

APPENDIX 1

RURAL ASIA STUDY: BACKGROUND

The Study was designed as a team effort utilizing ADB staff and international experts. The Study was implemented under the guidance of an ADB interdepartmental steering committee comprising several heads of departments, with overall responsibility lying with the Agriculture and Social Sectors Departments (East and West regions).

To address the diverse issues satisfactorily and in a comprehensive manner, five thematic subject areas were identified to provide the analytical and empirical background on which the Study's recommendations would be based. Working groups comprising ADB staff were set up to broadly define the scope and coverage of each of the themes. The five working groups acted as counterparts to the international experts recruited to prepare the background reports, providing guidance to the experts and reviewing their output. The background reports prepared under the Study and the experts responsible are as follows:

*Transforming the Rural Asian Economy:
The Unfinished Revolution*

Mark W. Rosegrant

Peter B. R. Hazell

International Food Policy Research Institute

The Growth and Sustainability of Agriculture in Asia

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*Rural Financial Markets in Asia: Paradigms, Policies,
and Performance*
Richard Meyer
Geetha Nagarajan
Ohio State University

The Quality of Life in Rural Asia
David Bloom
Patricia Craig
Pia Malaney
Harvard Institute for International Development

*The Evolving Roles of the State, Private, and Local
Actors in Rural Asia*
Ammar Siamwalla, Thailand Development Research
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A panel of external advisers was constituted to review and comment on the approach and methodology of the study and the terms of reference for each of background reports.

The external advisers also reviewed the drafts of the background reports. The external advisers to the Study were

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In addition, external reviewers were appointed, including prominent members of academe and senior policy-makers, to review each of the background reports and to provide expert guidance. The external reviewers were

Report 1: Walter Falcon, Stanford University
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Government of Pakistan

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Report 4 Frances Stewart, University of Oxford.

Report 5 Ha-Joon Chang, University of Cambridge
Yoginder Alagh, Member of Parliament, India

The preparation of the background reports included four workshops held at ADB's headquarters in Manila. An inception workshop in May 1998 initiated the work on the background reports. The international experts and the working groups presented the outline of each background report. These were commented on by the external advisers and discussed by members of the interdepartmental steering committee and other ADB staff before being finalized.

The first drafts of the theme papers and comments received from the external reviewers were discussed at a midterm workshop in November 1998. At the workshop the working groups discussed in detail with the experts all the comments received and made suggestions for improvements to the papers, in terms of analytical content, connecting themes, policy recommendations, etc. In addition, a detailed timetable was prepared for the completion of the papers.

An interim workshop was held in January 1999 to discuss the revised drafts of the reports and to ensure that all comments received had been adequately reflected in the revisions. The workshop also initiated discussion on the structure and content of an overview report that would bring together the major findings, policy recommendations, and lessons learned from each of the background reports. The main messages from the background reports would be synthesized into a set of policy recommendations and strategic priorities and challenges facing ADB's developing member countries.

At a final workshop in March 1999, the background reports were presented by the international experts to a large group of participants comprising senior policymakers from ADB's developing member countries, international organizations, international and locally based nongovernment organizations, donor agencies, and members of academe, along with ADB staff. The five background reports were edited by John Maclean and Sara C. Medina and submitted to Oxford University Press for publication.

Following the workshop, the experts, the working groups, and the heads of the Agriculture and Social Sectors departments intensively discussed the major issues and policy recommendations that would be included in the overview report and agreed upon an outline and structure for the paper. Based on this discussion and outline, Peter P. R. Hazell and Mark W. Rosegrant prepared the first draft of the overview report, which was reviewed by ADB staff.

The draft overview report was presented at a seminar at the Bank's 32nd Annual Meeting. The seminar provided an opportunity for rural development experts to discuss and exchange ideas on appropriate rural development strategies and policy options for ADB's developing member countries. Based on the comments received and the discussion during the seminar, the overview report was revised. Various revisions were suggested by members of the working groups to ensure that each of the themes' main messages has been adequately reflected in the overview.

Finally, the overview report was reviewed by ADB staff and revised by Shahid N. Zahid, project officer for the Study, to reflect all the views and comments received. The report was edited by Sara C. Medina and readied for publication.

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