STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY07 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2007. 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 FY07 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.
Country: Malawi

**Project Name (ID):** Infrastructure Services SIM ( P057761 )  
**Country:** Malawi  
**Board Approval Date:** 06/27/2006  
**Closing Date:** 11/30/2011  
**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-H2420, IDA-Q4590, IDA-Q4591, MULT-52611  
**Sector(s):** Roads and highways(45%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(28%), Power(13%), General public administration sector(9%), Telecommunications(5%)  
**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Other urban development(S), Decentralization(S), Other financial and private sector development(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**
The project's objectives are to improve household welfare and strengthen economic growth in market centers and surrounding rural areas through the provision of core infrastructure services.

**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.

**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2007 )**

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Midterm Review Date: 09/22/2003
Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-Q1521, IDA-3395A, IDA-Q1520, IDA-33950
Sector(s): Central government administration(40%), General industry and trade sector(15%), Water supply(15%), General energy sector(15%), General information and communications sector(15%)
Theme(s): State enterprise/bank restructuring and privatization(P), Regulation and competition policy(S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objective is to improve quality of and access to economic and physical infrastructure for private sector development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
Good progress is being made towards meeting the project’s development objectives. Following the successful privatization of Malawi Telecom Ltd., the Government of Malawi has strengthened the telecom sector regulator and is establishing other multi-sector regulators (in the transport and energy sectors). Work has started on the privatization of the Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi Ltd. and Cabinet has approved the restructuring of the Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (ADMARC) which is currently under way.

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Closing Date: 09/15/2010
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Sector(s): General public administration sector(45%), Tertiary education(38%), Secondary education(13%), Primary education(2%), Health(2%)
Theme(s): Education for all(P), Child health(S), Nutrition and food security(S), Decentralization(S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objective is to improve the education quality by improving the conditions and processes of teaching and learning at the school level, and the capacity for education service delivery across the education system.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
Implementation of the project has picked up pace since the recruitment of a new team in the project implementation unit. Progress has been noted on all components with impressive outcomes being noted in the Direct Support to Schools, and the School Health and Nutrition components. Monitoring indicators for both components have been exceeded, with 98% of the target pupils having received nutrients against a target of 95% and 99% of the target schools having received the Direct Support to Schools Grant against a target of 95%. Immediate outcomes of these components have been the stabilization of school enrolments. Technical Working Groups were created to facilitate positive results under the component on Capacity Building and Policy Development. Progress has also been noted on the civil works components. The contractor for the Liwonde Teacher Training College is expected to be on site in August 2007.

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Midterm Review Date: 10/03/2006
Closing Date: 12/31/2008
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: JPN-51636, IDA-H0620
Sector(s): Central government administration(47%), Other social services(38%), Health(10%), Sub-national government administration(5%)
Theme(s): HIV/AIDS(P), Social risk mitigation(P), Population and reproductive health(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring(S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objectives are to: (i) reduce the transmission of HIV; (ii) improve the quality of life of those infected and affected by AIDS; and (iii) mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS in society.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
The project contributes to the overall HIV/AIDS program of the government through pooled financing. The performance of the project continues to improve. On technical aspects, the national program is progressing satisfactorily. The National AIDS Treatment program is performing particularly well and there is increasing awareness of the need for parallel strengthened prevention. However, limited progress has been made with decentralization. In response to this challenge, a decentralization strategy for districts, with a great focus on the role of District Assemblies, has been developed. The National AIDS Council Board plays an increasingly active role in national HIV/AIDS coordination efforts. The Ministry of Health remains the strongest implementation partner in the national program. A new Ministry of Education focused program has yielded some encouraging early results.

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Midterm Review Date: 03/28/2005
Closing Date: 06/30/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0810, IDA-Q3180, IDA-Q3181
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (89%), Sub-national government administration (6%), Central government administration (5%)
Theme(s): Land administration and management (P), Rural markets (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Decentralization (S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objective is to increase the incomes of about 15,000 poor rural families by implementing a decentralized community-based approach to land acquisition and farm development in four districts.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
The project is making good progress towards achieving its development objective. Livelihoods for households resettled under the project (2,948 households relocated from June to December 2006, additional 3,065 households in relocation process by June 2007) have improved significantly as they have been able to grow and harvest more crops than previously - most of them harvested 2 tons each compared to an annual average of 0.02 tons before project. Many will be able to sell their surplus crops and realize increased incomes. Surrounding communities have also benefited by supplying casual labor and sale of various goods and services to the new settlers, while some have also gained access to the new water points put in place by the settlers.

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Closing Date: 12/31/2007
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: JPN-50619, IDA-37820, IDA-3782A, IDA-H0450
Sector(s): Other social services(60%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(10%), Roads and highways(10%), Micro- and SME finance(10%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(10%)
Theme(s): Other social protection and risk management(P), Participation and civic engagement(P), Social analysis and monitoring(S), Gender(S), Social safety nets(S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objective is to achieve capacity building for improved service delivery by communities, local governments and sector ministries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
With six months left before Project closing, the Malawi Third Social Action Fund remains on course to meet its Development Objective. As of May 31, 2007, an estimated 1,050,590 persons had benefited directly from 93% of completed sub-projects. The population with improved access to social services (water, health, education, etc.) has reached 274,350. A total of 593,832 persons have received income from labor-intensive Public Works Projects operated during 2005-06. In addition, a total of 13,819 households have been reached with assistance from the Social Support Program. It has equipped vulnerable groups and community members with productive skills to help them reduce social risks or cope with them. Furthermore, a total of 100,704 persons now have better access to financial services after they formed 8,392 Community Savings Groups. Based on these results, all but one intermediate outcome indicator have already been exceeded. Contribution to specified Millennium Development Goals will be assessed as part of the Malawi Third Social Action Fund impact evaluation, the results of which are expected in mid December 2007.

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**Country:** Malawi

**Board Approval Date:** 03/06/2003

**Closing Date:** 03/01/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-37340, IDA-3734A, IDA-Q2960

**Sector(s):** Central government administration (100%)

**Theme(s):** Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (P), Administrative and civil service reform (S), Other public sector governance (S), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (S)

**Project Development Objectives:**
The objective of the project is to: improve civil service and public expenditure management for better allocation and utilization of public resources.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**
Following the project restructure in early FY06, progress has picked up in all subcomponents. In particular, training targets in all areas have been exceeded, internal audit committees are now in five ministries, all ministries are providing quarterly procurement monitoring reports, the government IT network covers all capital city buildings and the rightsizing exercise in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was completed. However, further implementation of the new Human Resource Management Information System is lagging due to delays in a review of software integrity and a small retrenchment exercise has not been completed, thus somewhat delaying implementation progress.

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**Country:** Malawi

**Board Approval Date:** 12/14/2004

**Closing Date:** 09/15/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number:** IDA-H2480, IDA-H1380

**Sector(s):** Health(80%), Central government administration(10%), Sub-national government administration(10%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance(P), Rural services and infrastructure(S), Decentralization(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**
The objective is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of the essential health care delivery system.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**
Overall progress on the Health project, which contributes to the health sectorwide program, continues to be satisfactory. The Ministry of Health remains committed to decentralization and improved accountability at all levels. There has been some progress made with respect to human resource management, including the finalization of plans for the delayed human resource census of the health sector. Progress on the program’s technical and fiduciary issues has been steady. The implementation process has also involved an expansion of civil society and private sector partnerships. However, the shortage of drugs in health facilities remains a major impediment to sector performance. Improvements in the management and governance of the Central Medical Stores remain quite slow. The Bank will be providing technical support to the upcoming health facility assessment. There has been very modest progress with respect to maternal and neonatal health over the past year.

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Board Approval Date: 11/29/2005
Closing Date: 06/30/2012
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1900, IDA-Q4440, IFAD-4560
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (35%), Irrigation and drainage (30%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), Sub-national government administration (10%), Central government administration (5%)
Theme(s): Rural policies and institutions (P), Rural services and infrastructure (P), Water resource management (S), Other rural development (S)

Project Development Objectives:
The project development objectives are to: (i) raise agricultural productivity and net incomes of about 0.19 million poor rural households in 11 target districts of Malawi in a sustainable manner by providing an integrated package of support covering irrigation, agricultural/irrigation advisory services, marketing and post-harvest support; and (ii) strengthen recipient institutional capacity for long-term irrigation development.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):
Project has made a good start with all components, with the implementation of the inputs for assets component well advanced, which is helping increase agricultural productivity and incomes among over 5,550 farm households. Consultancies for the big irrigation schemes are being launched, after community sensitization has been completed. Overall, project is making steady progress towards Project Development Objectives.

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Status of Projects in Execution - FY07
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[Graph showing the status of projects in execution by fiscal year, with lines for Original, Formally Revised, and Actual spending.]
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Country: Malawi
Board Approval Date: 05/24/2007
Closing Date: 10/31/2012
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: JPN-56566, IDA-Q5410, IDA-H2940, IDA-43070
Sector(s): Water supply(37%), Central government administration(37%), Sanitation(24%), Other social services(1%), Sub-national government administration(1%)
Theme(s): Rural services and infrastructure(P), Water resource management(P), Access to urban services and housing(P), Other human development(S)

Project Development Objectives:
The objectives are to increase access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services to people living in cities, towns, market centers and villages, and to improve water resources management at the national level.

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

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**Sector(s):** Central government administration(58%), General industry and trade sector(25%), Law and justice(8%), Banking(5%), Micro- and SME finance(4%)  
**Theme(s):** Regulation and competition policy(P), Small and medium enterprise support(P), Other financial and private sector development(P), Export development and competitiveness(S), Legal institutions for a market economy(S)  

**Project Development Objectives:**  
The project's objective is to support capacity development and investment climate reforms in order to accelerate economic growth.  

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**  
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