

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

**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION
COUNTRY: MOLDOVA**

**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.



Moldova

Project Name(ID): COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT (P089124)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 27-Oct-2005
Mid-Term Review Date: 21-Apr-2008
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2009
Sector: General industry and trade sector (40%); Central government administration (30%); Law and justice (20%); Micro- and SME finance (8%); Banking (2%)

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

Project development objective(s): The objective is to assist Moldova in enhancing the competitiveness of enterprises through an improvement in the business environment and making adequate standard-testing and quality-improvement services available to enterprises.

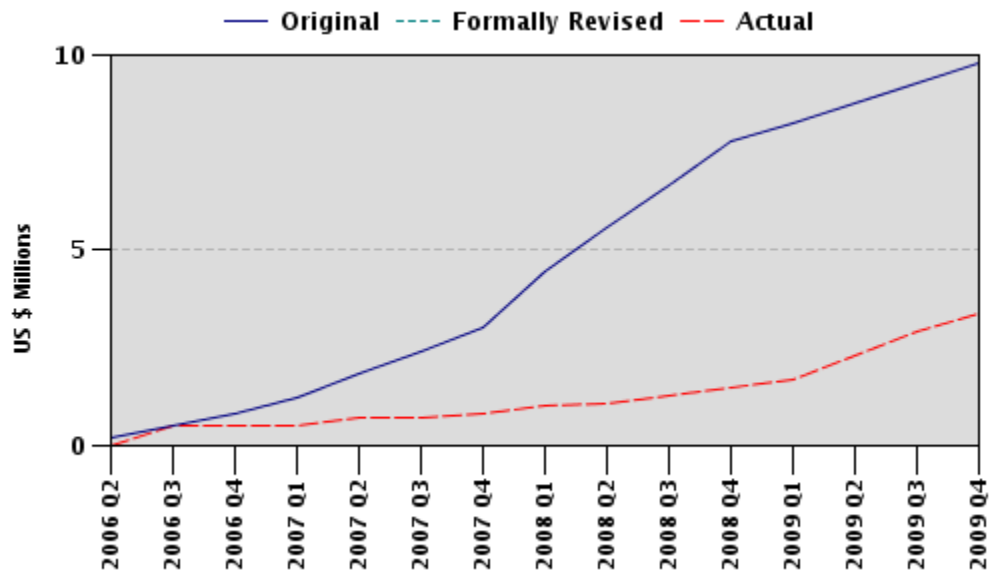
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project continues to make good progress towards achieving its objectives. Results include: improvement in business climate as reported by enterprise surveys; refurbishment of several metrology laboratories; and more than 100 enterprises receiving international certificates of quality under the matching grant scheme. At the time of the reporting, additional financing in support of a new credit line component and a two-year extension of original IDA credit and grant to allow for completion of on-going and planned activities were being considered.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41190	Effective	XDR	5.16	1.87	3.30	0.00
IDA-H1870	Effective	XDR	5.16	1.56	3.62	0.00
TF-54602	Closed	USD	0.65	0.60	0.00	0.05
TF-55175	Effective	USD	4.50	1.90	2.60	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): MDTF FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM (P105602)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 11-Jul-2006
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2010
Sector: General public administration sector (100%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The development objective is to strengthen institutional capacity of the public administration for better policymaking, policy implementation and efficient use of public resources.
 The project supported improvements in strategic planning and policy coordination, raising the professionalism of civil servants based on merit-based selection and training, institutional restructuring, developing an equitable pay system, and strengthening the links between the policy and resource allocation. The program also supported the dissemination and awareness-raising of public administration reform. Project sponsored training activities and analytical reports and government acts have facilitated the attainment of the following results: improved strategic use of public resources, better reporting, the new classification of civil servants and the institutionalization of transparent human resource management rules, and an increase in the proportion of merit based competitions for entry to the civil service. The government has made progress in defining the methodology for policy documents and has developed a system for ex-ante impact assessment. However, the deterioration of the political environment following the change of the ruling political party, has introduced uncertainty regarding sustainability of the changes achieved.

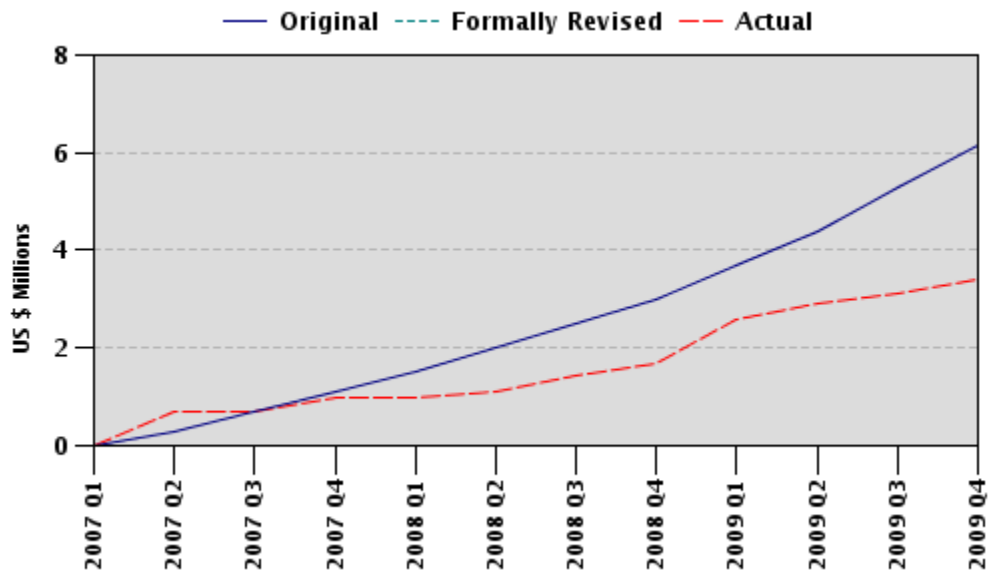
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-56601	Effective	USD	6.15	3.44	2.71	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): POPS STOCKPILES MGMT AND DESTRUCTION (P090037)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 15-Dec-2005
Mid-Term Review Date: 18-Nov-2008
Closing Date: 31-May-2010
Sector: Central government administration (39%); Solid waste management (33%); Petrochemicals and fertilizers (19%); Other industry (9%)

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

Project development objective(s): The main development objective is to protect the environment and human health by safely managing and disposing of stockpiles of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) contaminated pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The project is on a sound course towards achieving its development objective. Quantitative targets for key project activities, such as the destruction of POPs contaminated stocks of obsolete pesticides and PCB capacitors, were achieved and in some cases surpassed. Specifically, the project contributed to the destruction of 1,272 tons of pesticides and 934 units of PCB capacitors. The project has also made important headway in implementing a full national inventory of PCB-contaminated electrical equipment and a mapping exercise for POPs polluted sites. In addition, the project has made good progress towards establishing a modern and well-functioning POPs regulatory framework in the country, with key legislation governing the management of hazardous chemicals being in advanced stages of drafting. The implementation of communication and awareness activities related the POPs agenda continued throughout the country, garnering solid interest and positive feedback from community organizations and local governments.

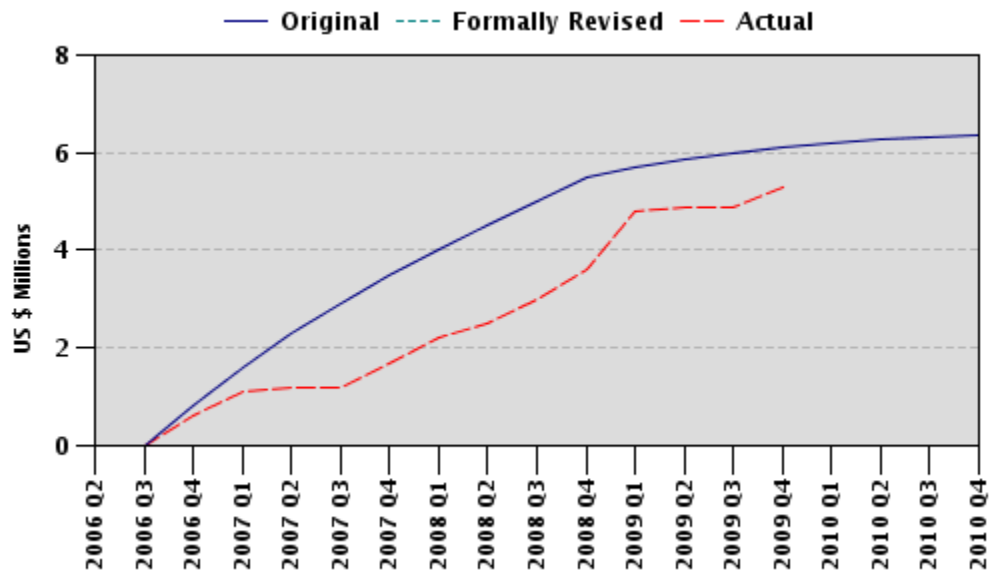
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53700	Closed	USD	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00
TF-55875	Effective	USD	6.35	5.27	1.08	0.00
TF-90384	Effective	CAD	0.36	0.27	0.12	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): QUAL EDUC IN RUR AREAS OF MD (P090340)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 14-Mar-2006
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-May-2010
Sector: Central government administration (35%); Secondary education (28%); Sub-national government administration (20%); Primary education (17%)

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

Project development objective(s): The main objective of the project is to increase the quality of education in the rural areas of Moldova.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

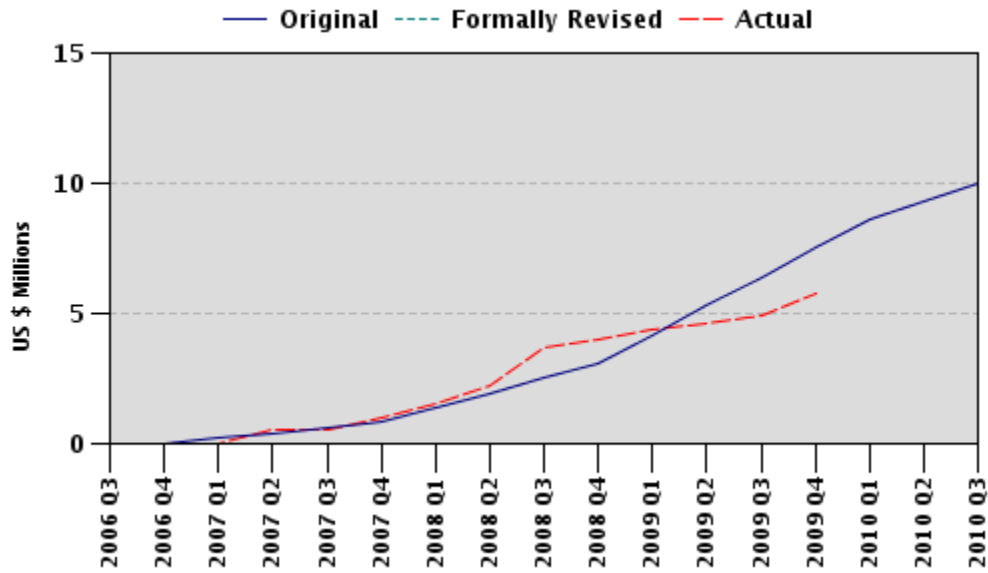
The project's achievements so far are the following: (a) there is a system of learning assessment in place with Moldova's participation in one international assessment (the TIMSS) and preparation towards participating in another one (the PISA) in 2011; (b) 131 secondary schools now have IT equipment to aid in the teaching learning process and contribute to improving the quality of education; (c) over 8,000 teachers have been trained in the new curriculum revised under the project. Although progress has been slow, it has been steady making it likely that the project would reach its objectives and the end of project targets set with a possible extension of at least one year.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41550	Effective	XDR	5.53	2.92	2.67	0.00
IDA-H2080	Effective	XDR	5.53	2.92	2.67	0.00
TF-54601	Closed	USD	0.50	0.33	0.00	0.17
TF-56717	Effective	USD	8.80	5.90	2.90	0.00



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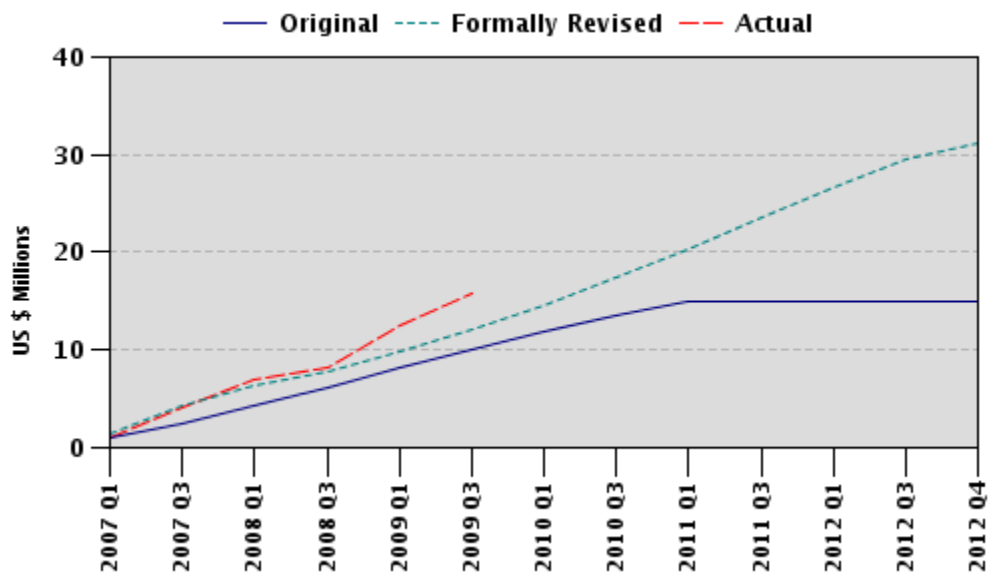
Project Name(ID):	RISP (APL 2) (P090673)
Country:	Moldova
Board Approval Date:	28-Mar-2006
Mid-Term Review Date:	20-Sep-2008
Closing Date:	30-Jun-2012
Sector:	General finance sector (56%); General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (22%); General industry and trade sector (15%); General public administration sector (5%); Other social services (2%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09:	Additional financing of US\$10 million equivalent was approved in May to scale up the creation and financing of rural enterprises and generating jobs, and to continue to provide critical advisory services to promote good agricultural practices and enhance the competitiveness of the agricultural sector. This additional financing is expected to become effective in September 2009.
Project development objective(s):	<p>The project is the second of the two-phased adaptable program credit. The program's objective is to provide long-term support to accelerate agricultural recovery and growth so that Moldova's agricultural and rural sectors can play their full role in providing the underpinnings for future income growth and poverty reduction. The second phase seeks to foster post privatization growth in the agricultural and rural sectors by improving access of farmers and rural businesses to knowledge, know-how, and finance, while building the capacity of the private and public institutions to ensure the sustainability of the activities.</p> <p>The project is well underway to meet its development objectives. Over 400,000 farmers are continuing to receive high quality services for good agriculture practices. The government has provided credit lines which have in turn created about 500 rural enterprises, \$14 million of rural investments and 1,500 jobs. The work to modernize the legal and regulatory framework for savings and credit associations has considerably advanced, strengthening also supervisory capacity and ensuring that, among others, only the strongest associations continue to collect deposits, particularly critical as the industry is suffering from the financial crisis and the general economic downturn. Over 40 percent of the population in six selected pilot villages has taken part in a land re-parcelling exercise, prompting the government to scale up this activity to an additional 40 villages. Work on providing financing for irrigation investment has been much slower, in great part because of adverse weather over the past year and less willingness by farmers to borrow for such investments.</p>
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):	



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Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41570	Effective	XDR	8.11	7.75	0.25	0.00
IDA-44160	Effective	XDR	5.70	0.99	4.75	0.00
IDA-45630	Not Effective	XDR	10.57	0.00	10.57	0.00
IDA-H2110	Effective	XDR	8.11	7.75	0.25	0.00
IDA-Q5230	Closed	USD	0.66	0.00	0.66	0.00
TF-54222	Effective	USD	1.73	1.68	0.05	0.00
TF-54603	Closed	USD	0.66	0.35	0.00	0.31
TF-57273	Effective	SEK	6.16	4.09	2.11	0.00

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): SIF 2 (P079314)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 17-Jun-2004
Mid-Term Review Date: 01-Jun-2007
Closing Date: 30-Sep-2012

Sector: Other social services (40%); Primary education (20%); Roads and highways (15%); District heating and energy efficiency services (15%); Water supply (10%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: Additional financing was added to the project to scale-up support for the mobilization, training, and consultation of communities groups and local governments so that communities can plan for and manage their development. In addition, it will also support rehabilitation of small-scale community infrastructure selected by the communities. Local governments will manage funds and procurement of works.

Project development objective(s): The objective is to empower poor communities and vulnerable population groups to manage their priority development needs.

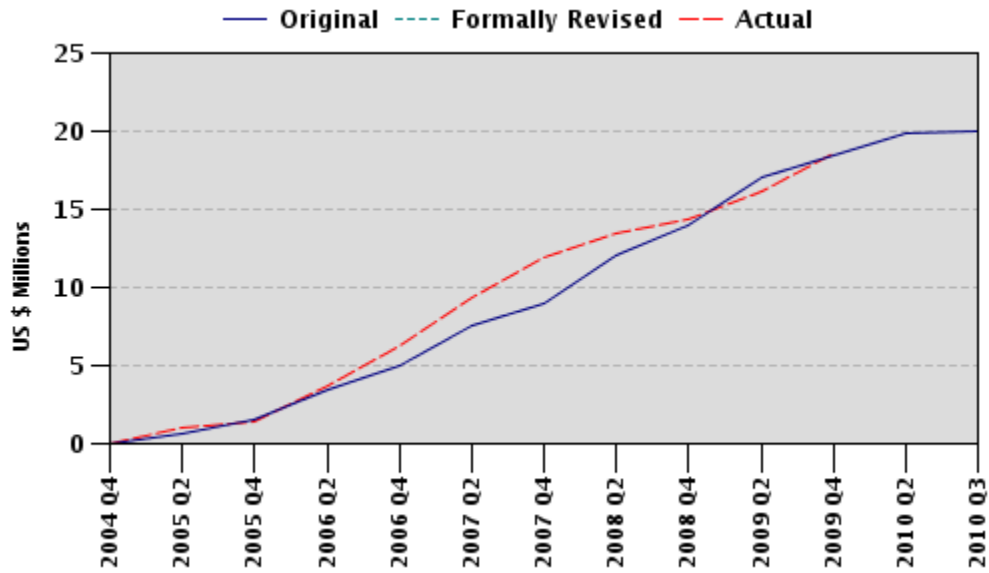
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): As of end-June 2009, the project realized 455 community infrastructure sub-projects, surpassing its target. Moreover, the work program in social care services in its six pilot rayons (districts) is nearly complete. As part of this program, it supported preparation of rayon-level plans for social care service delivery, helped develop a referral system, built 32 services centers, and trained staff at the centers.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-39310	Effective	XDR	21.39	19.08	1.62	0.00
IDA-45550	Not Effective	XDR	5.26	0.00	5.26	0.00
TF-52114	Closed	USD	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00
TF-54460	Closed	SEK	3.83	4.10	0.12	0.00
TF-93407	Effective	USD	1.95	0.20	1.75	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): ENERGY 2 (P040558)

Country: Moldova

Board Approval Date: 25-Nov-2003

Mid-Term Review Date: 21-Apr-2006

Closing Date: 31-Dec-2011

Sector: Power (70%); District heating and energy efficiency services (10%); Central government administration (10%); Health (5%); General education sector (5%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: An additional US\$10 million was added to the project to scale up the heating system in public buildings (schools, hospitals, social facilities) component.

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are two-fold: (a) facilitate unimpeded commercial operation of the power system by improving the security and reliability of the electricity transmission system and wholesale electricity supply; and (b) improve access to high quality and efficient heating in priority public and residential buildings catering to disabled and other vulnerable groups.

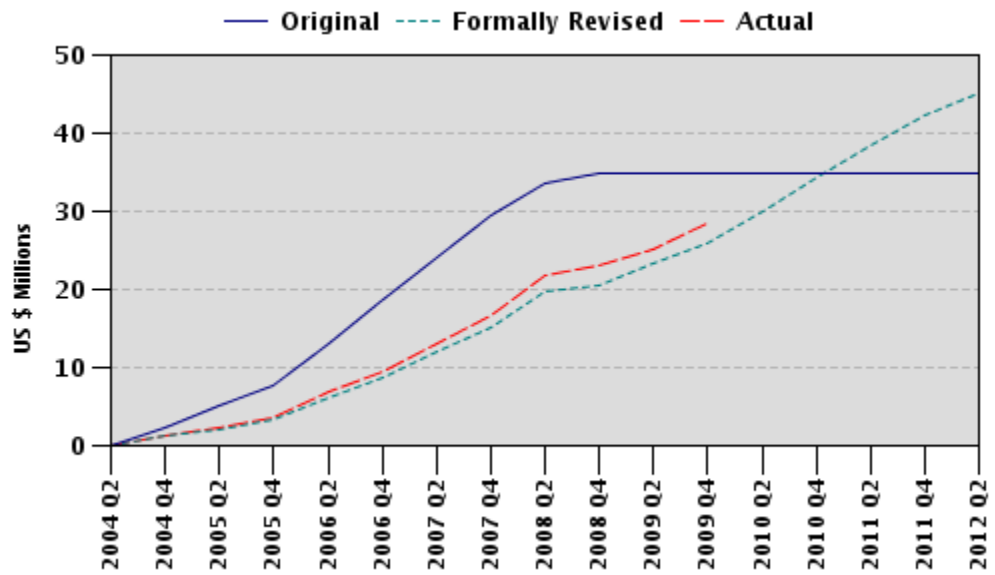
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project objectives are close to being met. Under the electricity component, all work, except for the supervisory control and data acquisition system, has been completed. Due to the investments made in the power transmission network outage rates have been reduced by 21 percent, non-technical losses have been reduced by 87 percent, and total technical losses have been reduced by 10 percent. All heating component work has been completed. Improved availability, quality, and efficiency of heating has been provided to 23 educational institutions and 12 medical institutions, benefiting 8,399 students, approximately one million patients, staff, and visitors and 2,132 families whose apartment building were connected to the new boilers.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-38330	Effective	XDR	39.92	28.62	10.40	0.00
IDA-45410	Not Effective	XDR	10.41	0.00	10.41	0.00
IDA-Q1910	Closed	USD	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
TF-25294	Closed	USD	0.70	0.66	0.00	0.04



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION (P107612)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 13-May-2008
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2013
Sector: Water supply (62%); Sewerage (23%); Central government administration (8%); District heating and energy efficiency services (7%)

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

Project development objective(s): The project development objectives are to: improve the coverage, quality, efficiency, and sustainability of water and sanitation services in selected urban and rural communities; and enhance the capacity of the Ministry for Construction and Territorial Development to prepare and supervise the implementation of the investment program, and provide technical assistance to the operating Apa Canals (water and sanitation services).

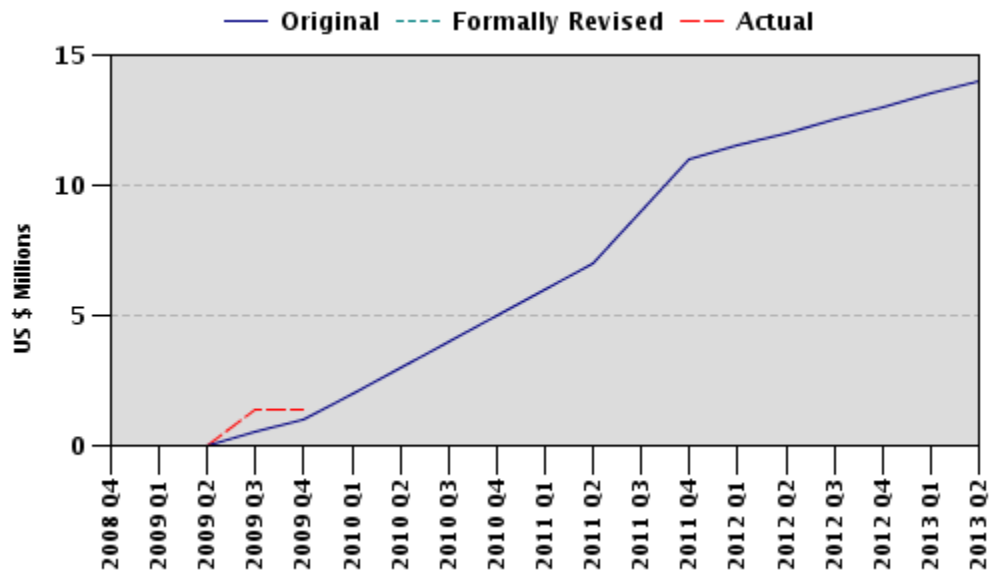
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress in project start-up has been rather slow due to parliamentary elections. Partnership arrangements with other donors (European Community, European Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Investment Neighborhood and Japan) have been put in place to provide support to the water sector in Moldova.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-44140	Effective	XDR	13.31	1.42	11.84	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM SUPPORT PROJECT (P100929)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 29-Mar-2007
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 30-Jun-2011
Sector: Roads and highways (81%); Central government administration (19%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s):

The purpose of the project is to support the government's road sector program, whose objective is to reduce road transport costs for road users in Moldova by improving the condition and quality of its road network and the way it is managed. The largest part of the World Bank credit of US\$ 16 million was to fund the rehabilitation of a road section in the northern part of Moldova, between Balti and Sarateni.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

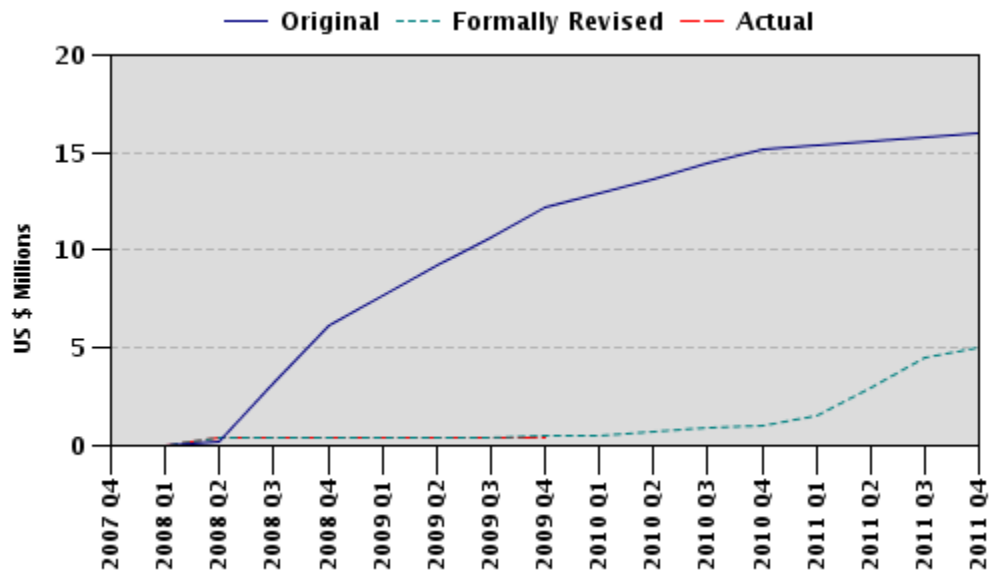
Following a faulty selection process for the contractor who was to execute the road works, the Bank cancelled from the loan the portion allocated to this contract (equivalent to 68 percent of the credit amount) in 2009. As a result, the project needs to be restructured. The restructuring will be carried out as soon as the new government is established, following the recent elections in Moldova. This is to ensure government ownership of the restructured project. Other project activities are underway, especially the design and implementation of an axle load control system which will protect roads from overloaded vehicles.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42830	Effective	XDR	16.71	0.42	5.34	11.03
IDA-Q5520	Closed	USD	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.80
TF-57793	Closed	USD	0.73	0.72	0.00	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): PUB FIN MGMT TA (P082916)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 16-Jun-2005
Mid-Term Review Date: 12-Feb-2009
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2011
Sector: Central government administration (80%); Sub-national government administration (20%)

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

Project development objective(s): The objective is to improve the management of public finances.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

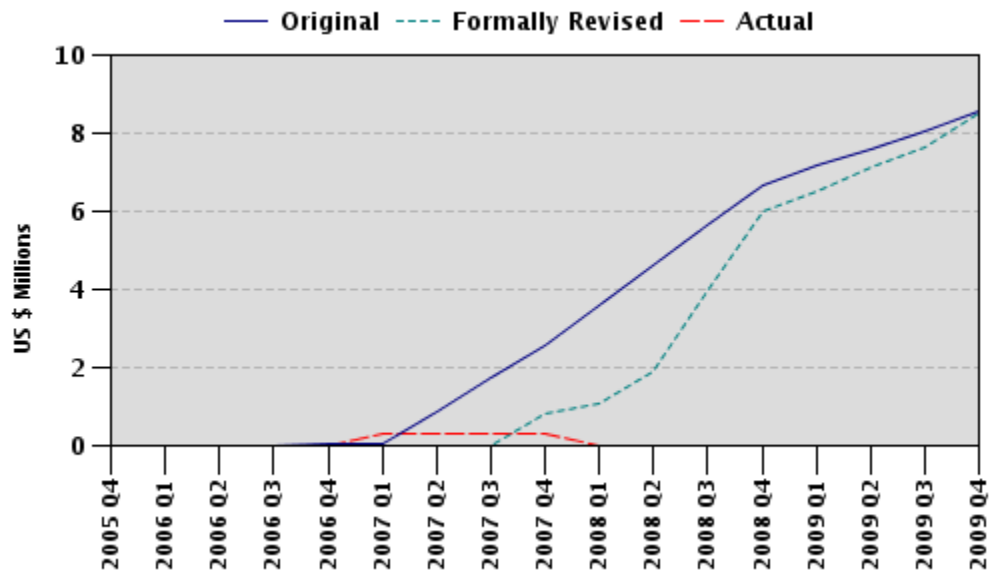
The project is making good progress, in spite of the start-up implementation delays. In February 2009, the project mid-term review concluded with positive evaluation of the project progress. A more flexible format of the national budget presentation allows more efficient budget management. Consolidation of budget balances at the single treasury account lays a solid foundation for improvements in budget execution. The project was extended for 18 months to allow for quality implementation of the financial management information system sub-component.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-40820	Effective	XDR	8.73	0.00	8.85	0.00
TF-53751	Closed	USD	0.53	0.48	0.00	0.06
TF-54017	Effective	SEK	1.76	1.03	0.86	0.00
TF-55030	Closed	SEK	0.49	0.29	0.00	0.18
TF-55170	Effective	EUR	4.38	2.38	1.93	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): HEALTH SERVICES AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE (P095250)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 07-Jun-2007
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 31-Aug-2011
Sector: Health (49%); Central government administration (31%); Other social services (15%); Compulsory health finance (5%)

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09:

The objective was expanded to incorporate additional financing in the amount of US\$7 million from the Global Food Price Crisis Response Grant which will help mitigate the impact of food price shocks, which include: (a) interventions to reduce nutritional vulnerability of at-risk pregnant women, lactating mothers and infants/young children through the provision of nutritional supplements; and (b) a temporary cash transfer to social institutions which provide food to children, elderly, mentally or physically handicapped and other vulnerable groups to compensate for food price increases during the upcoming 2008/2009 winter season.

Project development objective(s):

The overall project objective is to promote the government's program to increase access to quality and efficient health services with the aim of decreasing premature mortality and disability for the local population and improve the targeting of social transfers and services to the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

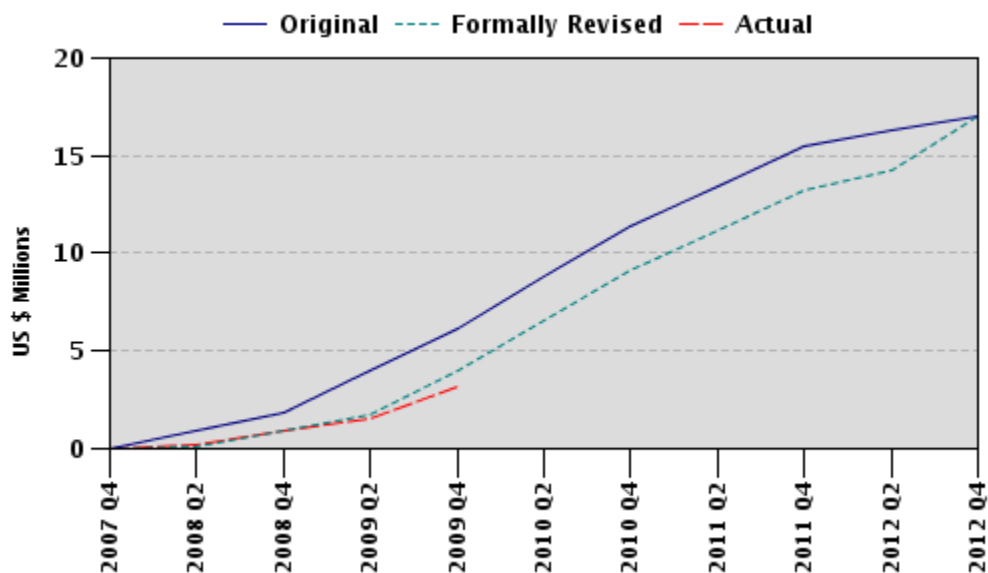
Efforts to re-organize and improve primary and hospital care services are ongoing with the progress in rehabilitation of 15 primary care centers, provision of equipment and general practitioner curriculum reform. The national hospital master plan has been prepared and preparations are underway for the rehabilitation of the main hospital in the capital. The norms and standards for primary health care facilities have been revised to meet modern standards. A new targeted social assistance system was approved by the Parliament and promulgated on September 2008 by the President. The new social assistance targeting scheme is now fully functional since July 2009. In addition, health insurance law has been revised to provide health insurance to those under the new poverty targeted social assistance program thus building on the synergies between health and social protection. The Global Food Crisis Response funds have been almost completely disbursed with cash transfers to institutions completed in May 2009 and food transfer through UNICEF starting in June and expected to continue over the summer. Despite some delay in the implementation of the UNICEF part of the project, the funds have had considerable impact as they help support Moldova at a crucial time as it is affected by the global financial crisis. As of June 2009, 10,098 food parcels for children 6-24 months old and food packages for 6,971 pregnant and breastfeeding women have been delivered.



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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-43200	Effective	XDR	17.63	3.55	14.04	0.00
TF-55808	Closed	USD	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00
TF-92641	Effective	USD	7.00	6.60	0.40	0.00
TF-93702	Effective	USD	1.38	0.17	1.22	0.00

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): AVIAN FLU - MD (P099841)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 09-Jun-2006
Mid-Term Review Date: 15-Sep-2008
Closing Date: 31-Dec-2009
Sector: General public administration sector (43%); Health (39%);
 Agricultural extension and research (12%); Other social
 services (3%); Animal production (3%)

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

Project development objective(s): The objective of the project is to minimize the threat posed to humans by the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus. To achieve this, the project supports improvements in the country's epidemiological surveillance systems, outbreak control and containment systems, and diagnosis and treatment capacity for avian influenza.

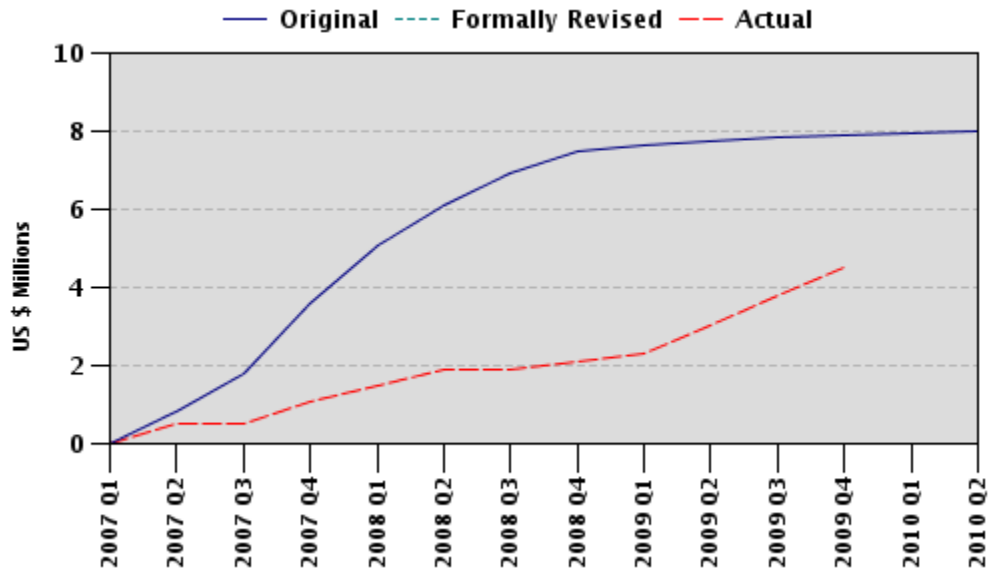
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The implementation of the project is progressing well. Specialized laboratories have been refurbished and their staff trained, thus strengthening the capacity for diagnosis of avian influenza in humans and poultry. The project made marked improvements in capacity for response in isolating and curbing outbreaks of avian influenza in poultry. The project laid the foundation for improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of humans by refurbishing a national reference infectious disease hospital, and increased awareness among the public about the risks of avian influenza and methods of prevention and protection against it.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-41880	Effective	XDR	4.36	2.46	1.83	0.00
IDA-H2330	Effective	XDR	4.36	2.46	1.83	0.00
TF-56630	Effective	USD	0.50	0.39	0.11	0.00
TF-58241	Effective	USD	1.00	0.97	0.03	0.00



Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)



Project Name(ID): ENV INFRASTRUCTURE (GEF) (P074139)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 29-May-2007
Mid-Term Review Date:
Closing Date: 15-Dec-2011
Sector: Sewerage (96%); Central government administration (4%)
The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY09: no

Project development objective(s): The key development objectives of the project are to: improve the quality of sanitation services in Soroca; reduce the discharge of pollutants, including nutrients, from Soroca municipal sources that flow into the Nistru River and, subsequently, into the Black Sea; and demonstrate viable nutrient reduction strategies and technologies from municipal sources for the benefit of Moldova and the Black Sea region.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): No significant progress was achieved under the project due to the national elections. The government had problems with the choice of technology for the wastewater treatment plant at Soroca.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Currency	Amount	Disbursed	UnDisbursed	Cancellation
TF-58310	Effective	USD	4.56	0.84	3.72	0.00

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (in millions USD)

