



World Bank Assistance Strategy

An Interim Assistance Strategy was discussed at the Board of Executive Directors on May 10, 2001. The lending proposed in the Interim Assistance Strategy focused on areas that are least constrained by policy distortions, are most resilient to potential country level economic and social risks, and, at the same time, have a quick impact on improving the situation of the poor and the environment, and enhance resource management. Lending was also directed to technical assistance in support of the structural reform program.

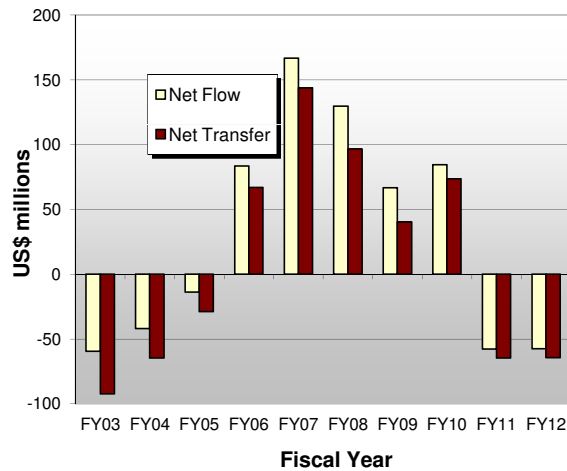
Lending has focused mainly on the environment and poverty alleviation. Specifically, priority areas such as low-income housing, sewerage, community-based infrastructure and employment creation schemes have been targeted.

Description of Project

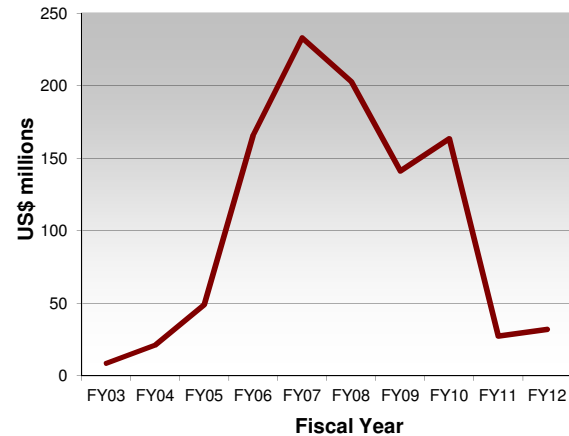
Alborz Integrated Land and Water Management. (IBRD US\$120 million). The overall project development objective is to demonstrate the benefits of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at the river basin level through (i) sustainably increasing agricultural productivity through the irrigation and drainage system and participatory management mechanisms; (ii) reducing soil erosion and sediment yields into the Alborz Dam through improved upper watershed management; and (iii) protecting the water environment downstream of the Babol River and other water bodies through improved hydrological/water quality monitoring reservoir operation, and pest management.

Active Portfolio	Approval Date	Closing Date	Loan Amount (US\$m)	Undisb. Amount (US\$m) ^{1/}	Primary Sector
Alborz Integrated Land and Water Management Project	May-05	Oct-12	120.0	71.1	Water Supply, Sanitation

Net Flows and Net Transfers



Disbursements



Key Indicators

Population (2010)	73.9 million
Population Growth (2010)	1.1%
Life Expectancy (2009)	72 years
GDP (2009)	US\$331 billion
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GNI per capita (2009)	US\$ 4,520

Summary of Bank Lending (US\$)

Net Principal Amount	\$	2,952,453,923
of which Disbursed	\$	2,881,357,900
Repaid	\$	2,063,893,358
Borrower's Obligation	\$	738,915,369