

**ADB's TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECTS**

**FOR 2001**

**Implementation Status**

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## Exclusive Economic Zone Demarcation, TA 3654-ETM

### Project Rationale

- The fisheries sector has a good potential for providing job opportunities and economic growth for the new nation.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Provide East Timor with a complete data set to establish a correlation to the geographical coordinates of compiled or published charts and maps by using differential Global Position System to produce a final digital database.
- Provide a homogeneous map series produced at an appropriate scale.
- Provide a data set that will satisfy the requirements under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), so that lists of coordinates, specifying a geodetic datum, can be supplied to the UN.

### Executing Agency

- Division of Fisheries, UNTAET

### Cost Estimate and Financing Plan

- \$145,000 of which \$120,000 equivalent will be financed by ADB on a grant basis from the ADB-funded TA program and \$25,000 will be financed by UNTAET by provision of counterpart staff, necessary support services, and office facilities.

### TA Commencement Date

- May 2001

### Project Completion Date

- March 2002

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

### Implementation Progress to Date

- The consultants were fielded in June 2001 and prepared all the necessary baseline readings and produced the required charts with limits of a possible exclusive economic zone area. These data and charts can now be used as the basis for East Timor's discussions with its neighboring countries, Australia and Indonesia, in reaching an agreement of its future internationally accepted EEZ demarcation.

## Transport Sector Improvement, TA 3731-ETM

### Project Rationale

- To support establishment of sustainable operations, management, and administration of the transport sectors. The TA will assist legal and operational establishment of effective and appropriately sized operations of (i) a port authority, (ii) an airport authority, and (iii) a road administration.
- The TA will identify effective management and administrative structures and processes through a stakeholder analysis, demand-based service delivery assessment, and an inclusive consultation using performance-based evaluations of agencies to determine operational arrangements for delivery of optimal services.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Review of legal, regulatory, and policy proposals for the transport sectors covering roads, ports, and aviation subsectors; finalization of these proposals and support for their implementation.
- Review institutional and administrative arrangements proposed for the transport sectors, finalize these proposals after carrying out extensive consultations to ensure sustainability of the plans, and finalize support for their implementation.
- Prepare and finalize support for implementation of a transitional plan transferring transport sector management to East Timorese.

### Executing Agency

- East Timor Public Administration: Ministry of Transport and Communications and Ministry of Water and Public Works

### Cost Estimate and Financing Plan

- \$500,000 equivalent financed by ADB on a grant basis from the Japan Special Fund funded by the Government of Japan.

### TA Commencement Date

- October 2001

### Project Completion Date

- August 2002

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

### Implementation Progress to Date

- In light of the additional international support funded under UNTAET and UNDP capacity building schemes, the TA scope and terms of reference are under review. Consultants will be short-listed in September 2002.

## Microfinance Information Technology System, TA 3743-ETM

### Project Rationale

- To ensure efficient microfinance operations by microfinance bank (MB) and the credit unions.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Provide software for the Microfinance bank and the credit unions designed to reduce paper work and increase staff productivity, provide efficient customer services with proper controls, and effective management information system.

### Executing Agency

- Economic Affairs Department, UNTAET-ETPA

### Cost Estimate and Financing Plan

- \$150,000 equivalent financed by ADB on a grant basis from the ADB-funded TA program.

### TA Commencement Date

- October 2001

### Project Completion Date

- June 2002

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

### Implementation Progress to Date

- A contract was signed between ADB and FAO in March 2002 for the installation and customization of the microbanking software (FAO-G72 MBWIN). The Microbanking System has already been installed, translated and configured. Additional computer hardwares and network accessories are scheduled to arrive in May 2002. Local East Timorese are being trained in operating the system. The Project is expected to be completed as scheduled.

## Preparing the Power Sector Development Plan – Phase I, TA 3748-ETM

### Project Rationale

- To prepare a long-term domestic energy sector development plan, including sector strategy to support sustainable economic development and growth, and reduce poverty in East Timor.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Prepare a detailed and comprehensive technical survey of the energy sector in East Timor.
- Determine a least-cost development strategy for the power sector that facilitates economic development and poverty reduction.
- Prepare a 20-year technical master plan for the sector based on a demand growth model.
- Prepare a technical and economic feasibility study for prioritized investment requirements.

### Executing Agency

- East Timor Public Administration – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development

### Cost Estimates and Financing Plan

- \$400,000 equivalent financed by ADB on a grant basis from the Japan Special Fund funded by the Government of Japan

### TA Commencement Date

- July 2002

### Estimated Project Completion Date

- January 2003

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

### Implementation Progress to Date

- Consultants will be short-listed in May 2002.

## Economic Policies and Strategies for Development Planning, TA 3803-ETM

### Project Rationale

- To develop skills to enhance the capabilities of the East Timorese leadership.
- To set up systems and procedures to monitor and evaluate the achievement of strategic economic objectives and action programs.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Development of strategic, managerial, and technical competencies for senior East Timorese civil servants.
- Enhancement of economic and financial capabilities through the development of specific applied skills in economics and finance-related disciplines for senior East Timorese managers.
- Strengthening of public policy analysis and dissemination to improve public awareness of and participation in public policy formulation, implementation, and assessment.

### Executing Agency

- UNTAET (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development)

### Cost Estimates and Financing Plan

- \$950,000 equivalent financed by ADB on a grant basis from the Japan Special Fund, funded by the Government of Japan.

### TA Commencement Date

- March 2002

### Project Completion Date

- March 2003

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

### Implementation Progress to Date

- In consultation with the government, the Special Liaison Office in East Timor is in the process of recruiting consultants in the area of trade and investment policy.

## Postal Services Development, TA 3819-ETM

### Project Rationale

- To provide assistance in reestablishing an appropriate framework for developing an efficient, cost-effective postal system in East Timor.

### Beneficiary

- East Timor

### Project Scope

- Prepare a master plan for rehabilitation and establishing postal infrastructure and services.
- Establish a suitable legal framework.
- Implement a training program for East Timorese to effectively manage the postal system.

### Executing Agency

- UNTAET (Ministry of Communications and Transport, Telecommunications and Postal Division)

### Cost Estimate and Financing Plan

- \$250,000 equivalent financed by ADB on a grant basis from the Japan Special Fund funded by the Government of Japan.

### TA Commencement Date

- March 2002

### Project Completion Date

- December 2002

### Recruitment of Consultants

- Recruitment of consultants is in accordance with ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants

### Implementation Progress to Date

- Two international consultants have been engaged for the preparation of the master plan and the human resource development plan. The reports are expected by July 2002.