

# Gender Concerns and ADB-Funded Projects in Sri Lanka

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# Highlights of 1Q and 2Q 2009

1. Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) Project – “Promoting gender-responsive access to road rehabilitation-related opportunities” under the Eastern and North-Central Provincial Roads Project
2. Poverty & Environment Fund (PEF) Project – “Piloting pro-poor and gender-responsive sanitation options in under-served urban settlements in Colombo”, under the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project
3. Training Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Development Projects – for government officers in the Eastern Provincial Council, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, 31 March-1 April 2009

# 1. Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) Project –

- Linked to - The Eastern and North-Central Provincial Roads Project – rehabilitation of provincial roads in 4 districts in 2 provinces
- Purpose: to provide gender-responsive access to road rehabilitation-related opportunities
- Total Grant: US\$3mn
- Focus on improving livelihood opportunities through rehabilitation of rural access roads, skill training in road maintenance, capacity building of local authorities
- Key Gender elements: targeting women for livelihood-related opportunities, priority for FHH especially in conflict-affected areas, women's participation in road rehabilitation and O & M-related skills, livelihood skill training
- Other design features: community consultation & participation in road identification, construction with payment for labour and compulsory savings, developing community O & M fund, providing local authorities with small equipment for maintenance, strengthening link between local authority and communities
- Process - 3 Phases of consultations with relevant Ministry (MOLGPC), District and Divisional Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils, Chairpersons of Pradeshiya Sabhas (local authorities)
- Fact-Finding and Consultation Mission to: North Central and Eastern Province, June 15-18, 2009
- Concept Paper submitted and Seed Funds received, Project Proposal being finalized



## 2. Poverty & Environment Fund (PEF) Project

- Linked with - The Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project – rehabilitating sewerage system in Colombo
- Purpose: to provide pro-poor and gender-responsive sanitation system to selected non-sewered low-income settlements
- Total Grant requested: US\$250,000
- Focus on identifying and implementing an innovative low-cost, low-technology, labour-intensive and on-site sewerage system for 2 selected under-served, low-income settlements in Colombo
- Key Gender elements: 50% women's involvement in identification, design and implementation and O & M of sanitation system
- Other design features: Community consultation & participation in sanitation system identification, construction with payment for labour and compulsory savings, 25% in-kind community contribution by constructing own toilet and connection to main system, training in operation and maintenance, enhancing CMC capacity for implementing similar systems in the 1640 under-served settlements in Colombo
- Fact-Finding Mission in Colombo, June 29-July 3, 2009



### 3. Training Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Development Projects

- Sponsored by NECORD
- Purpose – to create awareness on gender concepts and analysis and on the implementation of Gender Action Plans and gender design features of projects
- Participants - 20 selected govt. officers of the Eastern Provincial Council (Trincomalee District), NECORD and NECCDP staff
- Content - definitions, gender analysis, PRA-based tools, GAPs, gender-sensitive project implementation



# Thank you

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