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**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10  
SOPE**

**SOUTH ASIA REGION**

**Maldives**

**Operations Policy and Country Services  
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## Introduction

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The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY10 provides information on all IBRD, IDA, and trust funded projects that were active as of June 30, 2010. 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 FY10 SOPE report<sup>1</sup> contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.



## Maldives

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

**Country:** Maldives

**Board Approval Date:** 07/06/2004

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/12/2008

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-Q3720, IDA-39481, IDA-39480

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

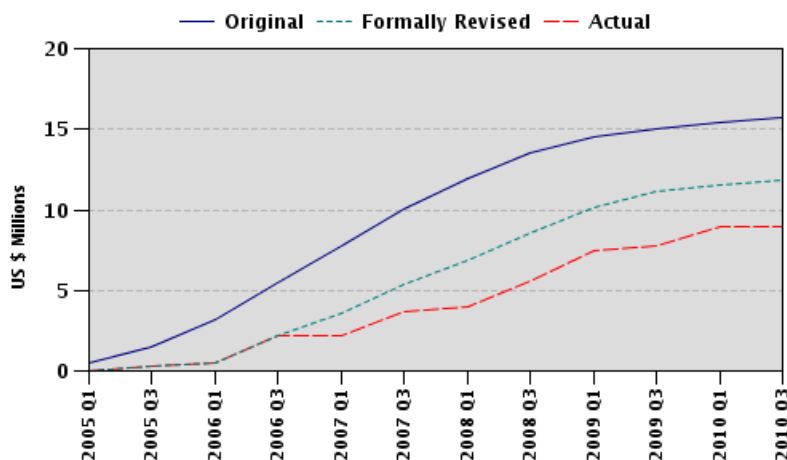
**Theme(s):** Rural services and infrastructure (33%), Improving labor markets (17%), Education for all (17%), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (17%), Nutrition and food security (16%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The project's development objectives are to assist the Borrower in improving the delivery of social services on focus islands.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project has been extended to June 30, 2011 in order to ensure time for the services to be established. To date, most of the buildings have been finalized and equipment has been delivered. It will be the task of the final year of project implementation to ensure that investments are brought to use by the communities. Some preliminary achievements can be summarized as follows: Educational services have been improved by upgrading of schools, which seems to have improved overall pass rates on the focus islands. Training of master trainers and teachers has shown improvements in teaching as evidenced by an evaluation undertaken. As for the health services, Standard Treatment Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures have been developed and are being used. Government statistics show that there is an increased number of children who are exclusively breast-fed up to 6 months. With regard to the employment services, Job Centers have been opened in three of the four focus islands with trained staff in career counseling. This has guided students in choosing a field of study and in their choices for professional development. Technical and vocation training courses were conducted for youth through the islands' Non-government Organizations and anecdotal evidence suggests positive labor market integration of participating youth. The project is expected to achieve its objectives by its revised closing date of June 30, 2011.

**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2010)**

<i>Loan/Credit/Grant</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Disbursed</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>	<i>Cancellation</i>
IDA-Q3720	Closed	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
IDA-39481	Effective	5.98	2.64	3.48	0.00
IDA-39480	Effective	16.25	6.39	0.17	10.01



**Project Name (ID):** Pension and Social Protection Admin. (P104743)

**Country:** Maldives

**Board Approval Date:** 05/12/2009

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-46110, IDA-Q5920

**Sector(s):** Public administration- Other social services (51%), Central government administration (49%)

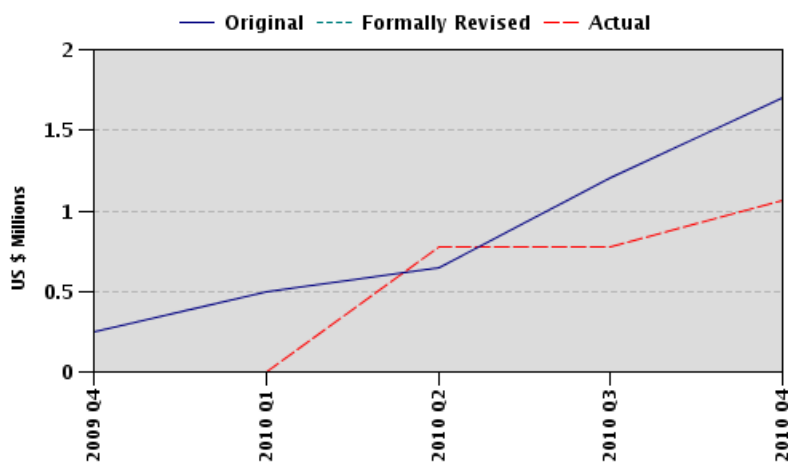
**Theme(s):** Social risk mitigation (51%), Administrative and civil service reform (49%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The project's development objective is to support the establishment of a new pension authority and strengthen capacity at existing institutions of the Recipient in order to effectively implement a new pension system and to provide a platform for additional social protection programs.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** Progress toward achieving the project's development objective has been substantial. The Maldives Pension Administration Office has been established and the Board is in place and fully operational. The basic pension has been fully implemented with all payments made through banks and automated application process in place. The payroll deduction for the contributory pension scheme has been initiated and an interim investment policy has been adopted. The project is well on its way to achieving its objectives.

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IDA-46110	Effective	3.96	1.07	2.92	0.00
IDA-Q5920	Closed	1.11	0.00	0.00	1.11



**Project Name (ID):** Mobile Phone Banking Project (P107981)

**Country:** Maldives

**Board Approval Date:** 04/17/2008

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-43930

**Sector(s):** Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement (86%), Banking (7%), Central government administration (7%)

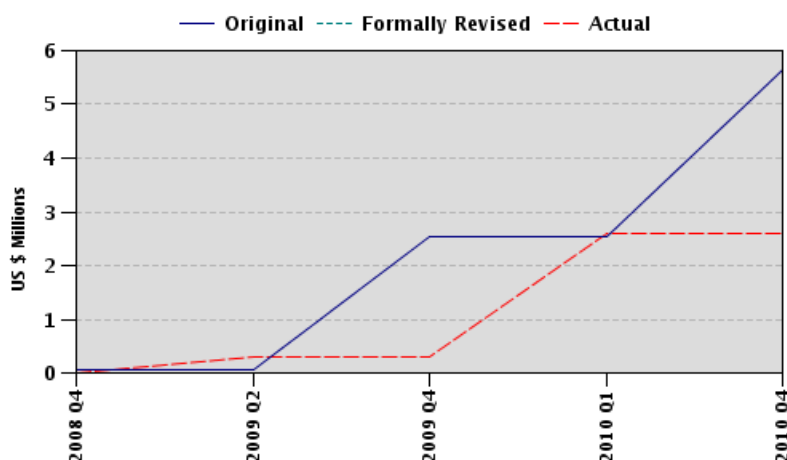
**Theme(s):** Other financial and private sector development (67%), Regulation and competition policy (33%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The project development objective is to significantly increase the use of banking system transactions for effecting or receiving payments for labor, goods and services nationwide through the implementation of a national inter-operable payments system that facilitates access to financial services and allows users access to their bank account using any mobile phone operator and cashing through any banking agent.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The consultancy on installation of the main component-- Mobile Interoperable Payment System--has commenced. The hardware has been installed and tested. The software has also been installed and tested internally. The initial work on identifying the agent's network has also commenced. The draft regulatory framework has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the stakeholders. An internationally experienced Technical Advisor has been recruited to assist the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) Project Unit during the initial implementation stage. The readiness of the banks had been delayed due to the delay in upgrading the interface. However, the key commercial banks have commenced on the upgrading. MMA has also commenced on the public awareness campaign by introducing a Logo. MMA and the Ministry of Finance have shown continued commitment to the project and the development objectives are expected to be met.

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IDA-43930	Effective	7.46	4.51	2.99	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** MV Environmental Management Proj (P108078)

**Country:** Maldives

**Board Approval Date:** 06/10/2008

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2014

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-Q6000, IDA-44270

**Sector(s):** Solid waste management (50%), Central government administration (50%)

**Theme(s):** Environmental policies and institutions (33%), Pollution management and environmental health (33%), Biodiversity (17%), Climate change (17%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The project's development objective is to build the country's own capacity to effectively manage environmental risks and threats to its marine assets that represent the economy's primary revenue source.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project remains on track to meet its objective. Progress has been made in the development of in-country degree and diploma programs in environmental management, expansion of the knowledge base on the country's critical natural resources as well as the functioning of the project management unit. Following a delay in implementing the most critical component--solid waste management--progress, albeit slow, is underway. The most challenging issue is the selection of an island for waste disposal in this environmentally fragile and land scarce economy. The list of islands for the scoping exercise to develop a regional solid waste management (RSWM) facility was revised to comprise a representative set that would ensure the selection of the most suitable RSWM solution for the Maldives.

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IDA-Q6000	Closed	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.36
IDA-44270	Effective	12.10	3.23	8.90	0.00

