

## CONCEPT PAPERS FOR LENDING PRODUCTS

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**Table A2.1: Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Management  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

<p><b>1. Type/modality of assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p>    <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p>    <input 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><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture and Natural Resources Subsector: Irrigation and Drainage</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>    <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	
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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division and Social Sectors Division/South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Kenichi Yokoyama</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Water is a foundation of many traditional rural livelihood activities (rural areas are where most of the poor people live in Bangladesh). While sustainable and integrated water resources management (IWRM) is essential for rural poverty reduction and income growth, this is particularly challenging due to the diverse interests among various rural livelihood activities such as agriculture, fisheries, boat transportation, rural industries, and household water use, with which poverty is deeply intertwined. Water is also vital for the country's natural ecosystem and biodiversity, particularly wetlands. The National Water Management Plan (NWMP) approved by the Government in March 2004 provides the key national and regional programs, following the 1999 National Water Policy that has provided policy goals and an institutional framework toward effective water resources management and sustainable service delivery. To operationalize this policy, planning, and institutional framework, it is necessary to establish integrated water management plans at the subregional level and implement specific interventions with necessary capacity development support at the central and local levels, including beneficiary organizations. The proposed Project intends to assist this process in the selected hydrological subregions in the Southwest, by preparing IWRM plans</p>								

for the concerned subregion, building on the NWMP through project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) and implementing the identified priority interventions through ADB loan financing, taking a demand-driven and participatory approach. The country strategy noted that 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 for sustainable water management and service delivery to support and advance the ongoing sector reforms while providing critical infrastructure, with sufficient stakeholder participation. The proposed Project will support the implementation of the country sector strategy.

**b. Goal and purpose:** The goal of the Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort through improved water resources management and service delivery while addressing diverse social and environmental concerns. It aims to enhance agricultural and income growth and poverty reduction in the concerned project area through establishing an effective IWRM planning framework at the subregional level and through implementing priority sector interventions while ensuring long-term operation and maintenance sustainability through effective local resource mobilization.

**c. Components and outputs:** On the basis of the integrated water management plan for the selected hydrological subregions to be prepared under the PPTA, the proposed Project will implement priority interventions that tentatively comprise (i) institutional development of water management associations (WMAs); (ii) improved infrastructure (on condition of sufficient WMA development); (iii) agriculture and fishery extension; (iv) any other poverty-focused and participatory priority interventions such as pilot rural arsenic mitigation, flood proofing, and other water-related livelihood support; and (v) capacity development of sector institutions (including executing agency, local governments, and WMAs). The primary focus for water resources infrastructure would be the medium- to large-scale schemes developed by the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), to which a bottom-up approach would be applied starting 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 Project will contribute to the implementation of the Government's strategy for poverty reduction through improved water resources management, which has culminated in the National Water Management Plan.

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

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

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** Water Resources Planning Organization and Bangladesh Water Development Board

**8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:** The Project will be formulated with intensive consultation with stakeholders including NGOs, adopting (i) stakeholder-driven scheme identification, (ii) formation/strengthening of WMAs, (iii) participation of WMAs in scheme design and construction supervision, and (iv) self-sustained operation and maintenance through WMAs' own resource mobilization.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2001
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
  - Lending: 2005
  - Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable
  - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable
- c. Period and duration of assistance
  - Lending: 5 years
  - Nonlending: Not applicable

**10. Financing Plan**

## a. For lending

- Ordinary capital resources: \$  
 Asian Development Fund: \$30 million  
 Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: Amount to be determined, from Netherlands.  
 If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	
Source:	

## b. For nonlending

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

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

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ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance, WMA = water management association.

**Table A2.2: Agribusiness Development  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

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<p><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Agriculture and Natural Resources Subsector: Agriculture production, agro-processing and agri-business</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>    <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	
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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division/ South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Jiangfeng Zhang</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Agriculture remains the mainstay of the Bangladesh economy, accounting for 23.1% of GDP, 23% of exports, and the livelihood of 60% of the population. Despite the large population of over 130 million, scarce cultivable land, a very high population density and the regular occurrence of natural calamities, Bangladesh's agriculture sector has performed well. Helped by increased productivity and successive bumper crops, in the past 3 years the sector's value added has grown 5% annually. As a result, the country is more or less self-sufficient in rice.</p> <p>Despite the natural advantages, agribusiness sector growth has been slow. The reasons for the slow growth include barriers to accessing bank financing, the erratic supply and relatively high prices and variable quality of raw materials for processing, a dearth of information on new technology, poor infrastructure and communications, and lack of cold-storage facilities and air cargo space. Most inputs are imported and the small domestic market for these limits the number of suppliers, giving rise to monopolies. The tariff structure for imported packaging material is a disincentive to agro-processing. The large number of small landholdings is also</p>								

a constraint. These constraints contribute to the perceived high risk and lack of competitiveness associated with agribusiness, leading to reluctance of entrepreneurs to invest in the sector. The private sector also cites political instability, law-and-order conditions, and corruption as being the root causes for the lack of investment. Some private sector representatives assert that private investment is being crowded out by NGOs because they have access to external agency funds and enjoy tax advantages.

Since Bangladesh is an agrarian country with a large rural population engaged in agriculture on increasingly fragmented landholdings, agribusiness is one of the primary means to poverty reduction. Development of agribusiness would also have considerable impact on women who contribute significantly to agriculture production and cottage and small-scale agro-enterprises and who are commonly employed in agro-processing establishments. Unless agribusiness becomes more competitive, Bangladesh will be unable to compete internationally when the WTO trade regime comes into full effect in 2005. In recognition of these factors, the Government has categorized agribusiness as a “thrust sector”. Agricultural reforms over the last two decades, including dismantling state interventions and liberalizing trade in inputs and outputs, have established a conducive policy framework for agribusiness development. These policies, however, require refinements to be more effective. The Government also has a stated policy of leaving business in the hands of the private sector while it plays a facilitative and regulatory role. Despite the importance given to agribusiness, however, the Government has yet to develop a coherent strategy for the sector.

A sizable number of external agency programs are providing support to the Government's small and medium enterprise (SME) and agribusiness initiatives. These programs include the World Bank's Agricultural Services and Innovation Reform Project and Bangladesh Export Diversification Project, International Finance Corporation's South Asia Enterprise Development Facility, and United States Agency for International Development's Agro-based Industries and Technology and Development Project. The Department for International Development, the Swiss Development Corporation, and other external agencies are also undertaking joint efforts for the provision of business development services to SMEs and larger enterprises. ADB is financing the North West Crop Diversification Project, which includes a component for agribusiness development, and is developing a SME Sector Development Program.

**b. Goal and purpose:** The purpose of the TA is to help the Government design an agribusiness development project to address the fundamental problems in the sector. The goal is increased economic growth.

**c. Components and outputs:** The project components will be determined after a detailed assessment of the potential and constraints to agriculture and agribusiness development under the PPTA. The Project is envisaged to complement the existing external agency and government initiatives. Rather than having a large investment component, it would focus mainly on addressing systemic problems affecting the sector. The Project would create an enabling environment for business formation and growth by putting in place measures to improve transparency and accountability, addressing bureaucratic bottlenecks that increase the transaction cost of doing business, improving marketing systems, helping the country acquire new technology, and building government and private sector capacity. The Project will not be limited to specific subsectors or commodities but will identify opportunities for new investment that can be supported during the course of project implementation. The ensuing Project will identify and exploit possible synergies with other ongoing projects in order to optimize these investments by taking advantage of the existing infrastructure and production bases.

The TA output is a feasibility study that includes (i) a detailed evaluation of the constraints and impediments to the development of the agribusiness sector; (ii) proposed strategies for addressing and overcoming the more significant constraints including meeting WTO and other international trade requirements; (iii) identification of the limiting factors in acquisition of technology and the mechanism to accomplish this; and (iv) formulation of a project for further development of the agribusiness sector.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** To be determined during PPTA implementation. An advisory TA will be provided with the view of developing overall policy and institution framework for agribusiness development.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** To be determined during PPTA implementation. The ensuing project is not expected to have significant adverse social and environmental impact, as it will promote improved resource management. It is expected to reduce social inequity through broad-based development that would benefit the small farmers and enterprises.

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** To be determined during PPTA implementation.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** To be determined



**Table A2.3: Power Sector Development Program II  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Energy Division/South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Chi Nai Chong</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> The proposed sector development program, comprising a policy loan and an investment loan, is consistent with ADB's country operational strategy, the Government's poverty reduction strategies, and the current ongoing power sector reforms.</p> <p><b>b. Goal and purpose:</b> The policy loan will further support financial stabilization of the sector entities (i.e., Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB), DESCO/DESA, and successor companies) created with ADB support earlier, to enable improved governance of the sector through regulatory oversight, and to introduce structured competition and discipline in the sector. To facilitate support from the World Bank, Government of Netherlands, and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for rural electrification, the investment component of the sector development program (SDP) loan will be more focused on support for generation, essential transmission, and distribution strengthening in urban areas.</p> <p><b>c. Components and outputs:</b> The Program is expected to be implemented in phases and will include investment in needed power stations, transmission lines, and substations to supply energy to an increased number of customers and to improve quality of supply to existing customers. The program will also facilitate the</p>								

creation and capacity building of regional urban distribution companies from existing Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) distribution areas as well as investment for connection of new customers and improved quality of supply in these urban areas.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** The Program is targeted at economic growth and poverty reduction, human resources development, and good governance. The main beneficiaries of the Program will be electricity consumers in the entire country. The Program is also expected to provide basic infrastructure, which is essential for promoting private sector development.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** The Program will bring economic opportunities to poorer sections of the community, increase their access to electricity, and facilitate increased commercial activities.

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** To be determined.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** BPDB and its successor companies, PGCB, DESCO/DESA, and successor companies

**8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:** Beneficiaries and other stakeholders, particularly staff from the executing agencies, are participating in program preparation and implementation.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2003

b. Expected date of submission for approval  
 Lending: Q4 2005  
 Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable  
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable

c. Period and duration of assistance  
 Lending: 5 years (Q2 2006-Q2 2011)  
 Nonlending: Not applicable

**10. Financing Plan**

- a. For lending  
 Ordinary capital resources: \$190 million  
 Asian Development Fund: \$40 million  
 Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
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<b>Total Cost</b>	
Source:	

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

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

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ADB = Asian Development Bank, BPDB = Bangladesh Power Development Board, CSP = country strategy and program, DESA = Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, DESCO = Dhaka Electric Supply company Ltd., PGCB = Power Grid company of Bangladesh Ltd., RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A2.4: Gas Sector Development Project  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Energy Division/South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> P. Abeygunawardena</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Natural gas accounts for almost 70% of commercial energy and 90% of electricity generation. Over time, the share of oil in the total energy mix has declined, and conversely the use of natural gas has increased. Natural gas will provide most of the current and future energy requirements, and the gas market needs to be expanded to optimize the use of natural gas resources and support economic development. The major issues in the sector include low gas extraction, and inadequate investment in the expansion of the gas production, transmission and distribution networks. This has curtailed the market and constrained gas production, causing supply shortages and disrupting economic activities particularly in fertilizer production and power generation.</p> <p><b>b. Goal and purpose:</b> Facilitate gas sector development in Bangladesh and invest in the most urgent components of the Bangladesh Oil, Gas, and Mineral Corporation's gas sector master plan (2003-2020).</p> <p><b>c. Components and outputs:</b> The project's components include (i) a sector development roadmap, (ii) policy reform measures, (iii) priority investments, and (v) institutional strengthening.</p>								

<p><b>d. Expected results and deliverables:</b> Same as above.</p> <p><b>e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:</b> As one of the country's key infrastructure, the development of the gas sector is necessary in promoting pro-poor economic growth. As a cleaner source of energy, positive environmental impacts will benefit the poor who are most adversely affected by pollution and environmental degradation. Policy reforms which lead to private sector development in the sector also supports pro-poor economic growth through job creation.</p> <p><b>f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:</b> Not applicable.</p>																				
<p><b>7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:</b> Bangladesh Oil, Gas, and Mineral Corporation</p>																				
<p><b>8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:</b> The Government of Bangladesh, Ministry of Power Energy and Mineral Resources, Bangladesh Oil, Gas, and Mineral Corporation, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, United States Agency for International Development, World Bank, and Bangladesh Power Development Board were consulted during project processing.</p>																				
<p><b>9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation</b></p> <p>a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2001</p> <p>b. Expected date of submission for approval Lending: 2004 (standby), 2005 (firm) Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable</p> <p>c. Period and duration of assistance Lending: 2005-2009 Nonlending: Not applicable</p>																				
<p><b>10. Financing Plan</b></p> <p>a. For lending</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinary capital resources: \$120 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian Development Fund: \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$</p> <p>If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$____, from _____.</p> <p>If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Source</th> <th>Amount (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ADB Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Government Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Cost</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source:</p> <p>b. For nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$____, from _____.</p> <p>If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Source</th> <th>Amount (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ADB Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Government Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Cost</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source:</p>	Source	Amount (\$)	ADB Financing		Government Financing		Other Financing		<b>Total Cost</b>		Source	Amount (\$)	ADB Financing		Government Financing		Other Financing		<b>Total Cost</b>	
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**Table A2.5: Financial Market Governance Improvement TA Loan  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

<p><b>1. Type/modality of assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: TA Loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input 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><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Finance Subsector: Capital market and funds</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><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</p>
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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Governance, Finance and Trade Division/South Asia Department</p>
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Soo-Nam Oh</p>
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> The financial sector is characterized by weak governance, poor asset quality, capital inadequacy, an ineffective legal and judicial framework, and poor accounting and auditing practices. The capital markets have ineffective market supervision, limited capacity of major market players, inadequate supply of capital market instruments, inadequate transparency, and slow development of market infrastructure. As a result, there is a low level of investor confidence in the financial markets. There has been some progress in banking sector reforms. The asset quality of the banking sector improved with non-performing loans declining to 28% at end-December 2002 from 31.5% at end-December 2001. The Government has embarked on an ambitious program to overhaul the banking sector with the assistance of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. In contrast, despite several past efforts, the capital market is still at its emerging stage.</p> <p><b>b. Goal and purpose:</b> In close coordination with the IMF and the World Bank, the Financial Markets Governance Improvement TA Loan will focus on developing institutional sources of funds that are professionally managed and that could effectively pool funds of retail investors, on strengthening the current system of</p>

intermediation by promoting competition and leveling the playing field, and on financial market governance to help build the institutional foundations for a prudentially sound, stable and sustainable development of the sector.

**c. Components and outputs:** The TA Loan will support initiatives leading to improved governance in financial market operations and the development of requisite capacity, by focusing on, among others: (i) strengthening market discipline; (ii) strengthening the regulators; (iii) strengthening the financial capacity and development of skills of market participants, including the stock exchanges (demutualization), merchant banks, securities firms, and mutual funds; (iv) adoption and enforcement of accounting and auditing standards, training and certification of accounting professionals, and promoting good governance best practices among regulators, listed companies, issuers of securities, and other market players; (v) market deepening by increasing the supply of investment-grade securities through the securitization of loans, finance leases, government infrastructure projects, and quality microfinance portfolios and through possible privatization of selected state-owned financial institutions; (vi) the development of the money market, establishment of a dealer network and secondary market for government securities, and introduction of a market for private debt securities; (vii) insurance reform, including the possible merger and privatization of state-owned insurance companies and listing their shares on the exchange, strengthening insurance regulations and supervision, and capacity building of the department of insurance and vesting in the Finance Ministry; (viii) pension fund reform, including establishing the policy, legal, and regulatory framework; building supervision capacity, broadening pension coverage; and evolving the formation of a multi-pillar pension system; and (ix) assisting enactment of a secured transactions law for consideration by Parliament, and development, installation, and putting into operation of a moveable asset registry system.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** The preliminary menu, subject to future refinement, includes (i) increased market share of the nonbanking subsector; (ii) increased market capitalization of listed firms; (iii) strengthened capital market regulatory and supervisory framework; (iv) increased funding flows from insurance companies, pension funds, and venture capital sources; (v) more developed treasury bill yield curve and operative money market safeguards; (vi) accounting and auditing practices raised toward international standards; (vii) reliable financial statements of borrowers, issuers of securities, and listed companies; and (viii) stronger management and more developed staff skills of market institutions.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** None identified

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops and Seminars.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** Finance Division of Ministry of Finance and Planning

**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 finance sector identified in a diagnostic sector review and outlined response initiatives and potential areas of intervention for the international financial institutions and external funding agencies. In 2002, meetings with government officials and regulators and roundtable discussions with financial institutions and capital market players were held to discuss specific issues concerning the financial sector. As output of TA 3698-BAN, a report on integrated financial development was prepared and discussed with the TA Interagency Coordination Committee and various stakeholders. A financial sector strategy is in preparation. The TA 4236 on Financial Markets Governance Program will involve extensive stakeholder consultations and will build on the output of Part A of TA 4140-BAN: Supporting Good Governance Initiatives.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2002
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
  - Lending: Q2 2005
  - Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable
  - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable
- c. Period and duration of assistance
  - Lending: 3 years
  - Nonlending: Not applicable

**10. Financing Plan**

- a. For lending
  - Ordinary capital resources: \$
  - Asian Development Fund: \$5 million
  - Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
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Source:

b. For nonlending

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

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	

Source:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, PPTA = project preparatory technical assistance, RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A2.6: Urban Primary Health Care II  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

<p><b>1. Type/modality of assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input checked="" 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: TA Loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input 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><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection Subsector: Health programs</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><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	
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<p><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Social Sectors Division/South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Sekhar Bonu</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Bangladesh's population has reached about 132 million people, of which about 30 million live in urban areas. Due to rural-urban migration, urban populations are increasing at about 6% per year. About 53% of the population in urban areas and 60% in rural areas are poor. About 25% of the urban populations are very poor, and mostly live in unsettled slums and squatter areas, in often very poor environmental circumstances. The infant mortality rate (IMR) in rural Bangladesh is estimated to be 81/1,000 live births while the IMR in urban slums is estimated to be at least 100/1,000, resulting from malnutrition and common infections due to overcrowded and unhygienic living conditions. Maternal malnutrition results in almost half of all children being born malnourished. Maternal mortality ratios are only slightly lower in urban slums than rural areas, even within the vicinity of hospitals. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MHFW) has traditionally invested in urban hospitals and rural primary health care (PHC) and family planning services. Urban PHC services have been relatively neglected and left to the private sector and NGOs. However, there are major gaps in the services, and these are often not affordable for the poor. ADB has assisted the Urban PHC Project that developed urban PHC services for the poor in four major cities. In the Project, larger NGOs were contracted to provide basic PHC services for defined catchment populations based on specific</p>								

performance targets. The Government is keen to extend this approach to other underserved poor urban populations.

ADB's overarching goal in Bangladesh is poverty reduction. The country operational strategy recommends that the Government step up its investments in the social sectors, especially education, health, and nutrition, as these are essential for reducing deprivation and improving the quality of human resources for sustaining long-term growth. The country operational strategy also states that the Government needs to explicitly target the urban poor. Nutrition is almost overlooked and health has been, until recently, usually associated with family planning.

**b. Goal and purpose:** The purpose of the Project is to improve the health, nutrition, and population status of the urban poor living in squatter settlements in secondary towns. The aim is to provide, in about 30 catchment areas, a comprehensive package of PHC services to the poor that is effective, affordable, and sustainable. This will be done through a community-based, comprehensive planning approach based on local needs and resources, including both public and private health services.

**c. Components and outputs:** The PPTA tentatively may include (i) documentation of communities and public and private social services and financing; (ii) participatory poverty and needs assessment; (iii) preparation of a ward health master plan; and (iv) capacity building of the health management team. The loan may include (i) strengthening health management teams and monitoring systems, (ii) packaging and contracting PHC services, (iii) upgrading and equipping selective health services, (iv) training health workers, and (v) interventions to ensure inclusion of the marginalized poor.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** These include: (i) increased utilization of PHC services by the poor, in particular women and children; (ii) improvement in the quality of public and private health services including emergency obstetric care as a result of adequate human resources, skills, supervision, and supplies; and (iii) participatory, transparent, and efficient management of health services, resulting in increased coverage with essential preventive, promotive, and curative interventions, such as immunization, fortified food, growth monitoring, management of diarrhea diseases, and safe motherhood services, all helping result in reduced maternal and child mortality and malnutrition, as well as reduced fertility.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** Inclusion of marginalized women and children, including single-parent-headed households and street children, and affordability of health services for the poor.

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Workshops and Seminars.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** Local Government Division/Dhaka City Corporation

**8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:** Participatory poverty assessment and planning will be undertaken in each ward.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2001

b. Expected date of submission for approval  
 Lending: 2005  
 Nonlending (project preparatory): 2003  
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable

c. Period and duration of assistance  
 Lending: 2005  
 Nonlending: 2003

**10. Financing Plan**

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources: \$
  - Asian Development Fund: \$70 million
  - Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$\_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	
Source:	

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

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	

Source:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, PPTA = project preparatory technical assistance, RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A2.7: Social Protection for Disadvantaged Women and Children  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

<p><b>1. Type/modality of assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p><input checked="" 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: TA Loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p><input 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><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection Subsector: Social protection</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><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</p>
<p><b>3. Coverage</b></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><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Social Sectors Division/South Asia Department</p>
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Axel Weber</p>
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Estimates, based on poverty monitoring surveys, indicate that poverty incidence is about 45%. Among the poor, women and children are particularly disadvantaged. Women in Bangladesh are denied of equal rights and opportunities for sociocultural and other reasons. Their human rights are constantly violated at the family and community levels. The frequent reports of violence against women and discrimination have been a growing concern in recent years. Women bear the burden of poverty in a discriminatory situation and women of poor families are disadvantaged to participate in and gain according to their full potential from development efforts. ADB's Gender Strategy for Bangladesh emphasizes support for disadvantaged women and for implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. ADB's Social Protection Strategy also intends to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged women.</p> <p>Children also require special attention. In Bangladesh, child labor is a problem; children live in slums and are denied basic services like education, health care, and nutrition. These children are almost always the children of the poorest people in urban areas. Child Hope-UNICEF estimated that 3 out of 10 urban children live in difficult circumstances and are involved in dangerous and hazardous jobs. There is violation of their rights at every stage</p>

of their lives; they have no access to social protection or a support structure to prevent exploitation and negligence. The vulnerable children either live away from their families or have no families. Several projects address the needs of these children but only a very small number of these children have access to shelter, basic education, health care, and nutrition. The ADB Social Protection Strategy has as one of its main focal points the protection of children. The CSP suggests prioritizing areas that can increase the productivity of the poor, through nonformal, primary, and secondary education, and primary health care.

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MWCA) and its agencies such as the Department of Women Affairs (DWA), has been functioning as the nodal agency for coordinating women's development activities at the field level and has undertaken various activities to support disadvantaged women. In 1995, an "Institutional Review of WID Capability of the Government of Bangladesh" found various institutional weaknesses of MWCA and DWA. Despite the weak institutional capacity, DWA has been providing support to women at the community level through its offices at the local level. MWCA is also responsible for coordinating the activities for child development and implementation of the Child Rights Convention. A new Department for Children has been proposed to be established under MWCA.

The proposed Project will assist MWCA and its agencies in serving the disadvantaged women, and children and will help in building its institutional capacity in supporting poor in accessing services and opportunities. This is in line with the National Policy for the Advancement of Women and the National Action Plan and the national Plan for Child Development. The Project will provide comprehensive support to the target groups. It will also raise community awareness against social crimes and strengthen the capacity of the executing and implementing agency staff to coordinate with the judiciary system, set up procedures and target group in accessing the existing institutional support system. It will explore possibilities to continue and extend existing models practiced by other agencies to address the basic needs of the target groups.

**b. Goal and purpose:** The Project aim to provide protection to the poor, especially disadvantaged women and children, on a pilot basis, through accessing socioeconomic and legal support. It will improve services for the target groups, improve the access to rights and to improve the capacity of the institutions in charge, especially MWCA.

**c. Components and outputs: Service delivery:** (i) drop-in centers for children, offering health, education, and other services; (ii) services for women in distress; and (iii) an awareness campaign at the community level. **Legal issues:** (i) link MWCA with the legal support system, (ii) look at the need for changes in law enforcement and support them, (iii) support ongoing activities in the field of birth registration, (iv) run an awareness campaign in favor of women's and children's rights. **Institutional strengthening:** (i) enhance the capacity of MWCA and its agencies, (ii) upgrade the skills of the local bodies with a view to support the target groups, (iii) look into the issue of information systems for the relevant policy areas, (iv) support the process of establishment of the Department of Children Affairs (DCA), (v) support the implementation of national plans for women and children, and (vi) provide the required infrastructure. **Project management and monitoring and evaluation:** (i) coordinate the various project components and partners to achieve a measurable impact, and (ii) help ensure effective management and implementation of the Project.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** (i) The Project will provide comprehensive services to the poor, especially disadvantaged women and children; and (ii) the capacity of MWCA and its agencies will be developed in implementing the Policy for Women's Advancement, the National Children Policy, and the National Action Plan.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** It is essential to develop Government's capacity to cope with emerging priorities at the community level. The proposed Project is expected to provide positive social impacts through improved and better coordinated support to economically and socially disadvantaged women and children at the local level.

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** The good practices and lessons from the Project will be documented, disseminated, and replicated in other similar projects supported by ADB and the Government. The systems developed by the Project will be applicable in other areas of the country and the region.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** Ministry of Women and Children Affairs in collaboration with other ministries and NGOs.

**8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:** Extensive consultation with various stakeholders will be held at the PPTA phase. The National Action Plan, and other documents are prepared through extensive country-based consultations, discussion with government ministries and line agencies. Consultation with various NGOs and external funding agencies will provide useful information.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2003
- b. Expected date of submission for approval  
 Lending: 2005  
 Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable  
 Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable
- c. Period and duration of assistance  
 Lending: Not applicable  
 Nonlending: 6 months

**10. Financing Plan**

- a. For lending
- Ordinary capital resources: \$
- Asian Development Fund: \$15 million
- Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	

Source:

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

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

Source	Amount (\$)
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	

Source:

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, DWA = Department of Women Affairs, MWCA = Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, NGO = nongovernment organization, PPTA = project preparatory technical assistance, RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.

**Table A2.8: Secondary Towns Water Supply and Sanitation  
Concept Paper**

**Date:** 30 June 2004

<p><b>1. Type/modality of assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lending</p> <p>    <input checked="" 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: TA Loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonlending</p> <p>    <input 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><b>2. Assistance Focus</b></p> <p>a. If assistance focuses on a particular sector or subsector, specify the Sector: Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Management Subsector: Water Supply and Sanitation</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>    <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>c. Key thematic areas</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusive social development	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender and development	
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<p><b>3. Coverage</b></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><b>4. Responsible division/department:</b> Social Sectors Division/South Asia Department</p>								
<p><b>5. Responsible ADB officer:</b> Shakeel Khan</p>								
<p><b>6. Description of assistance</b></p> <p><b>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy:</b> Despite ADB's continuing involvement in the sector, water supply and sanitation services in Bangladesh are still inadequate, with less than half of urban population having access to piped water. Given the high incidence of water-related diseases, the need for improving water supply and sanitation services is pressing. In this regard, the Project will continue to support the Government's effort in expanding the national coverage of water and sanitation services to urban secondary towns. The experiences of the earlier projects in the water supply sector will be taken into account in addressing sector policy issues in financial management, institutional strengthening, and cost recovery.</p> <p>ADB is the major funding agency in the water supply and sanitation sector. Its continued support to the sector is essential to carry forward sector policy reforms and build institutional capacity for sustainable delivery of services. Close coordination with other funding agencies was made during the implementation of the recently completed projects.</p> <p><b>b. Goal and purpose:</b> The Project will be designed to provide a sustainable and safe water supply as well as sanitation services in selected district towns to (i) improve health conditions and introduce public health and</p>								

hygiene concepts, (ii) enhance the standard of living and quality of life of households, and (iii) accelerate industrial and commercial development. The improvements in physical facilities will be complemented with institutional development, focused on improving operational efficiencies, reducing wastage, strengthening cost recovery and financial management, and institutionalizing the community participation approach to water supply facilities to ensure the long-term sustainability of the benefits.

**c. Components and outputs:** Following that integrated approach, the project concept is to improve water supply services in two phases: (i) rehabilitate the existing water supply facilities, and (ii) expand the service coverage to meet the future water demand. This will ensure that the investments are cost effective. The control of wastage will be an important feature of the design, and include bulk metering to monitor the production and distribution process. Environmental sanitation services, such as solid waste management, public latrines, and wastewater management under the responsibility of *pourashavas*/municipalities, will be complemented by a household environmental sanitation program covering latrines, hygiene education, and wastewater and solid waste management. The Project (tentatively) will have three parts: Part A: Water Supply Services; Part B: Environmental Sanitation Services; and Part C: Project Management and Institutional Development.

**d. Expected results and deliverables:** Under the Project, the *pourashavas* will contribute their own funds to the Project. In addition, 50% of the funds provided to the *pourashavas* will be in the form of loans from the Government. The loans will provide an incentive for the *pourashavas* to become financially responsible, raise revenues, and improve their financial management of water supply operations. Eventually, the separate accounting and financial arrangements for water supply, which will be established under the Project, may convert the water supply sections in the Project's municipalities into autonomous bodies. The Project will include beneficiary contributions for latrines, and wastewater management facilities within the households under the household environmental sanitation programs. NGOs will work in community awareness, health education, household environmental sanitation programs, and the operation of the revolving funds under which loans will be provided to beneficiaries.

**e. Social or environmental issues or concerns:** To be determined.

**f. Plans for disseminating results/deliverables:** Local consultations, workshops and seminars.

**7. Proposed executing/implementing agency or agencies:** The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), Ministry of Local Government, will be the executing agency and will be responsible for the overall technical supervision and execution of the Project. The *pourashavas* will be closely involved in the implementation of the project components in their respective towns.

**8. Nature/extent of government/beneficiary involvement in identifying or conceptualizing the assistance:** In each *pourashava*, a Water Supply and Sanitation (WATSAN) Committee will be set up under the *pourashava* chairperson. Its membership will include the chief executive officer, the executive engineer, and two ward commissioners of the *pourashava*, and the executive engineer of DPHE. It may also include NGO representatives, as appropriate. The WATSAN Committee will act as the local level project implementation coordination committee to review progress and resolve problems and issues in the implementation of the Project.

**9. Timetable for assistance design, processing, and implementation**

- a. Year included in CSP, CSP Update, RCSP, RCSP Update, or interregional work plan: 2001
- b. Expected date of submission for approval
  - Lending: 2006
  - Nonlending (project preparatory): Not applicable
  - Nonlending (other than project preparatory): Not applicable
- c. Period and duration of assistance
  - Lending: 5 years starting Q1 in 2007
  - Nonlending: Not applicable

**10. Financing Plan**

- a. For lending
  - Ordinary capital resources: \$
  - Asian Development Fund: \$60 million
  - Other: \$

If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.  
If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	
Source:	
<p>b. For nonlending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No resources required, other than ADB staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ADB's administrative budget: \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grant TA funds \$</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>	
<p>If cofinancing is required, indicate amount and sources sought: \$____, from _____.</p> <p>If known, provide cost estimates and financing arrangements.</p>	
<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
ADB Financing	
Government Financing	
Other Financing	
<b>Total Cost</b>	
Source:	

ADB = Asian Development Bank, CSP = country strategy and program, RCSP = regional cooperation strategy and program, TA = technical assistance.