STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10
SOPE

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

Panama

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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.

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\(^1\) 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.
Panama

Project Name (ID): PA Rural Productivity (former 2nd Rur Po (P064918)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 03/21/2007

Closing Date: 01/31/2013

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-P4230, IBRD-74390

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (33%), Agricultural marketing and trade (33%), Agro-industry (14%), Agricultural extension and research (10%), Central government administration (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (25%), Rural policies and institutions (25%), Other rural development (24%), Rural non-farm income generation (13%), Rural services and infrastructure (13%)

Project Development Objectives: The project objective is to contribute to increased productivity, competitiveness and market access among organized rural small-scale producers in the provinces of Herrera, Los Santos and Veraguas, while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and the conservation of important biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): There has been slow progress towards achieving the project development objectives in 2010 due to a period of institutional instability with substantial changes in project coordination team composition and leadership. Nevertheless, progress is being made towards increased access to markets for small-scale producers. Twenty-four sub-projects have received or are in the process of receiving grants to fund investment and/or productivity enhancement activities (project targets a total of 70 productive alliances). Seventy-five percent of the sub-projects are exclusively targeting access to the domestic market (e.g. milk, maize). Two hundred and fifty environmental sub-projects out of a total of 450 have received or are being finalized to receive grants for small scale investments in natural resource management and productive opportunities contributing to biodiversity conservation.

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Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2010)
Project Name (ID): PA-Water&Sanitation in Low-Income Comm. (P082419)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 07/17/2007

Closing Date: 05/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56581, IBRD-74770

Sector(s): Water supply (60%), Sanitation (24%), Central government administration (16%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (40%), Participation and civic engagement (20%), Access to urban services and housing (20%), Other human development (20%)

Project Development Objectives: The Project Development Objective is to increase access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services in participating communities.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Despite some execution delays in the last year, the Project has been showing remarkable advances in the last 3 months. Several actions were started (and also re-started) which are directly related to the achievement of the project's development objectives.

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Project Name (ID): PA GEF Rural Productivity (P083045)
Country: Panama
Board Approval Date: 06/15/2006
Closing Date: 06/28/2013
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-52549, TF-56628
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (75%), Sub-national government administration (15%), Central government administration (10%)
Theme(s): Biodiversity (25%), Small and medium enterprise support (25%), Participation and civic engagement (24%), Rural non-farm income generation (13%), Decentralization (13%)
Project Development Objectives: The Project Development Objective of the partially-blended Rural Productivity and Sustainable Development Project is to contribute to increased income and employment of small-scale rural producers in Panama.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The National Environment Authority (ANAM) made good and consistent improvements in project implementation during FY10. The new administration has gained significant ownership of the project and is mainstreaming its components and results with the rest of ANAM programs and policies. The Minister himself has taken strong actions to strengthen the Project Implementation Unit, and is personally overseeing project progress and results. These improvements are reflecting positively in every aspect of the project. Achievement of the development objectives is beginning to look very secure since ANAM has brought most indicators up to speed and approached originally programmed dates for their commitment.

There are two aspects of the project that have fallen behind the internal results programmed: (a) Strengthening of the National Protected Areas System through decentralization; and (b) Implementation of two pilot Payment for Environmental Services projects. The reason for these delays is linked to structural and legal limitations, which are currently being evaluated by ANAM and the Government of Panama. These project elements will be revised in detail during the Mid-term Review, which is scheduled to occur in March 2011.

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Project Name (ID): PA Social Protection project (P098328)

Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 07/26/2007

Closing Date: 06/30/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-56734, IBRD-74790

Sector(s): Central government administration (39%), Health (38%), Other social services (23%)

Theme(s): Nutrition and food security (29%), Social safety nets (29%), Indigenous peoples (14%), Child health (14%), Administrative and civil service reform (14%)

Project Development Objectives: The project development objectives are to: (a) improve the management and operation of the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program, (b) provide beneficiaries with an incentive framework to increase their participation in the CCT program, (c) strengthen the supply of nutrition and child growth promotion interventions in indigenous areas, and (d) enhance government capacity to develop coherent and efficient social sector policies and interventions on the basis of evidence.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): There has been fairly significant progress over the past year towards achieving the development objectives. The Government modified the CCT payments systems, changed the organizational structure of the program, drafted a new operational manual, put into operation the main modules of the Information Management System (registry, payments and co-responsibilities), conducted a pilot of verification of co-responsibilities through health and education sectors, defined a model of Direct Support to Families, purged almost 10% of the registry of beneficiaries and resumed the impact evaluation bidding process. Significant progress has also been made with respect to health and nutrition supply. The new package of services has already been designed, nutritionists have already been integrated into the health teams, and 90% of the community monitors have been identified. However, only 43% of beneficiary children have received growth monitoring services. Finally, 84% of beneficiary pregnant women have received at least 3 pre-natal checkups, surpassing the 75% target. Lastly, with respect to supporting the Government’s capacity to formulate evidence-based social policy, the Social Cabinet has prioritized areas and instruments that require further policy dialogue and external support, such as refining the design of the new non-contributory pension program.

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**Project Name (ID):** PA Hlth Equity & Performance Improvement (P106445)

**Country:** Panama

**Board Approval Date:** 08/05/2008

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IBRD-75870, IBRD-P4440

**Sector(s):** Non-compulsory health finance (65%), Public administration- Health (30%), Health (5%)

**Theme(s):** Child health (22%), Health system performance (22%), Nutrition and food security (22%), Population and reproductive health (22%), Social safety nets (12%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The objectives of this project are to increase access to basic health services to rural underserved communities and to improve the health system's performance.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project has made significant progress towards achieving its development objectives. The mobile health teams are offering services in 9 out of the 10 regional offices of the Ministry of Health, benefiting about 196,000 people. Despite these achievements, the first year results are lower than expected. Among the seven regional offices for which information is available, only two reached the target for population served (45% of population effectively receiving services) and only three achieved one of the ten coverage targets. Regarding other project indicators, all regional offices for which information is available achieved the target related to diagnosed individuals with diabetes and hypertension (the original target was 40%). However, none of the regional health offices reached the expected targets for the following project indicators: (a) one year old children fully vaccinated (80%); (b) pre-natal care coverage (55%); and (c) assisted delivery (55%). Finally, four regional offices have finished the survey and mapping of resources, while one other office has made progress on this activity.

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Country: Panama

Board Approval Date: 05/18/2010

Closing Date: 09/30/2015

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-78770

Sector(s): Water supply (52%), Sanitation (17%), Sewerage (17%), Public administration- Water, sanitation and flood protection (14%)

Theme(s): Access to urban services and housing (100%)

Project Development Objectives: The development objective of the project is to increase the quality, coverage and efficiency of water supply and sanitation services in the lower-income neighborhoods of selected areas of the Panamá Metropolitan Region.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period. Initial designs for about 75,000 inhabitants have been contracted and are on-going. Other activities have not started.

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