

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY09
SOPE**

**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION
COUNTRY: IRAQ**

**Operations Policy and Country Services
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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY09 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2009. 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 FY09 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.
- 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.



Iraq

Project Name(ID): Iraq Emergency Health Project (P091305)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 30-Nov-2004
Mid-Term Review Date: 04-Apr-2007
Closing Date: 28-Feb-2010
Sector: Health (100%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objective of the Project is to improve access to quality emergency services in selected health facilities to serve the urgent needs of the Iraqi population.

The project, overall, is likely to meet its development objective. Due to the Government mobilizing its own resources and security concerns at some sites, the number of health facilities to be financed has been reduced from the 12 originally planned to nine sites. Seven hospitals have been rehabilitated and handed over to the respective health directorates providing emergency health services, and the remaining two hospitals are in the process of being rehabilitated. Medical equipment (cardiac equipment, ventilators, resuscitation and operating equipment) has been delivered to all the selected hospitals. The distribution of around US\$2.0 million worth of emergency pharmaceuticals, including US\$850,000 through WHO, has been completed. Twenty-two doctors have been trained in emergency preparedness and response management, and the training of 48 physicians, 59 nurses and paramedics on acute trauma care has been completed.

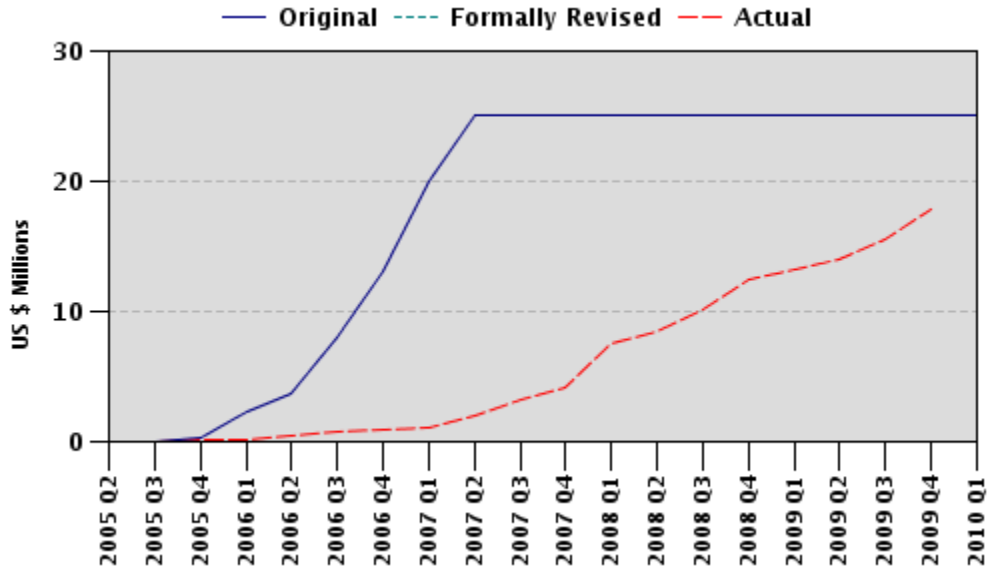
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54404	Effective	USD	25.00	17.98	7.02	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Emergency Road Rehabilitation (P087735)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 29-Jun-2006
Mid-Term Review Date: 22-Mar-2009
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2010
Sector: Roads and highways (98%); Central government administration (2%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objective of project is to improve the condition of road assets by rehabilitating highly damaged segments of the country's highway and rural road networks, reestablishing critical river crossings, and restoring the capacity to manage and maintain road assets.

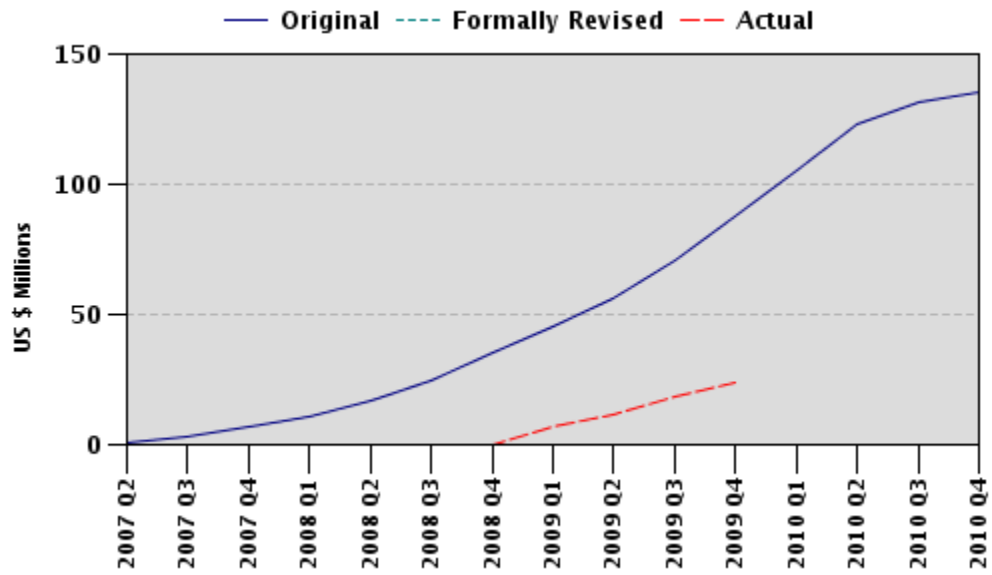
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has made very good progress in the last few months and is now progressing relatively satisfactorily and is likely to achieve its objectives. The progress includes: a) drastic increase in commitments (now over 60% of overall IDA funding) and disbursement over 25%. The Kurdistan Region allocation is fully committed. b) The Government has reinstated its commitment to the project through the allocation of operational budget for the project's Project Management Team (PMT) at the State Commission for Roads and Bridges (SCRB) in Baghdad. Decision by Minister of Housing and Public Works was also made to second key SCRB staff to the PMT. This will provide all the technical requirements to proceed with project implementation in Baghdad and southern Iraq.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42120	Effective	XDR	144.56	27.66	116.56	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Emergency Electricity (P087734)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 29-Mar-2007
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2011
Sector: Power (86%); Central government administration (14%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objectives are to alleviate the current power supply shortfall and lay the groundwork for improved power system planning and fuel supply.
 In April 2009, over a year after negotiations commenced, the main contract for the rehabilitation of the Hartha power plant was signed, fully committing the IDA credit. The signing of the contract is a major milestone for project implementation. An amendment to the Financing Agreement was prepared and signed by the Bank to allow for proceeding in the payment of the advance payment of the contract and the letter of credit for the supply of equipment and materials. The government's countersignature is now necessary in order for the amendment to take effect and the first disbursement to be made. Close coordination between the Project Management Team (PMT) and Technopromexport (TPE), the Russian Contractor, is needed to immediately initiate the execution of the contract and start rehabilitation work. A Final Draft for the project Environmental and Social Impact Study has been submitted by the consultant and is expected to be finalized in the coming weeks.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42890	Effective	XDR	127.30	0.00	127.30	0.00
TF-57818	Effective	USD	6.00	0.47	5.53	0.00

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Project Name(ID): Household Survey and Policies for Poverty (P098979)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 24-Jul-2006
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Sep-2009
Sector: General public administration sector (100%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objective is to strengthen the ability of decision makers in the Government of Iraq to make informed decisions toward reducing poverty, creating jobs and protecting the vulnerable. Specifically, the project includes (a) a household survey; (b) analysis of poverty using the survey data; (c) development of a Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has been highly successful in achieving its objective. A twelve-month cycle of fieldwork, covering about 18,000 households in all 18 governorates was completed in January 2008 and a tabulation report of the data was released in January 2009. A broadly representative Poverty Reduction Strategy High Committee developed a poverty line, which was officially endorsed by Cabinet in April 2009. An analytical report has been drafted jointly by the High Committee and the World Bank. And the Poverty Reduction Strategy will be presented to Cabinet and Parliament in October, 2009.

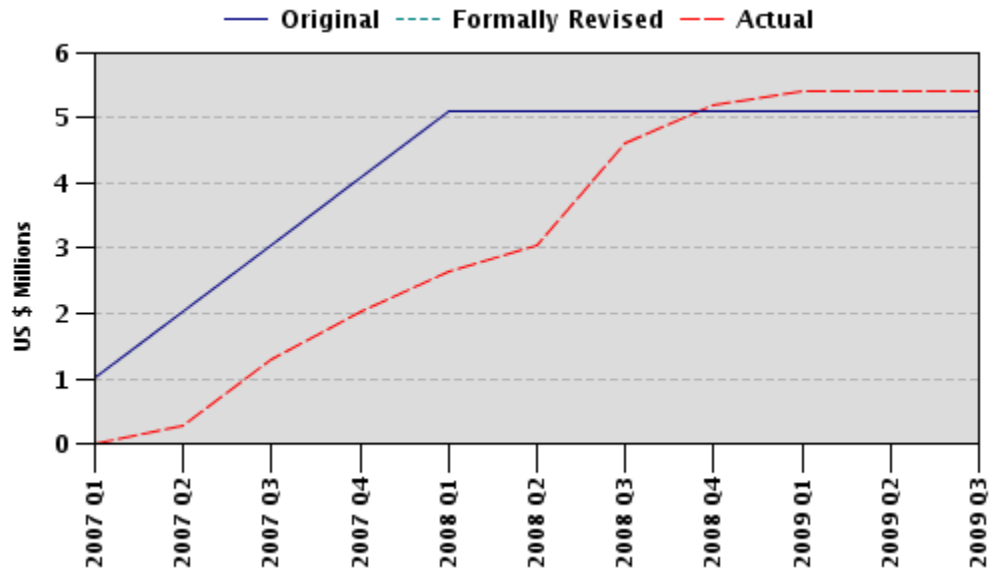
Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56441	Effective	USD	5.50	5.44	0.06	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)

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Project Name(ID): IQ-TF EMERG. WATER, SANITATION & URBAN (P087910)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 03-Dec-2004

Mid-Term Review Date: 21-Jul-2008

Closing Date: 30-Jun-2010

Sector: Water supply (58%); General transportation sector (23%); Sewerage (9%); Central government administration (5%); Flood protection (5%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: The project was restructured in February 2008, cancelling a number of components due to deteriorated security conditions and unavailability of funds.

Project development objective(s): The projective objective is to restore basic water supply, sanitation and urban services for urban areas outside Baghdad.
The project continues to make progress toward achieving the development objectives. All seven components are progressing well and will be completed at the end of the project. One component completed and commissioned. Second will be completed and commissioned in September serving about 250,000 population numbers. Efforts continue to build the local capacity to manage projects implementation.

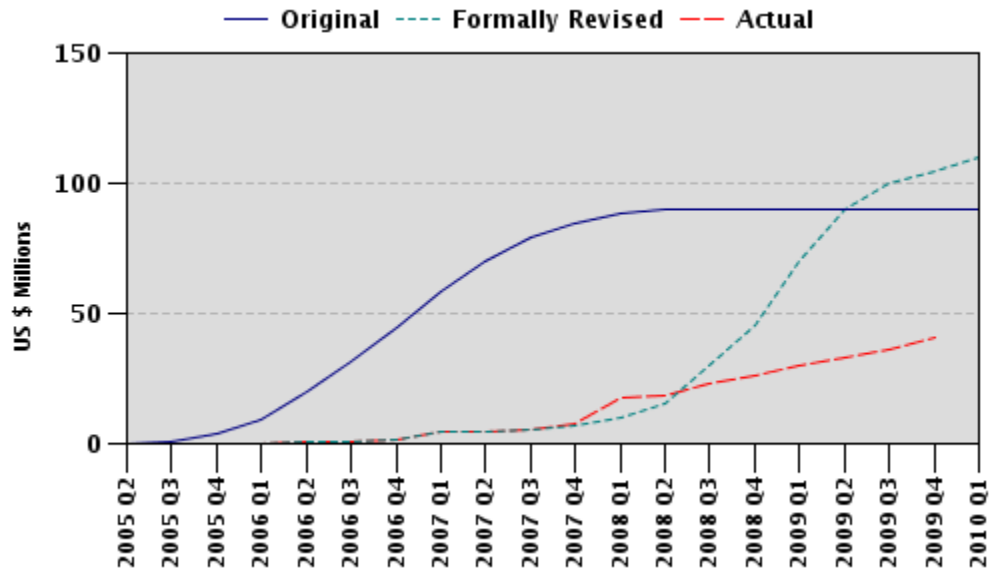
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Training on contract Management and Administration, procurement, financial and environmental aspects were conducted, attended by staff from different departments in Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works (MMPW), local contractors and consultants.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54455	Effective	USD	110.00	43.75	66.25	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ-TF EMERG. BAGHDAD WATER SUPPLY (P087912)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 03-Dec-2004
Mid-Term Review Date: 29-Jul-2008
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2010
Sector: Water supply (58%); Roads and highways (23%); Sewerage (9%); Flood protection (5%); Central government administration (5%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The project objective is to restore basic water supply and sanitation services for the capital city of Baghdad.
The project is progressing well towards achieving its development objectives. Four out of seven goods contracts completed (goods installed and operational). Works contracts are progressing well. As Sadr City Sewerage component, three out of six contracts commissioned. The water supply component for Alzaraniya Water Supply, four contracts, is progressing well; about 70% of the pipe laying is complete. Remaining contracts are expected to be completed before project closing date of June 30, 2010.

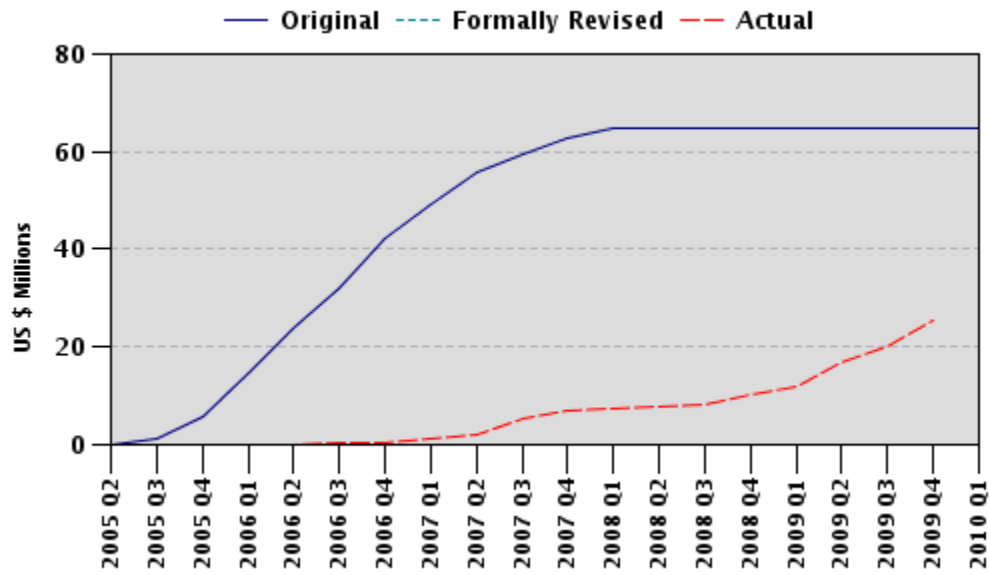
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54435	Effective	USD	65.00	26.12	38.88	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Banking Sector Reform (P113337)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 14-Apr-2009
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Oct-2010
Sector: Banking (100%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The project development objective is to support the Government of Iraq in implementing Phase I of the Iraq Banking Reform Strategy, which aims at developing modern financial institutions.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Good progress has been achieved in the implementation of the Iraq Banking Sector Reform Strategy, especially with regard to institutional and operational restructuring of state-owned commercial banks, and strengthening of the supervisory capacity of the Central Bank of Iraq.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-94193	Effective	USD	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00

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Project Name(ID): KRG Emergency Health Response (P107698)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 18-Jun-2008
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2010
Sector: Health (93%); Central government administration (7%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objective is to assist the Kurdistan Regional Government to build capacity in the establishment of rapid, coordinated and effective response services to health emergencies, including those resulting from acts of violence, accidents, or natural disasters.

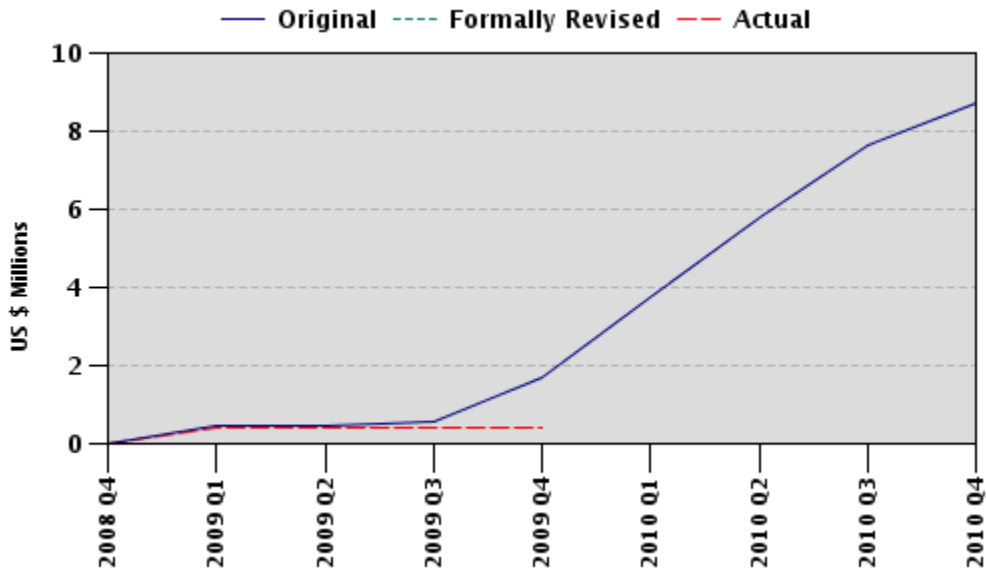
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Some initial delays in implementation have been experienced, caused for the most part by lack of familiarity with Bank procedures, particularly with regard to procurement. Civil works design is underway for the project sites (emergency coordination centers and blood banks). The project will need additional technical assistance as soon as possible with regard to: (i) establishment of the telecommunications system for emergency response; and (ii) development of a training program for the medical and paramedical staff in the area of emergency response, and selection of appropriate providers for this training.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-92237	Effective	USD	8.70	2.91	5.79	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): Iraq Emergency Disabilities Project (P096774)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 23-Nov-2005
Mid-Term Review Date: 02-Apr-2008
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2010
Sector: Health (50%); Other social services (50%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: The main purpose of restructuring the project was to cancel Component 1 which was non-performing, and to re-allocate project resources to better adapt the project activities to the realities on the ground.

Project development objective(s): The revised objective of the Project is to improve access of the disabled population in targeted areas in Iraq to rehabilitation and prosthetic services.

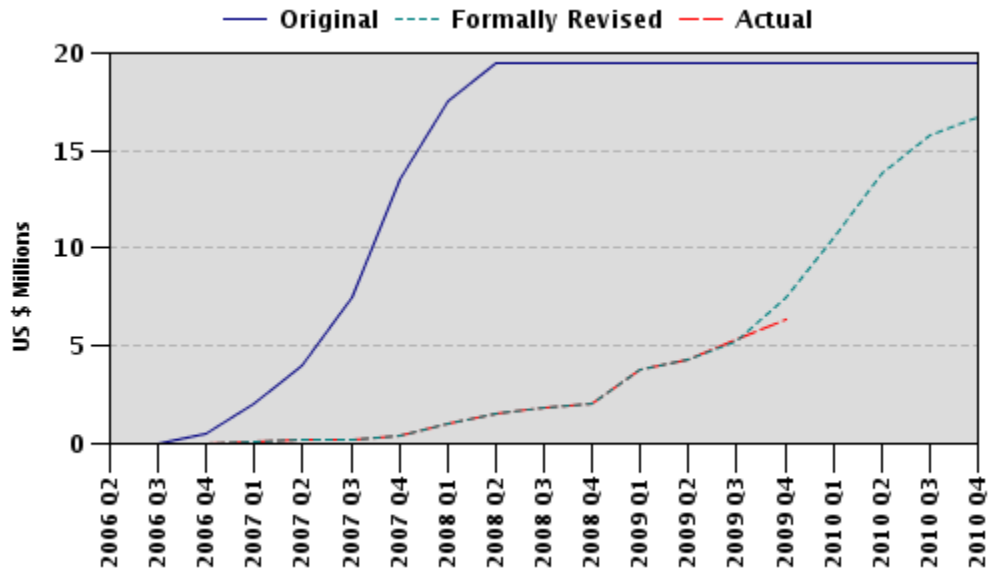
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): In April 2008, the Ministry of Health and the World Bank agreed to a series of milestones to be achieved by June 30, 2008 to speed up implementation and set the stage for potential restructuring. The project began to progress and restructuring was successfully completed in March 2009, canceling: (a) the policy development and partnerships component; (b) 8 of the original 14 sites, and (c) some equipment packages. Grant financing was reduced by US\$2.7 million based on the scaled-down activities, and the project closing date was extended from September 2009 to June 2010 in order to provide the Ministry of Health with sufficient time to complete all remaining activities. The project now includes six facilities, and contracts, and construction is on-going at all six sites. Completed training activities include: (i) training for 15 managers of rehabilitation centers throughout Iraq; (ii) training for 66 physiotherapists; (iii) hospital-based physician training for 16 specialized physicians; and (iv) prostheses and orthoses technician training for 35 technicians. Additional training has been included under the restructured project.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54052	Effective	USD	19.50	6.98	9.82	2.70



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Third Emergency Education Project (P096234)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 29-Nov-2005
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Aug-2009
Sector: Primary education (49%); Secondary education (49%); Central government administration (2%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: The main changes introduced by the project restructuring are: (a) to focus on institutional capacity building, through construction of prototype schools, so that the larger resources available to the MOE for construction of schools are invested in a more effective and efficient way; (b) to strengthen MOE capacity to better design modern curricula and apply new pedagogies; and (c) to adjust the implementation arrangements in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of project implementation.

Project development objective(s): The objective of the project is to assist the Ministry of Education (MOE) in reducing school overcrowding and strengthening its capacity to improve quality of teaching and curricula.

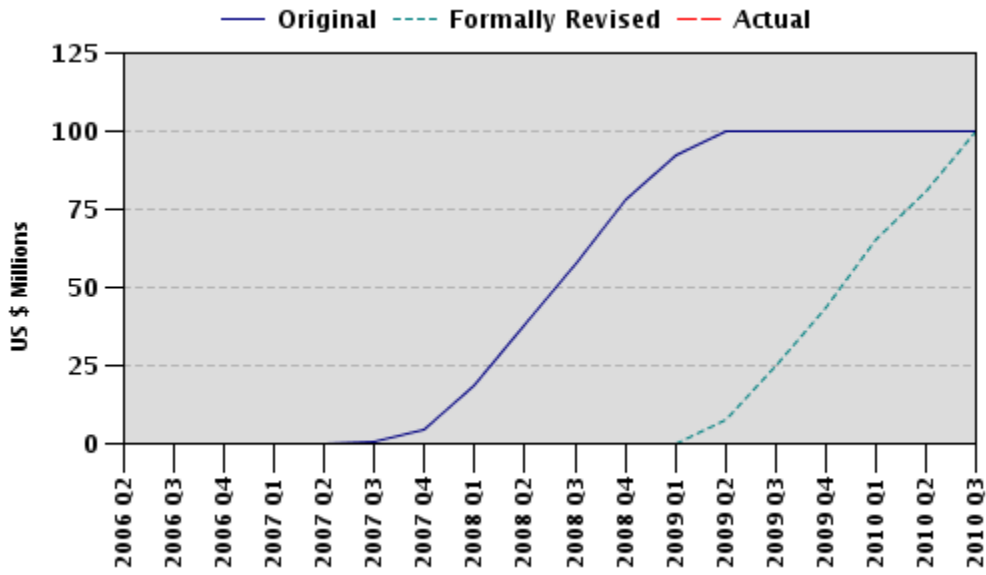
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Four prototype designs for primary and secondary schools and layouts for 15 schools to be built under Phase I of the project have been completed.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41280	Effective	XDR	104.42	0.08	106.81	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Emergency Water Supply (P094650)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 10-Jun-2008
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2013
Sector: Water supply (95%); Sub-national government administration (5%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The project aims to help addressing the urgent needs for safe water supply to nearly 250,000 people in Ghammas, Nasr, Wasit and Maumonah urban centers.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Bidding for about US\$75million is progressing well and contracts will be signed immediately once the project is declared effective, which is expected before October 30, 2009.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-44090	Not Effective	XDR	101.28	0.00	101.28	0.00
TF-56970	Closed	USD	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00



Project Name(ID): IQ-EMERGENCY PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (P091344)

Country: Iraq

Board Approval Date: 30-Nov-2004

Mid-Term Review Date: 29-Feb-2008

Closing Date: 31-Mar-2010

Sector: General information and communications sector (60%); General finance sector (20%); General industry and trade sector (20%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: An Additional Financing of \$10 million was approved on October 21, 2008 to cover: (a) a financing gap in the Microwave Network contract (awarded in Euro) caused by the depreciation of the Dollar to Euro exchange rate; (b) contract variations in the Microwave Network contract; (c) contract variations for the Iraq Inter-Banking Network; and (d) future fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Project development objective(s): The objective is to provide a number of priority building blocks necessary to help develop the Iraqi private and financial sectors through effective telecommunications networks and better institutions.

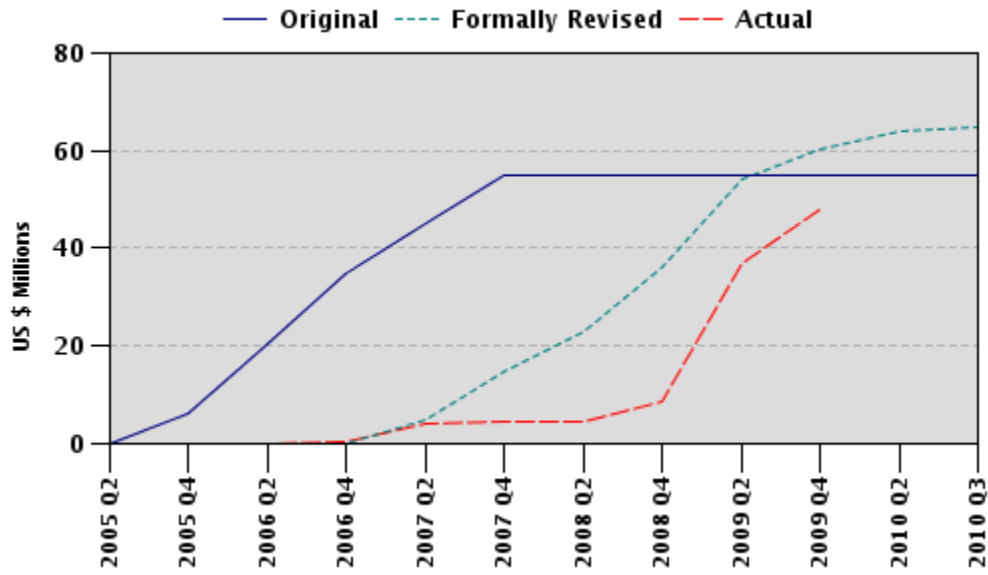
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Capacity building of the Economic Development Fund (EDF) has recently been completed. The EDF will soon resume lending to SMEs, and has also developed the capacity to link SMEs to business services. The Iraq Inter-Banking Network has been installed and commissioned at 29 sites. The Central Bank of Iraq is now connected with Government owned banks and the headquarters of private banks with high capacity and reliable communications infrastructure. The Network has been tested and applications for payment, real-time gross settlement, and check-enabled systems are being launched. Rehabilitation and upgrading of 56 national background microwave routes in the northern, southern and western regions has been completed. 11 towers in the three regions have been set-up. All three routes have been tested. Contracts for the Feasibility studies and development plans for Erbil and Basra Industrial Zones are now under implementation. Overall, the project has seen good progress and is on target to achieve its development objectives.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-54462	Effective	USD	65.00	48.06	16.94	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ-Public Financial Mgmt Reform (P110862)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 26-Jun-2009
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2013
Sector: Sub-national government administration (50%); Central government administration (50%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support the Government of Iraq's efforts to develop more effective, accountable and transparent public financial management. Support will be provided for strengthening budget management, improving public financial reporting and control, strengthening public procurement, and establishing the tools, systems and institutions required to build capacity for effective public financial management.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project only became Effective on July 20, 2009, and it is therefore too early to make any definitive statements about progress towards achieving the PDO. The PMT within the MoF is formally appointed, and beginning to prepare the procurement documents for the first procurement packages. Significant progress has already been made prior to project effectiveness on Component 1. - Improving budget preparation. Using CBII funds - and in coordination with the UK government - the project team assisted the GoI in developing an integrated budget strategy for 2010-2013. The strategy is the first to be developed following a rigorous process using a top-down approach and aligning the budget with government priorities to the degree that they exist. A key recent unforeseen event was the bombing of the MoF premises on August 19, 2009. This rendered the MoF premises unusable, and has precipitated the need for urgent assistance, simply to allow MoF to function at normal capacity. At the time of this SOPE, the Bank team is working closely with the MoF counterparts to determine how the funding under the PFMP can most effectively be leveraged to support these emergency needs. The team notes that most of these needs fit within the framework of support already agreed for the PFMP; it now seems that the Project might simply provide larger quantities of key goods, and provide them at an earlier date. This support directly relates to the achievement of the PDO.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
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Project Name(ID): Emergency Social Protection Project (P099295)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 25-Jul-2006
Mid-Term Review Date: 27-Oct-2008
Closing Date: 28-Feb-2010
Sector: Compulsory pension and unemployment insurance (50%);
 Other social services (50%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

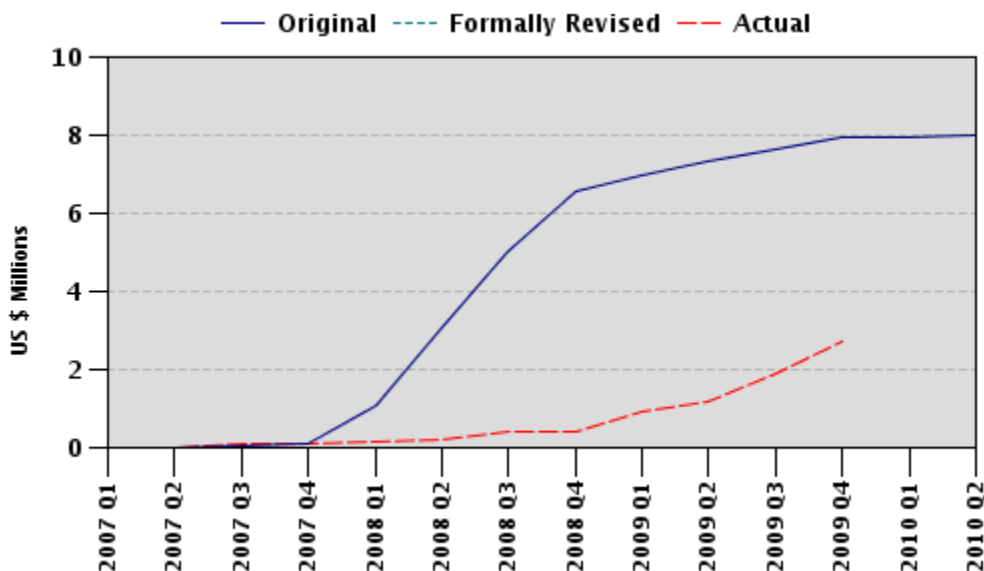
Project development objective(s): The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the policy, management and administrative capacity in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Finance to develop, manage and monitor pension and social safety net reforms.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project management office has been successful in acquiring information technology as infrastructure for the social safety net center. Additional work is needed by the Ministry to ensure that human resources are available to manage and operate the equipment and to begin the process of utilization of the social safety net information system.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56808	Effective	USD	8.00	2.73	5.27	0.00

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): Emergency School Construction & Rehab. (P087907)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 08-Oct-2004
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2010
Sector: Primary education (50%); Secondary education (50%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s):

The project aims to alleviate severe school building hazards by constructing new schools to replace unsafe or overcrowded facilities and rehabilitate schools in need of urgent repair. The objective is to improve the educational facilities for the benefit of the students, to create local employment during the construction phase, and to create long-term income generating activities in the staffing of schools.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

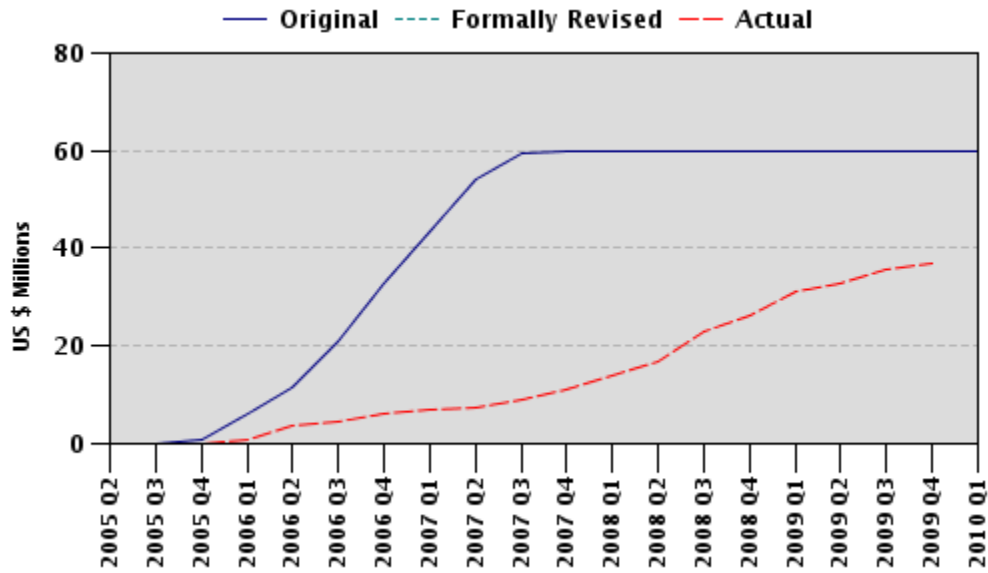
Project activities include the rehabilitation of about 145 schools and the construction of new buildings for about 117 existing primary and secondary schools in 18 governorates. The school rehabilitation component is completed but the school construction activities suffered substantial delays and a reduction in the initially planned number of schools, from 117 to 50, because of price escalation and the appreciation of the Iraqi Dinar. The construction of 28 schools has been completed, and 22 are at various stages of completion. The Grant closing date has been extended to December 31, 2010, in order to allow for the completion of the remaining construction work.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53545	Effective	USD	60.00	37.64	22.36	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): IQ - Dokan & Derbandikhan Emerg Hydropwr (P099059)
Country: Iraq
Board Approval Date: 12-Dec-2006
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2010
Sector: Renewable energy (100%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The objective is to help alleviate the current power supply shortfall in the Kurdish region through urgent repair work, strengthen the capacity of local operational staff, and prepare for the rehabilitation of the Dokan and Derbandikhan hydropower plants.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Although some delays were experienced with getting the tendering and procurement process moving primarily due to lack of capacity at the Project Management Unit (PMU) level, the problem has been addressed with the recruitment of a consulting firm. Thus far, most of the procurement packages have either been signed or are undergoing negotiations. Implementation of signed contracts should soon begin. A consultant is now preparing an Environmental Management Plan for the project which is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Terms of Reference for the preparation of Emergency Preparedness Plan for Dokan and Derbandikhan have just been prepared and next step is to hire a consultant for this assignment.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (amounts in millions, as of Aug 17, 2009)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42490	Effective	XDR	42.05	0.85	40.81	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)

