

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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REGION: SOUTH ASIA
COUNTRY: MALDIVES

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Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05
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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY05 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on and beyond June 30, 2005. Thus it bridges the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. Now, in accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, the SOPE Report is also available to the public. By publishing this improved report, we have addressed one of the main concerns we heard from the public during disclosure consultations – that the public has very little access to information on projects while they are being implemented. Readers familiar with past reports will note that projects that closed during the fiscal year are no longer included in the SOPE, since their Implementation Completion Reports are now also disclosed.

The FY05 SOPE introduces a new element: in order to disclose project-by-project comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, the SOPE report contains a line chart¹ showing the original estimated disbursement schedule, the latest approved revised schedule (if any) and actual disbursements for investment operations and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts for Projects 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 Loans, which provide quick-disbursing external financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these loans, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed conditions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus may not include a graph.

Country: Maldives

Project Name (ID): Integrated Human Development (P078523)

Country: Maldives

Board Approval Date: 07/06/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39480, IDA-Q3720

Sector(s): Secondary education (46%), Sub-national government administration (19%), Health (13%), Other social services (12%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (P), Improving labor markets (S), Education for all (S), Non-communicable diseases and injury (S), Nutrition and food security (S)

Project Development Objectives:

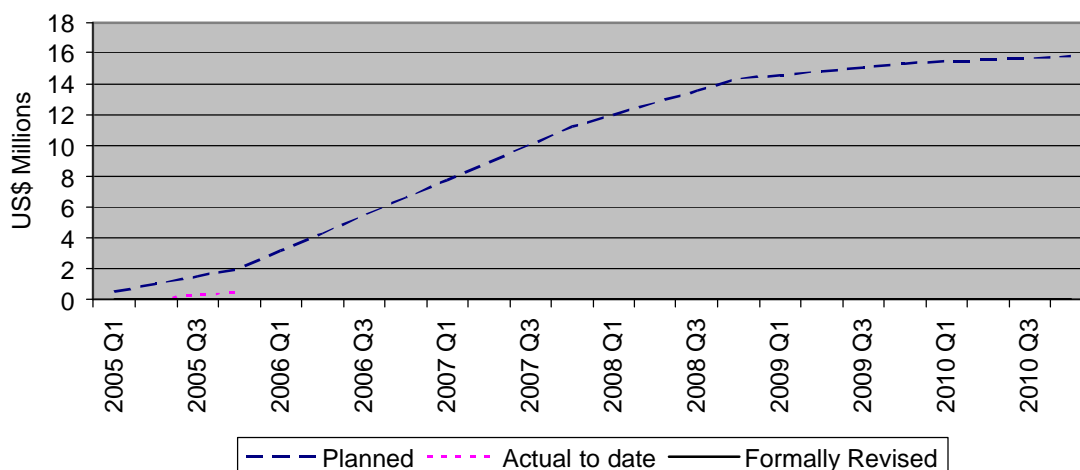
The development objectives of this project are to improve social outcomes, promote growth, reduce poverty and promote regional equity by strengthening social service delivery and increasing economic opportunities in atolls remote from the prosperous Male region.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective a few weeks before the Tsunami which affected the whole country and led to a six month delay in the project launch. Scarce human and other resources were diverted to addressing the immediate Post-Tsunami needs. The project design closely fits the Government's Post-Tsunami Safe Island strategy and has become part of the new national priority. The project was formally launched in late June 2005. Consultant selection for engineering works is complete and consultant selection for monitoring and evaluation is underway. In the immediate Post Tsunami period, the Government requested a temporary cancellation of US\$10 million to free up resources for the Post-Tsunami emergency credit at the end of the IDA cycle. The Government has now requested restoration of these cancelled funds with the start of the new IDA cycle.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39480	Effective	15.90	0.44	5.86	10.01
IDA-Q3720	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50



Project Name (ID): Post Tsunami Emergency Relief and Reconstruction (P094193)
Country: Maldives
Board Approval Date: 03/15/2005
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-40420, IDA-H1480
Sector(s): Other social services (61%), General education (36%), Central government administration (3%)
Theme(s): Natural disaster management (P), Social safety nets (P), Rural markets (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project objectives are to support the efforts of the Government of the Maldives to carry out a program of rehabilitation and reconstruction related to the damages caused by the Tsunami of 26 December 2004.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The World Bank financed program is moving rapidly. Our funds have already been disbursed to provide cash grants to the affected persons. Additional funds will be disbursed shortly to support the restoration of livelihoods. The remaining components are for the reconstruction of schools and the provision of technical assistance. They are both beginning to take shape. However, the overall reconstruction program is moving slower than expected. The relief phase was well handled and the government have a reconstruction plan which is broadly being followed by the donor communities. Signs of real progress include: (i) All children have been back at school and planning of the new schools is well advanced. (ii) UNDP and the Red Cross have teams in place to manage the construction of the new houses. (iii) Goods to support the restitution of livelihoods will arrive shortly, procured by other donors such as the FAO and Japan. The government is clearly in charge of the program, with all donors following its lead. However, it is a small island state with limited human resources. With aid flows expected to expand from \$30 million per year to \$200 million next year, a large part of the reconstruction program will be implemented directly by the donors and government structures will need to be reinforced through the appointment of consultants. The Government is also seeking to strengthen its own coordination structures and proposes to establish an internal inter-ministerial steering group to drive the reconstruction program forward. This will require strong leadership to ensure success. Semi-monthly meetings of the government established Donor Consultation Group are planned for the future.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40420	Effective	8.17	2.00	6.24	0.00
IDA-H1480	Effective	5.40	5.57	0.00	0.00

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