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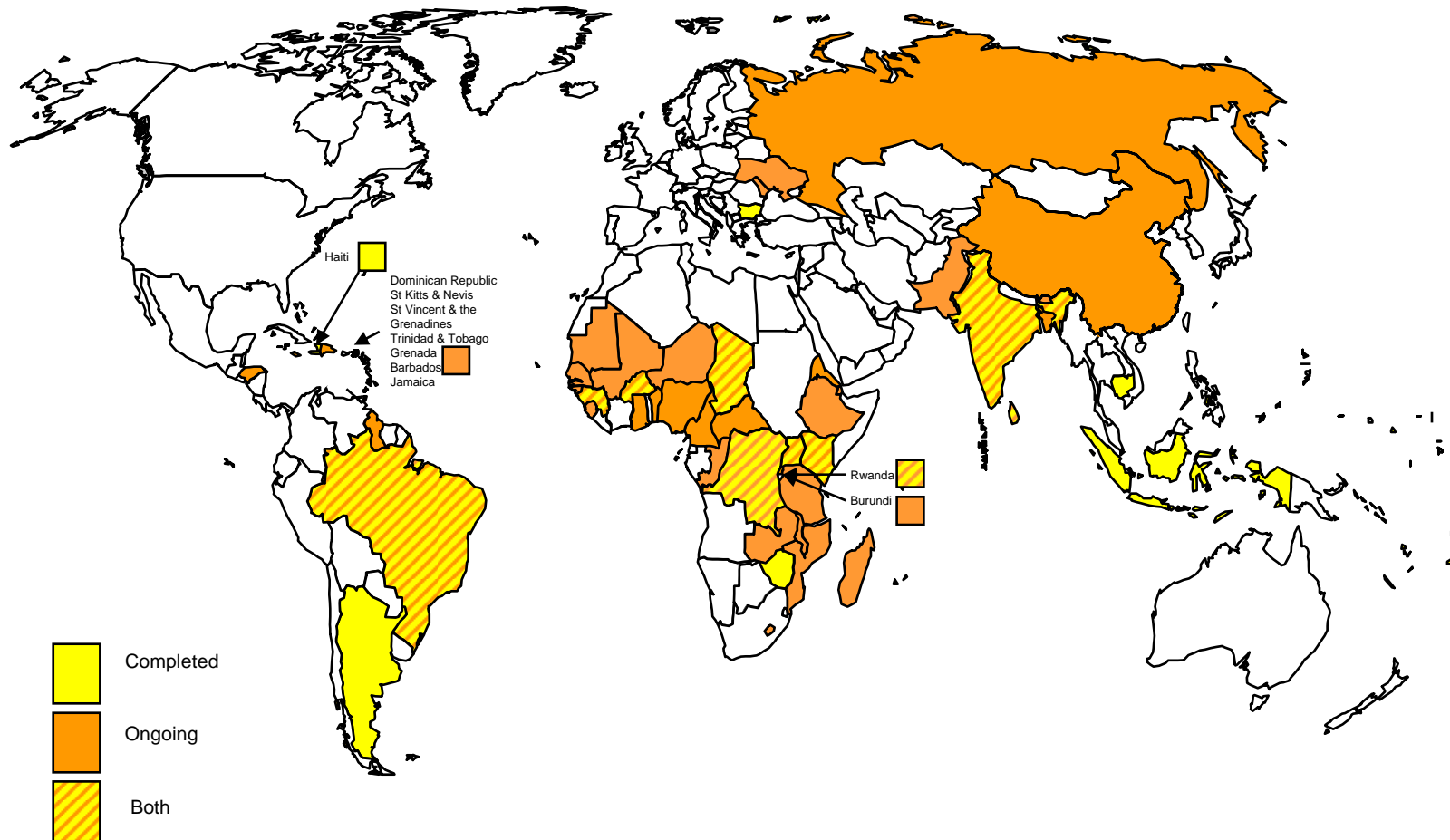


**Evaluating the World Bank's support
for HIV/AIDS Control:
How did they do it and what did they learn?**

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Countries receiving World Bank project support, 1988-2004

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An OED Evaluation of the World Bank's Assistance
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Outline

- What is the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank and how independent are they?
- What were the objectives of the evaluation?
- What was the evaluation strategy?
- What are some lessons from the experience?



Evaluation objectives

- To evaluate the *development effectiveness* of the Bank's
 - *HIV/AIDS assistance* (policy dialogue, analytic work, lending)
 - at the *country level*
 - relative to the *counterfactual* of no Bank assistance
- To identify lessons to guide future activities

Evaluation strategy challenges:

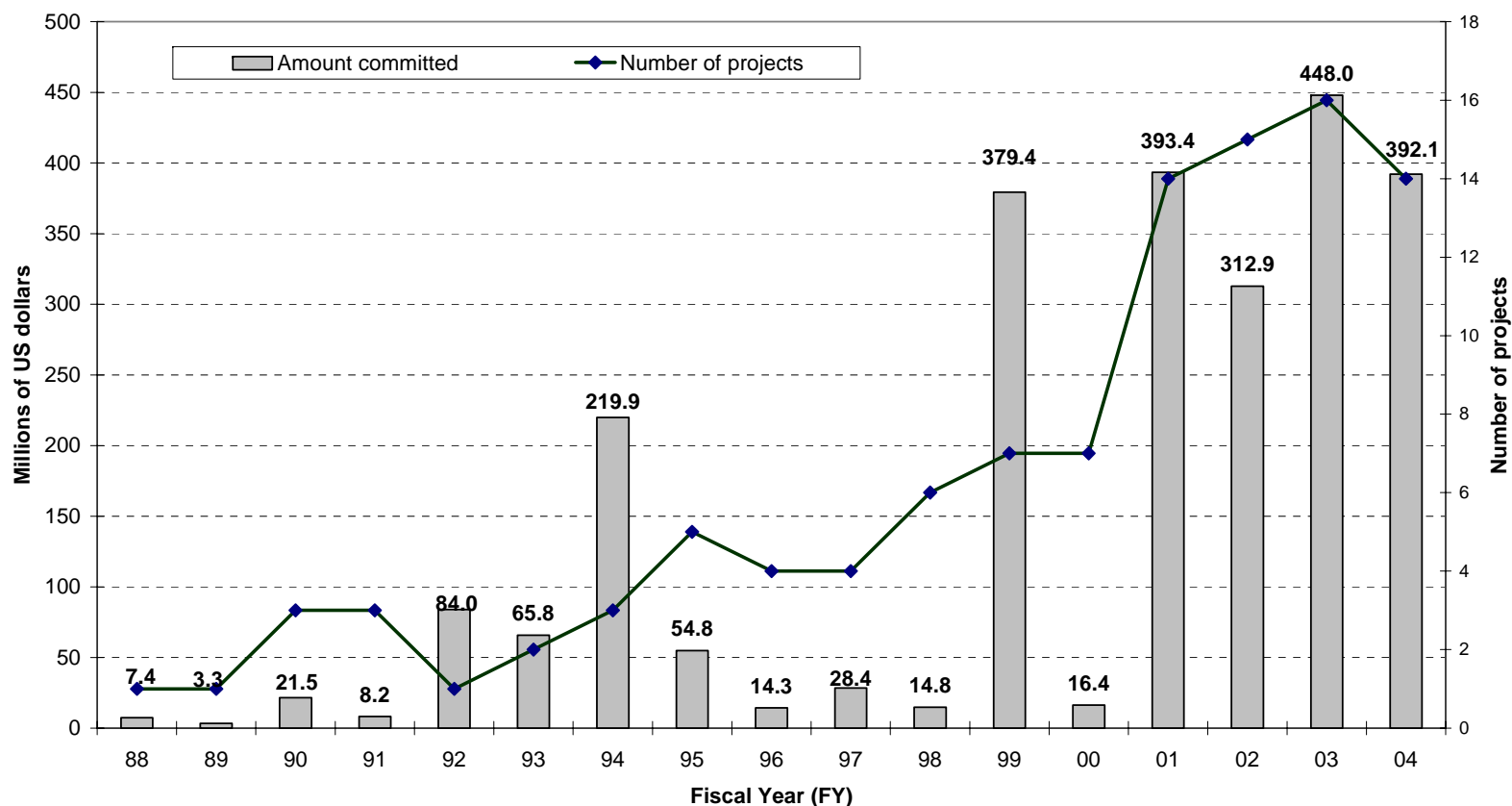
(1) The scale of World Bank AIDS lending has increased since 1998



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New AIDS Commitments and Projects by Fiscal Year of Approval

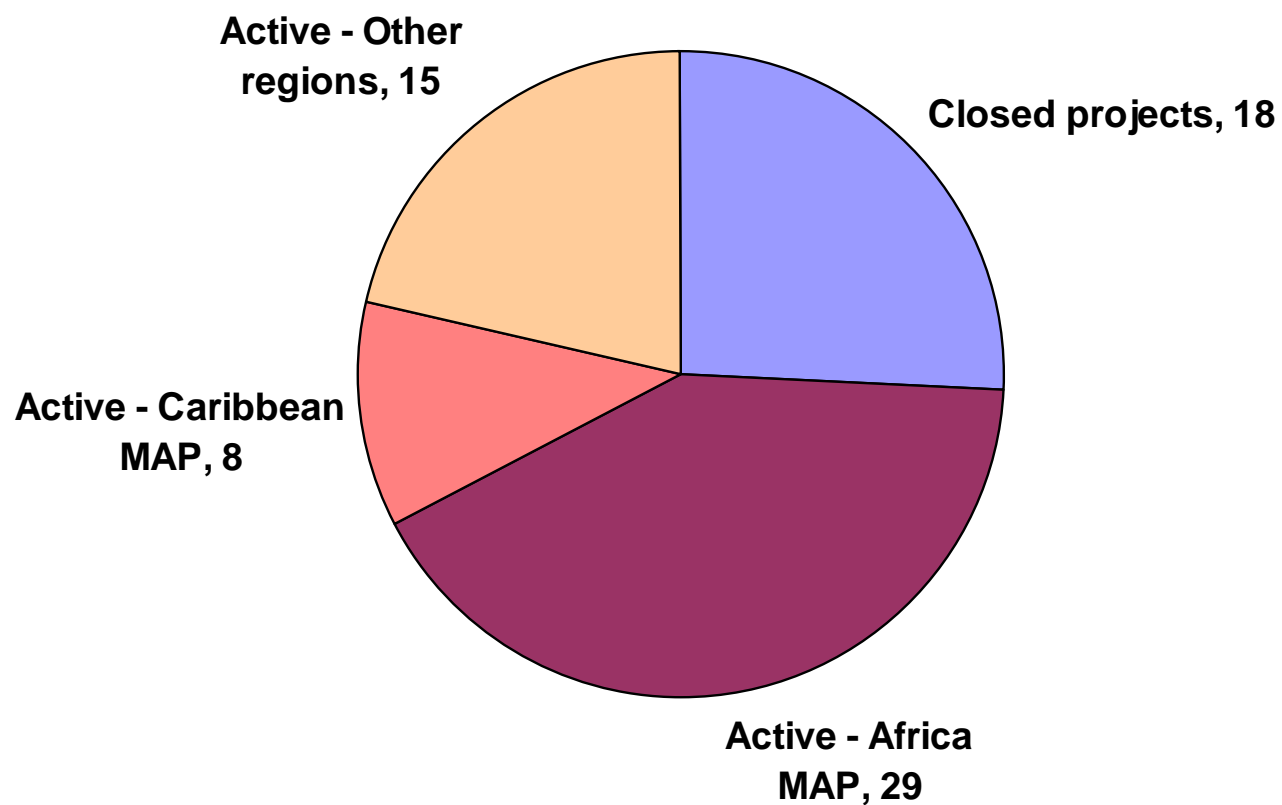


*AIDS projects and AIDS components greater than US\$1 million. Includes projects in health, education, and social protection. The full amount of the commitment is attributed to the year of approval.

...so about three-quarters of the Bank's HIV/AIDS projects are ongoing



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Note: Among 70 projects for which HIV/AIDS is at least 10% of commitment



(2) The Africa MAP projects represented a new approach

- **Emphasis on political mobilization and rapid ‘scaling up’ of activities**
 - Country eligibility criteria
 - Project template
 - Expedited project approval
- **Technical rigor, efficiency, sustainability ensured by**
 - National strategic plan
 - 5-10% of project costs for M&E
 - Greater supervision



Evaluation strategy

- **Assess completed assistance, with a focus on key issues in the active portfolio**
 - political commitment, strategic priorities, multi-sectoral response, NGOs, monitoring and evaluation
- **Assess the assumptions and design of the Africa MAP**
- **Prospectively evaluate individual MAP projects**



Methodology

- Results chain:
 - Inputs → Outputs → Outcomes → Impacts
- Strategy:
 - Document results chain, including all int'l assistance
 - Establish timeline of local and int'l events
 - Correlate inputs & outputs w/outcomes & impacts
 - Interviews with key informants, evidence to the extent possible, about the counterfactual



Building blocks:

DESK WORK:

- Literature review, archival research, interviews on timeline of World Bank's response, inventory of analytic work
- Portfolio review in health, education, transport, and social protection sectors
- Background paper on national AIDS strategies

SURVEYS:

- Audiences for analytic work (in Bank, in Africa)
- Data collection and interviews with Africa MAP task team leaders and Country Directors

FIELD WORK:

- Project assessments (Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, India, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe)
- Case studies (Brazil, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Russia)



Lessons for evaluation of donor AIDS programs

- **Poor country & project M&E are a major constraint**
- **Attribution (“value added”) is important**
- **Make the findings transparent**
- **Use an External Advisory Panel**