

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY08

SOUTH ASIA REGION

COUNTRY: BHUTAN

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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): BT Private Sector Development (P073458)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 06/20/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3070

Sector(s): Information technology (35%), General education Sector (25%), General industry and trade Sector (15%), Central government administration (13%), General finance Sector (12%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Other financial and private sector development (S), Improving labor markets (S), Education for the knowledge economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

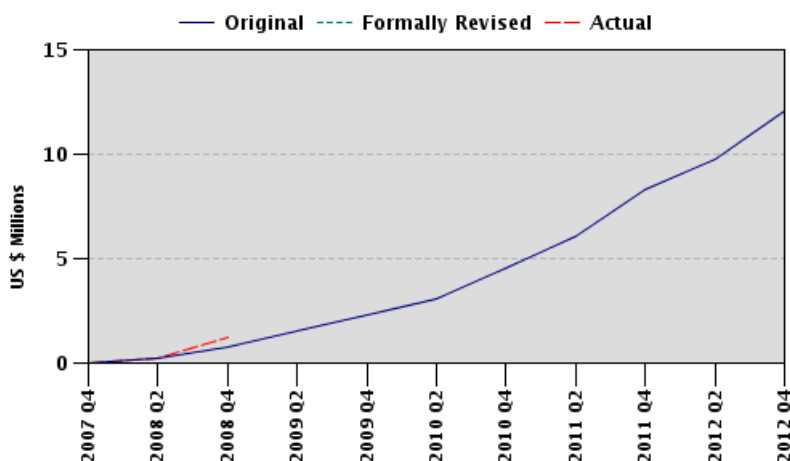
The objective of the project is to increase productive employment in Bhutan through promotion of enterprise development in the Information Technology (IT) and IT enabled Services Sector, enhanced IT skills, and improved access to finance.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress toward achieving its development objectives. With the completion of the elections and staffing of the implementation agencies, project implementation is now moving forward substantially. Key progress to date includes: (a) the finalization of an incentive package for developers and tenants of the planned IT Park; (b) the completion by a delegation of the Royal Government of Bhutan of two regional road shows to bring awareness on the planned Bhutan IT Park, resulting in visits by developers to study the feasibility of investing in the IT Park; (c) the completion of an IT System Diagnostics at Bank of Bhutan (BOB), in preparation of BOB's physical IT roll-out; and (d) the launch of the financial sector IT development strategic plan commissioned by the Central Bank, the Royal Monetary Authority.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H3070	Effective	8.59	1.22	7.37	0.00



Project Name (ID): Education Development Project (P074114)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 08/21/2003

Midterm Review Date: 05/22/2007

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-26873, IDA-H3740, IDA-38200

Sector(s): Secondary education (60%), Primary education (20%), Central government administration (15%), Tertiary education (4%), Other industry (1%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (P), Rural services and infrastructure (S)

Project Development Objectives:

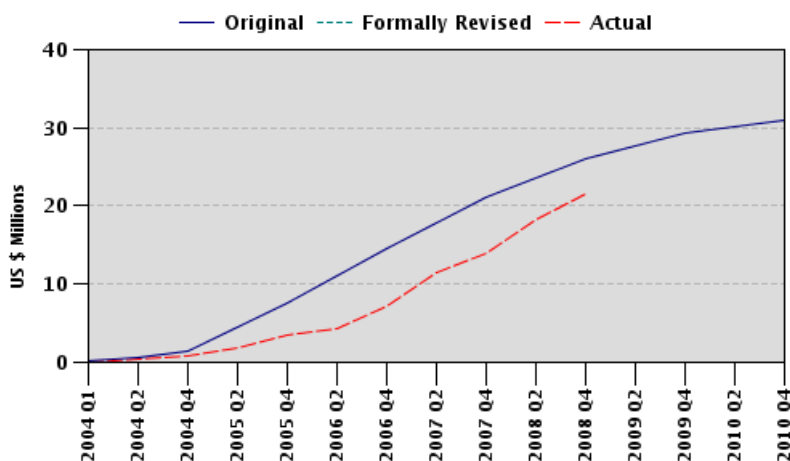
Support Bhutan's five-year education development program to expand access to primary and secondary education, and improve educational quality at all levels.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Good progress has been made with achievement of the project's gender ratio at the primary level and secondary enrollment targets. A total of 12 of 28 secondary schools to be built under the project have been completed and are now operational. The remaining 16 are under construction toward achieving the project's secondary education access target of 10,000 additional student places. The important national achievement agenda under the project has been completed with the solid institutionalization of capacity to carry out student assessment in key subject areas. The network of resource centers has expanded to 35 as a means of supporting remote schools and decentralized teacher professional development. The project's human resource capacity development agenda is being implemented smoothly, with all planned training and professional development scheduled for completion by project closing.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-26873	Closed	0.39	0.38	0.00	0.01
IDA-H3740	Not Effective	1.60	0.00	1.60	0.00
IDA-38200	Effective	35.87	21.63	12.57	0.00



Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention and Control (P083169)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004

Midterm Review Date: 11/14/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1030

Sector(s): Health (45%), Central government administration (40%), Other social services (15%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Other communicable diseases (P), Population and reproductive Health (S), Health system performance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

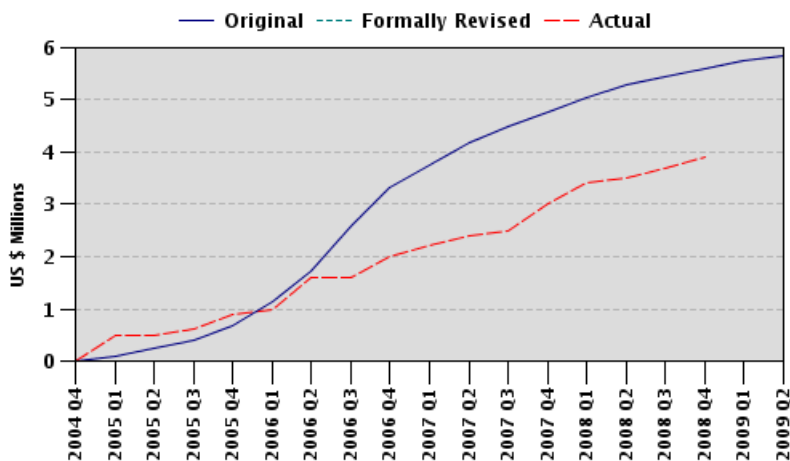
The objectives of the project are to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Bhutan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Prevalence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) remains low in Bhutan, below one percent of the adult population. The project has ensured high awareness of HIV amongst the general population, and relatively high condom use in casual relationships. A more effective treatment of STIs has been introduced. Knowledge about prevention of STIs still needs to be increased as does use of condoms. The project has also improved the information base on HIV and STI related behavior to better focus interventions. The program needs to begin to focus more on most-at-risk groups to have a more effective prevention strategy.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1030	Effective	6.50	3.94	2.21	0.00



Project Name (ID): Bhutan- Sustainable Land Management (P087039)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 01/17/2006

Closing Date: 12/31/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53109, TF-55967

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry Sector (55%), Sub-national government administration (25%), Central government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Other rural development (S), Biodiversity (S)

Project Development Objectives:

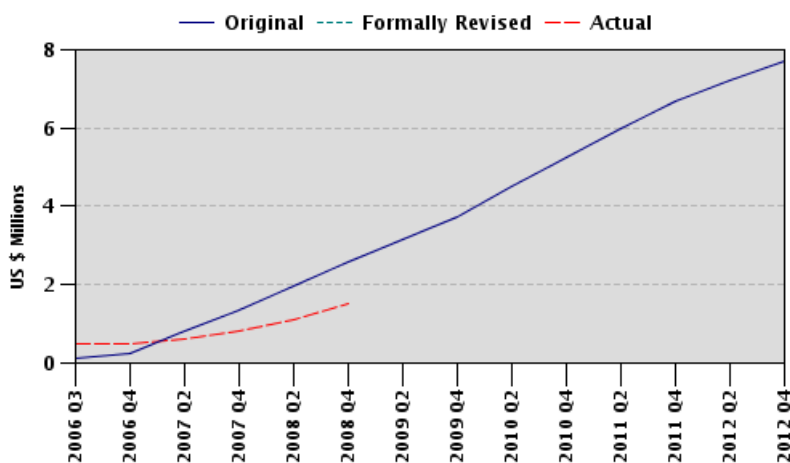
To strengthen institutional and community capacity for anticipating and managing land degradation in Bhutan

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well and is on track to achieve its development objectives. Annual Work Plans for the pilot geogs now include integration of sustainable land management (SLM) approaches and new approaches and technologies to improve land productivity are under implementation in farmer fields. Six additional geogs have been identified for scaling up of SLM techniques. The project has initiated support for SLM thematic studies in related sectors as part of the effort to mainstream SLM principles in other development sectors and their programs.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53109	Closed	0.30	0.26	0.00	0.04
TF-55967	Effective	7.66	1.53	6.13	0.00



Project Name (ID): Decentralized Rural Development (P087150)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 03/01/2005

Midterm Review Date: 05/15/2008

Closing Date: 09/30/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40400

Sector(s): Roads and highways (64%), Irrigation and drainage (18%), Agricultural extension and research (12%), Sub-national government administration (6%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

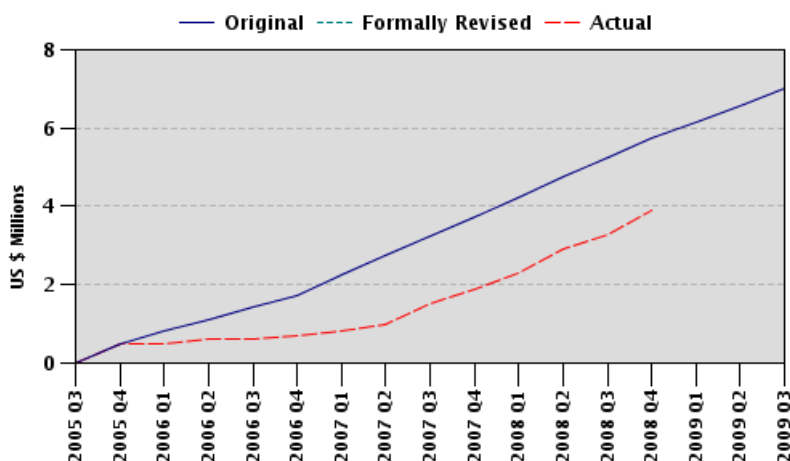
To improve market access and increase agricultural output for rural communities in selected areas of Bhutan.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

There is clear evidence that the rural infrastructure being provided under the project is having an immediate impact on the lives of communities. Improvements in institutional strengthening are evident along with progress in financial management monitoring and reporting. While overall progress towards achieving the development objective is good, a number of implementation issues remain and will be addressed in discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40400	Effective	7.45	3.61	3.65	0.00



Project Name (ID): Instit. Cap. Bldg. Project for Proc. (P099126)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 06/10/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H3820

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

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

Project Development Objectives:

The wider procurement reform program aims to improve procurement outcomes as a direct result of progressively establishing an improved national public procurement system in Bhutan. This project aims to contribute toward the achievement of this reform objective through professionalizing the procurement function by building institutional and individual capacity, which in turn will enhance procurement performance leading to improved procurement outcomes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project will not become effective until October 2008. It is therefore at 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-H3820	Not Effective	1.56	0.00	1.56	0.00



Project Name (ID): Second Rural Access Project (P100332)

Country: Bhutan

Board Approval Date: 04/10/2007

Closing Date: 10/10/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H2850

Sector(s): Roads and highways (92%), Central government administration (8%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective (PDO) is for residents of beneficiary Dzongkhags to utilize improved rural transport infrastructure and services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is running in its second year of implementation and all Phase I civil works as well as preparation of Phase II works are in advance stages of completion as envisaged during the appraisal. As per the agreed result monitoring framework, indicators to measure the achievement of the PDO are not yet due to be measured but based on the considerable implementation progress on all project components, it is very likely that the PDO would be achieved.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H2850	Effective	10.86	3.25	7.42	0.00

