STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION FY10
SOPE

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Benin

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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.
Benin

Project Name (ID): BJ-GEF Forests & Adjcnt Lnds Mgmt (FY06) (P069896)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2006

Midterm Review Date: 11/19/2009

Closing Date: 11/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-23293, TF-57165

Sector(s): Forestry (98%), Central government administration (1%), Other social services (1%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (25%), Biodiversity (25%), Land administration and management (24%), Climate change (13%), Participation and civic engagement (13%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective is to set the stage for integrated ecosystem management in selected gazetted forests and their adjacent lands and thereby influence strategically ecosystem management trends in the medium- and long-term to generate multiple global benefits.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress toward meeting the development objective has been slow, and a restructuring is being considered. Some results achieved include: a) five Participatory Forest Management Plans were already prepared covering 638,645 ha. About 32 Community Based Organizations created under the project are considered now as viable micro enterprises. About 5,400 ha have been reforested in the project sites. Three decrees were adopted organizing the rural timber market and 10 fuel wood big villages were identified and trained to play the pilot role of rural timber market. The challenge remains the improvement of the Monitoring and Evaluation system and also to pursue the preparation of the remaining Participatory Forest Management Plans.

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

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Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 02/19/2008

Closing Date: 11/15/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-24907, TF-91739

Sector(s): Sub-national government administration (48%), Central government administration (39%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (13%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (50%), Biodiversity (50%)

Project Development Objectives: The Global Environment Objective is to promote participatory conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of coastal wetlands and marine resources, while supporting the livelihood and economic opportunities of the local communities living near and around the conservation areas

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has experienced a slow and difficult implementation due to circumstances in the country. A restructuring process is planned for this fiscal year, which will simplify the scope of the project to enable it to meet its development objective. This will include inter-alia, the enabling framework for integrated coastal zone management.

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Country: Benin
Board Approval Date: 07/06/2004
Midterm Review Date: 10/10/2007
Closing Date: 12/31/2011
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39510, IDA-44920, IDA-Q3520

Sector(s): Power (64%), Central government administration (24%), Sub-national government administration (12%)
Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (20%), Rural services and infrastructure (20%), Access to urban services and housing (20%), Regulation and competition policy (20%), Land administration and management (20%)

Project Development Objectives: The objectives are (a) to accelerate the use of electricity in underserved areas for economic growth and improved quality of life; (b) to strengthen the capacity of Benin to expand the power sector; (c) to promote Benin’s regional cooperation capacity; and (d) to improve governance and management of the biomass energy sub-sector.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Good progress has been made on project implementation and toward achievement of the development objectives. Construction of all envisaged infrastructure is complete. With the Togo-Benin interconnector commissioned and operational, objectives (a) and (c) are met. Under the biomass component (objective d), the forestry posts in the pilot area have now been operating for about 6 months, and the 12 honey farms, which are to limit deforestation and provide a revenue generating activity for the local population, are now fully operational. 120 hectares of cashew nut tree have also been planted. Progress toward achievement of objective (b) is steady, with a satisfactory decree establishing a regulatory agency passed, electricity tariffs increased, and debt restructuring of the electric utility, leading to a more sustainable sector. A small number of works and studies will require more time to reach completion, necessitating a closing date extension to December 31, 2011.

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Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 10/07/2004

Midterm Review Date: 05/10/2008

Closing Date: 09/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-39900, IDA-H1280, IDA-H5990, IDA-Q4110, TF-52101

Sector(s): Other social services (26%), Health (26%), Primary education (26%), Sub-national government administration (13%), Micro- and SME finance (9%)

Theme(s): Decentralization (33%), Participation and civic engagement (17%), Education for all (17%), Other human development (17%), Other social protection and risk management (16%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective is to use the community-driven development approach to improve the access of the poorest communities to basic social and financial services.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project has reached an estimated 440,000 beneficiaries to date, despite a financing gap created by fiscal pressures on the Government of Benin arising from the global economic crisis. Capacity building and grassroots management training has been completed in 1,518 communities, as has capacity building on integrating CDD in 74 communes and 12 prefectures.

On the policy front, the project has also contributed to the decentralization process and strengthening of both local government (‘commune’) and community capacities to better plan and implement development projects. 32 out of 74 communes (43 percent) have completed at least one multi-village project, with the remainder expected to be completed by the revised closing date. 1,231 community sub-projects have been financed and 750 are completed (target = 1,400). Another 295 approved and awaiting financing that will be provided under this additional grant. The project has supported the construction or rehabilitation of 1,629 classrooms, 84 health centers, and 37 water and sanitation systems. 81,450 students are enrolled in schools constructed or rehabilitated under the Project. The micro-finance component has also yielded satisfactory results in extending financial services to 409 previously unserved communities and enabling 9,520 individuals to benefit from such services. An Additional Financing of US$12 million was pending approval at the close of FY2010 (the period covered by this report), and was approved on July 6, 2010. In parallel, the closing date was extended to September 30, 2011 and a new component to support technical assistance for the development of Benin’s social safety net system was created.

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**Country:** Benin

**Board Approval Date:** 09/12/2005

**Midterm Review Date:** 11/10/2008

**Closing Date:** 03/31/2012

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-Q4430, IDA-44900, IDA-41170

**Sector(s):** Sewerage (31%), Roads and highways (31%), Sub-national government administration (16%), Solid waste management (15%), Other social services (7%)

**Theme(s):** Pollution management and environmental health (25%), Access to urban services and housing (25%), Municipal governance and institution building (24%), Decentralization (13%), Participation and civic engagement (13%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The objective is to increase access to infrastructure and basic services for residents of Benin’s primary cities (Cotonou, Porto-Nov and Parakou) and selected secondary cities (Abomey-Calavi, Lokossa, and Kandi).

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

The purpose of this restructuring is to allow completion of remaining works.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The overall project implementation is progressing well. Considering the progress of implementation being made despite in particular a delay of about 14 months for approving the IDA Credit, it is expected that the project will achieve its objective on time.

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**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2010)**
Project Name (ID): BJ- Multi Sectoral HIV/AIDS SIL 2 (FY07) (P096056)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 04/05/2007

Midterm Review Date: 01/18/2010

Closing Date: 12/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5590, IDA-42900

Sector(s): Other social services (34%), Health (32%), Central government administration (21%), Sub-national government administration (9%), Solid waste management (4%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (33%), Other social development (33%), Nutrition and food security (17%), Population and reproductive health (17%)

Project Development Objectives: Project objectives are to: (i) strengthen access to and utilization of prevention services for vulnerable and high-risk groups; (ii) improve access to and utilization of treatment and care services for HIV/AIDS affected persons; and (iii) consolidate the coordination, management and monitoring and evaluation of the national response to HIV/AIDS.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project is making good progress towards achieving its development objective. Most outcome indicators are on track and are likely to be met by the Closing Date scheduled for December 31, 2011. However, actions towards some vulnerable groups such as youth and pregnant women need to be boosted and followed up closely to stop recent downturns observed in certain national-level behavioral indicators. The Project has ensured so far, among other things, the financing of social mobilization and HIV prevention services carried out by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community-based Organizations (CBOs). A total of more than 800 sub-projects have been financed for activities of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and for direct support to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children (OVC) to mitigate the impact of HIV. In the field of access to treatment, care and impact mitigation services, the Project has launched the rehabilitation works of some laboratories, the construction of incinerators in the country’s departments, the provision of medical equipment, anti-retroviral s (ARV), drugs to control opportunistic infections, reagents and other medical consumables. The proceeds of the Credit have also been used to support the training of more than 1,000 traditional healers and religious leaders in the Vaudou convents, the training of around 500 health personnel in the management of opportunistic infections, and of ARV. As of July 8, 2010, 30 months after Effectiveness, 56% of the Credit amount had been disbursed. This rate is somehow satisfactory if one considers the difficult environment that surrounded the implementation of the Project’s activities such as the social unrest with recurrent strikes observed in the Civil Service in Benin and particularly in the health sector.

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Project Name (ID): BJ-Malaria Ctrl Booster Prgm SIL (FY06) (P096482)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 06/01/2006

Midterm Review Date: 05/19/2009

Closing Date: 02/28/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q5190, IDA-H2290

Sector(s): Health (60%), Other social services (25%), Central government administration (15%)

Theme(s): Malaria (40%), Population and reproductive health (20%), Health system performance (20%), Child health (20%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective is to improve malaria case management and prevention in order to reduce morbidity and mortality due to malaria especially among children under five and pregnant women.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The Project is making good progress towards achieving its development objective. Although one outcome indicator was flawed and had to be adjusted, two have already exceeded one is on track to meet the end of project target. Of the five intermediate outcome indicators, two are on track and three have already exceeded the end of project targets. As of June 30, 2010, 40 months after the Grant effectiveness, 73% of the Grant amount had been disbursed. The Project has ensured so far, among other things, the provision of 1,875,000 long lasting insecticide-treated bed nets (LLINs) distributed to under-five children and pregnant women, the training of around 10,000 health professionals (80% of total) in malaria case management based on the new national malaria control policy requirements, the provision of around 2,000,000 blisters of new anti malaria drugs (Artemisinin-based Combination Therapy # ACTs) and of Rapid Diagnosis Tests (RDTs) rolled out to public health facilities, the setting up of a national malaria monitoring and evaluation system which is now fully functional. The undisbursed amount of the Grant, which is nearly US$ 6 million as of June 30, 2010, will be used to purchase additional 1,200,000 LLINs to increase the coverage of targeted groups, provide new stocks of ACTs and RDTs to be rolled out into public health facilities, and finance household and health facilities surveys to evidence results achieved at the end of the Project.

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Project Name (ID): Compet & Integrated Growth Opportunity (P104881)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 04/29/2008

Closing Date: 03/01/2014

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-44240

Sector(s): Central government administration (45%), General industry and trade sector (31%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (19%), Telecommunications (3%), Micro- and SME finance (2%)

Theme(s): Small and medium enterprise support (25%), Trade facilitation and market access (25%), Export development and competitiveness (24%), Other financial and private sector development (13%), State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization (13%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective of the project is to support enterprise and entrepreneurship developments through improved business development infrastructure, an improved trade expansion platform, and catalytic interventions for direct investment promotion and the development of new products and new markets.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Implementation progress is going well. Attention is now being focused on developing capacity for Government, beneficiaries and Project Coordination Unit to better understand the innovative instruments that are featured in project. This includes building common delivery process within government systems and structures. Although this task has taken more time than anticipated, it is expected that once it is completed disbursements will follow at very rapid pace.

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Project Name (ID): BJ-Increased Access to Energy SIL (P110075)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 06/23/2009

Closing Date: 06/30/2015

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-45870

Sector(s): Power (76%), Public administration- Energy and mining (21%), Renewable energy (3%)

Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure (35%), Access to urban services and housing (51%), Regulation and competition policy (1%), Infrastructure services for private sector development (12%), Environmental policies and institutions (1%)

Project Development Objectives: The objective of the Project is to improve reliability, efficiency and access to modern energy services in Benin.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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**Project Name (ID):** BJ-Educ. for All - FTI Program (FY08) (P110576)

**Country:** Benin

**Board Approval Date:** 05/23/2007

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

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** TF-91947

**Sector(s):** Primary education (100%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all (100%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The objective is to contribute to expanding equitable access to education, while improving quality and retention in the system as well as the management of the sector.

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

The project did not receive additional financing, but it was restructured to refocus on the activities which contribute significantly to the achievement of the PDO and can be realistically achieved by the new closing date in order to reduce complexity and facilitate implementation.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** Outcomes have been positive on access to primary education because expansion of enrollment remains strong and exceeds the target (109% in 2009 for a target of 104%); however, there is no improvement to report in the primary completion rate (65%). Implementation progress has been slower than expected due to the delays in the management and procurement of the key activities. However, the restructuring of the project, combined with the more clearly defined focal points within both the ministries of education and the ministry in charge of finance, will contribute to fewer delays. Moreover, efforts continue by the ministry of education to improve the leadership of the project with more responsibility devolved to the directors.

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**Project Name (ID):** BJ-Health System Performance proj (FY10) (P113202)

**Country:** Benin

**Board Approval Date:** 05/06/2010

**Closing Date:** 12/31/2014

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-H5640

**Sector(s):** Public administration- Health (73%), Health (27%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance (80%), Child health (5%), Population and reproductive health (15%)

**Project Development Objectives:** The first PDO would consist in increasing the coverage of quality maternal and neonatal services in the target districts. The PDO would be broken down in two intermediate outcomes: (i) improving health facilities performance through Result-Based Financing (RBF); and (ii) enhancing financial accessibility to these health services. The second PDO is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Health (MoH). Through this PDO, the Project (i) will prepare the implementation of a Swap; and (ii) will improve planning, budgeting and monitoring functions within the MoH.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):** The project is not yet effective.

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Project Name (ID): eBenin Project (P113370)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 03/25/2010

Closing Date: 06/30/2015

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q6840, IDA-H5530

Sector(s): Telecommunications (40%), Public administration- Information and communications (40%), Other industry (12%), Information technology (4%), Postal services (4%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (30%), Regulation and competition policy (20%), Other public sector governance (30%), Legal institutions for a market economy (10%), Small and medium enterprise support (10%)

Project Development Objectives: The objectives of the Project are to (i) improve access to lower cost and better quality ICT services, and (ii) enable the development of e-applications, in the Recipient’s territory.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Project is not effective yet.

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Project Name (ID): BJ - Emergency Food Security Support Pr. (P113374)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 10/25/2008

Midterm Review Date: 02/15/2010

Closing Date: 12/15/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-93250

Sector(s): Crops (94%), Public administration- Agriculture, fishing and forestry (6%)

Theme(s): Global food crisis response (100%)

Project Development Objectives: The project development objective is to increase domestic production of cereals, particularly maize and rice, to mitigate the short-term impact of increasing prices on households, and to expand food crop farmers’ access to agricultural inputs in the medium and long-term.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): Progress towards achieving the development objective is substantial. About 6,900 tons (81% of targeted amount) of fertilizer was distributed during the 2009 cropping season out of 9,800 tons procured and the balance was distributed during 2010 cropping season. However, the number of farmers benefitting from the fertilizer distribution was less than expected (about 23,000) since the bulk of the fertilizer was distributed to farmers in the central and northern zones where farm size is larger than initially envisioned. In terms of cereal output, 80% of the expected result was achieved (118,800 tons against a target of 147,000 tons). The target was exceeded for rice production where small-scale irrigation infrastructure is more prevalent and fell short for maize production due to adverse climatic conditions. The project also successfully launched the effort to design a sustainable market-based mechanism for the delivery of inputs to food crops producers as an alternative to the current public-sector input delivery system.

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

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[Graph showing loan disbursement over time]
Project Name (ID): BJ: Emergency Support to Enhance FoodSec. (P120052)

Country: Benin

Board Approval Date: 05/05/2010

Closing Date: 08/31/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-96893

Sector(s): Crops (60%), Irrigation and drainage (40%)

Theme(s): Global food crisis response (100%)

Project Development Objectives: To increase domestic production of food crops (mainly maize and rice) in targeted areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s): The project had just become effective before the close of the reporting period.

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