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d. Expected results and deliverables: The Project is targeted at economic growth and poverty alleviation, human resources development, and good governance. In meeting the annual growth of energy, as well as providing an improved quality of supply and performance among existing entities. The assistance will provide a foundation for specific actions and substitute a major portion of the future investments in the public sector by the private sector. The main beneficiaries of the Project will be the electricity and gas consumers throughout the country. By possible reallocation of government funds from the energy sector, other important sectors, such as health and education, could receive additional resources.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The Project will create the foundation for a faster development of the energy sector and increased access to electricity and gas, which will increase the commercial activities that will improve economic opportunities for poorer sections of the community.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bangladesh Power Development Board, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. , Petrobangla, and other agencies.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Beneficiaries and other stakeholders, particularly staff from the executing agencies and the private sector, will participate in project preparation and implementation.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP update: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): May 2003
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: IIIQ 2003–IIQ 2005

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$1,000,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, BPDB = Bangladesh Power Development Board, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, PARC = Public Administration Reform Commission, PGCB = Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., SOE = state-owned enterprise, TA = technical assistance.

the output of a modern secured transactions legal framework. The components of phase 2 on the registry system will be overall design, capacity building, training and public awareness, and a final tripartite review with an output of an overall design report.

d. Expected results and deliverables: These comprise: (i) a secured transactions legal framework that is understood and accepted by banks and financial institutions as well as by business associations and consumer groups, which can be implemented effectively and efficiently; and (ii) design of a report for the computerized registry system with a detailed system development and implementation plan.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Consensus-building and feedback and evaluation workshops, capacity-building and training sessions, and a public awareness campaign.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Finance.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
The United States Agency of International Development has conducted consultations with the business chambers and the Government and has held workshops on secured transactions. The consultation process is not complete; more needs to be done to secure understanding and acceptance by the Government, beneficiaries, and stakeholders.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 2003
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, PARC = Public Administration Reform Commission, SMEs = small and medium sized enterprise, SOE = state-owned enterprise, TA = technical assistance, USAID = United States Agency for International Development .

**Table A3.3: Implementation of Public Administration Reform
Commission Recommendations**

Concept Paper

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Governance, Finance and Trade Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): A. Newsum</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Public administration in Bangladesh has made a broad policy shift from regulatory activities toward development programs, and hence it has gradually expanded in terms of organization and human resources. But the expansion was not systematically designed or efficiently implemented. The administration is oversized as a result of unplanned growth. Public agencies have been generally characterized as being rigid, unresponsive, inefficient, ineffective, preoccupied with process rather than results, and driven by outdated rules and regulations. The current criticism of the performance of public agencies at all levels of government has been documented in several reports prepared in the last 10 years. In 1997, the Government constituted the Public Administration Reform Commission (PARC) with the mandate to recommend</p>										

policies, programs, and activities to improve the level of efficiency, accountability, effectiveness, and transparency in public organizations and to enable them to fulfill the Government's commitment to ensure socioeconomic development and deliver its benefits to the people. These improvements are indispensable for successful public service delivery.

A comprehensive report was issued to the Commission in June 2000. The report covered a broad canvas of issues including (i) improving the delivery of public services, (ii) reforming the civil service, (iii) reorganizing institutions and human resources, (iv) restructuring field administration and decentralization, (v) combating corruption, (vi) reducing wastage and promoting value for money, (vii) strengthening parliamentary oversight, (viii) facilitating private investment, and (ix) designing a mechanism for implementing the recommendations of PARC.

An important element of ADB's operations in Bangladesh is to ensure necessary support to the Government for its core governance reform priorities that include (i) tightening financial accountability; (ii) public administration reform, including the reform of state-owned enterprises (SOEs); (iii) reform of the judiciary and improvements in law and order; (iv) reducing opportunities for corruption through a concerted anticorruption program; and (v) monitoring and evaluation performance of the Government's reform initiatives.

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the Program is to promote pro-poor growth, ensure sustainable development, and create value for money by improving the delivery of services to the people of Bangladesh, particularly the poor and the marginalized. The purpose is to assist the Government develop a coordinated and action-oriented program for implementing the key recommendations arising from PARC. The main focus would be for (i) activities that will bring genuine improvements in the performance and access of public services, particularly by poor people and women; (ii) initiatives for combating corruption; and (iii) mechanisms for implementing, coordinating, monitoring, and reporting on the performance of the reform program.

c. Components and outputs:

- Accountability and management arrangements for a public sector reform program including coordination of donor contributions.
- Road map for designing and implementing a service delivery policy in key social sectors and services where opportunities for rent seeking are high.
- An action plan supported by an accountability matrix for combating corruption.

d. Expected results and deliverables:

- A focused action- and results-oriented implementation plan for public administration reform underpinned by a system for tracking performance.
- A management arrangement for the reform program with appropriate mandate and resources. Civil servants, members of civil society, and parliament will be sensitized on the requirements for modern service delivery policy analysis and policy coherence.
- An action plan for combating corruption.
- Recommendations on the road map for improving service delivery and reducing corruption with particular focus on (primary/secondary) education and urban development.
- The Government taking forward the measures in PARC on combating corruption.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The processes of disseminating results will be participative and consultative with particular attention being given to gender and poverty in the development of policy for service delivery.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Committee of three secretaries responsible for formulating a reform program based on PARC recommendations.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
tbd

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation
a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002

- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 Lending:
 Nonlending (project preparatory):
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 Lending:
 Nonlending: IVQ 2002, 12 months
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$300,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, PARC = Public Administration Reform Commission, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, SOE = state-owned enterprise, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.4: Assistance to Privatization Commission
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Multisector Subsector: Finance, Industry, Public Finance, and Administration</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance									
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development									
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Governance, Finance and Trade Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): V. T. Velasco</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The mismanagement of SOEs resulting in heavy losses (Tk35 billion in FY2001) and a big drain on the financial resources of the Government is at the core of the governance and public resource management issue. The cabinet committee on economic affairs has selected some 78 SOEs for privatization, of which about two thirds are loss incurring. The Privatization Commission (PC) has recently issued a privatization policy and guidelines on the terms of bidding and pricing of SOEs, which are intended to ensure transparency in the process. Under the new policy, the valuation of the enterprise to be privatized would be set by an independent body such as a merchant bank or a chartered accountant house. The PC has announced that the Government had decided to offer a 40% discount to buyers in the case of a one-time</p>										

payment for the full value of a privatized enterprise in foreign currency; if such a payment is made in local currency, a discount of 35% will be offered. The tenders would be published and advertisements made in foreign print media to attract investments from nonresident Bangladeshis and foreign entrepreneurs. However, the PC lacks skills and resources.

Privatization of SOEs is in line with the strategic thrust of promoting sustainable pro-poor economic growth and improving governance. Privatization is a component of private sector development, which is critical for faster economic growth and more extensive poverty reduction. Proceeds from SOE privatization and savings of resources otherwise used for subsidizing loss-incurring SOEs will enable the Government to contain its fiscal deficit, improve macroeconomic management, and reallocate the resources to priority sectors for efficient utilization.

b. Goal and purpose: The objective of the small-scale TA is to assist the PC implement the privatization of as many of the SOEs in the Government's privatization list as possible within the resource and time constraints of the TA, and to plan and facilitate the PC's privatization program. TA consultants will advise and help supervise the privatization process to be implemented by the PC.

c. Components and outputs: The components of the TA are (i) valuation, and then privatization and sale of selected SOEs; (ii) screening, prioritizing, and planning SOE privatization; (iii) review of and recommendations on privatization policy, rules, and procedures; and (iv) capacity building and training.

d. Expected results and deliverables: These are: (i) privatization of one large and profitable unlisted SOE, work-in-progress for privatization of two other profitable SOEs, sale at liquidation value of assets of several SOEs that have no prospect for profitable operations and are saddled with large debts; (ii) training of senior staff of the PC on preparing companies for sale and undertaking the sale procedure; (iii) implementation of privatization implementation methods, valuation procedures, authority, and responsibility of the PC in accordance with international best practice; (iv) preparation of a draft action plan for the PC and a road map for disposal of major SOEs.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Termination of employment of restructured/closed SOEs, termination pay, retraining, and the social safety net.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: The PC as the executing agency.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Consultations with PC chairperson and members on the need for TA, a workshop on institutional strategy for the PC (2003–2006) and need for fast-track privatization.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory):
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): IQ 2003
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: IQ–IIIQ 2003, 6 months
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

a. For lending

- Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund: \$100,000
 Japan Special Fund:
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds): Matching grant of \$100,000 from other funding agencies, such as Department for International Development (DFID, which gave assistance to the former Privatization Board in 1999).

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, PC = Privatization Commission; TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.5: Assessment of ADB's Strategic Focus in Bangladesh
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Despite progress in several areas, Bangladesh still remains one of the poorest countries in the World with 50% of its population living below the poverty line. The Country Operational Strategy (1999) for Bangladesh identified poverty reduction as the overarching objective of ADB's operations in Bangladesh. The strategic focus is on four major areas: (i) promoting faster private sector-led economic growth, (ii) creating better development opportunities for the poor, (iii) improving human development, and (iv) protecting and improving the environment. Further, the Poverty Reduction Partnership Agreement (PPA) signed between the Government and ADB in 2000, specified medium-term and long-term targets for reductions in income poverty as well as human poverty. The operational focus and objectives of the country operational strategy of 1999 needs to be re-assessed, taking into account recent social and economic developments, and progress in the implementation of the PPA. This assessment is particularly important for the forthcoming preparation of ADB's full country strategy and program for Bangladesh.</p>										

<p>b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the study is to assess ADB's past assistance to Bangladesh. The specific purpose is to examine the validity of the operational focus and objectives of the country operational strategy in view of the context of the current development challenges of the country.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The proposed study will provide specialist support for assessing ADB's past development assistance to Bangladesh and will lead to preparation of a review of ADB's operational and strategic focus in the country.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: The study will sharpen understandings of the effectiveness of ADB's assistance in addressing the diverse problems of economic and social development in Bangladesh.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops and discussions.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The need for the study was highlighted in discussions with the Government and other agencies.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2 months. Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.6: Assessment of Bangladesh's Development Strategy
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Bangladesh has made notable progress in several areas over the past decade. However, the country still remains one of the poorest countries in the World with 50% of the population living below the poverty line. The country will require major economic and social progress, robust, sustainable pro-poor economic growth, and mobilization of huge resources to attain the Millennium Development Goals. Currently, the Government is working on a new Sixth Five-Year Plan (SFYP) and an interim poverty reduction strategy (I-PRSP). The development agenda of the country would require review, particularly due to strategic changes that are expected after finalization of the SFYP and I-PRSP.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the study is to assess the development agenda of the country. The specific purpose is to examine the development challenges, including the strategic changes that are expected from SFYP and I-PRSP, and to assess the feasibility of their implementation.</p>										

<p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The proposed study will provide specialist assistance for assessing the country's development agenda and will lead to preparation of a review of the country's development challenges.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: The study will sharpen understanding of the diverse problems of economic and social development in Bangladesh.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops and discussions.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The need for the study was highlighted in the discussions with the Government and other agencies.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2 months. Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

CSP = country strategy and program, I-PRSP = interim poverty reduction strategy, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, SFYP = Sixth Five-Year Plan.

**Table A3.7: Aid Absorptive Capacity and the Role of External Assistance
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The record of aid utilization in Bangladesh is less than satisfactory. External concessional aid to Bangladesh has been on the decline due to, among others, delays in project implementation, at various stages particularly, in procurement, as well as overall low absorptive capacity. Although there are mixed views on the role of external assistance in economic growth in Bangladesh, in view of the low tax effort, Bangladesh needs to have access to larger amounts of external assistance for achieving higher growth and reducing poverty within a short time.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The purpose of the study is to review the role of external assistance in Bangladesh, suggest ways for accelerating utilization of external assistance, and examine various implications of contracting nonconcessional assistance.</p>										

<p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: A report containing findings and recommendations to improve aid utilization and on the pros and cons of contracting nonconcessional loans.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Improvement in utilization of external assistance and more informed decision making on contracting nonconcessional loans.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The results will be presented in a workshop and recommendations will be made to the Government.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The need for assistance was highlighted during discussions with the Government.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2003 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2 months Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.8: Integrated Flood Erosion Mitigation Management
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Water Resources/Agriculture Subsector: Flood Management and Drainage Improvement</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: K. Yokoyama</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Flood and river erosion is a profound problem in Bangladesh, causing major loss of land and livelihoods along major rivers and vast low-lying areas, where poverty is most seriously concentrated. Addressing this issue has been established as one of the fundamental strategic thrusts of the 2002 National Water Management Plan (NWMP). In line with NWMP and taking into account the experience of ADB and other funding agencies in this area, the proposed Project intends to define comprehensive flood and erosion mitigation management programs encompassing structural and nonstructural measures, and to provide priority investments through a poverty-oriented and participatory approach.</p>										

The water sector is of fundamental importance in promoting economic growth and poverty reduction in Bangladesh. The country sector strategy focuses on institutional development of sustainable water management and service delivery institutions while providing critical infrastructure with stakeholder participation. The proposed Project will support the implementation of the strategy.

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) and the ensuing Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort through effective flood and erosion management, targeting the most vulnerable geographic areas and the population therein. It aims to protect and enhance poor people's livelihood through provision of homestead platforms, low-cost and labor-intensive erosion mitigation measures, and a range of other nonstructural measures with intensive stakeholder participation.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The PPTA will comprise (i) detailed flood and erosion mitigation subsector assessments; (ii) assessment of a broad subsector investment needs and targets; and (iii) preparation of a feasible investment project for ADB finance, including the development of effective institutional arrangements and procedures with intensive stakeholder consultation including line agencies, local governments, and nongovernment organizations (NGOs).

d. Expected results and deliverables: The PPTA and the ensuing Project will contribute to the implementation of the Government's strategy for poverty reduction through targeted interventions for flood and erosion mitigation in the most vulnerable areas and population, which has been identified as one of the priorities in the 2002 NWMP.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The proposed Project is expected to provide overall positive social and environmental impacts through improved and cost-effective coping methodology for flood and erosion hazards. A critical social concern would be the capacity development of community organizations to establish, operate, and maintain the mitigation measures with necessary beneficiary contribution to ensure their sustainability.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will develop effective institutional procedures and arrangements for preparing an integrated water resources management (IWRM) plan at subregional level, and for developing effective and sustainable water management infrastructure and water management associations (WMAs) to be applied to medium- to large-scale water resources schemes.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB).

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

The Project will be formulated under a PPTA in 2004 based on intensive consultation with stakeholders including NGOs, adopting (i) stakeholder-driven schemes identification, (ii) formation of effective community organizations (COs), (iii) participation of COs in schemes design and construction supervision, and (iv) self-sustained operation and maintenance through COs' own resource mobilization.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): September 2004
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: 9 months to start 2004
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$800,000
 - Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
- JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, IWRM = integrated water resources management, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, NWMP = National Water Management Plan, PPTA = project preparatory technical assistance, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, WMA = water management association.

**Table A3.9: Crop Diversification II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: High-Value Crop Development</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: P. Dayal</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world, with more than 60% of its population dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Food crops and principally rice account for 75% of value added in the agriculture sector. The country's agriculture policy and the Fifth Five-Year Plan place strong emphasis on crop diversification and high-value agriculture in order to improve incomes of farmers. ADB has supported this new thrust and approved a project in November 2000 to assist farmers in diversifying agriculture and promoting value addition in the northwest region. This Project will continue the thrust on commercialization of agriculture and private sector participation. The proposed Project is very much in line with the Government's policy thrust and ADB's country strategy and program update as well as its poverty reduction strategy.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The Project will promote efficient production and marketing of high-value crops, build sustainable partnerships between the public and private sectors to deliver high-quality support services to farmers, and enhance capacity in the public sector to discharge its new functions.</p>										

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The Project will focus on farmer mobilization, training, and technology transfer on high-value crops; support adaptive research; develop market information and user-managed markets; and provide sustainable financial services through nongovernment and private operators.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The Project is targeted at improving farm incomes and reducing poverty in an agriculture-predominant and geographically cohesive region of the country (to be identified in consultation with the Government) through crop diversification, stimulating private sector participation, and building capacities in both public and private sector partners to deliver support services.

e. Social and environmental issues or concerns: The Project will have a positive outcome on the lives and livelihoods of a large segment of the small farmer community through higher incomes and enhanced employment opportunities. The Project will also create awareness in the farming community and provide them with training on both short- and long-term issues of environmental sustainability.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will revolve around extensive stakeholder participation in all aspects of planning and implementation to enhance local commitment and ownership. Project outputs and mechanisms employed to deliver the outputs will be widely dispersed both in the project area and outside through media, workshops, and seminars.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Agriculture.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

Beneficiaries, stakeholders including government staff, the private sector, and NGOs will be fully involved in identifying, planning, implementing, and monitoring the key components of the Project.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory): 2004
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance:
Lending:
Nonlending: 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:
- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other
- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

The water sector is of fundamental importance in promoting economic growth and poverty reduction in Bangladesh. The country sector strategy focuses on institutional development of sustainable water management and service delivery institutions while providing critical infrastructure with stakeholder participation. The proposed Project will support the implementation of the strategy.

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the PPTA and the ensuing Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort through provision of arsenic-free water supplies to the large number of the population currently using contaminated groundwater. The purpose is to establish effective water supply systems and social institutions to manage the systems in a self-sustained manner in the concerned project areas.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The PPTA will undertake an assessment of the ongoing programs by the Government and external funding agencies to address arsenic contamination problems encompassing (i) geological survey and research on the nature and causality of contamination; (ii) testing of existing wells; (iii) an awareness campaign; (iv) provision of immediate relief, including treatment of affected patients; and (v) pilot testing of long-term mitigation measures, such as alternative water supply systems. On the basis of this, a project feasible for ADB financing will be prepared that tentatively comprises (i) testing of wells, (ii) an awareness campaign and selection of mitigation measures at community level, (iii) implementation of selected measures, and (iv) capacity development of implementing agencies and community organizations. The Project may also include capacity strengthening of national level institutions, including the formulation of appropriate strategy and investment programs in coordination with concerned government agencies and external funding agencies.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The PPTA and the ensuing Project will contribute to the reduction of the population exposed to arsenic risks through establishing and implementing sustainable long-term mitigation measures with active stakeholder consultation and participation, including beneficiary contributions.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The proposed PPTA will help design a project that is expected to provide overall positive social and environmental impacts by ensuring a safe drinking water supply to those who are currently exposed to high arsenic risks. A critical social concern would be the social feasibility of identified mitigation measures and the capacity development of community organizations to establish, operate, and maintain the alternative water supply systems with necessary beneficiary contributions to ensure their sustainability.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will develop effective and sustainable long-term arsenic mitigation measures, which can be replicated within the country at large.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

The PPTA will undertake intensive consultation with stakeholders including NGOs, regarding the appropriate mitigation measures, and the institutional procedures and arrangements to promote this end.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory): IIIQ 2004
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 9 months
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$700,000
 - Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
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If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.11: Road Sector Development Project
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Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Infrastructure Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): tbd</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: In conformity with the pro-poor growth strategy, the Government needs to provide improved roads and inter-modal infrastructure, particularly in the less developed rural areas, to facilitate better access to markets and growth centers. ADB will support improvement of transportation and other infrastructure network to assist in poverty reduction, serving the less developed parts of the country with the highest incidence of poverty.</p> <p>ADB's operational strategy for Bangladesh underscores extending assistance for promotion of subregional cooperation. The Project will identify important road networks for improvement to facilitate movement of subregional merchandise among the countries of the region.</p>										

<p>b. Goal and purpose: Help connect the poor from inaccessible hinterland to the mainstream by providing necessary road network prioritizing various regions in the country. The propose of the PPTA is also to critically examine various issues in the sector and advise appropriate ways to address them.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: These include: (i) improvement of regional and feeder roads type-A to complete the integrated road network of border access roads; (ii) strengthen road maintenance management; and (iii) improvement in road safety standard.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: These include: (i) improved access of the rural poor to the regional markets and growth centers, and the social facilities, improved commercial activities enabled by efficient land road facilities and improved access roads; (ii) sustainable financing mode for road maintenance; and (iii) improved road/highway safety mechanisms ensuing proper enforcement of traffic rules and proper vehicles certification.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: A detailed environment impact assessment will, be conducted, if required. As part of the detailed design, a comprehensive land acquisition and resettlement plan will be prepared.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: workshops/seminars.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Roads and Highways Department</p>
<p>8. Nature/ extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The project roads will be identified by applying a set of selection criteria to be formulated through extensive consultative meetings with the concerned stakeholders, including government officials, road engineers and road users.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP update: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): IIIQ 2004 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 18 months. Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing Plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: \$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$ 700,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds): \$</p>

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

JFICT: \$

JFPR: \$

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements. (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.12: Padma Bridge
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Infrastructure Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): tbd</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/subregional/interregional strategy: The northwestern part of Bangladesh, which had been landlocked by the Ganges and Jamuna rivers, was connected to eastern Bangladesh by the Jamuna Bridge. With the advanced stage of the studies for the construction of the Paksey Bridge, northwestern Bangladesh will be connected to southwestern Bangladesh. The construction of a bridge across the Padma River to connect the southwestern part to the eastern part is the logical next step for the complete integration of the country.</p> <p>Mongla in the southwest is the second port in Bangladesh but has had limited throughput because of the ineffective transport route to the economic and industrial center of Dhaka. For further development of Mongla Port and diversion of traffic from Chittagong Port, a fixed crossing over the Padma River is considered essential. It will also complement the benefits of the ADB-financed Southwest Road Network Development Project, approved in 1999, which intends to improve the national highway connecting Dhaka-Mawa-Bhanga-Bhatiapara-Gopalganj-Khulna/Mongla.</p>										

The route from Benapole in the southeast through Khulna to Dhaka in the east is the major trade route between India and Bangladesh. The route also has the potential to be extended to Sylhet in the northeast and then to northeast India. From the viewpoint of subregional economic cooperation, this Benapole-Dhaka-Sylhet route will comprise the main corridor connecting West Bengal to northeast India. However, without a fixed crossing over the Padma River, the effectiveness of this major route for regional cooperation will be greatly constrained.

b. Goal and purpose: To assist the Government prepare a project for Padma Bridge.

c. Components and outputs: A full-scale feasibility study is being conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). ADB's support will focus on assessing the environment and social impacts, including resettlement.

d. Expected results and deliverables: An environment impact assessment as well as a land acquisition and resettlement action plan.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The aquatic environment in the Padma River is relatively undisturbed by human interference. The construction of a bridge will certainly affect natural environmental conditions, notably the river's morphology and the floodplain's drainage conditions. The construction by river training works will cause backwater effects during flood conditions, combined with increased scour at and near the bridge crossing and increased sedimentation further downstream. The aquatic fauna might be affected to some extent during the construction phase. The impact on the aquatic ecosystem due to dredging and dredge spoil disposal is to be limited.

Construction will require acquisition of substantial areas of land. Land will be needed for the construction of bridge-end facilities and approach roads on both sides of the river. The bridge itself will not require a large-scale relocation of people. Dredging of a slot along the axis of the bridge to facilitate pile driving might, however, call for specific mitigation measures due to the fact that the Char people usually cultivate the sandbars.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: A series of workshops where all stakeholders will discuss the results of the study and recommended action plan.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Roads and Highway Department.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The result of the Jamuna Bridge impact study, being conducted by ADB, will be discussed with the Government, NGOs, civic society groups, and people in the project areas to find the benefits of such a multipurpose bridge, adverse impacts on the environment, social impact and resettlement, and lessons learned. This will enable all stakeholders to come to a consensus on the need for the bridge, possible adverse impacts, and mitigation measures that can be taken.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP update: 2001

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory): IIIQ 2004
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 6 months
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

a. For lending

- Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund:
 Japan Special Fund: \$1,000,000
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.13: Monitoring of Poverty Reduction Partnership Agreement
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: capacity building</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: capacity building	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Government of Bangladesh and ADB signed a PPA in April 2000. Under the PPA, the Government has adopted some challenging targets for the reduction of income poverty as well as human poverty, i.e., the non-income dimensions of poverty such as literacy, health, and access to education and health services. It specifies both medium-term (2005) goals as well as the long-term (2010) vision for poverty reduction. ADB, on its part, is supporting the Government's efforts to achieve these targets through a substantial aid package, focusing on the three pillars of its poverty reduction strategy: (i) pro-poor, sustainable economic growth; (ii) social development; and (iii) good governance. The PPA also requires monitoring of PPA targets.</p>										

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the proposed TA is to help the Government develop a mechanism for monitoring progress in poverty reduction. The specific purpose is to assess the progress made in reducing income as well as human poverty as envisaged in the PPA with a view to highlighting areas for further policy interventions.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The proposed TA will provide specialist assistance for monitoring the progress in poverty reduction and will have the following key outputs: (i) a mechanism to monitor PPA targets and (ii) a medium-term assessment of progress toward PPA targets.

d. Expected results and deliverables: A well-functioning monitoring system for PPA targets.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops and discussions.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance; Poverty Reduction Unit, Planning Commission.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

The need for the assistance was highlighted in discussions with the Government and other development partners.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002.

b. Expected date of submission for approval
 Lending:
 Nonlending (project preparatory):
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004.
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
 Lending:
 Nonlending: 3 months.
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending
 No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund: \$100,000
 Japan Special Fund:
 Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by
 JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

**Table A3.14: Strengthening Bangladesh's Economic Cooperation
with Countries under Kunming Initiatives
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Operations Coordination Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): TBD</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The country strategy stresses private sector-led growth as one of the ways to address poverty reduction in Bangladesh. One of the thematic priorities of ADB is to promote regional cooperation among its developing members countries (DMCs). The proposed TA Project fits well into the above by helping promote economic growth through private sector-led trends, investment, and development activities among the four DMCs, namely Bangladesh, People's Republic of China, India, and Myanmar.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The main purpose of the TA Project is to identify and address the issues, particularly those in the areas of regional trade, investment, transport connectivity, and facilitation as well as the institutional framework. The eventual goal is to promote regional economic or development cooperation activities among the four DMCs under the Kunming Initiatives (KI).</p>										

c. Components and outputs: The TA Project will tentatively include a detailed assessment of the opportunities in promoting (i) regional trade among the KI countries, (ii) regional investment in various areas in these countries, (iii) viable transport connectivity, and (iv) an institutional and policy framework and regional coordination.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The TA Project will provide well-researched and analyzed reports on the above-mentioned areas that could help trigger regional cooperation and promotion of trade and investment among the KI countries. The Project will also facilitate increased dialogue and understanding among the member countries in their private sector-led economic activities.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Open dialogues will be carried out to discuss the findings of workshops and seminars to be attended by government officials, experts, and representatives of civil society. Such dialogue will be undertaken in each of the member countries.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministries of Finance/Commerce/Foreign Affairs.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Three interregional conferences have been held in three different KI member countries, the third being organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue in Dhaka and funded by ADB. The conferences were participated in by public and private sector representatives in various areas.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP update: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory):
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Oct. 2004
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending:
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$500,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

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JFICT:

JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
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ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, KI = Kunming Initiatives, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.15: Indirect Tax Reform
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: At 7.6% of GDP, the tax effort in Bangladesh is one of the lowest in the world. The share of indirect taxes in total taxes is around 75%. For achieving higher economic growth and reducing poverty in the country, it is essential to improve domestic resource mobilization on an urgent basis through reforming the tax systems. Although some progress in indirect tax reform has been made in Bangladesh since the mid-1980s, further reform virtually stalled in the middle of the 1990s, with stagnation in growth of revenue and an increase in distortions and inefficiencies.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The purpose of the study is to identify areas of urgent reforms in indirect taxes e.g., customs duty, value-added tax, and excise duty, for addressing systemic deficiencies, increasing revenue, promoting competitiveness, removing anti-export bias, and increasing transparency in administration.</p>										

<p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: A report of findings and recommendations.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Improvement in operation of indirect taxes and enhanced mobilization of resources. Improved resource allocation and reduction of anti-export bias.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Presentation of findings in workshop and recommendations to the Government.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The need for assistance was highlighted during discussions with the Government.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2 months. Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

**Table A3.16: Developing Export Potential for Labor-Intensive Services in Bangladesh
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: In the context of a likely slowdown in export earnings due to the ending of the Multifiber Arrangement in December 2004, there is renewed interest in trade in services. The one service that Bangladesh has in plenty for export is labor. Bangladesh, however, made extremely limited liberalization commitments under General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS), due in part to the lack of liberalization of labor flows in other country offers. By adopting such an attitude, the country appears to have missed out on the opportunity to improve the efficiency and export competitiveness of services in which it has a potential comparative advantage. This is because, despite the lack of progress on liberalizing the movement of labor under GATS, many labor-intensive business services where access is cross-border or consumption in the supplying country are included in other country offers. Moreover, Bangladesh also made far fewer specific commitments under GATS than its neighbors. The proposed study is consistent with the Government's and ADB's objective of achieving export-oriented labor-intensive growth and furthering regional cooperation.</p>										

b. Goal and purpose: The purpose of this study is to assess the policy and regulatory environment governing trade in services in Bangladesh, and identifying areas of further liberalization under GATS that are likely to enhance export opportunities of services in which it has a comparative advantage.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The output will be in the form of a report that will identify labor-intensive services where Bangladesh has a potential comparative advantage, and where mode of supply of such services does not include movement of labor. Prospects for greater regional cooperation in promoting these service areas will be explored and obstacles to such cooperation identified. The report will also identify regulatory changes required to enhance economic efficiency in these service areas.

d. Expected results and deliverables: Greater understanding of the issues involved in promoting trade in labor-intensive services. A more diversified export base.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Through workshops, seminars, and policy dialogue with the Government.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
The need for assistance was highlighted during discussions with the Government and trade chambers.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory):
Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2004
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 3 months
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending
 No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget: \$22,000
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund:
 Japan Special Fund:
 Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
- JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, GATS = General Agreement of Tariff on Services, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

**Table A3.17: Command Area Development II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Water Resources/Agriculture Subsector: Flood Management and Drainage Improvement</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: K. Yokoyama</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Large percentage of the country's poor live in rural areas in Bangladesh with a high concentration of absolute poor in areas of unreliable food supply and low agricultural productivity, promoting agricultural growth is a critical element of the Government's development strategies that emphasize food self-sufficiency and poverty reduction. Improving system performance and sustainability of the established Flood Control, Drainage, and Irrigation (FCDI) schemes is of particular relevance, given its cost-effectiveness and quick gestation period. This requires improving on-farm and other irrigation facilities and establishing sustainable Water User Associations (WUAs) to attain efficient water use within the FCDI command. The ADB-assisted Command Area Development Project (CAD: Loan 1399-BAN) is providing assistance in this regard to two FCDI systems. The proposed Project intends to implement these interventions in other established FCDI schemes, pending the successful implementation of the ongoing CAD project and its sustained benefits through effective participation of beneficiary farmers, including local resource mobilization.</p>										

The water sector is of fundamental importance in promoting economic growth and poverty reduction in Bangladesh. The country sector strategy focuses on institutional development of sustainable water management and service delivery institutions while providing critical infrastructure with stakeholder participation. The proposed Project will support the implementation of the strategy.

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the PPTA and the ensuing Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort through improved FCDI scheme management. It aims to enhance agricultural and income growth and poverty reduction in the concerned FCDI project area through improved irrigation and flood control infrastructure and WUAs that can operate and maintain delegated infrastructure in a sustainable manner with the necessary local resource mobilization.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The PPTA will prepare a feasible investment project that tentatively comprises (i) institutional development of WUAs; (ii) improved infrastructure (on condition of sufficient WUA development); (iii) agriculture and fishery extension; and (iv) capacity development of sector institutions (including the executing agency, local government, and WUAs). While the concerned FCDI schemes are categorized as large-scale projects, the Project will take a bottom-up approach, starting with small subunits. The expected outcome of the Project will be the reduction of poverty through (i) increased agricultural production, (ii) increased employment opportunities, (iii) improved food security, and (iv) community mobilization and empowerment.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The PPTA and the ensuing Project will contribute to the implementation of the Government's strategy for poverty reduction through improved water resources management, which has culminated in the 2002 National Water Management Plan.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The proposed Project is expected to provide overall positive social and environmental impacts through improved and better coordinated water resources management at the local level.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will develop effective institutional procedures and arrangements for enhancing the productivity and sustainability of FCDI schemes.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB).

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:
The project will be formulated under a PPTA in 2005 based on intensive consultation with stakeholders, including NGOs.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2001

b. Expected date of submission for approval
Lending:
Nonlending (project preparatory): IIIQ 2005
Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
Lending:
Nonlending: 9 months
Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$600,000
 - Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
- JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

**Table A3.18: Rural Infrastructure Improvement II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture Subsector: Rural Infrastructure</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): B. Fawcett</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The proposed Project is consistent with the Government's rural development strategy, which emphasizes rural infrastructure development as a prerequisite for development in the sector. The Project is also in line with the Government's and ADB's poverty reduction strategies, as indicated in the Government's Fifth Five-Year Plan, the Poverty Reduction Partnership Agreement (PPA) between the Government and ADB, and ADB's country strategy.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the Project is to reduce poverty by improving access to income, employment opportunities, and social services for the poor; and to promote economic growth by improving rural infrastructure facilities. The Project purpose is to increase the efficiency, sustainability, and poverty reduction orientation of rural transport and supporting infrastructure.</p>										

c. Components and outputs: The Project components include development of the rural road network, improvement of growth center markets, institutional strengthening, and strengthening of stakeholder participation in infrastructure development.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The Project is expected to increase agricultural production and crop diversification; increase employment and income-generation opportunities for the landless rural poor and women; increase the availability of goods and services, and agricultural inputs; and significantly reduce transport costs.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The Project is not expected to have any adverse environmental impacts and may actually contribute to environmental enhancement. The Project will have several social benefits for the rural poor, and particularly poor and disadvantaged women, including increased incomes, employment creation, and stimulation of agricultural production.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will be designed to mainstream participatory approaches to be used in the sector by the Local Government Engineering Department. The Project will also seek to enhance the capacity of local governments to mobilize local resources for operation and maintenance, an approach that can be replicated nationally.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Local Government Engineering Department.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

It is expected that the Local Government Engineering Department will conduct feasibility studies of proposed subprojects, including socioeconomic surveys. During the fact-finding for the TA, an initial social assessment will be conducted, including extensive consultation with stakeholders, comprising NGOs and beneficiaries, particularly women. This process will be continued during the PPTA to prepare a detailed poverty and social analysis.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
Nonlending (project preparatory): IIQ 2005
- c. Period and duration of assistance
Nonlending: III–IVQ 2005

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$ 600,000
 - Japan Special Fund
 - Other;

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

JFICT:

JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.19: Small-Scale Water Resources Development Sector III
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture and Rural Development Subsector: Water Resources (flood management, drainage, and irrigation)</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: K. Yokoyama</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Water is a foundation of many traditional rural livelihood activities; most of the poor people in Bangladesh live in rural areas. While sustainable and integrated water resources management is essential for rural poverty reduction and income growth, this is particularly challenging due to the diverse interests among various rural livelihood activities, through which poverty is deeply intertwined. The 2002 National Water Management Plan provides the key national and regional programs toward this end, following the 1999 National Water Policy that has provided policy goals and an institutional framework.</p> <p>ADB has been assisting the development of small-scale water resources management infrastructure and sustainable local WMAs through its assistance in the Small-Scale Water Resources Development Sector Project since 1996. The Project has taken an integrated and demand-driven approach, where subprojects are formulated by local people with intensive coordination of diverse stakeholders, and infrastructure is provided after a firm institutional basis of WMAs representing those stakeholders is established. Over the years, Project</p>										

implementation has been successful, establishing increasingly well-performing subprojects while developing effective procedures and arrangements for the subproject development cycle. The executing agency is also progressively developing its own capacity. The proposed Project aims to further institutionalize the process of developing sustainable stakeholder-driven small-scale water management systems with special attention to the poorer sections of the population. It also intends to assist the process of the Government's decentralization approach by strengthening the roles and functions of local governments in the context of the subproject development cycle.

The water sector is of fundamental importance in promoting economic growth and poverty reduction in Bangladesh. The country sector strategy focuses on policy and institutional development of sustainable water management to support the ongoing sector reforms and service delivery institutions while providing critical infrastructure with stakeholder participation. The proposed Project will support the implementation of the strategy.

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the PPTA and the ensuing Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort through improved water resources management while addressing diverse social and environmental concerns. It aims to enhance agricultural and income growth and poverty reduction across the country through further institutionalizing the procedures and arrangements for small-scale water resources management systems with strong stakeholder consultation and coordination, adopting a demand-driven approach while ensuring long-term operation and maintenance sustainability through effective local resource mobilization. Stronger roles and functions of local governments are also envisaged in this context.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The PPTA will prepare a sector investment package to develop small-scale water resources management systems across the country on the basis of lessons learned from ongoing projects and further improving implementation arrangements, taking into account the emerging policy environment toward decentralization. The ensuing Project will tentatively comprise (i) institutional development of WMAs; (ii) improved infrastructure; (iii) agriculture and fishery extension; and (iv) capacity development of sector institutions (including the executing agency, local governments, and WMAs). The expected outcome of the Project will be the reduction of poverty through (i) increased agricultural production, (ii) increased employment opportunities, (iii) improved food security, and (iv) community mobilization and empowerment.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The PPTA and the ensuing Project will contribute to the implementation of the Government's strategy for poverty reduction through improved water resources management, which has culminated in the 2002 National Water Management Plan.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The proposed Project is expected to provide overall positive social and environmental impacts through improved and better coordinated water resources management at the local level.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The Project will develop effective institutional procedures and arrangements for preparing an IWRM plan at the subregional level, and for developing effective and sustainable water management infrastructure and WMAs to be applied to medium- to large-scale water resources schemes.

9. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Local Government Engineering Department and Local Government Division.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

The PPTA will undertake intensive consultation with stakeholders including NGOs. The ensuing Project will adopt (i) stakeholder-driven schemes identification, (ii) formation/strengthening of WUAs, (iii) participation of WMAs in schemes design and construction supervision, and (iv) self-sustained operation and maintenance through WUA resource mobilization.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): IIIQ 2005
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance

Lending:

Nonlending: 6 months

Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

a. For lending

- Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 ADB's administrative budget:
 Grant TA funds
 TA Special Fund:
 Japan Special Fund: \$600,000
 Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, WMA = water management association.

**Table A3.20: Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Development and
Export Expansion Program II (SME-DEEPII)
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Industry and Trade Subsector: SME and Export</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Governance, Finance and Trade Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): V. T. Velasco</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The country's overarching and strategic goal of poverty reduction and the attendant objectives to raise per capita GDP and employment are considerably supported by export-based as well as domestic enterprises. SMEs directly and indirectly account for at least one third of export revenues and 80% of the total industrial labor force, while exports and export-oriented industries represent an increasing share of GDP and countrywide employment. The attainment of the country's strategic goal rests on SME development and export expansion.</p>										

b. Goal and purpose: The goal of the proposed PPTA is to support the expanding SME sector and diversification and expansion of export products and markets. This would be achieved by reducing the cost of doing business through a stronger policy and regulatory environment, providing selective support to business development and service providers, extending the reach of sustainable financing modes to more SMEs outside Dhaka and the major urban areas, investing in an SME finance and credit guarantee institution, and providing innovative venture capital inputs to SMEs. The Program would deepen subsector assistance, enhance women's participation in business, and provide resource additionality to SMEs directly or indirectly contributing to exports.

c. Components and outputs: The proposed Program will have (i) reform measures addressing policies and other issues in the enabling environment, the availability and cost-effectiveness of business development and support services, and various SME-accessible financing modes; (ii) intervention to reach out to SMEs in the rural areas; (iii) a program to expand market access and develop export capacity for higher-value-added products; (iv) a program to attract high-quality export-oriented foreign direct investment that can introduce new technology and develop skills through integrated export markets, supply chains, and technological networks; and (v) fund-mobilization techniques involving political and credit risk guarantees and renewable mechanisms to source funds from the local financial market.

d. Expected results and deliverables:

- Enabling environment conducive to sustainable SME development.
- Reform of the legal, regulatory, and governance structures and implementation of policies to remove market distortions.
- Efficient markets for SME business development services, and improved market access and capacity building for exports.
- Foreign direct investment linked to integrated export markets, supply chains, and technological networks.
- Introducing new technologies, skills, and access to global markets.
- Financing modes (funds, guarantee, and credit enhancement schemes) accessible to SMEs.
- Improved outreach to support SMEs in rural areas.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Skills enhancement and social protection of women workers.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops and seminars.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Finance as executing agencies; Ministry of Industry, Bangladesh Bank as implementing agencies.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

A high-level policy workshop in November 2001 discussed the strategic issues in the financial, industry, and trade sectors identified in a diagnostic sector review and outlined response initiatives and potential areas of intervention for the international financial institutions and funding agencies. The workshop was followed by meetings in January and March 2002 with government officials and a series of smaller group roundtable discussions to discuss specific issues concerning SME development and financing and export modernization, and market expansion. During the PPTA fact-finding, extensive consultations will be held with stakeholders to define in greater detail a proposed SME Development and Export Expansion Program (SME-DEEP) as a priority programming activity.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): May 2005
 - Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending: 3 years
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): 8 months
 - Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)

a. For lending

- Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- Japan Special Fund: \$600,000
 Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
 JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The Project is targeted at economic growth and poverty alleviation, human resources development, and good governance. In meeting the annual growth of energy demand, and improved quality of supply and performance among existing entities, the PPTA will provide a foundation for specific actions in support of subregional investments in the sector. The main beneficiaries of the Project will be electricity and gas consumers in the region.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: The Project will create the foundation for a faster and more efficient development of the energy sector and increased access to electricity and gas, which will increase the commercial activities that will improve opportunities to poorer sections of the region.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bangladesh Power Development Board, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd, Petrobangla, and other agencies.

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Beneficiaries and other stakeholders, including staff from the executing agencies and the private sector, will participate in project preparation and implementation.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

- a. Year included in CSP update: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending (project preparatory): IIQ 2005
- c. Period and duration of assistance
 - Lending:
 - Nonlending: IIIQ 2005–IIQ 2007

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
 - Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
 - No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$ 800,000
 - Other;

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
 - JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.22: Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Social Sectors Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): H. Kim</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: In spite of the progress made to date, most <i>pourashavas</i> are failing to meet the challenges of rapid urbanization and the rising demand for urban services. While <i>pourashavas</i> in legal terms have major responsibility for delivery of most municipal services, including water supply and sewerage, solid waste removal, urban transport, housing, urban health, and education, they have inadequate financial and human resources to carry out their duties. A lack of skilled personnel within local governments, both technical and managerial, is a major deterrent to effective implementation and administration of urban projects. There are currently more than 250 <i>pourashavas</i> in Bangladesh, the total population of which is about 9 million or about 30% of the total urban population. ADB and the World Bank have covered more than 50 of the <i>pourashavas</i> under the projects funded by them. There are, however, still a number of <i>pourashavas</i> that are yet to be covered for urban management reform. Some of these towns have potential for industrial and commercial growth and, if properly developed, will be able to cater to entire regions, while some others with less growth potential still play significant roles because of their close linkages with the rural hinterlands.</p>										

<p>b. Goal and purpose: The aim of the TA is to prepare a project, suitable for ADB financing that will support economic development of secondary towns to improve the welfare of town residents, including the urban poor, and enhance the quality of urban environment. The TA will also develop effective measures to improve urban governance at both national and local levels and recommend suitable modalities for supporting necessary policy and institutional changes in the administrative, legal, and financial systems in secondary towns.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: The TA will undertake a project preparatory work to identify, select, and prioritize subsector specific investment components responding to the needs of improving provision and delivery of urban services on the basis of equity and sustainability. The selection of pourashavas in the Project's investment program will, however, depend on the financial and managerial performance of pourashavas. In this connection, the Project will review institutional and financial capability as well as performance of pourashavas, and provide necessary support for capacity building and institutional strengthening.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: The Project will prepare (i) policy reforms to be undertaken at the national level; (ii) an urban governance improvement action plan at the local level; and (iii) an investment program for urban infrastructure covering roads and bridges, drainage, low-cost sanitation, town-center development, public markets, and low-income community upgrading.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: TBD</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: workshops/seminars.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Local Government Division/Local Government Engineering Department.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Active participation of local stakeholders will be encouraged through a social and gender action plan and a citizens' public awareness campaign.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP update: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): 2005 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2005-2006 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$600,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p>

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.23: Secondary Education II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by: JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Education Subsector: Secondary Education</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Social Sectors Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Y. Wang</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: ADB's support to secondary education in Bangladesh is in accordance with its education sector strategy for the country. To sustain improvements in secondary education and raise its quality, a project will be formulated incorporating the experience gained from the ongoing Secondary Education Sector Improvement Project (SESIP, approved in June 1999).</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The overall objective of the Project is to improve the quality of secondary education in Bangladesh and prepare a project for ADB financing. In particular, it will help (i) improve policy and strategic planning, (ii) enhance teacher education, (iii) decentralize management, and (iv) develop performance-based management systems.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The Project will collect and analyze data pertinent to the</p>										

secondary education subsector, including strengthening capacity for curriculum development, textbook production, reform of the examination system, improving teacher education, and strengthening school management, particularly assistance to underserved areas.

d. Expected results and deliverables: The output of the TA will consist of (i) a coordinated support program for the secondary education subsector that will contribute to more efficient resource allocation, and (ii) an investment project that is expected to assist in further improving the quality of secondary education.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: None.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Results will be disseminated through workshops, seminars, and consultative meetings at the central and field levels.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Ministry of Education

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

Discussions and consultations with policymakers, senior government officials, representatives of external agencies currently involved in the secondary education subsector, and trainers and teachers at teacher training institutions and secondary schools.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002

b. Expected date of submission for approval
 Lending:
 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2005
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory):
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
 Lending:
 Nonlending: TBD
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR

10. Financing plan

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources:
 - Asian Development Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- b. For nonlending
- No resources required, other than ADB staff
 - ADB's administrative budget:
 - Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund:
 - Japan Special Fund: \$600,000
 - Other

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

- c. For projects financed by
- JFICT:
 - JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.24: Post Literacy and Continuing Education II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Education Subsector: Nonformal Education</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area(s)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: South Asia Social Sectors Division</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer(s): S. Brar</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance(s)</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/subregional/interregional strategy: This PPTA is in line with ADB's overall country strategy toward poverty reduction. Human development is a key input for poverty reduction.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose To achieve poverty reduction through promoting literacy, ensuring continuing literacy, and encouraging skills development for income generation and economic self-sufficiency.</p> <p>c. Components and outputs: An ADB and DFID financed Post-Literacy and Continuing Education Project is currently being implemented. Lessons learned from this project, an ongoing World Bank project, and ADB's experiences in the subsector will be taken into account for the design of components. The outputs will be (i) wider and stronger literacy and (ii) improved skills and enhanced incomes of disadvantaged population, and iii) greater awareness among them of issues related to health and education.</p>										

<p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Expected results will be strong literacy and numeracy skills, greater awareness among disadvantaged population of issues relevant to the lives of the beneficiaries, and imparting of income-generating skills to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: There are no issues of social or environmental concern.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The results will be disseminated within ADB and in the country through lessons learned and sharing of documents/evaluations, workshops and seminars.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Primary and Mass Education Division/Directorate of Non-Formal Education</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Will be prepared with full involvement and ownership of stakeholders.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP update: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: Nonlending (project preparatory): 2005 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: Nonlending: 2005 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan (Indicate possible financing sources and amount of assistance, cost estimates, and financing arrangements)</p> <p>a. For lending <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending <input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff <input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds <input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund: \$600,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify, e.g., bilateral and multilateral trust funds):</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by <input type="checkbox"/> JFICT: <input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.25: Strengthening National Accounts II
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>		
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Subsector:</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic area</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: national accounts </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Human development <input type="checkbox"/> Good governance <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: national accounts	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development <input type="checkbox"/> Good governance <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection
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<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>		
<p>1. Responsible division/department: Development Indicators and Policy Research/Economics and Research (ERDI)</p>		
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: TBD</p>		
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: Comprehensive, current, and credible national accounts statistics are required for prudent decision- and policy-making processes. In particular, national accounts statistics provide the basis for assessing economic performance over time, and determining the size of the economy and its structure. The 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) provides basic statistical tools for constructing a set of economic accounts to measure the production of goods and services within an economy. The 1993 SNA consists of a coherent, consistent, and integrated set of macroeconomic accounts, balance sheets, and tables based on a set of internationally accepted concepts, definitions, classifications, and accounting rules. It provides a comprehensive accounting framework within which economic data can be compiled and presented in a format that is designed for purposes of economic analysis, and decision- and policy-making processes. In practice, the accounts are compiled for a succession of time periods, thus providing</p>		

a continuing flow of information that is indispensable for the monitoring, analysis, and evaluation of the performance of an economy over time. The SNA-based accounts provide information not only about economic activities, but also about the levels of an economy's productive assets and the wealth of its inhabitants at particular points of time. Finally, the SNA includes an external account that displays the links between an economy and the rest of the world.

Because the 1993 SNA is a broad and complete system, its adoption in Bangladesh by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is not yet complete. BBS requires assistance with other aspects of the system such as institutional sector accounts, input-output (I-O) tables, and social accounting matrixes (SAM). In addition, as uncovered by the Asian financial crisis, there is an increasing and pressing need for more timely and high-quality information. Annual estimates of national accounts are no longer sufficient; estimates should be produced quarterly. BBS needs assistance to be able to produce improved (in terms of timeliness and quality) quarterly national accounts estimates.

b. Goal and purpose: The overall objective is to help BBS further strengthen its capacity in the field of national accounts. The specific purposes are (i) to build the capacity at BBS to improve its quarterly national accounts estimates and to produce estimates of institutional sector accounts, I-O tables, and SAM; and (ii) to enhance its statistical coordinating mechanism.

c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The proposed Project will consist of four components: (i) advisory services on how to improve the estimates of quarterly national accounts and produce estimates of institutional sector accounts, I-O tables, and SAM; (ii) special surveys and data compilation activities; (iii) training/workshop and dissemination activities; and (iv) equipment.

d. Expected results and deliverables: These comprise: (i) establishment of a well-functioning system of national accounts compilation; (ii) a Handbook on the Bangladesh System of National Accounts; (iii) some publications on quarterly national accounts, institutional sector accounts, I-O tables, and SAM; and (iv) improved coordination among data producers and users of national accounts.

e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.

f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: These comprise: (i) publication of quarterly national accounts; (ii) publication of institutional sector accounts and a book on the Bangladesh System of National Accounts; and (iii) publication of the I-O tables and SAM.

7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:

The full involvement of the executing agency is expected. Consultation with relevant main data producers (such as line ministries and other government agencies) and the main data users, such as the Planning Commission and international community, will be held.

9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation

a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002

b. Expected date of submission for approval
 Lending:
 Nonlending (project preparatory):
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): IIIQ 2005
 Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

c. Period and duration of assistance
 Lending:
 Nonlending: 3 years

Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:

10. Financing plan

a. For lending
 Ordinary capital resources:
 Asian Development Fund:
 Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

b. For nonlending

- No resources required, other than ADB staff
- ADB's administrative budget:
- Grant TA funds
 - TA Special Fund: \$400,000
 - Japan Special Fund:
 - Other:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

c. For projects financed by

- JFICT:
- JFPR:

If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought:
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):

ADB = Asian Development Bank, BBS = Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, CSP = country strategy and program, I-O = input-output, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SAM = social accounting matrixes, SNA = System of National Accounts, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A3.26: Developing a Government Securities Market in Bangladesh
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Financial Sector Subsector: Government Securities Market</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study										
<p>3. Coverage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country <input type="checkbox"/> Subregional <input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal policy development</p>										
<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: An underdeveloped and shallow financial sector in Bangladesh has been identified as a major constraint in achieving faster private sector-led economic growth. A government securities market can play a critical role in developing the financial sector by mobilizing savings, reducing dependence on bank borrowing, providing a risk-free benchmark yield curve for the private issuance of bonds, and facilitating the formation of a liquid secondary market. The proposed study is consistent with the Government's and ADB's objective of achieving faster private sector-led economic growth.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The purpose of this study is to assess the policy environment, and identify the necessary institutional arrangements and regulatory reforms needed to promote a government securities market with a view to strengthening the domestic financial sector.</p> <p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: The output will be in the form of a report that will identify the procedural and institutional changes required to develop the primary and secondary market for government</p>										

<p>securities throughout the maturity spectrum.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: Greater understanding of the issues involved in developing a government securities market. A risk-free benchmark yield curve throughout the maturity spectrum.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: Workshops and policy dialogue with the Government.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: The need for assistance was highlighted during discussions with government and private sector organizations.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lending:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending (project preparatory):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lending:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending: 2 months</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$15,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> JFICT:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

CSP = country strategy and program, JFICT = Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, SCSP = subregional cooperation strategy and program.

**Table A3.27: Updating BRM Macroeconomic Model
Concept Paper**

Date: 1 July 2002

<p>1. Type/modality of assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sector development program loan</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than project preparatory</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic, thematic, and sector work</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional development</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR</p>										
<p>2. Assistance focus</p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Not applicable Subsector: Not applicable</p> <p>b. For project preparatory and lending, classification</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Core poverty intervention</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty intervention</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Human development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Good governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Human development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Good governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: study	
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<p>4. Responsible division/department: Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>										
<p>5. Responsible ADB officer: Economics Unit</p>										
<p>6. Description of assistance</p> <p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The macroeconomic model developed by the Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) in 2001 provides a framework for making rational and consistent predictions about Bangladesh's overall economic performance, balance of payments, national accounts, and financial sector balances. The model also has the capability to generate alternative macroeconomic policy simulations. Currently, the model is used as a tool in BRM for macroeconomic analysis. The model is expected to adapt to changes in the economy and ADB's analytical requirements. It will be necessary to incorporate in the model new data and capture new features arising from changes in economic structure, policy stances, policy regimes, and solution techniques. It will also be necessary to update parameter estimates in the model and incorporate results of latest macroeconomic studies.</p> <p>b. Goal and purpose: The purpose of the study is to update the model to make it more relevant to the changing needs of time and to make it more user friendly.</p>										

<p>c. Components, outputs, specific deliverables: An updated macroeconomic model will become available.</p> <p>d. Expected results and deliverables: It will be possible to track Bangladesh's macroeconomic outcomes more reliably and accurately.</p> <p>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns: Not applicable.</p> <p>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables: The updated model will be available for use in ADB.</p>
<p>7. Proposed executing/implementing agencies: Not applicable.</p>
<p>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance: Not applicable.</p>
<p>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP update, SCSP, SCSP update, or interregional work plan: 2002</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lending:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending (project preparatory):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending (other than project preparatory): 2005</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lending:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nonlending: 2 months.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities financed by JFICT or JFPR:</p>
<p>10. Financing plan</p> <p>a. For lending</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>b. For nonlending</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$30,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> TA Special Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Japan Special Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p> <p>c. For projects financed by</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> JFICT:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> JFPR:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required indicate sources, and amount sought: If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements (e.g., total cost, ADB financing, other financing, and government financing):</p>

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