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Quarterly Summary Report on Approved
(A) Preparatory Technical Assistance Projects Not
Exceeding \$1,500,000; (B) Technical Assistance
Projects Not Exceeding \$225,000; and (C) Technical
Assistance Cluster Subprojects
(October—December 2009)

Attached for information is a paper on the above subject.

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(A) PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

TA-7371-BAN: Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement

Executing Agency	:	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	500.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	10 July 2009
Date Approved	:	5 November 2009

The focus of the technical assistance (TA) will be on preparing a detailed feasibility study of the proposed Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project which will include sector analysis, design and monitoring framework, economic and financial analysis, financial management assessment, cost estimates and financing plan, procurement plan, terms of reference for consulting services, plan for improving economic opportunities for women and disadvantaged groups, social and environmental safeguards, resettlement framework, selection criteria for subprojects, plan for providing low cost water supply and renewable energy to remote areas, a capacity-building plan for local government institutions and LGED, and implementation arrangements. Its impact will be widened access to markets and economic opportunities. Key performance targets include reduced cost and time for project households to access markets, better access to economic opportunities and social services of poor including disadvantaged women and improved local governance.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7383-BAN: Priority Roads

Executing Agency	:	Roads and Highways Department
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	800.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	23 November 2009
Date Approved	:	23 November 2009

Traffic volume in the two-lane national highway connecting to Jamuna Bridge, which was built with ADB assistance and inaugurated in 1998, has significantly increased. In 2008, almost 12,000 vehicles per day pass through this road, and its traffic volume increases by 8% annually. The rapid growth in traffic leads to congestion, deterioration of road infrastructure, and increase in road accident rates. The same situation can be seen at national highways at the Southwest region to Dhaka zone, which will be connected to the Padma Bridge. It is anticipated that traffic volume will significantly increase when the bridge becomes operational in 2013, and the current two-lane national highways can no longer accommodate the traffic volume. By rehabilitating and expanding these roads to four-lane, such traffic-related concerns in the areas could be addressed and minimized. The TA will result to an agreed design of the resulting project, having enhanced project readiness and full compliance with ADB and Government policies and

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requirements for about 298 kilometers of high priority national highway sections.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7385-BAN: Khulna Water Supply

Executing Agency : Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (KWASA)
TA Amount (\$'000) : 800.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 19 November 2009
Date Approved : 24 November 2009

ADB has formulated its sector strategy to support the Government of Bangladesh's policy and programs. The Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) (2006-2010) Midterm Review for Bangladesh includes the TA in the 2010 pipelines for non-lending products, which has been subsequently advanced to 2009. The CPS Midterm Review includes the ensuing project in the 2011 pipeline for lending products. As a newly established utility, KWASA does not have sufficient capacity to prepare the project, and hence requires ADB's support through the TA. The impact of the TA is expanded access to safe water and improvised services in Khulna. The performance target indicators are the number of persons with access to safe water and number of target indicators in compliance with the Performance Agreement. Its outcome is an agreed design of ensuing project, including physical works and institutional development programs, with enhanced project readiness and full compliance with ADB and Government policies.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7389-BAN: Port and Logistics Efficiency Improvement

Executing Agency : Ministry of Shipping
TA Amount (\$'000) : 800.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 27 November 2009
Date Approved : 26 November 2009

Inefficient port operations and inadequate intermodal connectivity are principal issues in Bangladesh's naval transport sector. Weak intermodal connectivity results in prolonged waiting time and occupying space for exchanging cargos, and higher overall transport costs due to limited availability of modes. Inefficient port operations results in congestion for cargo handling and clearance. These discourage potential economic activities and external trades. The TA will prepare an overall framework of port development under possible development scenarios with identification of priority projects, and studies of strategically important projects for Mongla Port and Benapole Land Port. The resulting project will improve efficiency of port operations and intermodal transport logistics around ports, with increased port traffic growth rates and reduced waiting time on project ports.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7415-BAN: Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Corridor

Executing Agency : Roads and Railways Division
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 27 November 2009
Date Approved : 7 December 2009

The TA will prepare a feasibility study and the design of a project suitable for ADB financing, and will build capacity to implement such a project to develop a well-managed, results-oriented urban transport system, and to improve basic urban services delivery in Greater Dhaka. The chosen lending modality will adopt a holistic approach to finance better urban transport management through a series of non-physical and physical investments. It will be implemented in three steps, as follows: (i) review options for best corridor to foster public transport, city cluster development, and better organization of the urban grown in Greater Dhaka's fringes, and prioritize best option for pilot project; (ii) identify best suitable public transport system to equip the chosen corridor with, and carry out a feasibility study, preliminary design and due diligences of the proposed mass transit system (focusing on affordability), and of associated infrastructures to organize intermodality at main stations (parking, feeder roads, terminal, etc.); and (iii) set up an urban development strategic framework along the urban transport corridor, focusing on possible public-private partnership arrangements, and integrating a long-term vision for the improvement of the urban transport system, and its integration with land-use and urban development planning.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7419-BAN: Governance Management Program

Executing Agency : Cabinet Division, Government of Bangladesh
TA Amount (\$'000) : 600.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 16 November 2009
Date Approved : 7 December 2009

The TA project is aligned to the National Accelerated Strategy for Poverty Reduction (NASPR) of the Government and it picks up from the reform efforts being supported by ADB's ongoing Good Governance Program (GGP). While the GGP has contributed to several governance reforms (i.e., helping the separation of the judiciary from the executive; strengthening the Judicial Service Commission; putting in place departmental grievance redress mechanisms; supporting the revised public service examination system; and helping develop and put it in operation the Right to Information Act), the following areas continue to merit attention: (i) streamlining government administration, particularly at the central level; (ii) using ICT more effectively for improved service delivery at the local level; (iii) continuing to strengthen the judiciary, particularly at the local level; (iv) application of accountability tools at the local level; and (v) continued capacity development of key government agencies. It is expected that the impact of the TA is improved governance and an effective public management system at both the central and local levels in Bangladesh. The outcome of the TA is an agreed program design on governance management between the Government of Bangladesh and ADB.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7426-BAN: Teaching Quality Improvement II in Secondary Education (TQI II)

Executing Agency : Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education
TA Amount (\$'000) : 500.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 10 August 2009
Date Approved : 8 December 2009

The outcome of the TA will be an agreed project design and feasibility study which is aligned with the Government's National Education Policy that is under formulation to achieve (i) improvement in overall teacher development framework; (ii) improvement in teacher development program (including teacher training curricula); (iii) improvement in teacher

recruitment and deployment practices; (iv) better articulation of teacher competencies, teacher performance monitoring and teacher professional records; (v) enhance capacity for regulation of teaching and learning standards and their application and monitoring; (vi) improvement in teaching and learning in the classroom; and (vii) improvement in student performance particularly in science, mathematics and English language subjects in line with Government priorities. Its expected output is a report that will include (i) a detailed secondary education teacher training sector review; (ii) a detailed feasibility study with project design by building on the ongoing TQI Project to implement the proposed TQI II; and (iii) safeguard measures identified and prepared.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7432-BAN: Second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development (CHTRDP II)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MOCHTA)
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,165.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 14 October 2009
Date Approved : 7 December 2009

The TA will be based on lessons learned from ADB Loan 1771-BAN: Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project and other development partner initiatives in the area. The TA will ascertain potential for rural development and infrastructure investments in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) through a participatory approach for community strengthening and skills development. It will also contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity building of MOCHTA, CHT Regional Council and Hill District Councils for a more effective role in planning, development and coordination of interventions in the area. It will consider community needs, financial and economic return of investments, sustainability, and implementation constraints including those relating to policy and institutional frameworks. The TA will recommend a subproject selection and participatory development process for rural development. Its outcome is an agreed project design that will develop rural infrastructure and increase economic opportunities for rural poor.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7237-IND: Rural Roads Sector III (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Rural Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 130.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Supplementary)
Date Approved : 22 December 2009

The TA social safeguard team has identified the need for 2,608 man-days to complete social safeguard tasks under the TA, including (i) completion of the process of transect walk for 500 kilometer (km) sample (100 km from each of the five states – Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, and West Bengal); and (ii) census survey and consultation with affected persons from each of the sample roads. Initially, it was supposed that the cost of these activities would be shared between the TA Consultant and the existing Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) engaged by the participating states. However, in the course of TA implementation it turned out that existing PICs cannot take up this task under their existing contracts with the states. Engaging of new PICs would require additional 8 months and it would lead to the delay with the preparation of the Project, approval of which is currently scheduled for the first quarter of 2011. Thus, an increase in the TA amount is perceived to be the most effective option to complete the TA on time. The increase in TA amount will provide additional

funding to cover the total cost of the social safeguard task and allow its completion under the current social safeguard consultant's contract.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultant's work is ongoing.

TA-7364-INO: Flood Management in Selected River Basins (Phase II)

Executing Agency : Directorate General of Water Resources
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 10 January 2007
Date Approved : 12 October 2009

The Project will support the implementation of the Government's integrated river basin management (IRBM) program in conformity with the ADB's water policy, "Water for All", and initiatives to promote integrated water resources management. The Government's IRBM program emphasizes a participatory approach to the management of the river basins in a decentralized administrative and fiscal framework. The salient aspects of the Project include: (i) development of the legal, policy and strategic planning network; (ii) institutional and organizational strengthening and capacity building of sector agencies to manage floods and reduce flood risks; (iii) implementation and rehabilitation of (a) physical/structural flood management works and (b) watershed management and conservation programs to reduce the physical and environmental impact of flooding; (iv) community empowerment and initiation of community-based flood risk management programs to reduce social impact of floods; (v) enhancing the quality and availability of data and information to manage floods and reduce flood risks; and (vi) program management.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7453-INO: Polytechnic Development

Executing Agency : Ministry of National Education
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 12 December 2008
Date Approved : 15 December 2009

The project will support Indonesia's economic development by increasing the supply of quality, middle-level skilled workers by improving the relevance of programs taught at polytechnics, and improving links between polytechnics and industry/business. The project will contribute to making the polytechnic system more responsive and more relevant to labor market demand. At the system level, the project is expected to achieve: (i) an expanded role for the private enterprise sector in the planning and development of polytechnics; (ii) development of skills standards for selected sectors that specifically identify competencies for senior secondary and polytechnic levels; (iii) mobilization of additional resources, from private enterprise and local government, to finance polytechnics adequately and (iv) development of a labor market information system to guide polytechnic development, especially at the local level. At the institution level, the project is expected to achieve: (i) improved structure and governance of the polytechnic system to encourage institutional autonomy, effective decision-making and better resource allocation; (ii) greater polytechnic program flexibility and curricular relevance; (iii) an improved system for qualifying polytechnic and vocational school instructors and (iv) a system for the joint establishment, by local governments and Directorate General of Higher Education, of local polytechnics that meet national quality standards.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7409-KAZ: Aktau-Beineu Road

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Transport and Communications
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	600.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	4 December 2009
Date Approved	:	8 December 2009

The Aktau-Beineu Road in Mangystau Oblast of western Kazakhstan is the primary route for trade – Kazakhstan's economic backbone. However, the road's poor surface hampers trade and the economy in the region. The Project will help reconstruct the existing 470 km Aktau-Beineu Road in the oil-rich region of western Kazakhstan, to fully realize the country's potential for economic growth. TA consultants will (i) duly review the engineering design, technical standards, alignment, and procurement documentation, following ADB's guidelines and policies as well as Kazakhstan's standards and regulations; and (ii) assist the executing agency (EA) in public consultations and socioeconomic surveys to ensure that local residents' needs are incorporated in the project design. The outcome of the TA will be the agreed design and feasibility study that will make the Project suitable for ADB financing and in accordance to Kazakhstan national standards and regulations.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7368-KGZ: Transmission and Distribution Metering (Small-scale)

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Industry, Energy and Fuel Resources
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	21 October 2009
Date Approved	:	30 October 2009

The TA will prepare a project which will install accurate, tamper-proof wholesale meters and auxiliary substation equipment at key interfaces between the (i) generation company/licensees and the transmission company/large consumers; (ii) the transmission company and the distribution companies/licensees/large consumers, and (iii) Kyrgyz Republic and its neighboring countries. It is anticipated that the Project will constitute the first phase of a comprehensive metering program, whereas subsequent phases are envisaged to include development of a communication system for automated data acquisition and installation of a supervisory control and data acquisition system. The phased development program will be developed under the TA. As non-physical components of the Project, the TA will also devise: (i) an appropriate metering and billing system concept to effectively use the new network of meters, (ii) a new organization responsible for the maintenance and integrated operation of the new metering and data acquisition system, and (iii) a training and support program.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7359-KIR: Tarawa Sanitation Improvement

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Works and Public Utilities
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	850.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	2 October 2009
Date Approved	:	1 October 2009

The TA will contribute to improved health and reduction of chronic water-borne illness and diseases amongst South Tarawa communities, particularly in the low income urban settlements through enhanced access to safe water, and safe and effective sanitation. It will: (i) provide data

on the condition of water supply system and water usage patterns in South Tarawa to enhance water supply planning; (ii) confirm the groundwater reserves in North Tarawa; (iii) prepare a strategy to significantly increase the collection and use of roof water; (iv) build Public Utilities Board capacity in asset management and leak detection, and prepare an ongoing program to minimize leakage from the water supply network; (v) develop a strategy to improve sanitation in South Tarawa; (vi) prepare feasibility studies for remedial works to sewerage, saltwater system and outfalls where necessary; and (vii) implement a community education and awareness program on sanitation, hygiene, and safe water usage. An investment project will be developed under the TA. Delivery of the project is envisaged to be through a sector approach with core and candidate subprojects from components identified during the TA, in consultation with key stakeholders.

Status of Consulting Services : Procurement is currently on hold pending the development of a sector roadmap by the Pacific Infrastructure Advisory Center. The roadmap will provide the basis for amendments to the TA design to enable better alignment with other donor partners' activities in the sector.

TA-7362-LAO: Northern Rural Infrastructure Development

Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
TA Amount (\$'000) : 800.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 26 June 2009
Date Approved : 12 October 2009

The proposed Project to be designed under the TA will promote: (i) small to medium scaled investments in rural infrastructure to enhance productivity, improve market access, and strengthen resilience to climate change; (ii) producer organizations in scaling-up value added agriculture production and marketing activities to benefit from the improved access – particularly in promoting cross-border trade in agricultural products; (iii) village land-use planning to promote sustainable production, and (iv) improved agricultural productivity through the delivery of farmer-driven agricultural extension support services (including seed production and multiplication, post-harvest handling of agricultural produce, and renewable energy through biogas generation). Community ownership of facilities and participation in their maintenance will be promoted by identifying realistic approaches to service fees, labor-based appropriate technologies, etc. In particular, the proposed Project will assist the Government to better confront the challenges of increasing regional and global integration in circumstances of low sector productivity, prevalent poverty and natural resource fragility compounded by climatic variability, and will strengthen overall sector governance conditions (through the support provided to producer organizations).

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7449-MON: Regional Transport Development

Executing Agency : Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 3 December 2009
Date Approved : 15 December 2009

The ADB strategy for Mongolia identifies the underdeveloped transport network and inefficient cross-border transport as major transport sector issues. The regional cooperation strategy and program update for Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation identifies transport as a

strategically important priority, and a key intervention for possible ADB assistance. The sector assistance program evaluation also identified transport as a key area for future support. Under the overall framework for promoting sustainable development and inclusive growth in Mongolia, an improved, efficient, competitive, reliable, and safe transport system will be developed in Mongolia. The TA's final report will (a) prepare a project loan for the second phase of the Western Regional Road Project, including the specific components to be financed by ADB and the Government; (b) prepare a project loan for developing a logistics facility in Ulaanbaatar to be financed by ADB and the Government; and (c) conduct a comprehensive review of the civil aviation sector and prepare a sector development plan (2010-2020). The TA will take into consideration all previous studies done by the Government, ADB, other multilateral agencies, and bilateral agencies.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-4893-NEP: Kathmandu Valley Water Distribution, Sewerage, and Urban Development (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Physical Planning and Works
TA Amount (\$'000) : 273.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 1 July 2009
Date Approved : 19 June 2009

In accordance with the associated ADB loan-funded institutional reforms, the Government has achieved substantial progress in the water services sector of Kathmandu Valley over the last three years, including the separation of asset ownership from management, establishment of an independent regulator commission for regulating the water tariffs, and setting up an autonomous water utility company under the Companies Act. Three key entities, namely: (i) the Kathmandu Valley Water Supply Management Board (KVWSMB), asset owner of water and wastewater systems within Kathmandu Valley; (ii) the Water Supply Tariff Fixation Commission responsible for the economic regulation of the sector; and (iii) the Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited in charge of operating the assets under lease and license from KVWSMB, have been established and are fully functional. The additional funding will finance (i) a comprehensive survey to establish technical data regarding the water demand and supply and other operational, financial, social and environmental and human resources indicators for the water and wastewater services delivery in Kathmandu Valley and (ii) training of officials and decision makers from the three reformed entities to be trained, through exposure visits to other utilities in the world where similar models of institutional set-up and public-private participation are in operation for the water sector.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7411-NEP: Road Connectivity

Executing Agency : Ministry of Physical Planning and Works
TA Amount (\$'000) : 600.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 5 August 2009
Date Approved : 7 December 2009

The TA will deliver: (i) Feasibility Studies for 300 km of Strategic Road Network roads for the proposed Road Connectivity Project, comprising technical, economic, financial, and safeguard analysis, including (a) involuntary resettlement screening and impact categorization checklists; (b) draft resettlement plans; (c) consultation and participation plan; (d) indigenous peoples screening and impact categorization checklist; (e) summary poverty reduction and social

strategy; (f) indigenous peoples development plans, if necessary; (g) gender strategy; (h) complementary poverty reduction program; (i) environmental screening and impact categorization checklist; (j) environmental assessment (initial environmental examination and environmental impact assessment) reports; (ii) capacity assessments of the proposed IA for the ensuing loan in particular in the areas of procurement and financial management; and (iii) on-the-job training and knowledge transfer to advance project readiness in line with the subsequent preparation of Detailed Design to ensure awards of the first civil works contract simultaneously with loan effectiveness.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7412-PAK: Ensure Due Diligence and Prepare PFRs for Islam, Khanki, Sulemanki, and Trimmu Barrages of MFF 2299/2300-PAK: Punjab Irrigated Agriculture Investment Program (Small-scale)

Executing Agency : Punjab Irrigation and Power Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 18 November 2009
Date Approved : 4 December 2009

The objective of the TA is to finalize the preparation and sequencing of periodic financing requests for Islam, Khanki, Sulemanki, and Trimmu Barrages under the Punjab Irrigated Agriculture Investment Program (PIAIP). It will provide (i) due diligence on the feasibility studies, detailed design, tender documents, and implementation arrangements among others to ensure compliance with ADB policies and guidelines; (ii) additional inputs where required for project and periodic financing request (PFR) preparation to ensure compliance with ADB policies and guidelines; (iii) support to the Governments of Punjab and Pakistan as required for internal approvals of the proposed projects; and (iv) the finalized composition, sequencing, and preparation of PFRs 2 and 3 (and possibly 4) under the Investment Program for approval by ADB. The TA will further implementation of the PIAIP that supports economic growth and increased sustainability of water and land resources.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7382-PAL: Sanitation Sector Development

Executing Agency : Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce
TA Amount (\$'000) : 700.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 28 May 2009
Date Approved : 20 November 2009

The TA will: (i) prepare a fully costed and prioritized sanitation master plan for the Koror and Airai area, and (ii) develop an investment project incorporating high priority components identified in the sanitation master plan. The Sanitation Sector Development Project will benefit from the preparatory assessments already undertaken by the Babeldaob Water Supply Project Preparatory TA and will complement the creation of a water supply and sanitation utility with capacity development in sanitation and the sewerage system operations. TA impact is efficient, effective, and affordable sanitation services. Strengthening basic infrastructure will facilitate tourism sector investment in Palau and particularly in Koror, the country's center of tourism activity. It will improve the health and security of the resident population currently experiencing sewerage outflows. Environmental risks of the treatment works will also be mitigated through

this activity. The works will be prepared with climate change risk considerations to ensure further environmental protection and sustainability.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7109-PHI: Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Sector Development Program (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Department of Environment and Natural Resources
TA Amount (\$'000) : 291.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Supplementary)
Date Approved : 15 October 2009

Additional funding has been sourced from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for a Project Preparatory Grant (PPG). The PPG provides for recruitment of national and international consultants whose key activities will include technical, social, institutional and financial assessments and participatory planning processes to prepare and validate the design of the GEF funded components and linkage with the full project. The expected output is a full-sized project document to be submitted to GEF Chief Executive for endorsement prior to May 2010. The increase in financing will enhance the TA by providing adequate resources for a broader range of analytical inputs on crucial thematic and sectoral issues. It will also be used to promote greater local stakeholder involvement through workshops and consultations in the selected river basins.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7367-PHI: Pasig River Catchment Sewerage

Executing Agency : Manila Water Company, Inc. (MWCI)
TA Amount (\$'000) : 300.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 6 November 2009
Date Approved : 26 October 2009

As one of two private sector concessionaires of the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System, MWCI is focused on adopting a comprehensive wastewater management program known as the Three River Master Plan (TRMP) in the east zone of Metro Manila. MWCI aims to reduce the impact of domestic water pollution by expanding wastewater treatment coverage to 100% in MWCI's concession area. The three rivers are Marikina, San Juan and Pasig Rivers, which serve as the main waterways and conveyance of water pollution in Metro Manila and eventually drain into Manila Bay or Laguna Lake. The TRMP also intends to provide sanitation services to all households located in MWCI's concession area. The TA will partially fund a feasibility study covering one of the components of the TRMP, which is the Pasig River Catchment Sewerage Project. The feasibility study will include (i) an assessment of the demand and supply for sewerage and sanitation services, (ii) an evaluation of various options for the provision of sewerage and sanitation services, (iii) an identification of risks and hazards for various options, (iv) a proposal for the most efficient sewerage and sanitation network system to implement, (v) preparation of risk mitigation plan, and (vi) a recommendation of least-cost option to ensure sustainability of the Project.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7468-PHI: Support for Conditional Cash Transfers (Small-scale)

Executing Agency	:	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	200.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	28 December 2009
Date Approved	:	21 December 2009

As part of its social reform effort, the Government launched a pilot conditional cash transfer (CCT) program (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, 4Ps) in 2008. The program focuses on supplementing the income of the poorest households in selected municipalities to reduce the current level of poverty while also supporting their human capital development to reduce their level of future poverty. The program was launched in February 2008 with 6,000 household beneficiaries in four pilot municipalities and two cities in the Philippines. Results from the pilot showed that school enrollments and attendance rates increased significantly and elementary school completion rates increased from 67.5% to 73%, the number of children who received deworming pills increased by 21.42%, and the total number of women with complete prenatal visits increased by 45.38%. In response to the global economic crisis, the government decided to accelerate and augment the program. From February 2008 to September 2009 the program scaled up to cover 255 municipalities and 15 cities in 45 provinces, with more than 700,000 household beneficiaries enrolled. DSWD envisions the program becoming the backbone of its social protection framework and is currently scaling it up to more than 1 million households, covering a total of about 20% of the country's poor households and expanding the current program by an additional 35 provinces, 441 municipalities and 41 cities. The Government has requested ADB assistance to finance the expansion of the program, and assist with mapping capacity building needs at the national and local levels to ensure efficient implementation of the scaled up program. The TA's outcome is an agreed-upon design for supporting the 4Ps program and the social reform agenda of DSWD that is suitable for ADB financing.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7400-PNG: Strengthening Rural Primary Health Services Delivery

Executing Agency	:	National Department of Health (NDOH)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	600.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	18 June 2009
Date Approved	:	4 December 2009

The TA will aim at (i) equitable access to quality primary healthcare services (by geography, economic and social status and gender aspects), including HIV interventions, by rural communities in PNG, and (ii) effective delivery of rural primary healthcare services. Working closely with the established 'working group' and 'advisory' committees under NDOH, the TA will facilitate the development of a 'master plan' or policy framework on reform or restructuring of rural primary healthcare services, including costing of associated reform initiatives. The development of the primary healthcare 'master plan' will build on the vision and initial ideas of NDOH and the Secretary of Health to revitalize the healthcare system in rural areas by upgrading and rationalizing the largely non-functional village health aid-posts to 'community health posts' or other form of community based health facility with direct referral to district or provincial hospital.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7108-PRC: Chongqing Urban-Rural Infrastructure Development Demonstration (Supplementary)

Executing Agency	:	Chongqing Municipal Government
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	100.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	12 January 2010
Date Approved	:	28 December 2009

The Project is the first ADB-financed urban-rural development demonstration project in Chongqing which covers eight poverty counties and will be implemented by 13 implementing agencies (IAs) with low capacity to implement multisector components. Support of two individual consultants is required to help the EA and IAs in the preparatory activities and to ensure a more efficient project implementation. The consultant will provide assistance in undertaking activities, timeline and requirements for procurement (preparation of bidding documents) and ensuring safeguards compliance of each IA is required. Based on assessment done during the loan fact-finding, the IAs will need assistance in the procurement process since this is their first ADB loan and they are not yet familiar with ADB procedures. For safeguards, the specialist will be required to ensure that the implementation of environmental actions and resettlement required are closely monitored. Given also that this is a demonstration project, the consultants will prepare a knowledge product to document the project experience which will be used by the EA and other local governments.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7339-PRC: Hunan Xiangjiang Inland Waterway (Supplementary)

Executing Agency	:	Hunan Provincial Communications Department
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	1,000.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	3 December 2009
Date Approved	:	15 December 2009

The proposed Project will significantly reduce the cost of inland waterway transport in Hunan. This will be achieved by supporting the implementation of two major components of the Xiangjiang River Master Plan. Component 1, the Tugutang Complex, consists of the development of a navigation-cum-hydropower complex at Tugutang, about 4.2 km downstream of the Hengnan Bridge in Hengnan County in the upper reaches of the Xiangjiang River. This will create the storage of water that would provide a constant minimum water depth in the channel to allow navigation by 1,000 deadweight-tonnage vessels. Component 2, the New Zhuzhou Port, will provide the necessary port capacity in Zhuzhou municipality to meet the increased traffic demand after the completion of the Xiangjiang River Master Plan. The new port will replace the two existing berths located in the city center. The Project will also contribute to poverty reduction in Xiangjiang River Basin by generating economic and employment opportunities through improved waterway transportation. The TA will produce agreed design and implementation arrangements suitable for ADB financing for an inland waterway transport project. Its main activities will include: (i) project preparation activities for the Tugutang Navigation and Hydropower Junction development and Zhuzhou Port, and (ii) institutional strengthening activities.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7360-PRC: Guangxi Beibu Gulf Cities Development

Executing Agency	:	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government
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TA Amount (\$'000) : 700.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 16 July 2009
Date Approved : 1 October 2009

The project is expected to accelerate the economic development of Guangxi Beibu Gulf Economic Zone and stimulate Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region economy by improving the urban investment climate, promoting international trade and commerce, improving the standard of living, assisting the urban poor, hastening the regional solidarity, and ensuring border stability. It will promote regional trade and cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and benefit from the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area to deepen the strategic relationship between the PRC and the ASEAN region. The expected outputs of the TA are: (i) an inception report outlining the overall implementation plan of the TA within the first month of consultant mobilization; (ii) an interim report confirming the selected subprojects with a detailed assessment of the project at the midpoint stage along with key policy and specific project-related issues and results of training and workshops for subproject cities and Project Management Office within the third month of consultant mobilization; (iii) environmental and social safeguard requirements within the fifth month of consultant mobilization; (iv) a draft final report with a detailed assessment of the technical, financial, economic, environmental, social, and institutional aspects of the Project within the sixth month of consultant mobilization; (v) best practice strategy for infrastructure development of cities in the Beibu Gulf Zone to ensure better integration and economic synergy and explore private sector participation; and (vi) a final report within the eighth month of consultant mobilization.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7416-PRC: Inner Mongolia Road Development

Executing Agency : Inner Mongolia Communications Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 600.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 1 December 2009
Date Approved : 4 December 2009

The TA shall produce a mutually agreeable project design and scope, schedule, and implementation plan that is justified by the Project's expected merits, ensures that the Project's benefits are commensurate with its costs, and that the Project supports the PRC's and the ADB's development strategies. It will (i) validate the feasibility studies; (ii) conduct the economic and financial analyses; (iii) in cooperation with the EA, determine areas where the TA will support the Inner Mongolia road sector and enhance the benefits delivered by the proposed project road; and (iv) ensure that the EA adheres to ADB's 2009 Safeguard Policy Statement covering environmental, resettlement, and ethnic minority issues during project planning and preparation. The impact of the proposed Project would be a more efficient and sustainable regional transport network leading to improved regional trade and cooperation, improved economic opportunities, better access to healthcare, education, and other social services for local residents, and enhanced economic growth by facilitating the further development of the area's natural resources and tourism potential..

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7440-PRC: Xi'an Urban Road Network Improvement

Executing Agency : Xi'an Municipal Urban and Rural Construction Commission
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0

Business Opportunities Listing : 20 November 2009
Date Approved : 14 December 2009

Xi'an has experienced rapid growth in recent years. However, the rapid urbanization has also put great pressure on its infrastructure. Transport demand, in particular, has grown much faster than economic growth. The gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate has averaged 15% per year since 2000. Xi'an will soon have a mature and reasonably comprehensive and high capacity transport infrastructure. In the next phase, Xi'an should develop policies and measures to manage these systems efficiently and to integrate private vehicles, buses, and subways. Passengers need to be able to transfer efficiently between modes and access the new public transit systems easily. In addition, demand on the increasingly crowded road network needs to be shifted to higher capacity public transit modes to maximize the returns on Xi'an large investments in public transit infrastructure and prevent increasing vehicle ownership from overwhelming the road network. Non-motorized transport such as walking and cycling will be a key to coordinate urban transport modes in Xi'an. Traffic demand management (TDM) and the provision of traveler information can bridge the gap between modes and promote efficient multimodal coordination to induce travelers into using the new priority bus services and subway system. The Project will provide support to integrate the urban transport modes by introducing TDM measures and intelligent transport systems. Measures that promote safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle access and egress will help to ensure the success of major ongoing investments in road, bus and rail networks. The TA will produce an agreed design and implementation arrangements for the Project suitable for ADB financing.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7363-SRI: Sustainable Power Sector Support II

Executing Agency : Ministry of Power and Energy/Ceylon Electricity Board
TA Amount (\$'000) : 800.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 9 July 2009
Date Approved : 13 October 2009

Sri Lanka's power sector struggles to meet the growing demand for electricity to which about 20% of households have no access. The entire demand growth has been served by oil-fired thermal generation that increased to 58% in the power generation mix and poses a serious threat to the country's energy security and the environment. The transmission system is currently too weak to meet growing demand in the regions. There is an urgent need to develop clean energy and indigenous renewable energy resources, undertake loss reduction efforts, and address energy efficiency issues. The TA aims at preparing a feasibility study for the ensuing project that will further support sustainable development of the power sector of Sri Lanka in line with the national and sector priorities, and ADB's Country Partnership Strategy. The proposed project will explore (i) transmission system strengthening in the Northern, Eastern and Southern parts of the country to further improve its energy efficiency and enable rural electrification; (ii) rural distribution system improvement to provide access to electricity for the poor and rural households in about 120 remote villages in the Eastern Province where the electrification ratio of 58.6% is the lowest among all Sri Lanka provinces and is well below the average national electrification ratio of about 80%; and (iii) energy efficiency and renewable energy component to explore options for demand side and supply side management. The proposed project is expected to improve reliability and efficient use of power through making more on-grid power available to support economic growth and poverty reduction.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7370-TAJ: Regional Power Rehabilitation

Executing Agency	:	Barki Tajik Joint Stock Holding Company
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	500.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	16 October 2009
Date Approved	:	4 November 2009

The objective of the TA is to prepare an Investment Project that will improve the reliability and the operation of the Central Asian power transmission system and enhance intercountry power trading. It will prepare the project that will enhance electricity interconnections with Afghanistan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan through: (i) replacement of equipment in 500 kilovolt (kV) and 220 kV substations that are important for regional power transmission; and (ii) expand 220 kV network to improve reliability of connections with Afghanistan and the Kyrgyz Republic. The TA will look into the opportunities for nonphysical investments which will be an integral part of the Project and will focus on the improvements in operational efficiency of the electricity sector. It will also define potential conditionalities that will apply to loan effectiveness and disbursement. In order to further alleviate winter deficit problem, the TA will explore the potential activities for energy efficiency improvements.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7444-THA: Lamthakong Wind Farm Development (Small-scale)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	160.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	22 February 2010
Date Approved	:	8 December 2009

The impact of the TA will be to demonstrate the feasibility of a large-scale (90 megawatt), private sector wind farm in Thailand. Given that no large-scale wind farms exist currently in Thailand, the TA is expected to have significant catalytic effect by demonstrating the feasibility of a replicable concept, and to unlock further private sector investments in wind energy projects in Thailand. The outcome of the TA will be the development of a private sector investment of a 90 MW wind farm in Lamthakong, in Northern Thailand, based on the detailed technical data, design and analysis provided by the feasibility study, so that a project structure can be agreed between Eurus Energy Japan Corporation, ADB, and other investors.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7445-THA: Chaipayun Wind Farm Development (Small-scale)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	160.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	10 December 2009
Date Approved	:	8 December 2009

The impact of the TA will be to demonstrate the feasibility of a large-scale (90 megawatt), private sector wind farm in Thailand. Given that no large-scale wind farms exist currently in Thailand, the TA is expected to have significant catalytic effect by demonstrating the feasibility of a replicable concept, and to unlock further private sector investments in wind energy projects in Thailand. The outcome of the TA will be the development of a private sector investment of a 90 MW wind farm in Chaipayun, in Northern Thailand, based on the detailed technical data,

design and analysis provided by the feasibility study, so that a project structure can be agreed between Eurus Energy Japan Corporation, ADB, and other investors.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7240-UZB: Water Supply and Sanitation Services (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Uzbekistan Communal Services Agency
TA Amount (\$'000) : 350.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Supplementary)
Date Approved : 7 December 2009

The TA aims to prepare a multitranche financing facility investment program (the Investment Program) to improve the water supply and sanitation services in Uzbekistan. The Investment Program was approved by the Board on 29 September 2009. The feasibility study report for tranche 1 investment is being reviewed by the Government. According to the approved Investment Program, tranche 2 investments are expected to be processed and approved by ADB in 2010. The Government wants to expedite implementation of the Investment Program and requests ADB to advance the preparation of tranche 2 investments. The increase in TA amount will provide additional resources needed to undertake the feasibility studies of the tranche 2 investments.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7375-UZB: CAREC Corridor 2 Road Investment Program

Executing Agency : Road Fund, Ministry of Finance
TA Amount (\$'000) : 900.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 5 November 2009
Date Approved : 11 November 2009

The Investment Program will (i) reconstruct 222 km Uzbekistan section of CAREC Corridor 2 Road that is part of the A 380 highway, (ii) strengthen transport logistics, and (iii) improve the road sustainability. The TA's main impact will be an integrated, efficient, and safe road network in Uzbekistan and improved regional connectivity. The TA outcome will be a completed design of the Investment Program and feasibility study for the tranche 1 project. This will lead to improved roads that will enhance national and international transport connectivity, expand trade, and create new business opportunities. The TA outputs are comprised of (i) due diligence reports on the Investment Program, including a road sector analysis, sector roadmap, policy framework, investment plan, financing plan, safeguards frameworks, and a design and monitoring framework (DMF); and (ii) due diligence reports for the tranche 1 project, including project scope, cost estimates and financing plan, economic analysis, environment and social assessments, poverty and social analysis, implementation arrangements, outline terms of reference for consultants, and a DMF.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7464-VIE: Third Financial Sector Program – Subprogram II

Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 14 December 2009
Date Approved : 18 December 2009

The TA will provide technical support and facilitate needed capacity building to promote financial sector reforms under subprogram II of the Third Financial Sector Program. It will contribute to improved efficiency of supervision of the banking system and enhance non-bank financial intermediation through support for a wide range of markets and institutions. It will build on the achievement of Subprogram I, Third Financial Sector Program Loan in the development of markets for Government debt and the money market, promote investor protection in equity markets through improved capacity of the security market regulator, strengthen regulatory and supervisory capacity in insurance subsector, facilitate implementation of better auditing and accounting standards and practices, and support other areas of non-bank financial intermediation through a strategic approach and road-map for the development of the financial sector over the medium and long term.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7480-VIE: Northern Chu and Southern Ma Rivers Irrigation System

Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 800.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 17 July 2009
Date Approved : 18 December 2009

The TA will prepare a five-year investment program to rehabilitate and develop irrigation areas covering a target area of approximate 30,000 hectares of paddy to benefit poor farmers within the Northern Chu and Southern Ma area of the Thanh Hoa Province, presently estimated to cost VND 4,200 billion (\$250 million equivalent) based on 2006 estimates which are currently being updated). ADB's CPS has programmed an Asian Development Fund loan of \$80 million for approval in 2011 to finance the proposed project, and the Government may wish to seek additional official development assistance cofinancing. The proposed investment project will emphasize a participatory, process-oriented and integrated approach to water resources development. The project will also aim to: strengthen irrigation management, operation and maintenance; improve water use efficiency; and improve agricultural production through agricultural extension and capacity building of provincial project management agencies, irrigation management companies and water user associations, in support of the government's decentralization policies.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-6438-REG: Implementation of the Technical Support Facility under the Carbon Market Initiative (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Supplementary)
Date Approved : 19 June 2009

As of May 2009, the TA is assisting over 40 projects across ADB operations. Through a team of international and national consultants, the TA has provided capacity building, due diligence, and documentation support, including trainings on Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), identification of potential CDM projects, preparation of CDM assessment reports and project design documents, assistance in securing host country approval, and development of new CDM methodology. The supplementary financing will help the TA's Technical Support Facility attain the TA objective of expanding support to additional countries and sectors whose CDM potential

remains fully or largely untapped. With sustained funding existing project pipeline is expected to increase by approximately 20-30 projects every year, reaching 100 projects by 2011.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7459-REG: Greater Mekong Subregion Biodiversity Conservation Corridors

Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment (Cambodia), Water Resources and Environment Agency (Lao PDR) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Viet Nam)

TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,000.0

Business Opportunities Listing : 21 October 2009

Date Approved : 17 December 2009

The TA is in line with the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) 10-Year Strategic Framework's thrust: "Protection the environment and promoting sustainable use of shared natural resources." The project will contribute to ADB's Regional Cooperation and Integration strategy's pillar 4: Cooperation in Regional Public Goods. The ensuing investment will involve coordinated actions for addressing environmental consequences of current and planned GMS and national economic corridor investments in transport, energy/hydropower, tourism and natural/mineral resource sector investments to the tune of over \$5 billion in the economic corridors. In many areas of the subregion, the extent of poverty is directly related to the degradation of natural resources on which the poor are heavily dependent. Sustainable environmental management is a critical aspect of the poverty reduction strategies in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam, since natural resources directly serve as the source of livelihood for over half of the population in these countries. The TA's outcome will be an agreed design for Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Project in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam that will sustain livelihoods and investments in the GMS countries.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000

TA-7369-BAN: Strengthening Macroeconomic and Fiscal Monitoring at the Ministry of Finance (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Finance (MOF)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	6 November 2009
Date Approved	:	29 October 2009

The impact of the TA's activities will be the adoption of analytically sound and appropriate policies and more informed policy decisions at the MOF. The outcome will be enhanced capacity for policy formulation, and macroeconomic and fiscal monitoring. Expected major outputs are (i) strengthening Macroeconomic Wing and Budget Wing at the Finance Division, (ii) completing special studies and exercises on key economic, policy reform and sectoral issues, (iii) strengthening the operations of the public debt management unit at the Finance Division and (iv) addressing emerging financial sector issues with implications for the MOF. It includes specialist assistance to enhance the Finance Division's analytical and policy formulation capabilities.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7481-BAN: Land Use Mapping of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Using Remote Sensing (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency	:	Centre for Environment and Geographical Information Systems
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	75.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	Not required (Single-Source Selection)
Date Approved	:	23 December 2009

The impact of the TA's activities will be informed and sustainable planning and monitoring of development interventions in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). Its outcome will be land use and topographic maps of CHT using remote sensing technology to provide basis for geographical information systems/natural resources database which will enhance capacity of CHT-specific institutions to better plan and monitor natural resources and development interventions. A pilot area (covering 60km X 60km) will be studied in advance (between January and February 2010) to determine quality and accuracy of mapping that can be achieved for rapid ground truthing to verify key classification of land use (e.g. high, medium and low density forest, plough and shifting cultivation areas). The key activities to be undertaken are: (i) preparation of land use map; (ii) preparation of digital elevation model; and (iii) training of resource persons.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7488-CAM: Support for the Preparation of Harmonized Sector Assessments, Strategies, and Roadmaps for Cambodia (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency	:	Cambodia Resident Mission
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	12 January 2010
Date Approved	:	11 December 2009

In line with the continuing efforts of the ADB to enhance development planning and investment programming in Cambodia, the TA will support the preparation of harmonized sector assessments, strategies, and roadmaps (ASRs). The updated sector ASRs will also assist with the policy dialogue and planning between the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and development partners, including ADB, at the sector level, with respect to implementing the strategies outlined in the RGC's updated National Strategic Development Plan, 2009-2013, and the next Cambodia CPS, covering the period 2011-2013. The four sectors/thematic areas to be covered are infrastructure, agricultural and rural development, education, and governance.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7489-LAO: Support for the Preparation of Harmonized Sector Assessments, Strategies, and Roadmaps (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Department of International Cooperation
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 25 February 2010
Date Approved : 17 December 2009

The expected impact of the TA is increased relevance and effectiveness of ADB's support to Lao PDR in line with the Government's socio-economic development plans. The outcome will be a better informed, concise and country-owned partnership underpinned by clear mutual understanding of the Government's reform and development objectives and plans, harmonized sector strategies, roadmaps and results frameworks that employ managing for development results (MfDR) principles. The TA will employ a framework that combines analytical, strategic, roadmap and results framework techniques to help the Government and ADB update key sector developments, identify impacts of ADB's current support program and inform the sector selectivity and focus process required in preparation of the Government's 7th Five-Year Socio-Economic Development Plan and ADB's next CPS. The assistance will also exemplify how MfDR can be mainstreamed into development plans. The sector analytical work and strategy aspects will also form the basis for the selective sector/thematic roadmaps and the country level and sector results frameworks.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7467-PAK: Pakistan Energy Sector Task Force (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Water and Power
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 29 January 2010
Date Approved : 10 December 2009

The Friends of Democratic Pakistan (FODP) Summit meeting in New York in September 2009 recognized the hardship persistent energy shortages impose on the economy and livelihoods. The Summit agreed to support Pakistan in preparing a sustainable and integrated energy plan. Summit leaders mandated ADB to lead in mobilizing international assistance to Pakistan for the energy sector. A Pakistan Energy Sector Task Force comprising FODP members is being established to prepare an action plan and a report on the energy sector, as mandated by the FODP Summit. The TA will support the Energy Sector Task Force to prepare the report and the action plan for presentation at the next FODP Ministerial meeting in 2010. It will support the

development of an efficient and financially sustainable energy sector in Pakistan to overcome challenges posed by energy bottlenecks to growth and poverty reduction.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7482-PHI: Support for the Preparation of Harmonized Sector Assessments, Strategies, and Roadmaps for the Philippines (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 19 January 2010
Date Approved : 12 December 2009

In line with the continuing efforts of ADB to enhance development planning and investment programming in the Philippines, this TA will support the formulation of harmonized sector assessments, strategies, and roadmaps (ASRs). The desired impact of the TA is increased effectiveness and alignment of the Government and ADB sector development plans and programs. The outcome will be a better informed, well-focused, and country-owned development agenda underpinned by clear understanding of the Government's development priorities and harmonized sector ASRs that incorporate managing for development results principles. The outputs will be: (i) sector ASRs; (ii) agreement between the Government and ADB to use the sector ASRs in support of the next Medium Term Philippine Development Plan; and (iii) knowledge products arising from the sector ASRs.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7454-PRC: Strengthening the Legal Framework for Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : People's Bank of China
TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 13 January 2010
Date Approved : 16 December 2009

As requested by the Government, the TA builds upon a previous TA (4824-PRC) to further legal reforms for AML/CFT in the PRC and is provided as additional assistance to the Government. It is targeted at two main areas of the AML/CFT legal framework of the PRC. Component 1 will support technical and comparative analysis of the PRC criminal law to enable prosecution of persons laundering the proceeds of their criminal activities (the so-called self-laundering offence). The analysis under this component will help address the inability of the PRC authorities to carry out such prosecutions by providing: (i) clarification of the current law; and (ii) the basis for legal reform, as appropriate. Component 2 will assist the authorities in developing the law and procedure for implementing financial sanctions requirements under the United Nations (UN) Security Council resolutions which are mandatory for all UN member countries. As part of the international standards for AML/CFT, such financial sanctions requirements are applicable to persons and entities associated with terrorists and terrorist organizations. In assisting the PRC to meet the requirements under the UN Security Councils resolutions, the TA will help ensure that the law and procedure are adequately formulated. This includes incorporating suitable due process elements for providing recourse to persons and entities

affected by these financial sanctions.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7456-PRC: Financing Road Construction and Maintenance after Fuel Tax Reform
(Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Transportation
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 6 January 2010
Date Approved : 16 December 2009

The TA aims to contribute to developing sustainable and equitable funding system for road development in PRC. The TA will assess initial options for financing non-toll road construction and maintenance within the context of the ongoing fuel tax reform. The outcome of the TA will include recommendations to the national Government on the most promising options to be examined in more detail by a further study which is tentatively expected to be undertaken through follow-up TA. The output of the TA will be a report to review and assess a range of options for financing non-toll road construction and maintenance, and recommend the most promising options to be examined in detail.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7484-PRC: Country Environmental Analysis (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 18 January 2010
Date Approved : 22 December 2009

The impact of the TA is improved integrated decision-making between economic development and environmental protection in the PRC, and its outcome is mainstreamed environmental consideration in the preparation of ADB's CPS and the Government's 12th Five-Year Plan (FYP). The primary output is a country environmental analysis update document. Expected results and deliverables include: (i) an updated assessment of status of environment and institutional framework for environmental management; (ii) inputs into the environmental plan for the PRC's 12th FYP; (iii) an assessment of the implications of the CPS on key environmental issues facing the PRC; (iv) specific recommendations and concept papers for environmental lending and nonlending projects; and (v) an assessment of climate change issues facing the PRC including specific recommendations on how the PRC can achieve its new 2020 target for carbon intensity reduction.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7372-VIE: Training in Monetary Policy and Exchange Rate Management (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam (SBV)
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 28 August 2008
Date Approved : 26 October 2009

The intended impact of the TA is greater macroeconomic stability, which is needed if Viet Nam is to sustain strong economic growth and rapid progress in poverty reduction. The expected outcome of the TA is improved macroeconomic management, which is essential to attaining greater macroeconomic stability. To improve macroeconomic management, the TA will seek to enhance the capability of SBF staff to formulate and implement market-based monetary and exchange rate policies. To this end, the following activities will be undertaken: (i) conduct a workshop on international best practices in monetary policy and exchange rate management for SBV staff and other government officials; (ii) organize short-term study tours and 2-4 month secondment of SBV staff members to the central banks of countries whose recent experience in monetary policy and exchange rate management is particularly useful to Viet Nam; and (iii) conduct workshops on macroeconomic analysis and forecasting, liquidity management, exchange rate management, data disclosure, policy communication, and management of capital flows for SBV staff and other government officials.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-6353-REG: Private Sector Development Initiative (Supplementary) (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 160.0
Business Opportunities Listing² : 18 January 2010
Date Approved : 27 November 2009

The additional funds will be used to finance three microfinance related assessments in Fiji, including (i) an evaluation of the microfinance advocacy and sector support services in Fiji, including leadership (i.e. policy advocacy, organization, mainstreaming of gender and other issues, etc.), training (for both microfinance institutions as well as for entrepreneurs) and other areas as appropriate, (ii) an evaluation of microfinance operations in Fiji and the potential for its development, including the development of a greenfield microfinance operation; and (iii) an evaluation of the potential for microinsurance in Fiji in order to develop a plan for growing the microinsurance industry in Fiji, including key potential suppliers, suggestions on product design, requirements for financial education, methods of removing barriers/impediments, regulatory issues, etc.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-6424-REG: Enhancing Effective Regulation of Water and Energy Infrastructure and Utility Services (2nd Supplementary) (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 18 December 2009
Date Approved : 17 December 2009

The TA was approved on 10 December 2007 to improve the design and implementation of water and energy sector reforms by identifying institutional and technical factors that influence the effectiveness of water and energy regulatory reforms in selected developing member countries (DMCs). The countries already covered by the TA are Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Singapore and, possibly, Indonesia

² Supplementary TA was posted to recruit additional consultants.

(Southeast Asia Component) and Palau, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu (Pacific Component). The increase in TA budget will cover (a) an expansion of the scope of the TA by including the water sector in Gujarat, India and (b) the cost of additional participants to the regional workshop, plus the cost of a second regional workshop. These are consistent with the overall objectives, purpose, scope and implementation arrangements under the existing TA.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-6483-REG: Adopting the Supply and Use Framework Towards 1993 System of National Accounts Compliance in Selected Developing Member Countries (Supplementary) (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 220.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Supplementary)
Date Approved : 21 October 2009

A number of measures, including the development of prototype matrices for Supply and Use Tables (SUT) compilation and preparation of specific guidelines and recommendations on conceptual and data issues, have been implemented to ensure that efforts towards compiling consistent and comparable GDP estimates are harmonized. However, it was found during the first data review workshop (DRW) that several constraints still remain. These include: i) the lack of technical capabilities and staff shortages among countries as staff with the necessary skills in national accounts have moved on or left the institution; ii) data constraints including the unavailability of updated benchmark data to derive sufficiently detailed estimates for SUT inconsistencies in data and estimates between years; and iii) budgetary and resource constraints for countries to conduct additional data processing and tabulation required to compile matrices for SUT. In lieu of these constraints, the Development Indicators and Policy Research Division plans to i) undertake additional in-country training with emphasis on hands-on statistical techniques in data compilation, adjustments, transformations and reconciliation that will support the compilation of SUT; ii) provide equipment particularly laptops and/or desktop computers since SUT compilation requires management of voluminous datasets; and iii) provide supplementary assistance for countries to conduct special studies of major industries, data mining, processing, review and validation. The increase in TA amount will cover increased expenses for conducting additional in-country training and regional DRWs which will ensure that participating countries will be able to carry out activities of the TA and sustain their capacity on SUT compilation.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7316-REG: Regional Consultative Process on Prioritization of Agriculture Research and Development Agenda for Asia and Pacific (Research and Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 125.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not required (Single-Source Selection)
Date Approved : 22 June 2009

The impact of the TA will be in the formulation of an agriculture research agenda that will help ensure the attainment of regional food security and a climate change resilient agriculture sector in Asia and Pacific. This will be achieved through this TA's envisaged output of a priority

agriculture and natural resource research agenda (ANRR) for Asia and Pacific incorporated in ADB ANRR and Consultative Group of International Agriculture Research. It will be delivered through an iterative process of e-consultations, meetings, and a regional face-to-face consultation, as well as participation by three Asian representatives in the Global Conference on Agricultural Research and Development (Montpellier, France, March 2010) to ensure inclusion of the formulated agenda for Asia and Pacific.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

TA-7381-REG: Workshops on The Economics of Infrastructure in a Globalized World
(Research and Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 22 February 2010
Date Approved : 19 November 2009

The main outputs of this TA are research papers undertaken by economic experts in the field of infrastructure. The outcome is the dissemination of research findings through the conduct of the workshops and conference. Its impact is more effective policy advice based on rigorous research on the economics of infrastructure. A major conference and two workshops will be organized under the TA. These activities will be jointly organized with leading research institutions and other knowledge and regional departments within ADB. Development experts will be engaged to undertake economic research on the issues identified. The conference will be a two-day event, and will likely be held in Australia. The workshops will be organized as one- or half-day events – one will likely be held in Washington, DC, and another in an ADB DMC.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7406-REG: Support to the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA)
Train the Trainers Workshops (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not applicable
Date Approved : 4 December 2009

CAPA is the recognized regional grouping by the International Federation of Accountants for the accountancy profession in the Asia and Pacific region. The TA will provide financial support for two International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (IFRS for SMEs) "Train the Trainers" workshops to be delivered by CAPA in early 2010. The intensive and interactive 3-day session will provide a detailed understanding of the topic and equip the trainers to replicate the training in their own country. The focus will be (i) developing capacity of DMC's trainers to provide subsequent training on the IFRS for SMEs in their own jurisdiction; (ii) to equip pre-existing local financial reporting trainers in the use of the International Accounting Standards Board training material; (iii) to engage with other stakeholders including legislators and regulators to promote adoption and high quality implementation of IFRS for SMEs; and (iv) to provide a forum for interaction between trainers, for the sharing of experience, and the discussion of common issues in relation to the IFRS for SMEs.

Status of Consulting Services : No consulting services are required.

TA-7407-REG: Managing Climate Impacts on Health in Water and Agriculture Sectors and Disaster Risk Reduction (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	140.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	15 January 2010
Date Approved	:	9 December 2009

The impact of the TA will be strengthened capacity to manage climate-related health risks in the water and agriculture sectors, and in disaster risk management. The TA will increase understanding of the relationship between climate change and health in the water and agriculture sectors, and in disaster risk management, with particular reference to the Asia-Pacific region. The outcomes will be (i) better understanding of the links between impacts of climate change in agriculture and water sector and its consequences for the health of the populations in the Asia-Pacific region; (ii) identification of climate-related health risks/impacts in agriculture and water sector projects, and in disaster risk management (including in early warning systems); (iii) addressing climate-related health risks in the water and agriculture sectors, and in disaster risk management; and (iv) conceptual framework methodology to estimate the costs of climate change on health.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being completed.

TA-7429-REG: Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (Policy and Advisory)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	100.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	Not required
Date Approved	:	11 December 2009

TA funds will be used to initiate pilot activities of an Asia Pacific Health Observatory, an initiative cosponsored by ADB, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization Regional Offices for the Western Pacific (WPRO) and for Southeast Asia (SEARO). Funds will be transferred to the Secretariat of the Observatory, hosted in WPRO. Two international specialists will be recruited by the Secretariat with prior consultation and agreement with ADB, to develop two regional policy briefs. The first policy brief, on health care financing, will discuss users' fees in Asia, their strengths and weaknesses, and policy options to move away from users' fees if this is under consideration by governments. The second policy brief, on human resources for health, will review and assess incentives for a better deployment of health service workers in primary health care settings in Asia and the Pacific. In developing the regional policy briefs, the consultants will review the literature on the topic and consolidate good practices and lessons, with a view to distilling a policy-relevant synthesis of the issues and options. The first draft of the regional policy briefs will be submitted for peer review to independent reviewers as well as to the cosponsors of the initiatives (ADB, World Bank and WHO). The draft will be revised based on comments received from the review process and a final draft will be submitted.

Status of Consulting Services : Letter of Agreement between ADB and the Secretariat is being finalized.

TA-7435-REG: Support to 14th International Anticorruption Conference (Capacity and Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	200.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	21 December 2009
Date Approved	:	11 December 2009

The Ministry of Justice and the National Anticorruption Commission (NACC) of the Royal Government of Thailand will be hosting the 14th International Anticorruption Conference (IACC) on 10-13 November 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. The theme of the Conference is "Restoring Trust: Global Action for Transparency." Altogether, 1,500 participants from over 135 countries are expected to attend the 14th IACC with the heads of states leading the country delegation. Leading experts from civil society, the public, and private sectors will also be invited. As requested by NACC and IACC, the TA will support the preparation and presentation of several papers for the plenary sessions on key themes and subthemes. It will also support the participation of selected officials from ADB DMCs and civil society representatives in the Conference. ADB has also been invited to share its sectoral experience on anticorruption efforts. The content of ADB support will need to be flexible to match the emerging needs of the Conference and the response of other development partners.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7436-REG: Global Crisis, Remittance, and Poverty in Asia (Research and Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	200.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	22 February 2010
Date Approved	:	14 December 2009

The main impact of the TA is increased positive effects of remittances on the economy and household welfare in developing Asia, especially in selected South Asian and Southeast Asian countries covered in this study. The impact emanates from the key expected outcome, which is improved knowledge on the migration and remittances flows and on the understanding of their effects on the economy and household welfare including poverty status. To achieve the outcomes, the research study will produce the following outputs: (a) cross-country study on the impacts of remittances on the economy, considering the effects of the current global crisis; (b) individual country and synthesized reports on the effects of remittances on the economy and household welfare including poverty; (c) a special volume on Remittance and Poverty in Asia by incorporating the study findings and other relevant results from previous studies, if necessary; and (d) Policy Note or Policy Brief highlighting strategic policy implications of the study findings. In addition to these final outputs, there will be intermediary outputs such as questionnaires and manuals of the pilot surveys and focus group discussions (FGDs), case study reports, summary of FGD results, and so on.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7455-REG: Assessing Financial Landscape and Formulating Milestones for Monetary and Financial Integration in ASEAN (Research and Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
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TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 7 January 2010
Date Approved : 17 December 2009

The TA will: (i) define the end-goals of ASEAN financial integration; (ii) review and assess the financial sector landscapes, conditions and policy regimes of ASEAN member countries and the region in terms of financial services liberalization in banking and non-banking financial sectors, capital account liberalization regimes, and capital markets development and evaluate the readiness of the economies to achieve financial integration by 2015; (iii) identify gaps, constraints and challenges that may inhibit the financial integration of ASEAN, including thorough analysis of policy and regulatory issues to achieve integrated financial markets in ASEAN; (iv) specify the preconditions, safeguard measures and new initiatives needed for ASEAN member countries to pursue sound and prudent ASEAN financial integration; (v) assess if concrete timelines have been set for the existing initiatives and if integration is moving toward the set timeframes, and determine if there is a need to accelerate the timeframes to achieve the 2015 targets; (vi) prioritize the complete set of initiatives, including new initiatives needed, to speed up and achieve the end-goals of ASEAN financial integration; (vii) design a comprehensive and step-by-step program for achieving the financial integration of ASEAN, by specifying appropriate implementation milestones, strategic objectives and policy actions with their respective timelines as well as appropriate tools to periodically monitor achievement of the milestones; and (viii) provide best-practiced models based on other regional and country references to be adapted to the ASEAN setting.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultant's work is ongoing.

TA-7457-REG: Enhancing Participation with Civil Society Organizations and Civil Society in ADB Operations (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 25 January 2010
Date Approved : 18 December 2009

ADB's corporate vision under Strategy 2020 is "An Asia and Pacific Free of Poverty," helping its DMCs reduce poverty and improve living conditions and quality of life. ADB will focus on five drivers of change, one of which is partnerships. Civil society organizations (CSOs) are key partners central to ADB operations, influencing and contributing in many ways to these drivers of change. Despite ADB's commitment to partnerships, the number of loans that include cooperation with CSOs decreased last year, following a previously upward trend. The NGO and Civil Society Center proposes a range of solutions focused on developing knowledge products for the DMCs and CSOs, and providing practical training targeted at DMC government officials and CSOs. The TA will facilitate tripartite partnership between DMC government officials, CSOs and ADB by (i) sharing examples of good practice in cooperation with CSOs, (ii) improving dialogue with key civil society actors and partners in the ADB projects, (iii) improved consultation and participation during country programming and policy development and implementation, and (iv) expanding support for DMC officials through increased resident mission cooperation with civil society.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7470-REG: Long-Term Projections of Asian GDP and Trade (Research and Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	15 January 2010
Date Approved	:	23 December 2009

Asia's economic growth during the last 40 years has brought dramatic changes to the region and to the world. The region's rapid economic expansion significantly contributed to the development of the world economy. It is thus in the interests of Asia to develop a long-term view of its future to form a clear idea of its prospective role in the global economy. The main outputs of the TA are long-term projections of GDP and trade for developing Asia and the Pacific. The outcome is an improved understanding of the long-term growth trends of the regional economy to facilitate strategic decision-making that affect a wide range of economic policies. Its impact is more effective policy advice based on tailor made projections for the developing Asian region.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7471-REG: Procurement and Analysis of Survey Data (Research and Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	9 February 2010
Date Approved	:	22 December 2009

The analysis of nationally representative individual and household level survey data is crucial to understanding how policy changes, program interventions, and economic shocks affect poverty and labor market outcomes. Under this TA, ERD will continue its efforts to procure individual and household level survey data from the national statistics offices (NSOs) of its DMCs and make these available for ADB staff through ADB's portal for Statistics Resources. The production of a series of studies and reports will use the most appropriate and rigorous methodological tools to analyze the procured data. The analysis is intended to provide insight on the types of policies that may contribute to reducing poverty and fostering inclusive growth and social development in the Asia-Pacific region. The impact of this TA toward improving inclusive growth in the region is contingent on policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders recognizing the value of making policy decisions based on rigorous evidence-based analysis of poverty issues and barriers to upward mobility.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7474-REG: Strengthening of Judicial Capacity to Adjudicate Upon Environmental Laws and Regulations (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	20 January 2010
Date Approved	:	17 December 2009

The principal impact of the TA would be to improve implementation of environmental law in selected DMCs by developing a roadmap for institutionalizing a system to strengthen the

capacity of judges to apply environmental law and regulations and effectively adjudicate environmental cases. Its primary outcome will be to obtain findings from diagnostic studies on environmental law, and the operation of environmental courts to support or inform the preparation of possible follow up technical assistance. This outcome will be achieved by determining the specific needs for institutionalizing a system for strengthening the capacity of judges to apply environmental law and regulations and effectively adjudicate environmental cases in the PRC and Indonesia, and in developing a subsector roadmap for each country.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS

TA-7390-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction – Madhya Pradesh State Roads III (Subproject 1) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	Department of Economic Affairs
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	600.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	10 December 2009
Date Approved	:	11 September 2009

The expected outcome is an agreed design of the resulting project, in full compliance with ADB and Government policies and requirements for rehabilitated and improved state roads at the intermediate and 2-lane standard. Improving management of the state highway network and the improvement to the road network under the Project will enhance the overall road condition and usability of the state trunk roads, thus increasing travel speeds and reducing travel time, accidents, overloading and vehicle emissions. The Project will also enhance the road sector capacity in road asset development and management, which will improve governance in road administration and accountability and create an environment encouraging competition and efficiency within the road sector agencies and in the construction industry. This will ensure more efficient road asset development and management, and higher quality of construction and maintenance, resulting in decreased recurrent costs over medium and long terms.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7392-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction – Support for the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (Phase II) (Subproject 2) (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	2,200.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	9 September 2009
Date Approved	:	11 September 2009

The purpose of the TA is to provide technical assistance to the MOUD Mission Directorate in the implementation of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), with special focus on consolidating the gains (institutionalizing capacities built and accelerating the momentum relating to urban infrastructure roll-out and urban reforms being undertaken) and addressing key gaps in implementation among others, by supporting states that have lagged in the implementation of JNNURM. The underlying goal of the TA is to maximize the impact of investments and reforms being supported by JNNURM to enable higher quality of urban basic services and faster and sustained economic growth in India. The specific outcome of the TA is to ensure that by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan in 2012, the targeted investments in urban infrastructure and enabling institutional reforms envisaged by JNNURM are achieved effectively.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7410-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction – Capacity Development for Sustainable Coastal Protection and Management (Subproject 3) (Capacity Development, Small-scale)

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Water Resources
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TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 15 December 2009
Date Approved : 4 December 2009

The impact of the TA will be sustainable shoreline protection and management to meet the needs of the stakeholders and environment. Its key outcome is the preparation of an investment program to address the coastal protection and management needs through the implementation of economically viable protection works using environmentally and socially appropriate solutions in the states of Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra. The TA outputs comprise (i) sustainable shoreline management, (ii) an investment program for each state including economically viable and socially and environmentally acceptable solutions, and (iii) financially and environmentally sustainable coastal zone management mechanisms. Key activities include (i) supporting finalization of project designs and interventions, (ii) following up with states and EAs on outstanding issues and implementation arrangements for the project, (iii) conducting environmental assessment and stakeholder consultations, and (iv) conducting a study tour of state officials to familiarize them with coastal protection measures proposed by the project.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7478-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction – Capacity Development of Bihar Power Sector Entities (Subproject 4) (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) and Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC)
TA Amount (\$'000) : 500.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 24 February 2010
Date Approved : 20 November 2009

The TA will assist the Government of Bihar through: (i) Output 1 – Develop capacity in BSEB through assistance and training of the project management unit on loan processing and implementation activities in order to maximize effectiveness of the 2010 proposed loan. Existing project preparatory documentation will be reviewed and updated as appropriate. Work will include capacity development on safeguards monitoring and reporting, bidding document preparation and procurement capacity enhancement. In addition, a needs assessment will be conducted to target the most appropriate training programs in transmission and distribution systems planning and operations, and in billing and management information system enhancement. (ii) Output 2 – Assist BERC in assessing a reporting framework for the power sector entities it oversees, including the available information and data requirements. For both outputs, the TA will include training and computerization to address immediate needs, and will finalize a plan for medium and longer term needs.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-7473-REG: Solar Energy Development in South Asia – Opportunity Assessment (Subproject 1) (Capacity Development)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 540.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 4 December 2009
Date Approved : 22 December 2009

Subproject 1 includes an opportunity assessment and capacity development activities for South Asian DMC representatives. As an initial step, an opportunity for solar energy development in South Asian DMCs will be undertaken to identify the enabling requirements for (i) a policy and regulatory framework; (ii) industry development; (iii) project development; and (iv) research and development with an objective to (a) promote private sector participation, (b) facilitate technology transfer, (c) enhance knowledge sharing, and (d) strengthen institutional capacities of relevant stakeholders. In parallel, past projects in this subsector supported by ADB and other development partners will be analyzed and a summary of lessons and relevant best practices collated. During the opportunity assessment, interview will be conducted with various stakeholders, in particular, international private investors, financing agencies, developers, utilities, consumers, equipment suppliers, and manufacturers. Subsequently, a workshop will be held to share the findings of the opportunity assessment with the government, regulator agencies, and knowledge institutions among participating DMCs in South Asia.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.