STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10
SOPE

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION

Moldova

Operations Policy and Country Services
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Introduction

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\(^1\) 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):** ENERGY 2 (P040558)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 11/25/2003

**Midterm Review Date:** 04/21/2006

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-38330, IDA-45410, IDA-Q1910, TF-25294

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

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development (25%), Access to urban services and housing (25%), Regulation and competition policy (24%), Pollution management and environmental health (13%), Climate change (13%)

**Project Development Objectives:** 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 development outcome indicators have already exceeded the expected end of project targets. Under the electricity component, all work has been completed, except the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA), which has been delayed. As a result of the investments made in the power transmission network, outage rates were reduced by 48 percent, non-technical losses were reduced by 94.5 percent, and total technical losses were reduced by almost 12 percent in 2009 compared to 2002.

Additional heating rehabilitation financed by the Additional Financing is expected to be completed by October 2010. Improved availability, quality, and efficiency of heating has been provided to 23 educational institutions and 12 medical institutions, benefiting 8,399 students, approximately 1.5 million patients, staff, and visitors and 2,132 families, whose apartment buildings were connected to the new boilers.

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

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**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10**

**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION**
Project Name (ID): ENV INFRASTRUCTURE (GEF) (P074139)

Country: Moldova

Board Approval Date: 05/29/2007

Closing Date: 12/15/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-58310

Sector(s): Sewerage (96%), Central government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (50%), Environmental policies and institutions (25%), Water resource management (25%)

Project Development Objectives: 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): Limited progress has been made in the implementation of the Project. The contract with the consulting firm responsible for preparing final designs was resumed in January 2010 at the request of new sector authorities. Having final designs completed is the main achievement of the project.

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Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 06/17/2004
Midterm Review Date: 06/01/2007
Closing Date: 03/31/2013
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-46820, TF-52114, TF-54460, TF-93407, IDA-39310, IDA-45550
Sector(s): Other social services (40%), Primary education (20%), Roads and highways (15%), District heating and energy efficiency services (15%), Water supply (10%)
Theme(s): Other social protection and risk management (33%), Participation and civic engagement (17%), Rural services and infrastructure (17%), Rural policies and institutions (17%), Other accountability/anti-corruption (16%)
Project Development Objectives: The objective is to empower poor communities and vulnerable population groups to manage their priority development needs.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10

The Second Additional Financing for the Second Moldova Social Investment Fund (MSIF-II) Project became effective on May 19, 2010. This financing is for USD 20 million, on IDA terms. The central objective of this Credit is to infuse wage incomes into poor rural villages through public works while economic conditions are weak. These works are small-scale sub-projects to rehabilitate, for example, schools or village roads, and to clean-up the environment. To strengthen capacity through learning-by-doing, village and town governments will implement all sub-projects.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): MSIF has completed 549 of these community sub-projects, exceeding the 388 planned under the original credit. Moreover, MSIF helped 184 villages and towns to prepare their own local development plans and to manage and to complete their sub-projects. Two-thirds of these communities have applied this knowledge to realize investments that were not financed by the MSIF Project. At present, MSIF is drawing on the Second Additional Financing to start public works quickly, to absorb unemployment in rural areas and to increase wage incomes. Village and town governments will implement all of these sub-projects.

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Board Approval Date: 06/16/2005
Midterm Review Date: 02/12/2009
Closing Date: 12/31/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-94801, TF-55170, TF-55030, TF-54017, IDA-40820, TF-53751
Sector(s): Central government administration (80%), Sub-national government administration (20%)
Theme(s): Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (67%), Other public sector governance (33%)

Project Development Objectives: The development objective is to improve the management of public finances.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making good progress towards achieving the development objective. A methodological basis for increased transparency and accountability of the national budget process has been created. New budget classification and chart of accounts compliant with international standards were developed and tested. New methodology guidelines for budget preparation and budget execution are being finalized. New methodologies are expected to be implemented with the launch of the new Financial Management Information System (FMIS) planned for January 2012. The contract for supply and installation of FMIS became effective in the fall of 2009. System development is underway. Good progress was also achieved in preparing the legal framework for internal financial control and internal audit (PIFC). Draft PIFC Law compliant with EU requirements has been developed and submitted to the Parliament for approval.

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Board Approval Date: 10/27/2005
Midterm Review Date: 04/21/2008
Closing Date: 06/30/2012
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-41190, IDA-46550, IDA-H1870, TF-54602, TF-55175
Sector(s): General industry and trade sector (40%), Central government administration (30%), Law and justice (20%), Micro- and SME finance (8%), Banking (2%)
Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (25%), Regulation and competition policy (25%), Export development and competitiveness (24%), Other financial and private sector development (13%), Standards and financial reporting (13%)
Project Development Objectives: The objective is to enhance competitiveness of enterprises through improvements in the business environment, enhancing access to finance, and making adequate standards, testing, and quality improvement services available to enterprises.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10

The additional financing will aim to maintain and further enhance the competitiveness of Moldovan enterprise sector through a combination of: (a) scaling up of existing matching grant component in order to assist enterprises with upgrading their labor skills and management practices, and introducing new products; and (b) a new line of credit component that will support investment and working capital financing needs of exporting enterprises.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is progressing well. Regulatory compliance costs for enterprises was decreased from US$2517 in 2007 to US$1920 in 2008; the percentage of management time spent on meeting regulatory requirements was decreased from 16 percent in 2007 to 11.2 percent in 2009; the number of inspections per year per firm declined from 10.3 in 2006 to 8.2 in 2009; the number of government officials and experts trained in Regulatory Impact Assessment (per year) by 2009 reached app. 1300; the number of European-Union compatible standards adopted (per year) reached approximately 300 by 2009; the cumulative number of accredited testing facilities available to enterprises reached 138 compared to the baseline of 36; and the cumulative number of international certifications received by Moldovan enterprises increased to 181 compared to a baseline of 50 in 2005. Based on the 2009 Business Environment and Enterprise Survey, the percentage of businesses who view access to finance as a constraint decreasing declined to under 50 percent compared to the baseline of 50 percent in 2002. Access to finance remains a constraint for Moldovan Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and the Additional Financing of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project became effective in April 2010. Implementation, which is now fully up to speed, will help address this constraint directly.

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Project Name (ID): POPS STOCKPILES MGMT AND DESTRUCTION (P090037)

Country: Moldova

Board Approval Date: 12/15/2005

Midterm Review Date: 11/18/2008

Closing Date: 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-90384, TF-55875, TF-53700

Sector(s): Central government administration (39%), Solid waste management (33%), Petrochemicals and fertilizers (19%), Other industry (9%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health (50%), Environmental policies and institutions (25%), Other environment and natural resources management (25%)

Project Development Objectives: 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 was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10

The Project was restructured to extend its closing date to allow the implementation of a number of complementary and impact-enhancing activities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress towards achieving the Project's Development Objective is on a solid track, highlighted by major improvements in the country's legal and regulatory framework for controlling persistent organic pollutants, enhanced capacity to monitor and supervise contaminated areas through a full digital map of contaminated areas, and the completion of a full inventory of contaminated electrical equipment for Polychlorinated Biphenyls, allowing for targeted clean-up interventions. All these achievements are putting the country closer to its objective of an environment free of persistent organic pollutants.

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**Project Name (ID):** QUAL EDUC IN RUR AREAS OF MD (P090340)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 03/14/2006

**Midterm Review Date:** 10/23/2009

**Closing Date:** 05/30/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-41550, IDA-H2080, TF-54601, TF-56717

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (35%), Secondary education (28%), Sub-national government administration (20%), Primary education (17%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (29%), Rural services and infrastructure (29%), Education for the knowledge economy (14%), Decentralization (14%), Administrative and civil service reform (14%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The main objective of the project is to increase the quality of education in the rural areas of Moldova.

**The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10**

The goals of the restructuring are: (a) to provide the project with a 24 month extension of the closing date; and (b) to reallocate funds within disbursement categories in the project.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** Considerable progress has been made in the project in the past year. Most notable has been the piloting of school optimization and per capita financing in two provinces. The piloting initiates much needed education financing reform which will lead to a more efficient and equitable education sector. The project has also facilitated the development and endorsement of new curricula in General Education schools and school grants to 304 schools.

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Project Name (ID): RISP (APL #2) (P090673)

Country: Moldova

Board Approval Date: 03/28/2006

Midterm Review Date: 09/20/2008

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-57273, TF-54603, TF-54222, IDA-41570, IDA-44160, IDA-45630, IDA-Q5230, IDA-H2110

Sector(s): 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%)

Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (23%), Rural markets (22%), Rural non-farm income generation (22%), Rural services and infrastructure (22%), Legal institutions for a market economy (11%)

Project Development Objectives: 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.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): 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 630 rural enterprises, over US$18 million of rural investments and 1,770 jobs. The work to modernize the legal and regulatory framework for Savings and Credit Associations (SCA) has considerably advanced, strengthening also supervisory capacity and ensuring that, among others, only the strongest associations continue to collect deposits. However, the economic/financial crisis has considerably impacted the health of the SCAs, forcing the industry supervisor to accelerate its supervision and, when needed, interventions to prevent massive default. Although there are early signs that the SCA crisis may have peaked at the end of 2009, it is not yet clear whether the portfolio at risk of these institutions will be able to reach the targeted level of less than 5 percent. Over 40 percent of the population in six selected pilot villages has taken part in a land re-parceling exercise, prompting the government to scale up this activity to an additional 40 villages. Lessons from all 46 villages are being integrated into a government strategy. Work on providing financing for irrigation investment remains quasi non-existent and a restructuring is expected in the fall of 2010.

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Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 06/07/2007
Midterm Review Date: 12/07/2009
Closing Date: 08/31/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-55808, TF-92641, TF-93702, IDA-43200
Sector(s): Health (49%), Central government administration (31%), Other social services (15%), Compulsory health finance (5%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (50%), Social safety nets (25%), Social risk mitigation (25%)

Project Development Objectives: The overall project objective is to increase access to quality and efficient health services with the aim of decreasing premature mortality and disability, and improve the targeting of social transfers and services to the poor.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Over the last year the project has continued its progress towards achieving its development objectives although with some delays. Key consultancies have been completed, including the new Hospital Master Plan, health insurance coverage has been extended to more than 75 percent of the population, and the new program of cash transfers to the poor has reached 30,000 beneficiaries as of June 2010. Rehabilitation and construction of several Primary Care Centers has progressed, with 15 facilities being completed so far. The new curriculum development for primary care doctors and nurses has been completed and is being delivered under the ongoing training program.

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**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10**
**EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION**
Project Name (ID): AVIAN FLU - MD (P099841)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 06/09/2006
Midterm Review Date: 09/15/2008
Closing Date: 03/31/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-58241, TF-56630, IDA-H2330, IDA-41880
Sector(s): General public administration sector (43%), Health (39%), Agricultural extension and research (12%), Other social services (3%), Animal production (3%)
Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (29%), Other communicable diseases (29%), Health system performance (14%), Pollution management and environmental health (14%), Participation and civic engagement (14%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective of the project is to minimize the threat posed to humans by the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10

The goals of the restructuring were to reallocate project funds and extend the closing date to allow the implementation of complementary, impact-enhancing activities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress towards achieving the Project Development Objective was on a solid track, highlighted by major improvements in the country's epidemiological surveillance, outbreak control and containment, diagnosis and treatment systems for avian influenza and other viral infections. The country now has a modern laboratory infrastructure for human and animal virology; a new intensive care unit at the national infectious disease reference hospital; and an upgraded, computer-based epidemiological surveillance system for infectious diseases.

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

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Project Name (ID): ROAD SECTOR PROGRAM SUPPORT PROJECT (P100929)

Country: Moldova

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2007

Midterm Review Date: 06/24/2009

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5520, IDA-42830, TF-57793

Sector (s): Roads and highways (81%), Central government administration (19%)

Theme (s): Trade facilitation and market access (33%), Infrastructure services for private sector development (33%), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (17%), Administrative and civil service reform (17%)

Project Development Objectives: The project aims to support the government's road sector program, whose objective is to improve the condition and quality of its road network and the way it is managed. The largest part of the World Bank (IDA) credit of US$ 16 million was to fund the rehabilitation of a road section in the northern part of Moldova, between Balti and Sarateni.

The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 10

As a result of a case of poor procurement, the project was restructured in December 2009, to revise (a) the overall financing plan of the project; and (b) the IDA-funded inputs to this multi-donor project.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The poor procurement and restructuring of the project resulted in a substantial delay of the implementation of some physical works to be funded under the project. While the execution of one major works contract is well advanced, the procurement of other works under the Road Sector Program had to be started anew and is now ongoing. The non-physical project activities (such as road design studies, axle load control system, etc.) are partly completed, with some consultant contracts ongoing.

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Project Name (ID): MDTF FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM (P105602)
Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 07/11/2006
Midterm Review Date: 06/25/2010
Closing Date: 12/31/2010
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56601

Sector(s): General public administration sector (100%)
Theme(s): Administrative and civil service reform (67%), Other public sector governance (33%)

Project Development Objectives: The Development Objective is to strengthen institutional capacity of the public administration for better policymaking, policy implementation and efficient use of public resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making good progress towards achieving development objectives. Project progress review completed in June resulted in a positive evaluation of the progress achieved since the project launch. Substantial results were achieved in development of a merit based civil service. The new Law on Public Office and Status of Civil Servant, drafted in line with the European Union good practice, became effective in 2009. Implementing government regulations on competitive selection, performance appraisal, probation period, preparation of job descriptions, etc. have been approved and are being implemented. In total, seven new human resource (HR) management procedures have been introduced with the project support. The project also contributed to the government reorganization undertaken by the current Government in winter-spring 2010 which was strongly guided by the functional review findings. As a result, better separation of policy development from implementation function has been achieved. Consolidation of the Government structure was also achieved by cutting the number of central public administration bodies. The Government requested a project extension for 18 months to enable the use of the available trust fund balance for further support of Public Administration Reform implementation.

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**Project Name (ID):** NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION (P107612)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 05/13/2008

**Closing Date:** 06/30/2013

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-44140

**Sector(s):** Water supply (62%), Sewerage (23%), Central government administration (8%), District heating and energy efficiency services (7%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing (40%), Rural services and infrastructure (20%), Other human development (20%), Climate change (20%)

**Project Development Objectives:** 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):** Project implementation continues to be slow. However, all subsidiary agreements have been signed and since January 2010, the project has started making progress in terms of procurement processes in the component related to the rehabilitation of water and sanitation systems in the 7 participating apacanals (water utilities). The Government and the Bank team have agreed on restructuring the project to allow the rural and the energy efficiency components to effectively start their implementation phase. Disbursements are expected to increase following the processing and approval of the proposed project restructuring.

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**Project Name (ID):** Economic Recovery DPO (P112625)

**Country:** Moldova

**Board Approval Date:** 06/24/2010

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2010

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-47620

**Sector(s):** District heating and energy efficiency services (30%), Information technology (20%), Other social services (20%), General finance sector (20%), Roads and highways (10%)

**Theme(s):** Climate change (30%), Regulation and competition policy (25%), Infrastructure services for private sector development (10%), Social safety nets (20%), Regional integration (15%)

**Project Development Objectives:** Adequately fund priority expenditures for economic recovery and social protection and lay foundations for a sustained post-crisis recovery through exports and private investment.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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Country: Moldova
Board Approval Date: 07/31/2009
Closing Date: 06/30/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-94952
Sector(s): Solid waste management (30%), Other social services (30%), Roads and highways (20%), Water supply (20%)
Theme(s): Other environment and natural resources management (30%), Social safety nets (30%), Regional integration (20%), Water resource management (20%)
Project Development Objectives: The objective of the project is to improve social services for the vulnerable, improve water management at the community level, improve the condition and quality of road networks, and improve water quality and sanitary services.
Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Grant Agreement was signed with the Government on August 7, 2009. The major road contract under the project is about to finalize its tendering process; a consultant has been selected and a contract is about to be signed to carry out a study to assess the conditions for a water treatment plant; and the Moldova Social Investment Fund has begun financing community projects for vulnerable populations, and small projects for community water management.

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