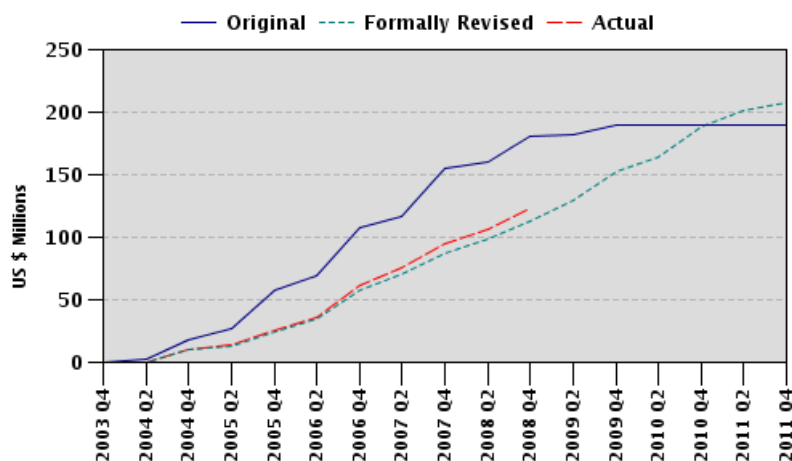
Additional financing of US\$20 million was approved to include a flood component after the 2007 disastrous flood.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Outcome indicators have made good progress toward their end-of-project (EOP) targets. Implementation of the Institutional Strengthening Action Plan (ISAP) in the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and of the Local Government Institutions Improvement Plan (LGIP) is progressing well with the overall progress of ISAP being 85 percent and that of LGIP being about 85 percent. LGED's annual operating costs as a percentage of total annual budget have been reduced from 13.7 percent to 10.03 percent since the project started with an objective of 11.65 percent at EOP. The resources for maintenance for the LGED managed road network have increased from Tk.2 billion in 2003 at the start of the project to Tk3.73 billion in the 2008-2009 budget. The participating Local Government Institutions' revenue mobilization has remained stagnant at Tk200, 000. Project implementation has progressed even though some contractors have not been able to cope with the steep increase in the price of inputs (cement, steel and fuel).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37911	Not Effective	19.85	0.00	19.85	0.00
IDA-37910	Effective	223.47	123.63	90.61	0.00



Project Name (ID): Rural Elect. Renewable Energy Dev. (P071794)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/25/2002

Midterm Review Date: 07/09/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-36790

Sector(s): Power (91%), Renewable energy (9%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Participation and civic engagement (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

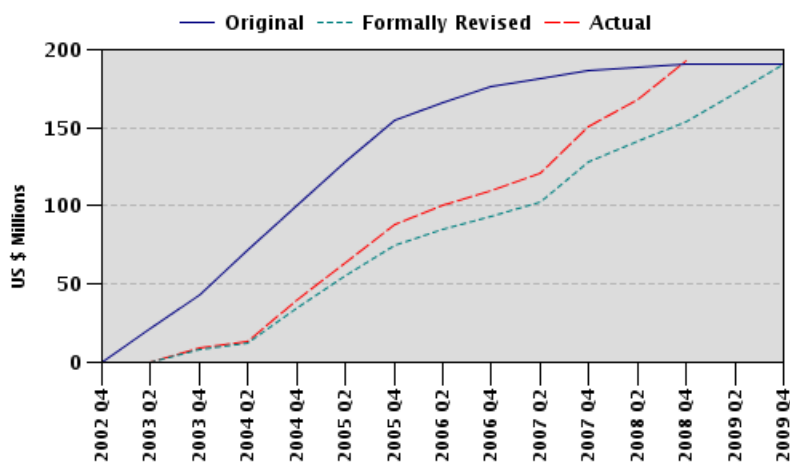
The Project Development Objective is to increase access to electricity in rural areas of Bangladesh.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is continuing successfully to increase access to electricity. The work on construction of new electricity distribution networks and the renovation of dilapidated networks is progressing well and this has improved both access and the quality of service. However, in general, the whole country is facing a severe load shedding due to lack of increase in power generation to meet increased electricity demand. This could reduce the positive impact of the project. About 550, 000 new consumers have been connected through grid network against a total project target of about 700, 000. The project has installed more than 200, 000 Solar Home Systems (SHS). The rate of SHS installation has far exceeded project targets. This project has also financed the first ever biomass power plant in the private sector. The plant started operation from December 2007. The power plant uses rice husk for fuel and had a good demonstration impact. It has also helped to raise awareness on these types of technology to be used in a sustainable manner to generate power in rural Bangladesh. The project is supporting activities to evaluate the socio-economic impact of rural electrification and train the rural electric cooperatives in carrying out Environmental Impact Assessments. Achievement of the project objective is likely.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-36790	Effective	240.25	192.43	39.16	0.00



Project Name (ID): HNP Sector Program (P074841)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 04/28/2005

Midterm Review Date: 02/15/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40520, TF-50805, TF-56510

Sector(s): Health (40%), Central government administration (36%), Other social services (11%), General public administration Sector (9%), General education Sector (4%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

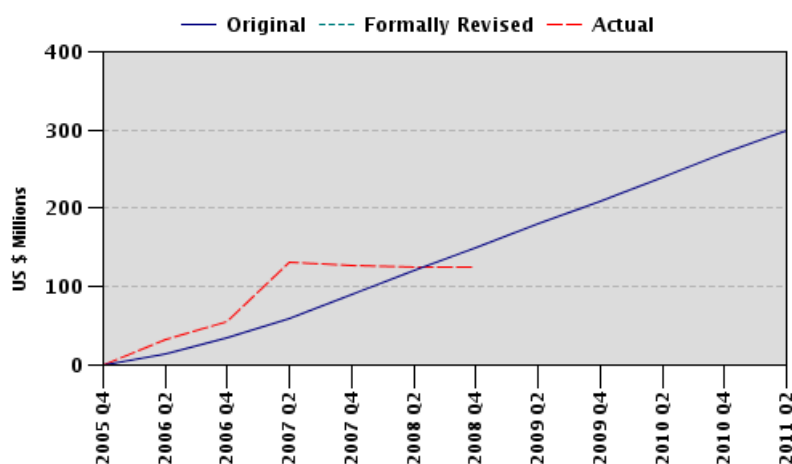
The project objective is to assist the Government of Bangladesh in the implementation of its Strategic Investment Plan (2003-2010), for the Health Nutrition & Population Sector Program. It will do so in cooperation with a large group of Development Partners through a Sector Wide Approach (SWAp). The main purpose of this SIP will be to increase availability as well as access and utilization of user-centered, effective, efficient, equitable, and affordable quality services. The program will focus on three major reform areas: (i) Strengthening Public Health Sector Management and Stewardship Capacity; (ii) Health Sector Diversification and; (iii) Stimulating Demand for essential services by poor households through health advocacy and demand-side financing options.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant progress has been made in implementation of reforms and service delivery over the last year. Since January 2007, there has been high-level commitment leading to improvements in the management and leadership, and an increase in accountability for implementation. The demand side financing pilots have been expanded from 21 to 33 upazilas, a commendable achievement. Services statistics also have improved much.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40520	Effective	320.45	124.71	182.46	0.00
TF-50805	Closed	1.50	0.17	0.00	1.33
TF-56510	Effective	300.00	160.26	139.74	0.00



Project Name (ID): Primary Education Development Program II (P074966)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 02/24/2004

Midterm Review Date: 10/29/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-38570

Sector(s): Primary education (65%), Central government administration (27%), Sub-national government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

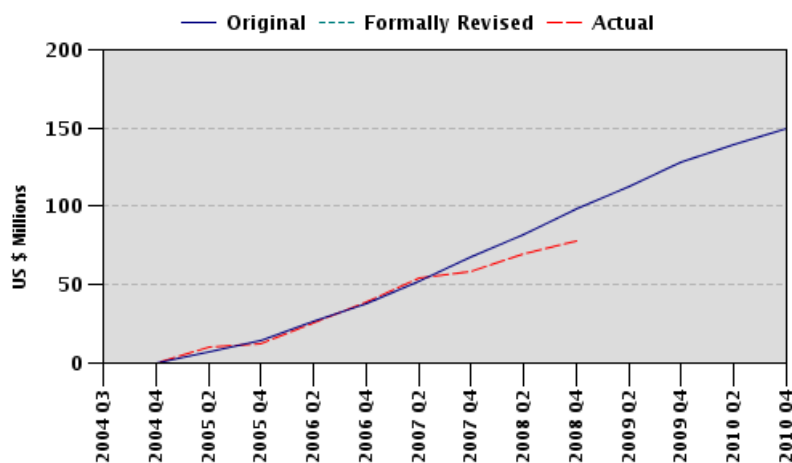
The overall program objective is to improve quality, equitable access, and efficiency in primary education through a sub-sector program approach.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Based on available data, progress towards the development objectives appears mixed. While some improvement has been made towards increasing access and participation levels in primary schooling, completion rates have fallen slightly. The progress of student learning achievement will be available after completion of the 2008 National Assessment later in the year. While an appreciable advance in progress has been made to provide provisional updates on program outcomes, the available data are still quite limited. This makes it challenging to determine actual program progress. Some technical assistance is currently being provided to help strengthen this critical domain.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38570	Effective	163.62	77.93	82.21	0.00



Project Name (ID): Power Sector Development TA (P078707)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/03/2004

Midterm Review Date: 08/13/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0920, IDA-39130

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (27%), Oil and gas (9%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Regulation and competition policy (P), Corporate governance (P), Access to urban services and housing (S)

Project Development Objectives:

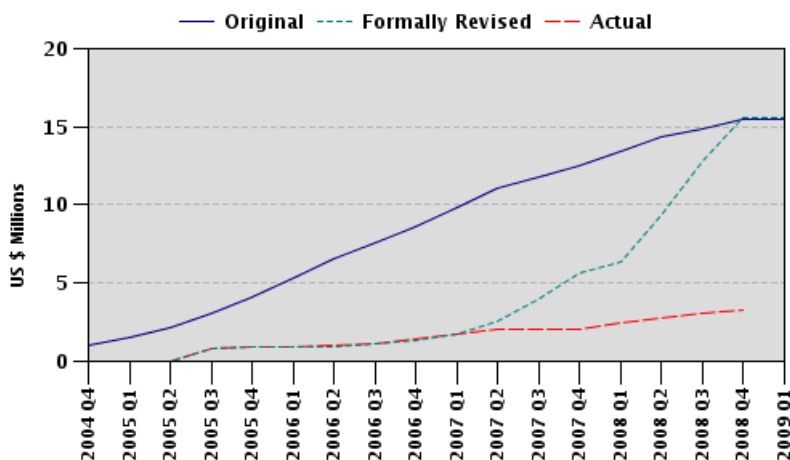
The project aims to create a sound institutional foundation in the power sector - at the policy making, operational and regulatory levels - on which to ramp up the investments and services needed for the sector to contribute more effectively to economic growth and poverty alleviation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track and has made noteworthy progress in multiple areas over the past year. It is contributing to implementing the strategic framework for power and gas supply and service, building Government and utility capacity in policy making, operational and investment preparation. Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission is becoming functional and in the process of securing project assistance to achieve the mandate. Improvement trend of project outcome indicators is expected to result in meeting the end-targets by the extended project deadline of June 2011 that the Government has requested to IDA.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0920	Effective	9.49	2.50	6.80	0.00
IDA-39130	Effective	7.43	0.79	6.63	0.00



Project Name (ID): BD: Telecommunications Technical Assist. (P081849)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/19/2003

Midterm Review Date: 12/16/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-37900

Sector(s): Telecommunications (100%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

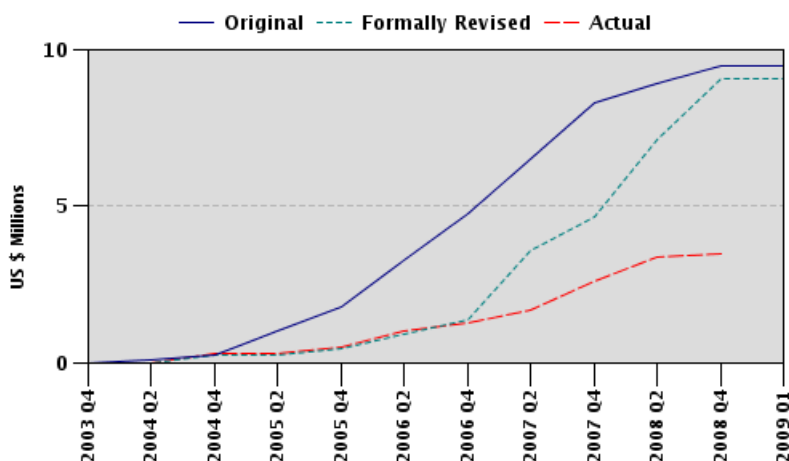
The objective is to improve the performance of the telecommunications sector through establishment of an institutional and regulatory framework favorable to the competitive provision of telecommunications infrastructure and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant progress has been made: (i) Cabinet approval has been provided for the restructuring of the Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board into a state owned public limited company; (ii) the international long distance market segment has been opened to competition; (iii) Public Switched Telecommunications Network operators have been licensed to provide services in the greater Dhaka region; and (iv) the mobile telecommunications segment has seen an addition of approximately 13 million new subscribers in FY08.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-37900	Effective	11.03	3.50	7.17	0.00



Project Name (ID): Enterprise Growth & Bank Modernization (P081969)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/08/2004

Closing Date: 11/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-54660, IDA-39170, IDA-Q3920

Sector(s): Central government administration (41%), Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (36%), Banking (14%), Other industry (5%), Housing finance and real estate markets (4%)

Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Export development and competitiveness (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

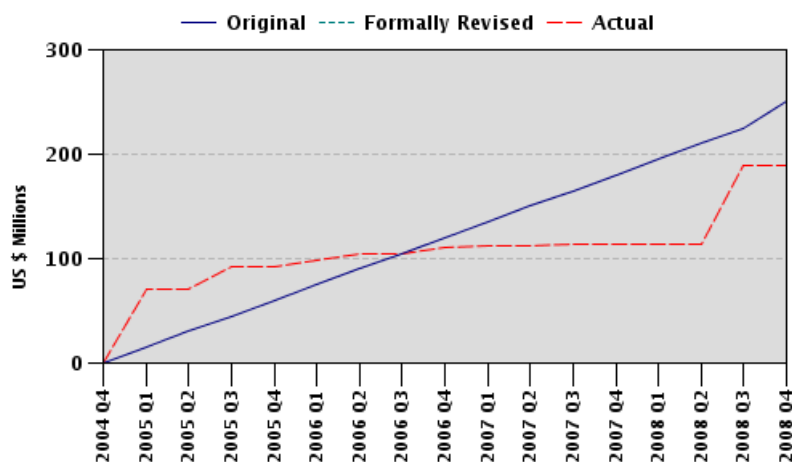
The objectives of the Project are: (a) to trigger employment generation through private sector enterprise growth and modernization of the banking system; and (b) to promote urgently needed reforms within State Owned Enterprises and the Nationalized Commercial Banks.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has been progressing well towards achieving its objectives. The State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) reforms are also progressing well as reflected through the Voluntary Retirement Scheme disbursement. This is helping reduce losses in those SOEs and also preparing them for privatization. The growth part has also moved well, both through more Foreign Direct Investment flows into the two Export Processing Zones that were created through refurbishment of two loss making SOEs, and use of Small Enterprise Funds by the private banks. While privatization of one of the Nationalized Commercial banks (NCBs), the Rupali Bank, did not finally materialize because of last minute pull-out by the buyer, there is now an ongoing effort of using the central bank (Bangladesh Bank) to divest Rupali Bank. The other three NCBs have been corporatized, and their Chief Executive Officers and other key officials have been hired from the private sector.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54660	Effective	98.57	27.68	69.17	0.00
IDA-39170	Effective	271.49	188.58	74.70	0.00
IDA-Q3920	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00



Project Name (ID): Economic Management TA Program (EMTAP) (P083890)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/22/2004

Midterm Review Date: 08/01/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1070

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

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (P), Tax policy and administration (P), Standards and financial reporting (S)

Project Development Objectives:

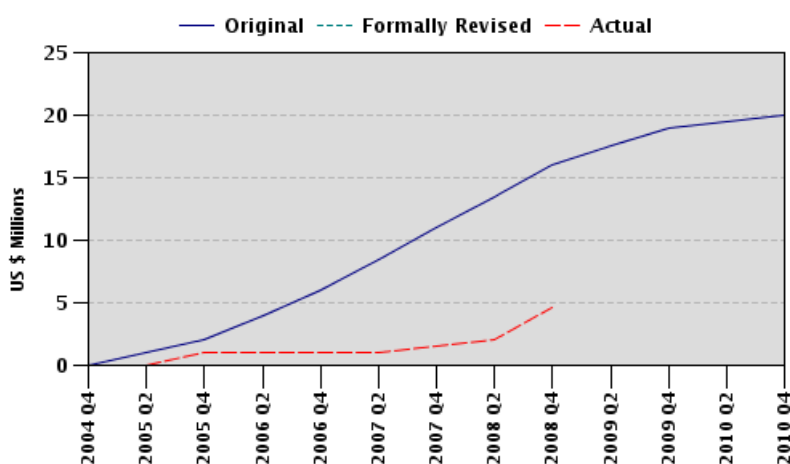
Strengthen capacities in core areas of economic and public sector management and contribute to better policy formulation and implementation, and functioning of the public administration and the corporate sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Over the last year, project implementation has been proceeding at full speed and good progress is being made towards achieving the overall development objective. The Economic Relations Division's pro-active management of the project has paid off. Almost all the component activities have accelerated their implementation. Progress has been made in the Tax Modernization and Automation to move towards a functional-based structure and modernized Information Technology (IT) systems. The new Legal and Regulatory Framework for corporate Financial Reporting has been endorsed at the higher government levels although the Finance Reporting Act remains to be enacted. Progress has been made on the institutional strengthening of the two accountancy bodies with their twinning arrangements moving forward. An IT road map and strategy for the country has been prepared and progress is being made on the introduction of e-Government elements in the functioning of the public administration. Overall project management has been strengthened through regular monitoring by the Economic Relations Division.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1070	Effective	22.31	4.17	18.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): National Agricultural Technology Project (P084078)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 02/07/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-43860, IDA-Q5010

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (50%), Crops (20%), Animal production (15%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Central government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

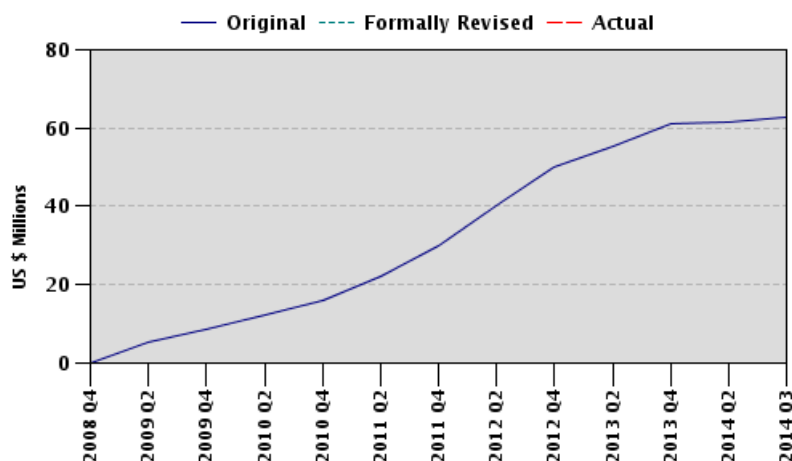
The project development objective is to improve effectiveness of the national agricultural technology system in Bangladesh. The overall objective of the long-term program is to support GOB's strategy to improve national agricultural productivity and farm income.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall, necessary implementation arrangements are being put in place. In view of the current food situation, the project is fast-tracking, at the government's request, the implementation in FY09 of its rice technology demonstration and transfer program for the coming rice cropping seasons.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-43860	Effective	63.45	0.30	63.15	0.00
IDA-Q5010	Closed	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.46



Project Name (ID): BD - Water Supply Program Project (P086661)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/12/2007

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1010

Sector(s): Water supply (85%), Micro- and SME finance (10%), Sub-national government administration (5%)

Theme(s): Water resource management (P), Pollution management and environmental Health (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S), Infrastructure services for private sector development (S)

Project Development Objectives:

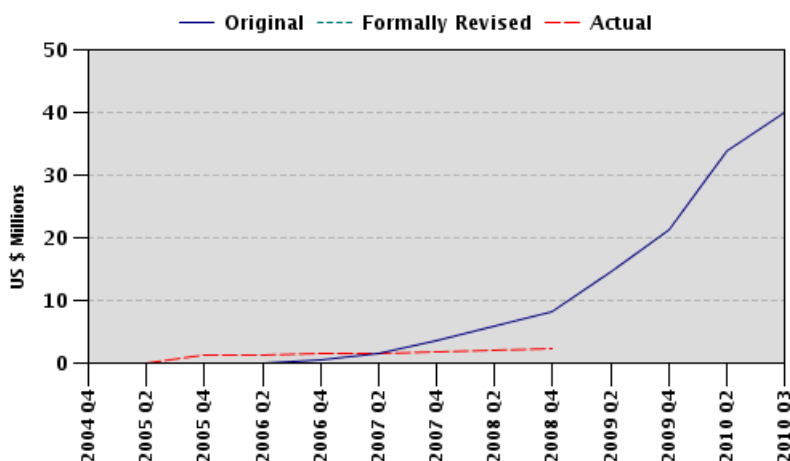
The development objective of the project is to contribute to Bangladesh's efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in water supply and sanitation by 2015. Specifically, the project will pilot innovative measures to scale up the provision of safe water supply free from arsenic and pathogens in rural areas and small towns.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

A number of rural piped water systems are under construction and when completed would demonstrate the potential of piped water systems in rural areas under the overall control of local communities and small private operators. Activities for scaling up rural non-piped water schemes in three arsenic-affected districts have started. The project has faced significant implementation challenges during the year and is in the process of being restructured to focus on a smaller targeted number of schemes under simplified implementation setups and procedures. Extra project funds are being or have been reallocated towards the needs of the 2007 flood and cyclone programs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1010	Effective	44.75	2.25	16.69	25.03



Project Name (ID): Reaching Out of School Children Project (P086791)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date: 02/10/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1020, TF-53677

Sector(s): Other social services (55%), Primary education (45%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Gender (S)

Project Development Objectives:

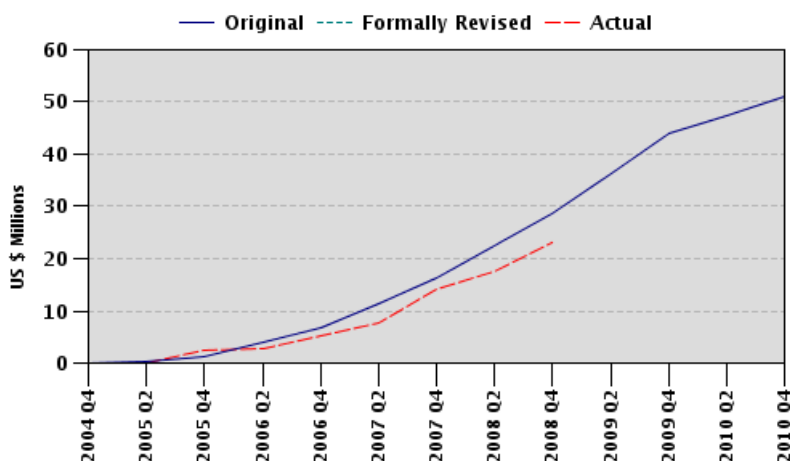
The project development objective is to reduce the number of out-of-school children through improved access, quality and efficiency in primary education, especially for the disadvantaged children, in support of the Government of Bangladesh's education for all goals.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to meet its development objective indicators (enrollment rate and student performance). The target of enrolling half a million children has been met; grade completion rate is over 99 percent and over 95 percent students have achieved the expected learning competency levels. The project will continue to focus on quality interventions during the remaining project period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1020	Effective	57.05	23.23	32.54	0.00
TF-53677	Effective	6.00	2.33	3.67	0.00



Project Name (ID): Investment Promotion Financing Facility (P089382)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 05/02/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41690

Sector(s): Banking (55%), Power (15%), General transportation Sector (15%), General water, sanitation and flood protection Sector (8%), Other industry (7%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

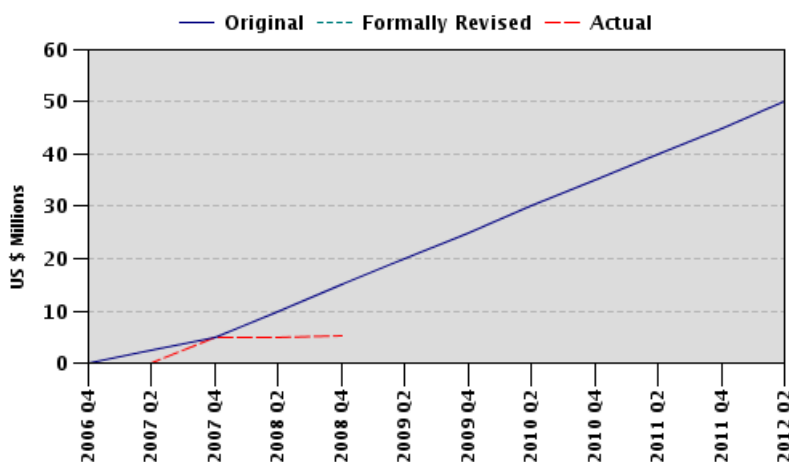
The project objective is to accelerate private sector-led growth by providing term finance for infrastructure development and promoting domestic infrastructure finance capacity. The project will make available partial debt financing through private sector financial intermediaries for eligible, government-endorsed infrastructure projects to be developed by the private sector and will strengthen capacity for ensuring the sustainable provision of private infrastructure.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has experienced, in the past year, an extensive gestation period, during which the project team was focusing on building awareness of opportunities offered by the project to various infrastructure sectors, as well as capacity building and technical assistance to both potential beneficiaries of the project as well as to the participating financial institutions implementing the project credit line. These efforts were long and taxing; however, they have borne fruit. The project pipeline has now signed up five power plants. This has had the effect of committing a considerable part of the total project pipeline.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41690	Effective	54.78	5.17	49.44	0.00



Project Name (ID): Public Procurement Reform Project II (P098146)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 07/05/2007

Closing Date: 03/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-43500

Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Other social services (5%), Media (5%)

Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Other public sector governance (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

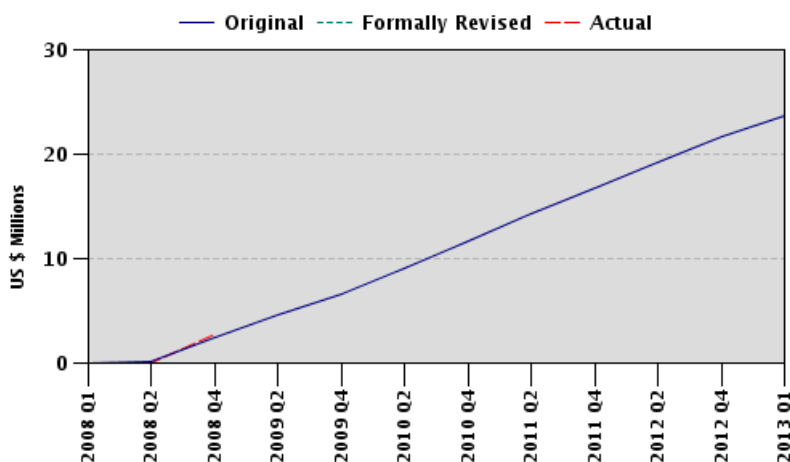
The Project Development Objective (PDO), as a follow-on intervention, is to improve performance of the public procurement system progressively in Bangladesh, focusing largely on the key sectoral ministries and targeting their implementing agencies. The PDO would be achieved by enhancing capacity in creating a sustained program to develop skilled procurement professionals, strengthening management and monitoring of procurement in the target agencies, piloting e-government procurement in Central Procurement Technical Unit and the target agencies, and creating greater public awareness using communication and social accountability tools.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

After the effectiveness of both the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008 on January 31, 2008, the project made reasonably good progress by taking steps against a majority of the actions agreed during its first review in February 2008. All key consultants started their work covering a series of activities; major procurements are being processed. The project organized refresher courses for the certified national trainers, made arrangements to start the main three-week course in October 2008, developed procurement performance monitoring indicators as part of updating the existing procurement management information system, started actions for introducing electronic government procurement in the target agencies and initiated work on the communication strategy and social accountability.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-43500	Effective	24.89	2.68	22.24	0.00



Project Name (ID): Local Governance Support Project (P098273)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/15/2006

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41930

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

Theme(s): Decentralization (P), Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other accountability/anti-corruption (S), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

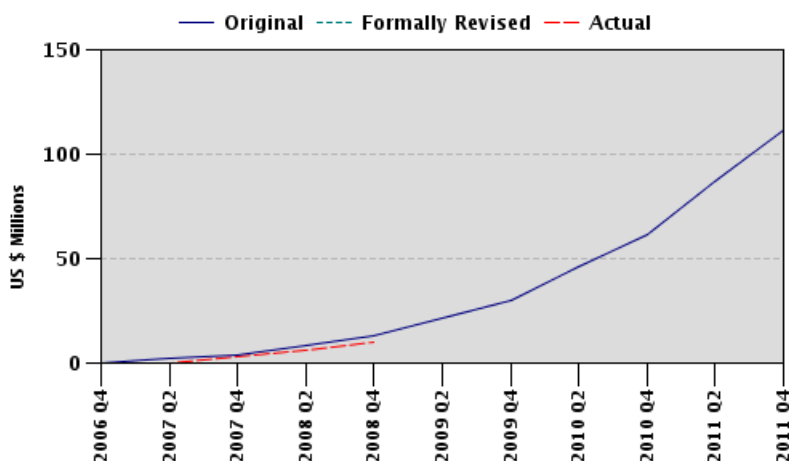
The project's development objective aims to strengthen the capacity of Union Parishads (UPs), the lowest tier of local government in Bangladesh, to deliver public services prioritized by community in a more efficient, responsive and accountable manner.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has provided higher amounts of resources in the form of Expanded Block Grants (EBGs) and greater autonomy to UPs in deciding their spending priorities. In the first year, 1060 UPs, from a total of 4,498 UPs, were inducted into the project after clearing an independent audit. These first year UPs have now received two installments of EBGs, and this has led to a notable expansion in the stock of schemes and projects undertaken by them. Both direct block grants and enhanced accountability measures are expected to bring a paradigm shift at the grassroots level in the medium term in terms of development spending. Despite a politically challenging operating environment, the likelihood of achieving the project development objectives remains relatively strong, as evidenced by the high levels of political commitment to strengthening local governments and the project in particular.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41930	Effective	123.68	10.03	92.85	19.96



Project Name (ID): Avian Flu Preparedness (P102305)

Country: Bangladesh

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90662, IDA-43400

Sector(s): General public administration Sector (48%), Health (31%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry Sector (17%), Other social services (3%), Solid waste management (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 project's development objective is to minimize the threat posed by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to humans in Bangladesh by controlling such infections in domestic poultry, and preparing for, controlling, and responding to possible human infections, especially an influenza epidemic and related emergencies.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Overall, the project is on track to accomplish its objectives, although there has been inordinate delays in finalizing the Agreement between the Government and the Food and Agriculture Organization to provide implementation support. No new outbreak of avian influenza (AI) among the poultry has been reported since May 19, 2008. So far, H5 virus in poultry has been confirmed in 47 out of 64 of the districts (73 percent). The first human case was detected in January 2008 and the affected patient has fully recovered. Programmatically, Bangladesh has stepped into the 'Pandemic Alert Stage' where there is active circulating virus among poultry and HPAI transmission is occurring from poultry to humans. The Government has taken steps to strengthen surveillance and all other control measures for preventing human to human transmission. The Bank's Avian and Human Influenza Trust Fund (AHI TF)-supported project in coordination with other ongoing AI-projects is supporting the Government in the following areas: (i) comprehensive risk communication campaign; (ii) enhanced surveillance of animal and human cases; (iii) strengthening of laboratory capacity; (iv) rapid responses in case of outbreaks; and (v) improved coordination between animal and health sectors at all levels.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-90662	Effective	2.00	0.15	1.85	0.00
IDA-43400	Effective	16.91	0.50	16.40	0.00

