

Tunisian Agency for Vocational Training (ATFP). This loan supports the first phase of implementation of the Government's education and training sector reform and assists the Borrower in carrying out reform activities during this phase. This reform program will mainly consist of the following policy changes: 1) allocation of a larger share of resources to basic education (grades 1-9); 2) promotion of pre-service and in-service training in collaboration with companies in the productive sectors, and mobilization of additional resources for training. To support the above mentioned policies, the loan is financing a core set of high-priority investments, which include: A. Education sector: 1) rehabilitation of some 1,600 primary and 330 upper basic schools; 2) construction of 800 school canteens; 3) construction of some 130 new upper basic education schools; 4) distribution of educational materials and reading books; and 5) technical assistance to improve the quality of programs and the efficiency of educational management. B. Vocational Training: the project will assist in the development of sector-specific vocational training centers in collaboration with industry associations, based on a sub-project approach. Progress in implementation is as follows: A. School construction, rehabilitation, equipment and technical assistance has been completed. The totality of funds has been fully disbursed. B. ATFP requested TA to improve its capacity for improvement in the links between the training and the labor market. ATFP is also preparing a monitoring system of the vocational training system. Construction of the final two VT centers is nearing completion.

Ln.3064-TUN Urban V Project: US\$58.0 Million Loan of June 30, 1989. Effective Date: January 23, 1990; Closing Date: June 30, 1996; Implementing Agency: Banque de l'Habitat, Ministry of Equipment. The project includes: (i) Housing finance: a line of credit to the restructured Housing Bank in the amount of US\$51.0 million, as well as training and technical assistance; (ii) institutional strengthening for the Ministry of Equipment and Housing; and (iii) land information management including the modernization of land registration and the production of base topographical maps. The line of credit is almost completely disbursed.

Ln. 3078-TUN Second Agricultural Sector Adjustment Loan: US\$84.0 million Loan of June 30, 1989: Effective Date: August 27, 1990; Closing Date: June 30, 1995; Implementing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture. The Project was closed on June 30, 1995. An ICR is being prepared.