

EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE

July - December 2006
Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Semi-Annual Progress update (the Update) summarizes the activities and progress made under the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (PRF) covering the period July – December 2006. This Update includes the summary of portfolio as of 31 December 2006 (Appendix 1) and disbursement progress in the reporting period (Appendix 2). These will be followed by analysis of key achievements in fund management and the work program for the following six months.
2. The Update has been prepared by the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The next Update (January – June 2007) will be submitted in August 2007.

II. OVERVIEW OF PRF PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE

3. **Portfolio Information.** Since the PRF program is closing in March 2008, no more projects have been peer reviewed and all TAs that were under process at the beginning of the year have been approved by June 2006. There were no more new intakes in the 2nd half of the year, and as such, there is no change in the composition of the overall PRF portfolio since the January – June 2006 report. The summary of the PRF portfolio follows:

- **Overall commitment:** A total of 106 TAs in the PRF portfolio amounting to \$56.11 million or 84% of DFID's contribution of £36 million (equivalent to \$66.77 million as of 31 December 2006) have been endorsed for PRF financing. This comprised 89 TAs totaling \$46.90 million for the PRF-HQ and 17 TAs totaling \$9.21 million for the PRC. (See attached Appendix 1 for the detailed list).

	Total Number of TAs	Total Amount of TAs (in US\$ million)
PRF – HQ	89	46.90
PRF-PRC	17	9.21
TOTAL	106	56.11

- **Portfolio composition as of 31 December 2006:** The status of these 106 TAs is: 16 TAs have been completed and financially closed as of end 2006 (11 in PRF-HQ for \$3.73 million and 5 in PRF-PRC for \$1.81 million); Another 9 TAs (8 in PRF-HQ for \$3.40 million and 1 in PRF-PRC for \$0.40 million) have already completed implementation, but are currently in the process of closing their financial obligations — these considered, the total number of completed TAs has reached 25 as of end December. The remaining 81 TAs (\$46.77 million or 84% of the total portfolio) are at various stages of implementation (comprising 70 TAs totaling \$39.77 million for the PRF-HQ and 11 TAs totaling \$7.0 million for the PRF-PRC), of which one TA (*UZB Implementation and Monitoring of policy Reforms in Agriculture Sector*), which was approved in July 2006, has yet to start implementation. This TA is piggybacked to a loan that has yet to be signed by the Government of Uzbekistan. The status is summarized as follows:

STATUS	PRF-HQ		PRF-PRC		TOTAL	
	No.	Amt (US\$mil)	No.	Amt (US\$mil)	No.	Amt (US\$mil)
Under Implementation	70	39.77	11	7.00	81	46.77
On Track	48	29.00	7	4.10	55	33.10
Delayed/Slow	10	5.84			10	5.84
Near Completion	11	4.33	4	2.90	15	7.23
Not Yet Started	1	0.60			1	0.60
Completed (financially closed)	11	3.73	5	1.81	16	5.54
Completed (not financially closed)	8	3.40	1	0.40	9	3.80
TOTAL	89	46.90	17	9.21	106	56.11

- **Portfolio Development.** In view of the fund's scheduled closing in March 2008, it was earlier agreed that no more proposals will be peer reviewed after 31 December 2005. Hence, no new projects were taken in and therefore, there is no change in the overall PRF portfolio composition for the period under review, for both the HQ and PRC windows.
- **ADB Approval.** Although no peer reviews took place after 31 December 2005, the processing of 11 out of 26 peer reviewed and approved project proposals slipped over to 2006. By the end of June 2006, 10 proposals were approved by ADB, while the last PRF-funded TA was approved in July 2006, which is the UZB TA on Implementation and Monitoring and Policy Reform in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector.

4. **Financial Status.** The summary of PRF's financial status follows:

	HQ WINDOW		PRC WINDOW	
Total Initial Contribution (In GBP million)	£	30.00	£	6.00
\$ equivalent as of 31 Dec 2006 (million)	\$	55.42	\$	10.64
Total Committed to ADB TAs (US\$ million)	\$	46.90	\$	9.21
Remittance Received (US million)	12-Nov-02	\$ 4.29	13-Nov-02	\$ 1.10
	4-Apr-05	\$ 4.00	7-Apr-03	\$ 1.00
	7-Oct-05	\$ 4.43	3-Nov-05	\$ 1.50
	28-Dec-05	\$ 5.22	22-Mar-06	\$ 2.11
	11-Jul-06	\$ 11.00	11-Jul-06	\$ 2.00
Total Remittance (US million)	\$	28.94	\$	7.71
Total Disbursements (US million) as of 31 Dec 2006 including admin costs and bank charges	\$	19.68	\$	5.39

- For the **PRF-HQ** window, the value of the PRF fund (including income from investment, interest earned, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions), as of 31 December 2006, was \$55.42 million, out of which, a total of \$28.94 million have already been received by ADB. Of the total contribution, \$46.60 million have been committed to 89 (ADB-approved) TAs, of which \$19.68 million, including administrative costs and bank charges, has been disbursed..
- For the **PRF-PRC** window, the value of the fund as of 31 December 2006, including income from investment, interest earned and gain on foreign transactions, amount to \$10.64 million. Of this, \$7.71 million had been received by the ADB. Of the total contribution, \$9.21 million have been committed to 17

(ADB-approved) TAs, of which \$5.39 million or 58.52% has been disbursed (including administrative costs and bank charges). The details of disbursement in the PRF supported projects are summarized below. The status of grant and statement of TA expenditures is attached as Appendix 2.

5. **Fund Disbursement.** For the period under review, the **PRF-HQ** window disbursed \$6.03 million (to 88 out of the 89 TAs). This is about a 55% percent increase from the disbursement of \$3.90 million in June 2006. The total cumulative disbursement as of 31 December 2006 has now reached \$18.74 million, which is 39.96% of the total committed amount (\$46.90 million). Unutilized funds from the \$28.94 million remitted by DFID as of end December 2006 amounts to \$9.81 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, administrative costs and bank charges).

PRF Fund Actual Disbursement (US\$)
by semester, 2003-2006

	PRF-HQ Window		PRF-PRC Window	
	Actual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative
Jun-03	69,660	69,660		
Dec-03	442,483	512,143		
Jun-04	794,124	1,306,267	113,695	113,695
Dec-04	1,613,340	2,919,607	456,990	570,685
Jun-05	2,379,758	5,299,365	923,763	1,494,448
Dec-05	3,506,472	8,805,837	1,050,026	2,544,474
Jun-06	3,896,027	12,701,864	1,428,720	3,973,194
Dec-06	6,034,725	18,736,589	1,159,037	5,132,231

7. Under the **PRF-PRC** window, total disbursement for the period July – December 2006 amount to US\$1.16 million, a decrease from disbursement of \$1.43 million for period January – June 2006. Total 2006 disbursement however reached \$2.59 million (for 16 out of 17 TAs), a jump of 31.47% from the \$1.97 million disbursement for 2005. The total cumulative disbursement as of 31 December 2006 had now reached \$5.13 million or 55.70% of total committed amount (\$9.21 million). Unutilized funds from the \$7.71 million remitted by DFID as of end December 2006 amounted to \$2.46 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, administrative costs and bank charges).

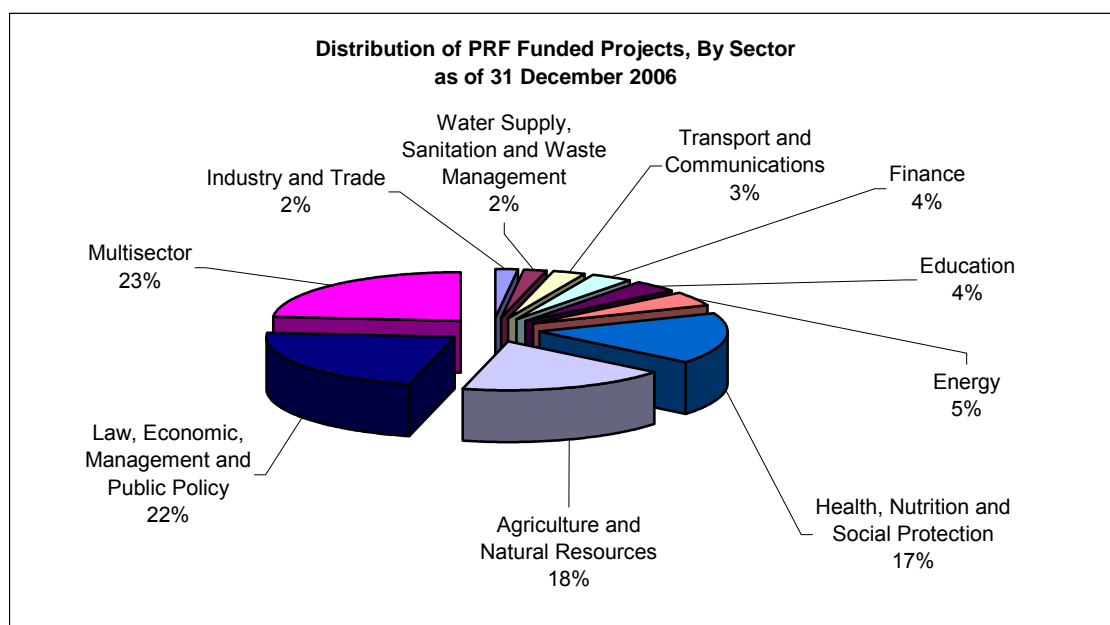
8. **Content Analysis.** Of the total of 106 TAs funded by the PRF, 4 TAs are project preparatory, and the rest are advisory.

By Region. The regional distribution of PRF-funded projects for the period July – December 2006, is as follows:

	TA Number		TA Amount (US\$ mil)	
	Number	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Central and West Asia	15	14%	8.76	16%
East Asia	18	17%	9.46	17%
Pacific	5	5%	2.18	4%
South Asia	15	14%	8.11	14%
Southeast Asia	35	33%	16.70	30%
Regional	18	17%	10.91	19%
TOTAL	106	100%	56.11	100%

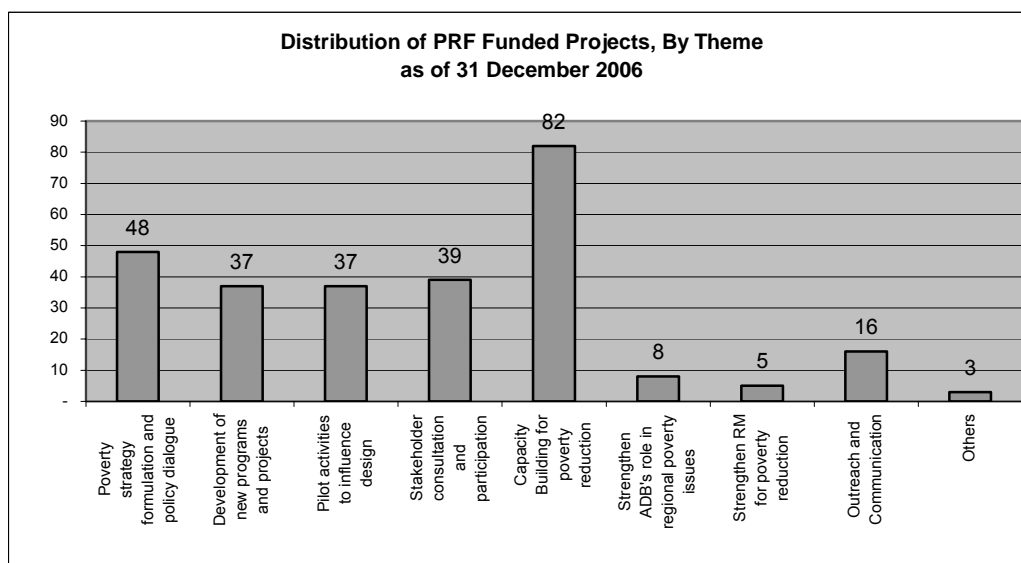
In terms of number and amount, most of the projects are in Southeast Asia with 35 TAs (\$16.70 million), followed by East Asia with 18 TAs (\$9.46 million), all of which except one is in the PRC. 15 projects are each in Central and West Asia (\$8.76 million) and South Asia (8.11 million). 18 projects (\$10.91 million) has a regional coverage and only 5 projects (\$2.18 million) are in the Pacific.

By Sector. The 106 TAs in the PRF portfolio (both HQ and PRC windows) are distributed across ten different sectors, although most of these (23%) are classified as multisector. The next 22% are under the Law, Economic Management and Public Policy sector, 18% in the sector of Agriculture and Natural Resources and 17% in the Health, Nutrition and Social Protection sector.

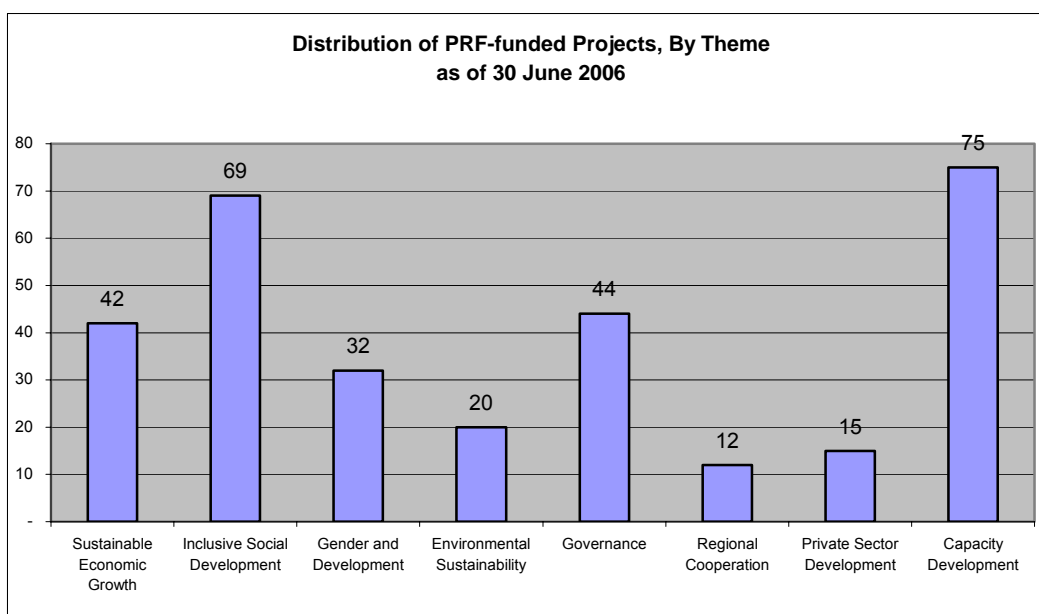


By Type. The PRF identified nine types of interventions and it is possible for each TA to be categorized under more than one type. Out of the 106 TAs funded by the PRF, 82 or 77% have the specific objective to provide capacity building for poverty reduction; 48 or 45% shall provide support to poverty reduction strategy formulation and policy dialogue; 39 or 37% aimed at establishing stakeholder consultation and participation processes; 37 or 35% aimed to develop new programs and projects; and 37 or 35% included pilot

activities to influence design. The other types include strengthening ADB's role in regional poverty issues (8 TAs, 8%); strengthening Resident Missions for poverty reduction (5 TAs, 5%) and support for outreach and communication activities (16 TAs, 15%).



By Thematic Area. The PRF has eight themes to which the TAs are identified (please note that each TA can be identified under more than one theme). The distribution of the 106 TAs funded by the PRF, by thematic area is as follows: Capacity Development, 75 TAs (71%); Inclusive Social Development, 69 TAs (65%); Governance, 44 TAs (42%); Sustainable Economic Growth, 42 TAs (40%); Gender and Development, 32 TAs (30%); Environmental Sustainability, 20 TAs (19%); Private Sector Development, 15 TAs (14%); and Regional Cooperation, 12 TAs (11%).



III. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN FUND MANAGEMENT: JULY – DECEMBER 2006

8. The following summarized the key activities carried out by the ADB for PRF fund management during the period under review:

- **Improved Monitoring of TA Implementation and Disbursement.** The PRF fund management in 2006, especially during the latter part of the year, was largely characterized by the emphasis on close monitoring of TA implementation and disbursement, and on knowledge management. This is in keeping with the agreement made during the 7th NPRS-PRF strategy meeting to closely monitor the implementation and disbursement of PRF-funded TAs to ensure the timely closure of the PRF fund in March 2008. As of 31 December 2006, PRF (both HQ and PRC) provided financing to a total of 106 approved TAs, 81 of which are currently under implementation and 16 of which have been completed. Another 9 TAs have completed the implementation of TA activities and are in the process of being financially closed. One TA that was approved in July 2006 is awaiting the signing of the TA letter for it to become effective¹. Seventy of these 81 TAs are under the **PRF-HQ** window. Of the 70 TAs, 11 are nearing completion, but ten TAs experienced major delays. The remaining 48 TAs, are generally on track. Project officers were constantly reminded of the PRF closing date in March 2008, and that all TA activities should be completed by end of December 2007. This completion deadline is non-negotiable.
- **Completion.** During the period under review, an additional 18 TAs have completed implementation—14 in the HQ and 4 in the PRC. For the **PRF-HQ** window, only six of 14 TAs were financially closed. Financial closings for the remaining eight TAs are in process. The completed and financially closed TAs are: PAK 4015: *Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and poverty Reduction in Punjab*; BAN 4303: *Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation*; SRI 4110: *Community Information Services for the Poor*; VIE 4028: *Transport Services Networks for the Poor*; REG 6120: *Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*; and REG 6130: *Study of Urban Violence in Asia: Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading*.
Those that completed implementation and awaiting financial closing are: SRI 4567: *Sri Lanka Post Tsunami needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies*; CAM 3947: *Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women*; CAM 3955: *Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission*; VIE 4205: *Early Childhood Development for the Poor*; VIE 4252: *Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam*; VIE 4276: *Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam*; REG 6109: *NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction*; and REG 6118: *Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion*.
- For the **PRF-PRC** window, four TAs were completed, three of which were financially closed, i.e. TA 4215: *Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor*; TA 4308: *Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program*; and TA 4402: *Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province*. While TA 4200: *Fund for Strategic Policy Conference and Studies for Poverty Reduction* is awaiting financial closing.

¹ UZB TA 4820: *Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reform in the Agricultural Sector*.

- **Preliminary Outcomes of Completed TAs.** The overall outputs and outcomes of the TAs under the PRF are too early to assess, but some of the completed TAs have exhibited significant influences on DMC policies. Under the PRF-HQ Window, these are:
 - a. PAK 4015: *Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab*, produced a poverty-focused investment strategy, district poverty assessment reports and reports on monitoring and evaluation systems and training needs assessment, all of which laid a very good basis for implementing resource management and development planning strategies in Punjab.
 - b. BAN 4303: *Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation*, has laid a solid framework for monitoring and evaluating progress in poverty reduction. Other donor agencies in partnership with the Government have initiated interventions that built on TA 4303. These include strengthening M&E activities, improvement of poverty measurement techniques and skills training and poverty M&E.
 - c. CAM 3947: *Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women*, has laid the groundwork for ADB's assistance to Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in developing a gender mainstreaming strategy and plan linked to the Agriculture Sector Development Program. This TA also assisted in providing inputs for the formulation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2006-2010 of Cambodia.
 - d. VIE 4205: *Early Childhood Development for the Poor*, led to the development of the government's Early Childhood Development Strategy and the three component reports, (on health and nutrition, education and economic/investment) were used by related departments (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Training, etc.) to advocate and promote childhood development in the country.
 - e. VIE 4276: *Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam*, helped in developing the Social Security for Viet Nam; it also provided a road map for Viet Nam Social Security to improve the parametric design, administration, accounting and the investment practices of the schemes so as to assure its long term sustainability.
 - f. The placement of locally-engaged long-term poverty reduction specialists in ADB resident missions – Cambodia (TA 3955) and Viet Nam (TA 4252) including PAK TA 4277 that is nearing completion, produced favorable results. An independent mid-term review of the PRF completed in March 2005 concluded that the poverty specialists have made a positive contribution to the capacity and profile of the two resident missions visited by the review team (Cambodia and Pakistan). The poverty specialists provided valuable assistance from gathering data to produce accurate statistics on poverty, to creating strategies and action plans on how to address it in their respective countries.
 - g. The regional TA 6109 (*NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction*) had a direct and positive impact on the generation of the first ADB RCSP for the GMS and its subsequent updating; this TA also promoted the participation of Civil Society Organizations in the process of RCSP and CSP preparation and

updating. As to regional TA 6120 (*Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*), this project had a major impact on social protection discussions in the participating countries, and with international MFI rather than inside of ADB.

- h. Pilot projects to influence future design of ADB funded projects have been generally slow for their complexity compared with studies. However, under regional TA 6224 (*Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services*), the two participating countries (Sri Lanka and Viet Nam) have made a commitment to apply the community-level interactive monitoring and evaluation methods to their new projects in the water supply and sanitation sector.
1. In the PRC, PRF TAs continue to support cutting-edge work in PRC poverty reduction, and there is already evidence of broader replication of PRF-supported innovations, including:
 - a. At the request from the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) as its top priority for 2006 TA assistance, ADB will fund flexible “facility-type” support as follow-on to TA 4200 (*Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction*), which funded 22 sub-projects completed under TA 4200.
 - b. TA 4215: *Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor*, provided a strong base for the preparation of future Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) projects. Six case studies were produced, which focused on remote, poor and minority areas, including those with high fluoride/arsenic levels. The TA findings fed into the recommendation for viable models for financing sustainable, pro-poor rural WSS systems and institutional reforms.
 - c. TA 4308: *Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program*, was highly relevant to understanding poverty reduction in grassland areas, where many of the country’s poor reside. In terms of sustainability, the outcome of the work is leading directly to PRC’s 11th Five Year Plan.
 - d. TA 4402: *Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province*, developed a comprehensive heating assistance programs for the urban poor to address burdens of heating bills, which was found to comprise 27% of household monthly incomes in some areas of Liaoning, and an action plan for implementing pro-poor national heating tariff guidelines and improved tariff collection.
- **TAs Nearing Completion.** In addition to the TAs that have been completed as of end December 2006, 11 additional TAs under the PRF-HQ window, are nearing completion. These TAs have completed their TA activities and are either preparing final reports or undertaking wrapping up activities such as preparations for a seminar/workshop to present the TA results. Most of the workshops will be held within the 1st quarter of 2007. These TAs are:
 - a. CAM 4575: *Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (CBIRD)*. Activities under this TA have actually been completed. The TA has produced four project concept papers and developed and printed a business plan/guidebook. Extension of TA completion date was requested, for the wrapping up activities such as publication of TA outputs, launching and

dissemination activities, as well as the setting up of a CBIRD Foundation, the institution that would mobilize the partnership between the rural communities and business associations.

- b. The two TAs in Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ 4405: *Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrgyz Republic* and KGZ 4408: *A Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment*) have completed their actual study components. Final reports will be produced in early 2007.
- c. NEP 4353: *Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project*. All three participating departments – women, livestock and agriculture have agreed to adopt the approaches to policy planning and budgeting that are inclusive of gender and social equity. Under preparation are the mainstreaming of poverty and gender across all sectors and the roadmap for scaling up similar activities.
- d. NEP 4754: *Education Sector Development I (PPTA)*. The final report has been produced, and the ensuing loan was processed and approved. But the TA is still providing bridging assistance to the Executing Agency, until the loan becomes effective and capacity building component is operational.
- e. PAK 4319: *Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan*. TA outputs will be presented in a workshop tentatively scheduled in January 2007.
- f. VIE 4331: *Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam*. In its final period of implementation, this TA is finalizing the four inter-related quantitative research studies on pro-poor health financing. The key remaining activity is to complete the software development and associated training and impact evaluation.
- g. REG 6170: *Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-poor Budgets*. Notwithstanding the prevailing culture of closed-door budget process, the RETA has contributed to transparency in two pilot jurisdictions: Indonesia and Pakistan. The remaining activities, such as publication of the Final Report and documentation of project's experience (case studies, lessons learned), are now being completed. The reports were also translated in the national languages in Indonesia and Pakistan so that local governments could also access and replicate the RETA approach. A news release (for January 2007) in the ADB Today will announce the availability of a book documenting the project's experience.
- h. REG 6175: *Making Resource Allocation pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific*. Trainings on participatory approach to budgeting were held in Fiji and Vanuatu; training manuals and the Community Information/Resource Handbook were prepared.
- i. REG 6224: *Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services*. The RETA introduced the Methodology for Participatory Assessments (MPA) for

planning, monitoring and evaluating Rural Water Supply and Sanitation projects to enhance and account for sustainable and effective water supply and sanitation interventions. Pilot testing the use of MPA in Sri Lanka and Viet Nam was designed to promote specific measures of design and implementation that take better account of participation, demand, gender and poverty perspectives. The regional workshop to present RETA findings will be held in Manila on 15-16 Jan 2007.

- j. In the case of BAN 4320: *Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment*, this TA is expected to end in April 2007. The TA is now implementing the pilot activities (livelihood projects and retraining, among others) that have been designed (under Phase 1) for the retrenched female workers in the garment industry.

In addition, four PRF-PRC TAs that are nearing completion, and their initial impacts are:

- a. TA 4307: *Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs*. The draft report assessing and identifying recommendations for the six massive forestry programs was completed. The Executing Agency (Ministry of Finance) is proposing to report key findings and suggestions to the Government to inform reforms in policy and programs.
 - b. TA 4322: *Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks*. This TA developed areawide road network model (tool to balance road projects' economic benefits and poverty impacts) and established integrated road network information system and Transport Planning Unit with the Ministry of Communications (MOC). A highly successful TA, it has begun to influence dialogue on future ADB loans and the inclusion of pro-poor methodology into Ministry of Communications planning for massive future road investments.
 - c. TA 4430: *Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions*. Through the TA, a number of micro credit institutions (MCIs) were opened in different areas in the provinces of Guizhou and Inner Mongolia. The Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region recently launched bidding for MFIs using the TA 4430-developed model. Additionally, ADB has received informal requests from several MFIs to develop a related loan.
 - d. TA 4566: *Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province*. The development and implementation of a specific assistance program for the study area are now completed. The draft final report is being circulated for comments.
- Other PRF-PRC TAs that contribute to cutting-edge work in PRC poverty reduction are:
 - a. Under TA 4580 (*NGO-Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation*), a press conference and National Interim Policy forum on NGO-Government Partnerships in Village-level Poverty Alleviation will announce the competitive selection of Phase 2 NGOs. In view of the progress under this TA, the Ministry of Civil Affairs—responsible for registering

NGOS—recently requested small-scale support on international models of out-sourcing of government services/programs to NGOs more broadly.

- b. Approaches for linking HIV/AIDS prevention to an ADB-financed expressway in Western Yunnan (under TA 4142: *Fighting Poverty Through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province* and Loan 2014) are slated to be replicated in Guangxi and Central Asia in two sub-projects under a Swedish trust fund to ADB for HIV/AIDS. Another PRC-specific sub-project under the latter will build on progress in TA 4580 in pilot testing sustainable linkages between government- and NGO-led HIV/AIDS efforts in Yunnan and Xinjiang.
- **Knowledge Management.** The NPRS-PRF secretariat have now focused on knowledge management/dissemination through a Regional TA REG-6270 Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects approved in November 2005 to strengthen knowledge generation, collation, and dissemination related to NPRS and PRF projects. Part A of the project focuses on knowledge products development and Part B on knowledge management program coordination. An inception mission was fielded in May 2006 at ADB Headquarters by Social Development Direct (firm recruited to undertake Part A). The team met with the NPRS-PRF secretariat and other ADB staff to discuss issues related to the development of NPRS-PRF knowledge products and to collect data from concerned staff. From 25 November to 7 December 2006, the case study mission to Bangkok and Cambodia, took place.
 - a. By end-December 2006, 20 draft short case studies and preliminary working drafts of 11 in-depth case studies have been prepared. The short case studies are in various stages of review/clearance, of which four have been finalized and published by the end of 2006. The case studies produced under the RETA will be one of the primary source for NPRS-PRF press releases and other written products (news stories and features; photos with captions), and for dissemination to the public. Discussions were held with a number of TA project officers and other divisions to tap their insights and determine their support in capturing the TA results, good practices and lessons learned for dissemination.
 - b. Under Part B, a Knowledge Management Framework and a Knowledge Dissemination and Communication Plan have been prepared. Assistance to selected TA-project officers, based on demand, in developing media and communications activities and conference support and participation were undertaken. NPRS-PRF materials were also developed and produced (logo/brand, brochure, case study templates, vertical banner, infokit folder) for promotion and increased visibility. The maiden issue of the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter (later renamed to “Poverty Matters” e-newsletter) featuring both NPRS and PRF activities was released in October, and the second issue was developed for release in January 2007.
 - c. The secretariat also coordinated with the Poverty Unit and NPRS-PRF materials have been integrated in the revamped poverty website (<http://www.adb.org/poverty/nprs-prf.asp>) launched during the International Poverty Week (16-21 October 2006). The culminating activity is a regional exchange workshop of NPRS-PRF in Manila planned for November 2007.

- d. Under RETA 6270's Component 3.3 which provides selective support to country stakeholders to disseminate or promote experience or concept adopted by PRF supported TAs at international meetings, ADB's South Asia Agriculture, Natural Resources and Social Services Division (SANS) requested funding support to cover participation of Mr. Ganesh Adhikari (Government focal point for TA 4759—NEP: *Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development*) and ADB Staff Marzia Mongiorgi (Project officer for this TA) to the Third International Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Conference in Istanbul, Turkey in June 2006. To ensure the learning value and knowledge dissemination, Mr. Adhikari provided a summary report and organized a seminar for key stakeholders of TA 4759 in Kathmandu. For her part, Ms Mongiorgi held a brown bag seminar in July 2006, for all ADB staff to echo the outcome of the conference.
- **Special Review Missions.** The Coordinator carried out a special review mission from 20-29 November to Lao PDR, Thailand, and Cambodia. The objective of the mission was to review the progress made in selected TAs financed by NPRS and PRF and to collect information relevant to case studies being prepared under RETA 6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro Poor Policies and Projects*. The following PRF TAs were covered by the Mission:
 - a. Lao TA 4339: *Extent and Impacts of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water Reduction*
 - b. RETA 6115: *Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry*
 - c. RETA 6190: *Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion*
 - d. RETA 6247: *HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies in the Greater Mekong Subregion*
 - e. CAM TA 4131: *Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing Trade Environment*
 - f. CAM TA 4575: *Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development*
 - g. CAM TA 4283: *Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin*
 - h. CAM TA 3955: *Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission [NPRS and PRF]*

Overall, the Mission observed that the TAs visited in Lao PDR provided the country with significant opportunities for policy impact analysis and providing on-the-job learning opportunities for government staff, local researches, and community groups. For Cambodia, the common feature observed of the three TAs covered (RETA 6115, CAM TA 4131, and CAM TA 4575) was the growing interest of the role of the private sector in poverty reduction. At the same time, other TAs are clearly pointing out the growing evidence that the poor and vulnerable (e.g., ethnic minorities, women and children among them) are losing out in the dynamic economic regional integration. It was the Mission's view that there is a need to develop a strategic view on how to assist the Government to

utilize these research findings to improve their policy development and implementation. Information collected by the Mission will feed into the case studies being prepared by the consultants under RETA 6270.

- **Other accomplishments in PRF fund management include:**
 - a. Submitted the January to June 2006 PRF Semi-annual Progress Status Updates to the donors, as well as the April – June 2006 and July – September 2006 PRF Status of Funds.
 - b. Strengthened assistance to project officers with TAs under implementation with special focus on knowledge dissemination through the website and more recently through the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter. Cost-sharing support to review missions was provided for TAs that needed closer monitoring.
 - c. Closer communication with the project officers regarding TA progress to ensure timely implementation. This has resulted in a better submission rate of the six-monthly progress report.
 - d. Continuous updating of the PRF database, in line with the realignment of ADB's regional departments.
 - e. Provided funding assistance for fact-finding missions and staff consultancy to PRF-funded TAs.
 - f. Close liaison with NPRS and other poverty and thematic trust funds.
 - g. Regular coordination with the DFID and the Board of Director office, as necessary.

WORK PROGRAM FOR JANUARY - JUNE 2007

14. For January – June 2007, the following activities will comprise the key work program:

- Continue implementing activities under the regional TA on *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects* being handled by the NPRS-PRF Coordinator, to strengthen knowledge management for both NPRS and PRF, with the final major activity under this RETA the organization of a final NPRS-PRF Conference in Manila in November;
- Provide support to completed TAs in the dissemination of TA outputs and results to immediate stakeholders, as part of strengthening knowledge management;
- Continue close monitoring of TA implementation as well as disbursement targets;
- Carry out special review missions of NPRS-PRF projects on a selected basis;
- Provide DFID with a quarterly financial/disbursement reports, and start collecting data for the January – June 2007 Semi-Annual Progress Update;
- Regularly update the revamped website, the ADB Trust Funds intranet website and further strengthen outreach;
- Prepare the 8th Donors NPRS & PRF Strategy Meeting, proposed to be held on 5 and 6 February, and continue dialogues and liaison with DFID; and
- Improve / Revamp the current database system, and execute other routine fund management tasks.

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PRF ENDORSED PROJECTS

Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	TA (committed) Amount	Actual Expense	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	Remarks
PRF-HQ WINDOW										
A. Projects Completed										
CWRD	PAK	4015	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	230,000	227,506	S. Parvez	PRM	Jul-02	05-Dec-02	PRF\$230,000; TASF\$250,000; Gov't of UK \$200,000 FC: Aug 2006
PARD	SUB-REG	6061	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	50,000	48,209	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Jul-02	31-Oct-02	Financial Closing, July 2005
SARD	BAN	4303	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	350,000		Z. Hossain	BRM	Jul/Dec 02	19-Dec-03	Project activities, completed; financial closing, Nov 2006
SARD	SRI	4110	Community Information Services for the Poor	800,000	795,488	A. Inagaki	SANS	Dec-02	09-May-03	FC: July 2006
SARD	SRI	4567	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	500,000		M. Alam	SLRM	Jan-05	18-Feb-05	TA activities completed, for financial closing.
SERD	CAM	3947	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	400,000		J. Hakim	SESS	Jul-02	24-Oct-02	TA activities completed; for financial closing.
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	78,500		C. Ouch	CARM	Jul-02	30-Oct-02	TASF \$18,000; NPRS \$31,500. This is an extension of a completed TA.
								Jul-03	16-Dec-03	
SERD	CAM	4131	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	600,000	507,319	L. Ding	SEGF	Dec-02	20-Jun-03	Original amount was \$500,000. The President approved the \$100,000 increase on 11 August 2004. TA activities completed; financially closing, Mar 2006
SERD	LAO	4009	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	150,000	69,788	A. Jain	SESS	Jul-02	04-Dec-02	Completed and financially closed, 14 March 2005
SERD	LAO	4108	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	150,000	148,175	M. Varkay	SEGF	Jul-02	09-May-03	Completed and financially closed, 13 April 2005
SERD	SUB-REG	6118	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	150,000		C. Hnanguie	SEOC	Dec-02	22-Aug-03	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Final report is being requested for printing.
SERD	VIE	4028	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	350,000	254,809	M. Sultana	SEID	Jul-02	11-Dec-02	Completion date: 31 March 05 but not yet financially completed. FC: Aug 2006
SERD	VIE	4205	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	450,000		B. Lochman	SESS	Dec-02	24-Oct-03	TA activities completed; for financial closing.
SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam	73,000		K. Lao Araya	VRM	Jul-03	12-Dec-03	TASF \$15,000; NPRS \$37,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari; TA activities completed, for financial closing.
SERD	VIE	4276	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	750,000		V. Subramanian	SEGF	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	Completed; for financial closing.
REG	INTER-REG	6073	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	600,000	260,388	G. Sugiyarto/ R. Hasan	ERDI	Jul-02	16-Dec-02	TA activities completed. Financial closing, 27 March 2006.
REG	INTER-REG	6109	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	1,000,000		J. Francis	NGOC	Dec-02	27-May-03	The TA was originally \$500,000, but additional \$500,000 was endorsed by donor on Jan-04 and ADB approved the increase on 21 Jun 04; TA activities completed, for financial closing.
								Jan-04	21-Jun-04	
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	261,557	A. Weber	SANS	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	NPRS \$300,000. Activities completed Dec 2005. For financial closing. FC: Sept 2006
REG	INTER-REG	6130	Study of Urban Violence in Asia: Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading	150,000	108,135	J. Hakim	SESS	Jul-03	30-Oct-03	TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final report on Dhaka, completed. FC: July 2006
		19	Sub-total	\$ 7,131,500						

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Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	TA (committed) Amount	Actual Expense	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	Remarks
B. Projects Under Implementation										
ADTA										
CWRD	AFG	4461	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	750,000		A. Azimi	AFRM	Jan-04	03-Dec-04	TA nearing completion
CWRD	AFG	4541	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas	810,000		A. Azimi	AFRM	Jan-04	23-Dec-04	PRF\$810,000; GEFS\$975,000 Implementation, slow
CWRD	KGZ	4405	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrz Republic	300,000		J. Whittle	CWAE	Jan-04	11-Oct-04	TA completion date , extended to 31 Jun 2007
CWRD	KGZ	4408	A Study of the Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment	530,000		J. Whittle	CWAE	Jan-04	12-Oct-04	Original amount was \$400,000. Due to additional work requirement such as surveys, additional \$130,000 was approved by DFID on 27 Oct 05.
CWRD	PAK	4277	Supporting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	63,500		F. Noshab	PRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	TASF \$ 39,000; NPRS \$31,500
CWRD	PAK	4319	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	580,000		F. Noshab	PRM	Dec-02	05-Mar-04	Amount increase by \$100,000 endorsed on 20 Nov 03; A change in scope for a complementary contributory study on the impact of global cotton prices on rural poverty in Pakistan, increasing TA amount by another \$180,000 was approved on 22 Dec 04; TA nearing completion
CWRD	PAK	4414	Non-Formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Puniab	400,000		A. Cauchois	CWAE	Jan-04	13-Oct-04	Piggybacked to Loan 2134
CWRD	PAK	4537	Implementing the Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of the Punjab Province	950,000		Waqas ul Hasan	PRM	Jun-04	23-Dec-04	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.
CWRD	PAK	4602	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	800,000		A. Afridi	PRM	Jun-04	24-Jun-05	Previous Project Officer: D. Porter/ S. Nicoll
CWRD	SUB-REG	6315	Remittance and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus	1,000,000		B. Ganiev/B. Wilkinson	CWOC	Dec-05	07-Apr-06	Firm. VP concept provided in Aug. FF scheduled in Dec 2005. Processing for Jan 06.
CWRD	TAJ	4423	Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	800,000		X. Humbert	CWID	Feb-04	05-Nov-04	Initial phase, \$300,000; upon successful initial phase, DFID will commit another \$500,000.
CWRD	TAJ	4664	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	800,000		B. Wilkinson	CWAE	Oct-04	04-Oct-05	Initially delayed, but TA is now ongoing.
CWRD	UZB	4820	Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reforms in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector	600,000		L. Adriano	CWAE	Oct-05	24-Jul-06	Piggybacked to loan
PARD	RMI	4653	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	300,000		S. Pollard	PAHQ	Apr-05	22-Sep-05	TA ongoing; TA completion date, e
PARD	SUB-REG	6245	Strengthening Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	925,000		S. Pollard	PAHQ	Mar-05	10-Jun-05	PRF\$925,000; Govt of Australia \$925,000
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000		K. Taniguchi	PAHQ	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	NPRS \$400,000
PARD	SUB-REG	6175	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	500,000		A.M. Witheford	PAHQ	Jul-03	16-Jun-04	Previous Project Officer: S. Pollard
SARD	BAN	4320	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	420,000		A. Weber	SANS	Jul/Dec 02	16-Mar-04	TA is nearing completion.
SARD	BAN	4707	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	480,000		S. Wendt	SAUD	Mar-05	02-Dec-05	Revised cu-off date for the TA approval end Dec 2005. Delay caused by turn-over of the project officer and the need to readjust the components in line with the progress in the counterpart loan project.
SARD	NEP	4353	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project	200,000		A. Shrestha/ G. Gewali	NRM	Jul-03	07-Jul-04	TA completion date was extended from 31 Jan 06 to 15 Dec 06 in a memo dated 15 Feb 06.
SARD	NEP	4759	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	685,000		M. Mongiorgi	SANS	Jun-04	22-Dec-05	Reduction in scope needed due to shorten TA duration.
SARD	NEP	4760	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	350,000		N. Sapkota	NRM	Apr-05	03-Jan-06	Originally \$500,000. Scope reduction during interdepartmental circulation. SRC 28 October 05.

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SARD	NEP	4774	Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement Initiatives	450,000		K. Yokoyama	SANS	Nov-04	20-Mar-06	Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration (during circulation of draft TA).
SARD	NEP	4776	Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley	570,000		K. Tamaki	SAUD	Jun-04	28-Mar-06	Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration. Reduced amount from \$860,000 to \$570,000 and duration is now 15 months. Discussion held 2 Feb 2005. Additional \$150,000 from the TASF is provided.
SARD	SRI	4442	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	400,000		A. Weber	SANS	Jun-04	22-Nov-04	TA is delayed; major activity has yet to commence.
SARD	SRI	4761	Microinsurance Sector Development	600,000		M. Ozaki	SAGF	Aug-05	03-Jan-06	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.
SARD	SUB REG	6306	Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction	1,800,000		Z. Farhadian-Lorie	SAOD	Apr-05 Sep-05	27-Jan-06	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.
SERD	CAM	4283	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	425,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Dec-02	17-Dec-03	Additional \$75,000 was endorsed by DFID on 27 Sep 04 and approved by ADB on 01 Oct 2004. Additional \$100,000 was again endorsed by DFID on 10 August 2005
SERD	CAM	4376	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	500,000		O. Serrat	SEAE	Jan-04	16-Aug-04	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule; critical mass of accomplishment is at hand.
SERD	CAM	4574	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	500,000		C. Wensley	SEAE	Jun-04	08-Apr-05	Previous Project Officer: Ian Fox; TA is ongoing
SERD	CAM	4575	Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	150,000		S. Mar	CARM	Nov-04	01-Apr-05	TA is nearing completion.
SERD	CAM	4755	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	600,000		S. Tukuafu	SEGF	Aug-05	21-Dec-05	TA experienced unforeseen delays.
SERD	CAM	4777	Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls	800,000		B. Lochmann	SESS	Dec-05	03-Apr-06	Firm. FF mission on 24-28 Oct. Programmed in CSP for 2005. Strong govt commitment. AT will be completed by end of 2007
SERD	LAO	4339	The Extent and Impacts of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water Resources on Poverty Reduction in Lao PDR	250,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Jul-03	20-May-04	TA is ongoing; Consultant's engagement need to be increased by 3 person-months, to implement the training in 2007.
SERD	LAO	4392	Marketing Support of Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	600,000		M. Oka	SEAE	Dec-02	17-Sep-04	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis; for downsizing
SERD	LAO	4406	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	550,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Jan-04	11-Oct-04	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis; AT is ongoing, CIAT is implementing the activities quite well.
SERD	LAO	4434	Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	974,300		S. Sahajananthan	SEAE	Jul-04	17-Nov-04	The change in TA amount from \$850,000 to \$974,300 was approved in 02 March 2005.
SERD	LAO	4787	Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	140,000		V. de Wit/ L. Studdert	SESS	Mar-05	10-May-06	Cofinancing: \$120,000 (GSK Biologicals); \$150,000 (UNICEF). Dropped on 13 Feb 2006, not included in MKRD's 2006 pipeline. TA was reprocessed and is now at the Office of the President for Approval.
SERD	SUB- REG	6113	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	385,000		K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Sep-05	21-Nov-05	TA is additional funding to existing RETA 6113 for activities in Viet Nam. Proponent to seek ADB approval in the increase in RETA budget/minor change in scope.
SERD	SUB- REG	6115	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	800,000		J. Mir	SEAE	Jul-02	04-Aug-03	TA ongoing; completion date, extended.
SERD	SUB- REG	6190	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong	700,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Jul-03	04-Oct-04	TA ongoing; project is moving satisfactorily.
SERD	SUB- REG	6243	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	750,000		B. Lochmann	SESS	Jan-05	23-May-05	TA ongoing; there was minor delay, but timely completion of project activities by Dec 2007 is ensured.

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SERD	SUB-REG	6247	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies	700,000		A. Jain	SESS	Jun-04	01-Jul-05	\$522,000 UNESCO financing; TA ongoing, implementation is successfully moving forward.
SERD	SUB-REG	6289	GMS: Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	550,000		J. Mir	SEAE	Jul-04	16-Dec-05	Leveraged a \$20 mil multi-donor grant facility. Interdepartmental circulation early November.
SERD	VIE	4331	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	550,000		L. Studdert	SESS	Jul-03	28-Apr-04	Additional \$50,000 approved on 09 Feb 2005. Previous Project Officer is E. Bloom
SERD	VIE	4453	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	370,000		A. Jain	SESS	Aug-04	26-Nov-04	Minor change in scope of the TA to be able to recruit two consultants and create an external panel of legal experts to review and make recommendations on the draft law, was approved in 17Oct05
SERD	VIE	4480	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	600,000		J. Farinha	SEGF	Jul-04	21-Dec-04	TA ongoing; phase 1 of the project is done, phase 2 is to start very soon.
SERD	VIE	4638	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Micro Finance	250,000		J. Farinha	SEGF	May-05	29-Aug-05	TA ongoing, completion date may be extended to Dec 2007.
SERD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	650,000		O. Shrestha	VRM	Mar-05	31-Oct-05	TA is delayed. In view of the strategic importance of this TA, completion date was extended
SERD	VIE	4689	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	150,000		P. Perera	SEID	Jul-05	14-Nov-05	Delayed in view of delay in consultant recruitment
SERD	VIE	4690	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	1,000,000		M. Sultana	SEID	Jul-05	14-Nov-05	Delayed, implementation is constrained by administrative issues related to TA fund management
SERD	VIE	4714	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	600,000		N. Ikemoto	SEAE	Jul-04	05-Dec-05	As the starting date of this TA was only by last qtr of 2006, completion date was also
REG	INTER-REG	5945	Fifth Agriculture and Natural Research at CGIAR Centers--Breeding Iron-Rich Rice to Reduce Iron-Deficiency Anemia in Asia (Suppl.)	905,000		J. Jeugmans	RSGS	Jul-02	23-Feb-03	TA ongoing.
REG	INTER-REG	6088	Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs	800,000		V. Saha	ERDI	Mar-04	14-Oct-04	TA ongoing. A poverty data review workshop is to be held in NEPAL on 26-28 March 2007..
REG	INTER-REG	6170	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	400,000		R. Ahmad	RSCG	Dec-02	06-Apr-04	TA nearing completion
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000		S. Tanaka	RSGS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	NPRS \$300,000; TA delayed, downscaling of TA will be done to meet PRF deadline for closing of project by end December 2007.
REG	INTER-REG	6188	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	575,000		C. Vandenebeele	OGC w/ RDs	Jan-04	30-Sep-04	Amount increased from \$500,000 to \$575,000 on 26 Jul 2004
REG	INTER-REG	6224	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	550,000		J. Francis	RSGS	Jan-04	23-Dec-04	TA activities completed, for financial closing
REG	INTER-REG	6248	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	550,000		F. Tornieri	RSGS	Jul-04	19-Jul-05	TA ongoing; pilot initiatives will be launched in early 2007.
REG	INTER-REG	6260	Socio-economic Impact of Road Crashes on the Poor (IND/PAK/VIE/INO)	925,000		J. Leather	RSID	Jan-04	03-Oct-05	TA delayed, for cancellation.
REG	INTER-REG	6270	Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects	980,000		S. Tanaka	RSGS	Aug-05	23-Nov-05	TA ongoing.
REG	INTER-REG	6278	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	800,000		J. Sarvi	RSCG	Jan-05	02-Dec-05	TA ongoing
REG	INTER-REG	6284	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms	150,000		W.G. Settle	RSCG	Mar-05	09-Dec-05	TA ongoing
REG	INTER-REG	6296	Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	875,000		R. Ahmad	RSCG w/ RDs	Feb-04	21-Dec-05	TA ongoing
REG	INTER-REG	6308	Up-Scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	900,000		A. Weber	SANS	Oct-05	06-Mar-06	TA ongoing

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REG	INTER- REG	6316	Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	150,000		J. Francis	NGOC	Feb-06	05-Apr-06	Original VP concept note clearance \$100,000; At the request of the project officer, the
	66		Sub total	38,867,800						
PPTA										
CWRD	TAJ	4598	Rural Development Project	150,000		J. Whittle	CWAE	Feb-05	14-Jun-05	TA ongoing; minor change in scope, requested; completion date extended to Mar 2007.
EARD	MON	4632	Urban Development Housing Project	250,000		E. Honda	EASS	Feb-05	18-Aug-05	TA ongoing; minor change in scope will be requested to allow additional study on legal side.
SARD	BAN	4740	Second Command Area Development	350,000		P. Bozakov	SAAE	Feb-05	19-Dec-05	TA ongoing
SARD	NEP	4754	Education Sector Development I	150,000		A. Inagaki	SANS	Feb-05	21-Dec-05	TA nearing completion
	4		Sub-total	\$ 900,000						
	89		Grand Total (PRF-HQ)	\$ 46,899,300						

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
ADMINISTRATOR FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND
POVERTY REDUCTION COOPERATION FUND - REGIONAL PROGRAM
(UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 31 December 2006

(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP 30,000,000)		52,036,872.35 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>3,388,192.02</u>
Amount received	28,935,250.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP 13,522,811.83)	<u>26,489,814.37</u> ^{b/}	55,425,064.37
Add: Income from investments	502,273.76	
Interest income	50,798.44	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>(2,835.48)</u>	<u>550,236.72</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		55,975,301.09
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(18,736,589.00)	
Bank administration cost	(936,829.46)	
Financial expense - bank charges	<u>(6,786.62)</u>	<u>(19,680,205.08)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		36,295,096.01 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(26,781,971.62)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(1,339,098.58)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(28,121,070.20)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		8,174,025.81
Less: TA Approved But Not Yet Effective		
UZB/4820: Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reforms in the Agriculture Sector	(600,000.00)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(30,000.00)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(630,000.00)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS		<u><u>7,544,025.81</u></u>

^{a/} Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

^{b/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 31 December 2006.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash in bank	399,273.89
Investments	7,430,516.19
Accrued interest	10,918.73
Undrawn contribution (GBP 30,000,000 less GBP 16,477,188.17)	26,489,814.37
Accounts Receivable	3,008.10
Advances	2,060,811.68
Accounts payable	<u>(99,246.95)</u>
	<u><u>36,295,096.01</u></u>

^{d/} Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments/TAs approved but yet effective.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
Statement of TA Expenditures - Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (Regional Program)
(United Kingdom and Northern Ireland)
As of 31 December 2006

(Expressed in US dollars)

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	Amount Received	Project Expenditures ^{2/}			Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs		
				Cumulative up to 31/12/05	Transactions 01/06-31/12/06	Cumulative up to 31/12/06			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date	
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
Afghanistan											
Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	4461/AO	03Dec04	750,000.00		75,572.66	193,110.92	268,683.58	481,316.42	31-May-07		
Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction	4541/AO	23Dec04	810,000.00		66,893.31	195,498.02	262,391.33	547,608.67	30-Nov-07		
Total - Afghanistan			<u>1,560,000.00</u>		<u>142,465.97</u>	<u>388,608.94</u>	<u>531,074.91</u>	<u>1,028,925.09</u>			
Bangladesh											
Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	4303/AO	19Dec03	267,886.81		227,111.51	40,775.30	267,886.81			-	Nov-06
Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environments Project	4320/AO	16Mar04	420,000.00		53,448.00	74,227.57	127,675.57	292,324.43	30-Apr-07		
Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	4707/AO	02Dec05	480,000.00		-	140,465.88	140,465.88	339,534.12	11-Jan-08		
Second Command Area Development Project	4740/PP	19Dec05	350,000.00		-	38.42	38.42	349,961.58	30-Apr-07		
Total - Bangladesh			<u>1,517,886.81</u>		<u>280,559.51</u>	<u>255,507.17</u>	<u>536,066.68</u>	<u>981,820.13</u>			
Cambodia											
Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	3947/AO	24Oct02	400,000.00		321,523.92	76,426.99	397,950.91	2,049.09	30-Nov-05		
Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	3955/AO	30Oct02	78,500.00		38,285.63	25,049.00	63,334.63	15,165.37	30-Oct-06		
Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Workers Affected by Changing International Trade	4131/AO	20Jun03	507,319.11		429,248.28	78,070.83	507,319.11			-	Mar-06
Participatory Poverty Assessment of the Tonle Sap	4283/AO	18Dec03	425,000.00		227,250.18	140,271.24	367,521.42	57,478.58	30-Nov-06		
Capacity Building of the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	4376/AO	16Aug04	500,000.00		148,128.21	238,405.29	386,533.50	113,466.50	30-May-07		
Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	4574/AO	08Apr05	500,000.00		59,510.00	156,977.78	216,487.78	283,512.22	30-Apr-07		
Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development	4575/AO	05Apr05	150,000.00		26,077.42	77,814.34	103,891.76	46,108.24	07-Mar-07		
Developing Deposit Services in Rural Cambodia	4755//AO	21Dec05	600,000.00		-	23,629.41	23,629.41	576,370.59	31-Dec-07		
Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary Schoolgirls	4777//AO	03Apr06	800,000.00		-	112,986.07	112,986.07	687,013.93	31-Dec-07		
Total - Cambodia			<u>3,960,819.11</u>		<u>1,250,023.64</u>	<u>929,630.95</u>	<u>2,179,654.59</u>	<u>1,781,164.52</u>			
Kyrgyz Republic											
The Study on Pricing Systems and Cost-Recovery Mechanism for Irrigation	4405/AO	11Oct04	300,000.00		37,240.00	148,725.00	185,965.00	114,035.00	30-Jun-07		
Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction, and Environment	4408/AO	12Oct04	530,000.00		174,700.00	95,226.00	269,926.00	260,074.00	31-May-07		
Total - Kyrgyz			<u>830,000.00</u>		<u>211,940.00</u>	<u>243,951.00</u>	<u>455,891.00</u>	<u>374,109.00</u>			

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<u>Lao People's Dem Rep.</u>											
Social Protection in the the LAO PDR: Issues and Options	4009/AO	04Dec02	69,787.81		69,787.81	-	69,787.81			-	Mar-05
Integrating Poor in Regional Trade through Standard Setting for Private Sector Development	4108/AO	09May03	148,174.78		148,174.78	-	148,174.78			-	Apr-05
Study of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water	4339/AO	20May04	250,000.00		79,616.05	63,738.41	143,354.46	106,645.54	31-Dec-06		
Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	4392/AO	17Sep04	600,000.00		156,820.43	34,905.00	191,725.43	408,274.57	22-Jun-08		
Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems	4406/AO	11Oct04	550,000.00		-	78,310.00	78,310.00	471,690.00	30-Jun-08		
Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	4434/AO	17Nov04	974,300.00		126,121.00	146,000.00	272,121.00	702,179.00	31-Jul-08		
SSTA for Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	4787/AO	10May06	140,000.00		-	16,847.20	16,847.20	123,152.80	30-Apr-08		
Total - Lao People's Dem. Rep.			<u>2,732,262.59</u>		<u>580,520.07</u>	<u>339,800.61</u>	<u>920,320.68</u>	<u>1,811,941.91</u>			
<u>Marshall Islands</u>											
Increasing Ownership of and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management	4653/AO	22Sep05	<u>300,000.00</u>		-	100,110.35	100,110.35	199,889.65	31-May-07		
<u>Mongolia</u>											
Urban Development and Housing	4632/PP	18Aug05	<u>250,000.00</u>		-	221,675.70	221,675.70	28,324.30	31-Dec-06		
<u>Nepal</u>											
Promoting Pro-Poor and Gender Responsive Service	4353/AO	07Jul04	200,000.00		-	69,430.45	69,430.45	130,569.55	15-Dec-06		
Preparing the Education Sector Developing Program I	4754/PP	21Dec05	150,000.00		-	113,556.74	113,556.74	36,443.26	31-Mar-07		
Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	4759/AO	22Dec05	685,000.00		-	-	-	685,000.00	31-Jan-08		
Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	4760/AO	03Jan06	350,000.00		-	95,339.40	95,339.40	254,660.60	31-Aug-07		
Economic and Social Inclusion of the Disadvantaged Poor Through MIS	4774/AO	20Mar06	450,000.00		-	54,889.50	54,889.50	395,110.50	31-Dec-07		
Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution and Strengthening of Institutional Reforms in Kathmandu Valley	4776/AO	28Mar06	570,000.00		-	33,983.58	33,983.58	536,016.42	31-Aug-07		
Total - Nepal			<u>2,405,000.00</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>367,199.67</u>	<u>367,199.67</u>	<u>2,037,800.33</u>			
<u>Pakistan</u>											
Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	4015/AO	05Dec02	227,506.28		222,341.19	5,165.09	227,506.28			-	Aug-06

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Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	4277/AO	18Dec03	63,500.00		35,129.68	22,451.34	57,581.02	5,918.98	31-Jan-07		
Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	4319/AO	05Mar04	580,000.00		94,566.86	162,568.76	257,135.62	322,864.38	31-Dec-06		
Non-Formal Primary Educ and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	4414/AO	13Oct04	400,000.00		31,929.70	39,547.57	71,477.27	328,522.73	31-Jan-08		
Implementing Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Province of Punjab	4537/AO	23Dec04	950,000.00		-	167,616.04	167,616.04	782,383.96	31-Dec-07		
Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans	4602/AO	24Jun05	800,000.00		13,417.59	54,042.23	67,459.82	732,540.18	31-May-08		
Total - Pakistan			3,021,006.28		397,385.02	451,391.03	848,776.05	2,172,230.23			
<u>Sri Lanka</u>											
Community Information Services for the Poor	4110/AO	09May03	795,487.69		672,539.69	122,948.00	795,487.69			-	Jul-06
Psychosocial Health in Conflict-Affected Areas	4442/AO	22Nov04	400,000.00		-	38,480.51	38,480.51	361,519.49	31-Dec-07		
Sri-Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	4567/AO	18Feb05	500,000.00		287,928.44	196,943.98	484,872.42	15,127.58	31-Dec-06		
Microinsurance Sector Development	4761/AO	03Jan06	600,000.00			240,989.26	240,989.26	359,010.74	07-Feb-07		
Total - Sri Lanka			2,295,487.69		960,468.13	599,361.75	1,559,829.88	735,657.81			
<u>Tajikistan</u>											
Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	4423/AO	05Nov04	800,000.00		186,821.37	246,658.85	433,480.22	366,519.78	31-Oct-06		
Rural Development Project	4598/PP	14Jun05	150,000.00		2,113.95	62,336.54	64,450.49	85,549.51	30-Mar-07		
Farm Analysis and Awareness-Raising for Debt Resolution	4664/AO	04Oct05	800,000.00			83,166.54	83,166.54	716,833.46	31-Dec-07		
Total - Tajikistan			1,750,000.00		188,935.32	392,161.93	581,097.25	1,168,902.75			
<u>Viet Nam, Soc. Rep. of</u>											
Transport Services Networks for the Poor	4028/AO	11Dec02	254,808.82		254,808.82	-	254,808.82			-	Aug-06
Early Childhood Development for the Poor	4205/AO	24Oct03	450,000.00		345,231.36	19,976.00	365,207.36	84,792.64	01-Jul-06		
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	73,000.00		48,342.89	482.16	48,825.05	24,174.95	30-Dec-06		
Developing the Social Security System	4276/AO	18Dec03	750,000.00		343,157.20	200,341.85	543,499.05	206,500.95	31-Dec-06		
Support for Pro-Poor Health Policies	4331/AO	28Apr04	550,000.00		164,540.17	226,793.05	391,333.22	158,666.78	30-Jun-07		
Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	4453/AO	26Nov04	370,000.00		71,464.62	161,028.64	232,493.26	137,506.74	30-Jun-07		
Developing Agricultural Insurance	4480/AO	15Dec04	600,000.00		84,690.08	48,412.36	133,102.44	466,897.56	30-Sep-07		
Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	4638/AO	29Aug05	250,000.00		-	74,000.00	74,000.00	176,000.00	31-May-07		

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Safe Migration in Greater Mekong Subregion	6190/RG	04Oct04	700,000.00		229,289.58	142,364.43	371,654.01	328,345.99	31-Jul-07		
Pilot Test Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	6224/RG	23Dec04	550,000.00		168,888.12	296,294.79	465,182.91	84,817.09	28-Feb-07		
Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities	6243/RG	23May05	750,000.00		350,000.00	200,000.00	550,000.00	200,000.00	30-Jun-07		
Strengthening Pro-Poor Policy in the Pacific	6245/RG	10Jun05	925,000.00		154,741.89	253,452.95	408,194.84	516,805.16	30-Jun-08		
HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6247/RG	01Jul05	700,000.00		-	242,992.00	242,992.00	457,008.00	31-Dec-07		
Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	6248/RG	19Jul05	550,000.00		25,203.00	50,000.00	75,203.00	474,797.00	22-Jun-07		
Socioeconomic Impact of Road Crashes	6260/RG	03Oct05	925,000.00		-	-	-	925,000.00	31-Dec-07		
Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects	6270/RG	23Nov05	980,000.00		-	188,960.87	188,960.87	791,039.13	31-Dec-07		
Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and Its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia & Pacific Region	6278/RG	02Dec05	800,000.00		-	176,032.86	176,032.86	623,967.14	31-Dec-07		
Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanism	6284/RG	09Dec05	150,000.00		-	5,288.28	5,288.28	144,711.72	31-Jul-07		
Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in Greater Mekong Subregion	6289/RG	16Dec05	550,000.00		-	480,029.73	480,029.73	69,970.27	31-Dec-09		
Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	6296/RG	21Dec05	875,000.00		-	138,132.06	138,132.06	736,867.94	30-Nov-07		
Mainstreaming Managing for Development Results in Support of Poverty Reduction in South Asia	6306/RG	27Jan06	1,800,000.00		-	231,550.47	231,550.47	1,568,449.53	31-Dec-08		
Scaling up of the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6308/RG	06Mar06	900,000.00		-	237,080.89	237,080.89	662,919.11	30-Nov-07		
Remittances and Poverty in Central Asia and South Causcasus	6315/RG	07Apr06	1,000,000.00		-	277,430.49	277,430.49	722,569.51	31-Mar-08		
Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	6316/RG	05Apr06	150,000.00		-	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	30-Jun-07		
Total Regional			19,198,289.32		3,481,304.52	4,722,978.62	8,204,283.14	10,994,006.18			
Total Approved and Effective TAs			45,518,560.62		8,805,837.32	9,930,751.68	18,736,589.00	26,781,971.62			-
Add: TA projects/programs approved by UKNI and ADB but not yet effective											
Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reforms in the Agriculture Sector	4820/AO	24Jul06	600,000.00								
			46,118,560.62	\$	28,935,250.00	^{3/}					
Contributions received:											
1st tranche			(£ 2,825,000.00)			4,287,500.00					
2nd tranche			(£ 2,137,894.17)			4,000,000.00					
3rd tranche			(£ 2,500,000.00)			4,429,250.00					

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4th tranche	(£ 3,000,000.00)		5,218,500.00							
5th tranche	(£ 6,014,294.00)		11,000,000.00							
			<u>28,935,250.00</u>							

^{1/} US\$ equivalent of TA Grant at the time of TA approval.

^{2/} Actual disbursements.

^{3/} Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

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ADMINISTRATOR FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND
POVERTY REDUCTION COOPERATION FUND - PRC PROGRAM
(UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)
as of 31 December 2006
(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP 6,000,000)		9,915,021.75 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>728,541.19</u>
Amount received	7,706,900.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP 1,499,140)	<u>2,936,662.94</u> ^{b/}	10,643,562.94
Add: Income from investments	112,206.63	
Interest income	34,465.08	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>914.19</u>	<u>147,585.90</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		10,791,148.84
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(5,132,231.30)	
Bank administration cost	(256,611.56)	
Financial expense - bank charges	<u>(905.65)</u>	<u>(5,389,748.51)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		5,401,400.33 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(4,014,248.88)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(200,712.44)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(4,214,961.32)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u><u>1,186,439.01</u></u>

^{a/} Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

^{b/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 31 December 2006.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash in bank	2,114,114.12
Undrawn contribution (GBP 6,000,000 less GBP4,500,860)	2,936,662.94
Advances	358,124.61
Accounts payable	<u>(7,501.34)</u>
	<u><u>5,401,400.33</u></u>

^{d/} Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments/TAs approved but yet effective.

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at the Country Level	4454/AO	01Dec04	300,000.00		36,754.36	44,858.67	81,613.03	218,386.97	31-Dec-07		
Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province (PRCF)	4566/AO	15Feb05	500,000.00		0.00	140,360.01	140,360.01	359,639.99	31-Dec-06		
Non-Government Organization-Government Partnerships in Village-Level Poverty Alleviation	4580/AO	20Apr05	1,000,000.00		48,135.36	229,597.74	277,733.10	722,266.90	30-Nov-07		
Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	4649/AO	21Sep05	500,000.00		0.00	184,898.20	184,898.20	315,101.80	28-Feb-07		
Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	4680/AO	02Nov05	300,000.00		0.00	88,160.00	88,160.00	211,840.00	30-Apr-07		
Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	4694/AO	23Nov05	300,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	30-Sep-07		
Total Approved and Effective TAs			9,146,480.18	\$	7,706,900.00	2,544,473.65	2,587,757.65	5,132,231.30	4,014,248.88		0.00
Contributions received:											
1st tranche	(£ 750,000)				1,100,000.00						
2nd tranche	(£ 635,263)				1,000,000.00						
3rd tranche	(£ 848,896)				1,500,000.00						
4th tranche	(£ 1,206,701)				2,106,900.00						
5th tranche	(£ 1,060,000)				2,000,000.00						
Total					7,706,900.00						^{3/}

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^{2/} Actual disbursements.

^{3/} Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

STATUS OF PRF PROJECTS, January - December 2006

Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	As of 30 June 2006	Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 June 2006	As of 31 Dec 2006	Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006
A. Projects Completed - Regional Program									
CWRD	PAK	4015	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	230,000	Support the completion and implementation of the poverty reduction strategy paper, and poverty reduction action plans at the district level; as well as assist in developing needed systems and modalities for enhanced effectiveness of public expenditures and increased resource mobilization.	TA activities completed, 22 September 2005. For financial closing.	Component 1 provided a good situation analysis of development in key sectors, as well as recommendations on how to monitor developments in these sectors. Component 2 documented the administrative processes related to fiscal management in Punjab and in initiating the process of budget making under the MTBF Framework. It also provided a range of in-depth recommendations on key issues in taxation and procurement reforms.	Financial closing, August 2006.	This TA produced a Poverty Focused Investment Strategy, district poverty assessment reports and reports on monitoring and evaluation systems and training needs assessments, all of which laid a very good basis for implementing resource management and development planning strategies in Punjab.
PARD	SUB-REG	6061	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	50,000	A small-scale study to assess the feasibility of establishing a Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis that will provide a framework for more effective and efficient international assistance to the region for institutional capacity building and the analysis and dissemination of poverty data.			Financially closed, 31 July 2005	
SARD	BAN	4303	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	350,000	Institutional capacity building support for monitoring and analyzing poverty trends, and evaluation of national poverty reduction programs and efforts	Project activities completed and final report submitted. Date of completion, March 2006. Financial closing is under process.	The TA sought to lay the foundations for building poverty M&E capacity, which could be strengthened with follow-up interventions. TA recommendations on M&E and arrangements for line ministries are in line with Government's own thinking and therefore more likely to be adapted by the Government. The TA is expected to aid the Government's attempt to develop and sustain institutional capacity building of the National Poverty Focal Point (NPPF). TA training materials were found useful by EA. There is now a group of trained NPPF staff on M&E. Locating timely, suitable international consultant was difficult. There was inadequate interests and "receptive capacity" of the trainees. A good motivational job and "friendly approach" adopted by the consultants were able to impart some capacity building of the EA.	Financial closing, November 2006.	This TA has laid a solid framework for monitoring and evaluating progress in poverty reduction. Other donor agencies, in partnership with the Government have initiated interventions that build on TA 4303. These include strengthening M&E activities, improvement of poverty measurement techniques and skills training on poverty M&E.

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SARD	SRI	4110	Community Information Services for the Poor	800,000	Pilot testing of community information networks in two districts among district offices, schools, training institutes, job placement centers, hospitals, markets, private companies, and villages, to share vital information to improve the livelihoods and social welfare of the poor, using cost-effective and feasible communication modes.	TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final report, submitted.			
SARD	SRI	4567	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	500,000	Assistance in identifying detailed needs for the restoration and improvement of basic living conditions for people affected by the tsunami in coastal areas and for people affected by the conflict.	Services commenced.		The consultant worked and assisted in the implementation of a tsunami road project. The consultant assisted the RDA in the procurement relative to a \$50 million road package to rehabilitate roads destroyed and damaged by the tsunami.	TA completed; for financial closing. A completion report is currently being prepared. The implementation of the actual road rehabilitation has been slow, asADB agreed to focus on the north and east; once security improves, other areas will be contracted out.
SERD	CAM	3947	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	400,000	Capacity building for the economic empowerment of disadvantaged women in the rural areas, especially the poor, widows, single parents, working women and migrants, and to strengthen the capacity of MOWVA to manage its mandate of gender mainstreaming at the provincial and commune levels.			TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final Report submitted to the ADB on 13 Sep 2006	The gender assessment done under this TA was used by many donor in the formulation of country strategies. Line Ministries have started to establish their own Gender Management Action Groups (GMAGs); The TA's approach to working with line ministries is being adapted by other projects in their work with line ministries.
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	78,500	Capacity building support to the country through an RM poverty consultant for 2 years. The assistance will cover policy, sector and project levels as well as policy dialogue with the government, civil society, private sector and development partners.	The publication <i>Enhancing the fight against Poverty in Asia and the Pacific (Poverty Reduction Strategy of the Asian Development Bank)</i> was translated by the consultant into Khmer language. The consultant was involved in the preparation of the National Development strategy (NSDP), by joining the core donor group (ADB, UNDP, WB) to provide technical support to the NSDP Secretariat, Ministry of Planning. The consultant also assisted the project task manager in the implementation and monitoring of JFPR 9064 CAM <i>Improving the Access of Poor Floating Communities on the Tonle Sap to Social Infrastructure and Livelihood Activities</i> .	The purpose of the translation is to facilitate the dissemination of the document to wider local audience. The Khmer version of the document has been sent to headquarter for uploading into the ADB Website.	TA activities completed; awaiting financial closing.	The poverty consultant assisted ADB-CARM to actively involve in the formulation process of the National Strategic Development Plan. The poverty consultant have likewise contributed to some project design in the formulation of the Country Strategy and Program, and some loan and technical assistance projects, ensuring that some project components could benefit most the poor.

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SERD	CAM	4131	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	600,000	Assessment of the potential downside risks caused by phasing out quota restrictions on textile and clothing on poor female workers and the Cambodian economy and carry out small-scale pilot subprojects on labor market and social protection to identify effective ways to address the impacts. It will build formal and informal safety nets and establish links with alternative employment opportunities.			Financial closing, March 2006.	
SERD	LAO	4009	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	150,000	Comprehensive country-level assessment of key social protection issues. It will also provide for potential programmatic options for the country.			Financial closing: 14 March 2005; Final report, submitted	TA findings were used in ADB studies and Government reports.
SERD	LAO	4108	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	150,000	Assistance to the government in the streamlining and upgrading of the standards regulatory framework in the context of the World Trade organization; and provision of consistent training in industry standards skills development for silk producers in order to alleviate poverty through improved international product market access.	Phase 2 of this TA was cancelled in Feb 2006. TA letter not signed by the EA, ADB approval lapsed on 15 Dec 2005 . VP01 approved non- extension of deadline 7 Feb 2006 (memo of 1 Feb by MKGF).		Financial closing, 13 April 2005	

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SERD	VIE	4028	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	350,000	Study to identify the likely factors and conditions that determine the level of benefits of road networks development accrued to the poor and to develop and pilot test a methodology for prioritizing and designing transport investments from a network perspective to ensure that the poor can benefit from road investments.	TA activities completed; for financial closing.		TA activities completed, financially closed, Aug 2006	The objectives of the TA have been achieved in developing a methodology for prioritizing transport investment from a network perspective and developing the requisite number of indicators. The study proposed a methodology of prioritizing transport investments from a network perspective to ensure that the poor benefit from rural road investments. The TA recommended that GIS mapping and databases be implemented at provincial levels as tools for transport planning and prioritization. Finally, the user-friendly program developed under the TA was tested in the two provinces where much interest was generated from provincial and district officials who found the developed program simple and relatively easy to use.
SERD	VIE	4205	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	450,000	Policy study on early childhood development with a view to develop in the future a potential loan project. The TA will improve understanding of the health, nutrition, child care and education needs of children from poor and vulnerable households and make recommendations for policies and programs.			TA activities completed, for financial closing.	
SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	73,000	Capacity building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant for 2 years. The TA will especially focus on monitoring the implementation of the Poverty Partnership Agreement, and accelerate various sector/thematic work to identify future poverty projects, as well as to strengthen coordination and consultation with key stakeholders.	The specialist assisted and was a team member for the formulation of 3 TAs which were approved during 2006. TA assisted background/situational analysis research in Northern Mountainous areas of Viet Nam as inputs to CSP 2007-2010.		TA activities completed, for financial closing.	The consultant has been fielded 20 Jun 04 and completed the work on 30 Dec 06. The main task is to support the Viet Nam Resident Mission in Poverty Reduction activities.

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SERD	VIE	4276	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	750,000	Policy study to help develop a sustainable social security system in Viet Nam with expanded coverage, involving: (i) a study on informal sector's involvement in the social security system; (ii) preparation of a draft social security law; and (iii) administrative redesign of Viet Nam Security System.	TA closing date was extended to carry out a survey on social security participation of employers and employees in small-sized registered non-public enterprise. The TA completion date is now moved from December 2005 to December 2006.		TA activities completed; for financial closing.	The TA helped in developing the Social Security Law for Viet Nam, supported by the surveys that were conducted under the TA. It also provided a road map for Viet Nam Social Security to improve the parametric design, administration, accounting and the investment practices of the schemes so as to assure its long term sustainability.
SERD	SUB-REG	6118	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	150,000	Support to a participatory process. It will establish and institutionalize ADB-Government-NGO tripartite partnership through the formulation and implementation of a GMS Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program (RCSP) for ADB approval in early 2004. Active civil society participation is especially encouraged.			TA activities completed, for financial closing.	
REG	INTER-REG	6073	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	600,000	Development and pilot testing of quantitative methodologies that would measure the underlying factors and mechanisms driving changes in the incidence and severity of poverty. It includes Indonesia, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, and Viet Nam.	TA financially closed in March 2006. TA Completion Report prepared and submitted.	Overall, the TA developed four analytical tools representative to selective countries that can be replicated to other DMCs: - Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models - Poverty Predictor Models (PPM) - Poverty Predictor pilot surveys (PS) - Poverty Reduction Integrated Simulation Model (PRISM). In addition, the TA also established a comprehensive depository of data sets and models in ERD as well as a network of modelers.	TA activities completed, financial closing, March 2006.	
REG	INTER-REG	6109	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	1,000,000	Umbrella fund to a limited number of nongovernment organizations in Group A and B developing member countries to undertake innovative poverty reduction or other activities in key ADB sectors as identified through approved country strategy and program documents			TA activities completed. For financial closing.	
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.			The project was completed successfully. All TOR elements were delivered in time and in good quality. Financial closing, September 2006.	The project had a major impact on social protection discussions in the participating countries, among international MFIs and ADB. The proposed second phase of this TA was endorsed for funding in a peer review held in October 2005.

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REG	INTER-REG	6130	Study of Urban Violence in the Public Realm: Towards Safer Cities (CAM/BAN)	150,000	Study of the magnitude, trends, types, and nature of urban violence, the ways and means to prevent urban violence and promote safety, and develop a conceptual framework for assessing and addressing the multi-dimensional aspects of urban violence in Asia.	Final Report on Dhaka, submitted. TA activities, completed.		Financial closing, July 2006.	
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B. Projects Under Implementation - Regional Program									
CWRD	AFG	4461	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development *	750,000	A pilot project to replicate the 'barefoot college' community-based solar energy system developed in India to off-grid remote rural areas in Afghanistan. The project includes: (i) participatory needs assessment and planning; (ii) installment of solar systems; (iii) community-based training on energy-based income generation activities, especially for women; (iv) training on installation and maintenance of solar energy systems; (v) community-managed solar fund for O&M; and (v) project assessment and scaling-up.	Four communities in Bamiyan (as project site) were selected and social mobilization activities completed for solar electrification. Contract signed with the Norwegian Church Aid to assist in procuring solar home systems. Civil works initiated in installing a micro hydro power in Bandi-Amir and two villages will be electrified. Civil works initiated in installing a micro hydro power station in Panjsher that will electrify two communities of 700 households. A solar hot water system to provide 4000 liters of hot water per day was installed in a 750 young men orphanage. Wind resource assessments, underway. Three solar powered units to provide potable water installed in three clinics. three sites selected for installation of solar powered pumps. sites are in villages in western Afghanistan and school in Takhar. Preparation of renewable energy policy and strategy, initiated.	Given the security situation, it has been difficult to recruit a firm to undertake implementation. Consultants were hired directly. Implementation has been a challenge given the severe lack of capacity in the government, lack of rule of law and the security situation in Afghanistan. However, the TA is expected to enhance the quality of life of the beneficiaries and provide some with the means of making a living.	A solar-powered pump was installed to provide drinking water to a community in the western part of Afghanistan and a school in Takhar. Residents of the the community, including about 250 children will benefit directly from the project. The preparation of renewable energy policy and strategy is being initiated. Consultants were engaged to begin solar and wind resource mapping for the entire country.	The TA is nearing completion. Implementation has been a challenge given the severe lack of capacity in the Government, lack of rule of law and the security situation in Afghanistan. However, the TA is expected to enhance the quality of life of the beneficiaries and provide some with the means of making a living.
CWRD	AFG	4541	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas *	810,000	A pilot project that addresses basic social and economic needs of communities in buffer-zones of protected areas by implementing activities and providing incentives to reduce poverty and promote conservation of natural resources and wildlife in selected protected areas by: 1) participatory needs assessment; 2) development of integrated package of health and veterinary services; and 3) building institutional mechanisms for sustainability.	Participatory assessments of communities living in the buffer zone completed to identify priorities of action and to develop a strategy to reduce poverty and protect natural resources. Gender strategy to promote women's participation, prepared. Ethno botanist engaged to identify medicinal plants. Fishery expert completed initial assessment of provision of fish farms in communities. Proposals received from providers of health and veterinary services. Discussions completed with the Agha Khan foundation to provide micro finance funds to communities to invest in productive activities. Ecotourism opportunities identified with principal beneficiaries to be members of communities. Civil works related to ranger station initiated in Bandi-Amir national park that among other functions will provide a conduit for sale of locally made handicrafts.	Afghanistan's national parks will be revitalized under ADB's assistance. Ecotourism strategies and park management plans prepared are designed to benefit the communities and make them the stewards for management of the parks.	Socio economic projects were subcontracted to several NGOs in the area: (i) livestock development project in Wakhan, Aga Khan Foundation; (ii) mobile clinic service in Wakhan, Aga Khan Foundation; (iii) Health Services in Bandi Amir, to a local NGO; (iv) livestock project in Bamiyan, to a local NGO. (iv) Mobile clinic in Wakhan and veterinary services in Badakshan and train two persons in community veterinary care. Prepared Bandi-Amir's national parks, land use management plan, that will serve as the basis for designating the area as the country's first National Park. Prepared feasibility study for restoring Qambar lake, last chain of lakes at the Bandi-Amir national park. Completion date of the project is extended to Nov 2007.	Implementation has been slow, because work could not be done in other 4 areas in the geographical scope of the project, due to security reasons.

* See attached Addendum.

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CWRD	KGZ	4405	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Irrigation	300,000	Study to identify and formulate appropriate and equitable (by income group and gender) pricing systems and cost recovery mechanisms that reflect willingness and ability to pay of the farmers for irrigation and drainage operation and maintenance.	Interim Report, submitted to ADB on 18 April 2006. Survey questionnaire to assess the ability and willingness to pay for water and drainage and irrigation services, was designed and pretested. Field work commenced in April 2006, ran for four weeks, followed by data processing and report preparation. The survey report is completed in 31 May 2006. A draft final report is expected in June 2006.	TA completion date was extended from 30 May 2006 to 31 August 2006.	During the nat'l workshop held on 4 Jul 2006, substantial comments were received on the Draft Final Reptot (DFR) both from ADB and the workshop participants. As such, an increase in the Team Leader's input was necessary for the revision of the DFR which led to the further extension of the TA completion date to 31 Dec 2006. The final report was submitted to ADB on 18 Sep 2006. However, there was a proposal that reports of TAs funded by the PRF should be published, which would require additional work from both the consultants and ADB. Thus, the TA completion date was again extended from 31 Dec 2006 to 31 Jun 2007, as approved by the DG on 27 Nov 2006.	TA completion date was extended again to 31 Jun 2007
CWRD	KGZ	4408	A Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment	530,000	Study to assess the impact of land reform and farm restructuring on productivity and generated opportunities for alternative income generation among farm enterprises and farmers. It will be done through: (i) comprehensive assessment of the land reform implementation; (ii) capacity building and awareness raising at grassroots levels; and (iii) identification and implementation of participatory approaches to land reform implementation to ensure benefits to the poor and vulnerable farmers.	The draft final report is due on 31 October 2006, and the final report on 30 November 2006.		On 28 Oct 2006, the project organized its final National Workshop. The regional workshops were held as well: 29 August in Naryn; 06 September in Osh; and 15 Sept. in Bishkek City. The final draft report is for submission on 30 Dec 2006.	In view of the delays in the receipt of the draft final report and the need to publish the study report, the TA's closing date has been extended to 31 May 2007.

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CWRD	PAK	4277	Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	63,500	Capacity building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant. The TA will especially focus on monitoring the implementation of PRSP and provincial-level plans as well as reviewing and helping develop new programs on poverty reduction. This would help PRM serve as a knowledge node on poverty in the country.	TA ongoing (mid-term). - Technical and consultatives support to the PRSP Secretariat, the main output of which is the draft version of the PRSP II. - Preparation of the note explaining PRSP-MDG alignment as well as rebasing and aligning PRSP indicators with data generated through the PSLM survey - completion of two reports for the current FY - A research report titled "Demographic Transition and Youth Unemployment in Pakistan" is underway. - database completed and accessible through ADB PRM website.	There has to be a strengthened focus on improving PRSP Secretariat's coordination with different departments/agencies/ information systems to get quarterly data on the selected indicators on a timely basis - this is currently a main challenge in the production of good quality reports on progress of PRSP implementation. At the same time, greater emphasis is required on capacity building of the federal and provincial PRSP Secretariats so that they can collect as well as adequately analyze data on input, intermediate and output indicators. Finally, mechanisms need to be devised that guarantee the results obtained during the monitoring process are regularly fed back into subsequent resource allocation decisions.	1. Technical and consultative support to the PRSP was provided; main output, PRSP II including participation in consultative sessions. 2. A research report titled 'Demographic transition and Youth Unemployment in Pakistan' has been completed. 3. TORs for a study "Lesson Learning from Adult Literacy Initiatives in Pakistan" was developed. 4. Support was provided on the preparation of PRM's Poverty Assessment update. 5. A change of scope and implementation arrangements was approved on 27 Oct 2006 to accommodate a reduction in the number of workshops in the TA paper given the time and budgetary constraints. Pursuant to the change in scope, the process of recruitment for the consultants begun.	The findings from the study on Lesson Learning from Adult Literacy Initiatives will be presented in a workshop to be held in January 2007. The drawing up of TORs for the said study in a way that was acceptable to the Government was challenging. This is given the Government's sensitivity over external evaluation of its development initiatives. The TORs have been accepted by the Government and consultant recruitment is underway.
CWRD	PAK	4319	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	580,000	Study to identify the major determinants of rural poverty and propose recommendations on public policy and project focus in designing interventions by the Government, ADB and other donors and NGOs/RSPs for sustained reduction in rural poverty in Pakistan	Near completion of TA implementation. A zero draft policy paper outlining the policy implications of the research findings was submitted to PRM for review. A technical presentation to discuss policy options with stakeholders was held at PRM on 23 January 2006. Based on feedback from participants, the policy paper was revised and the first draft including a requested policy matrix was received on 29 April 2006. An assessment of delayed fieldwork completed in Balochistan was also received on 29 April 2006. The consultant team also submitted draft proposals for four potential policy papers that have formed the basis for ongoing consultations between PRM and the Ministry of Finance, PRSP Secretariat. A tripartite meeting with the consultant team leader, the PRSP Secretariat and PRM was held on 19 June 2006, to discuss the draft proposals for policy papers and the policy matrix. Based on these discussions, the policy paper was revised again and the final draft was submitted on 2 July 2006.	Recruitment of individual consultants (vs. firm) has proved extremely beneficial in assuring high quality outputs under this TA.	The completed outputs of this TA include: (1) thematic papers on (i) Rural Economy and Livelihoods; (ii) Social Structures in Rural Pakistan; (iii) Governance Impediments to pro-poor change in Pakistan; and (iv) Assessment of Interventions (2) a policy paper outlining the policy implications of the research findings with a matrix of policy recommendations (3) an assessment note on Balochistan (4) the study on Income Mobility in Rural Sindh (5) the final report on the "Impact of Global Cotton and Wheat Markets on Rural Poverty in Pakistan (6) a poverty database	The depth of the socio-economic study presented some challenges in the selection of the poorest districts and also in conducting the fieldwork, particularly in areas where there was political unrest and also due to interruptions caused by local elections. PRM is conducting the preparation of policy papers on "Missing Facilities in Rural Districts" and the "Development of ICT based information services and distance education in rural Pakistan to support poverty reduction." The final reports are expected to coincide with the closing of the TA. It is expected due to the demand of the stakeholders and the PRSP Secretariat that all the outputs will be presented at a Workshop to mark the end of the TA.

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CWRD	PAK	4414	Non-formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	400,000	A pilot project and capacity building support to local communities, NGOs and the Provincial Government for a functional literacy program for women and girls with the strengthened emphasis on skills development. It is intended to prepare the tested curriculum and participatory approaches for use within the counterpart loan (Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas - Punjab - Project) to be approved in 2004.	There are issues with the implementing agency that is currently being resolved. The domestic NGO that was recruited was unable to mobilize the experts for TA implementation, they also did not follow the contract agreement, as such, their contract was terminated. At present, a new NGO is being recruited.		Request for direct selection of NGO, Adult Basic Education Society (ABES) was approved by Principal Director, COSO. ABES submitted its technical proposal on 8 Nov 2006 and evaluated by TASU accordingly. COS1 commenced contract negotiations with ABES. COS1 is awaiting the submission of some documents from ABES. After contract is signed by ABES, project will be delegated to PRM for administration.	
CWRD	PAK	4537	Implementing the Police Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Punjab Province	950,000	Support to the implementation of Public Order (PO) 2002 on police reforms in four pilot districts of Punjab Province. This will develop a safer and more secure environment based on respect for human rights and equitable access to justice through policing that is more responsive to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, especially women, children and minorities.	Procedures for undertaking rule based investigation in the following areas were prepared: Arrest, search and seizure; collection of evidence; preparation of police reports for courts; protection of citizen rights; dealing victims and affected of crime. Strategies for implementing mandated separation of investigation branch from the Watch and Ward branch formulated in 3 pilot districts. Rules of procedure to facilitate working of District Public oversight bodies formulated and submitted to Government for approval. Guidelines for exercise of oversight powers of the District Nazim, formulated. District Information system for providing data oversight bodies, under preparation. Assistance in development of official website of Punjab Police, provided. Project Monitoring framework, developed.		1. A Manual of Investigation processes and procedure has been developed for the Punjab police. The manual fulfills the requirements of the Police Order with regards to formulation of standards for making arrests, close regulation of searches and seizures and treatment of detainees; 2. two training courses had been conducted in Gujranwala district in "Preservation of crime scene and collection and processing of evidence"; 55 officers of various ranks have been trained; 3. The TA had started issuing bimonthly newsletter to improve communication among stakeholders; the first newsletter has been published; 4. Police websites have been operationalized in 3 pilot districts; 5. Women help desks have been established at selected police stations in four districts. The desks are staffed with female police officers and render assistance to women complaints and visitors. 6. provincial policing plan have been submitted; 7. HRD Plans are developed for each district; 8. A framework for setting up Community Police Liaison Committees is developed.	The Government counterpart positions to support implementation are understaffed and Project Director has been requested to finalize the recruitments. Meantime, the Project Director has made alternate arrangements and deputed officers/staff from regular police till the recruitments are finalized.

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CWRD	PAK	4602	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	800,000	Strengthen the implementation and integration of gender equality policy commitments in poverty reduction and governance reform programs and projects. This will also ensure that GRAPs are integrated in ADB supported governance reform programs.	Consultants fielded. The consultants have been hired to provide support and assistance to the EA and IAs for promoting the implementation of GRAPs, preparation of first work plan and development of technical investment proposals.		The dissemination of GGRP is already underway and towards end of 2006, tangible proposals are expected from implementing agencies and stakeholders as a response to the advertisement placed in major dailies and four workshops in all provinces. The consulting firm to support the Gender Reform Action Plan has been fielded on 10 Jul 2006. For developing program capacity to effectively manage the 1st work plan -- SIG Team trained TA-2 staff in TORs development through a 3-day extensive training workshop from 31 Jul to 2 Aug 2006.	As part of support to Gender Reforms Communications Strategy, the TA has developed five communication products. Three of these are aimed at addressing internal stakeholders and project partners to create conducive internal environment for supporting the program. The other two will communicate to wider audience benefiting from GRAPs. All these products are nearing publication and dissemination.
CWRD	TAJ	4423	Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	800,000	A pilot project to test a technically, institutionally and financially sustainable and self-sufficient model of community-managed micro-hydropower-based energy delivery in 2 pilot areas. The initial phase of the TA will focus on establishing the feasibility of such an approach.	Implementation of two pilot micro hydropower projects (MHPPs) started in January 2006. The construction works on two sites are underway, with communities contributing in labour. The two MHPPs will be owned by community based organizations, the Electric Users Associations (EUAs), the training of which is currently underway. Based on recommendation by DFID following the review of Phase1 Report, discussions with the Ministry of Energy had been initiated related to establishment and capacity building of the EUAs as well as the new energy sector policy that would cover micro community owned MHPP.	While construction is done by the community and cost of electrical and mechanicals equipment is within the allocated budget, the costs of material and equipment for the two schemes exceed the budget allocated by the TA. An additional budget of \$64,000 is needed. This has to be solved by ADB immediately to prevent delays in payment for civil works. It is noted that in order to ensure sustainability of these community owned MHPPs beyond the duration of the project, there need to be a dialogue/strategy that will involve EUAs, JRCs, BT, MOE and ADB. It is recommended to carry out a workshop in October 2006, to discuss these aspects of the project.	Civil works in some (2) project sites are being carried out; completed in others (2 sites). ** Total cost of civil works exceeded the budget, and the consultants prepared a VO suggesting to use savings from training, seminars and travels. This was approved by ADB in Oct 2006. Construction of about 1-1.5 km high voltage overhead powerline has been completed. Extension of the TA completion period until 31 Dec 2006 was requested and approved; Extensive training and energy saving awareness workshops were carried out. Local village trainers who already had undertaken household trainings have been appointed; training manuals have been prepared.	Delivery of turbines and generators from Armenia to Tajikistan was delayed due to late payment, among others; Commissioning of the stations is targeted by end December 2006, except for bad weather and customs problems in Tajikistan. As to the later, the TJRM of the ADB will provide help, if needed.
CWRD	TAJ	4664	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	800,000	The TA will assist the Government's Independent Commission (IC) in pilot-testing debt resolution methodology for heavily indebted cotton farms, and in finalizing the methodology and farm database required by the IC to implement the action plan.	Consultant recruitment, initiated. Minor change in implementation arrangements had been approved by the Director of the CWAE, to change the recruitment of consultants from consulting firm to individual. TA completion date had also been extended from 31 October 2006 to 30 June 2007. The recruitment of 2 international and 10 domestic experts have been initiated.	The TA start up has been delayed by: (1) the requirement to advertise domestically as there are insufficient consultant to ADB by other means; (2) the translation requirements for both advertising and for CVs received, as both were in Russian to help ensure suitable candidate pools; and (3) concerns by Government Officials regarding the differences between World Bank grant financing and ADB TA in terms of administrative procedures.	Initial review of 13 farms, completed; further detailed assessments of resolution options, in process; Database requirements and links to other databases for farm debt resolution needs established; Farm analysis and awareness guidelines, being developed. A range of alternative mechanisms for more rapid and comprehensive farm debt resolution are being explored, including creditor forensic audits; Specific farm managers and owners' awareness and management capacity determined, needs assessed and awareness and training efforts under way.	This TA already has strong impact on the design and approach of both ADB and the World Bank to the cotton subsector reform agenda, and has contributed to a unified donor approach to cotton debt resolution. TA information is providing material for the dialogue between ADB, World Bank and the President on the road map for reforms which touches on such key areas as land reform, rural financial markets, input markets and freedom to farm. The road map generated, has the full support of all multilateral and bilateral donors in the country.

** This information was later corrected as "Civil works in two sites are ongoing (Kalandak and Dushohazamin)."

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CWRD	UZB	4820	Implementation and Monitoring of Policy in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector	600,000				ADB approval, 24 Jul 2006. Not yet effective. The TA letter has not been signed by the Government since the President of Uzbekistan has to appoint someone to sign both loan agreement and the TA agreement. Shortlisting for the project has been completed and the CSC meeting was held on 6 Dec 2006 to evaluate the technical proposals.	The TA letter remains unsigned as the Loan (where this TA is piggybacked) has yet to be signed by the Gov of UZB. The Govt has informed ADB that the signing of the loan agreements will be given in a Presidential Decree to be adopted with regard to the Project's implementation. The draft Presidential Decree is ready but has not been formally submitted as the Govt is still awaiting the approval of the Govt's feasibility study.
CWRD	SUB REG	6315	Remittance and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus	1,000,000	This TA is a study on remittances in Central Asia and South Caucasus, more specifically the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan	ADB approval, 07 April 2006. A minor change in scope was filed and approved in June 2006, to include Kazakhstan in the countries that are covered by the TA.		An ADB mission visited Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic on 11-16 July 2006 to organize and attend the 1st working meeting under this RETA; Financial sector surveys have been conducted in kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan; preliminary drafts of country reports on the financial sector and remittances are being prepared. The financial sector survey is being conducted in Armenia; The analytical framework and questionnaire for the household survey on remittances and poverty are finalized. Pilot testing of the questionnaire has been conducted in Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan; A working meeting was held in Malaysia on 7-8 Dec 2006 to finalize the questionnaire and study methodology; Surveys are being translated to local languages and training of enumerators is being completed, with surveys commencing on or about 15 January 2007.	The meeting was well-attended and successful. A detailed implementation of the RETA was formulated during the first working meeting. Preliminary reports on web showing over 300 hits per month. EBRD and World Bank continue active collaboration with this project and conduct of paired work in Moldova, Russia and Georgia. Presentations are planned for Finance Ministers at the ADB Annual General Meeting in May and for the CAREC Forum in November 2007.

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PARD	RMI	4653	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	300,000		TA consultants are fielded. The TA letter of agreement was signed on 08 March 2006. The exchange of letters in April-May 2006 between DG, PARD and Minister, Public Works, to confirm Government agencies' support to Majuro Mayor as executing agency. The Minister confirmed the support. Three consultants were fielded in May 2006.		The Community Development Specialist was recruited in September 2006. The team has (1) met with the Solid Waste Task Force; (2) held successful group consultation; (3) drafted 2 Cabinet papers to authorize creation of and fund a Majuro Atoll Waste Company; (4) carried out a 4-day survey of MALGov and other vehicles depositing trash at the Jable dumpsite; (5) reviewed and assessed current situation of urban waste management in Majuro; (6) gathered information, preliminary list of 11 types of solid waste issues, developed draft options to address each issue and estimated costs for the main options; (7) conducted stakeholder consultations in late September and continued meetings into December; and (8) carried out an initial public awareness program.	Review mission in Nov 2006 assessed TA progress: (1) The Cabinet recently approved legislation in support of the key institutional reform to establish an independent Waste Authority; TA will help draft the Waste Authority business plan; (2) Stateholder consultations continue; (3) Awareness programs will commence soon; (4) A JICA Team will visit RMI early December to design a waste disposal infra project; (5) A Progress Report is due December 2006. TA completion date has been extended until May 2007.
PARD	SUB- REG	6245	Strengthening the Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	925,000	Strengthening of the capacity of national systems and organizations to implement pro-poor reforms	Engagement of international consultants to draft the 12 Pacific DMC economic and social updates: - a facilitation specialist was engaged in February 2006; - a social sector specialist was engaged in January 2006.		A local consultant, a capacity development specialist and macroeconomist were engaged. The Palau portion of this RETA will have 2 phases. The first phase is a comprehensive review of the current status of economics and private sector framework, and examinations of the future economic developments in Palau. The 2nd phase is a consultation with stakeholders through workshops. A mission was in honiara from 4-8 Dec 2006 was held. The mission discussed the plans to analyze 2006 household income and expenditure survey data, conducted by the Government of Solomon Islands.	The PIERS for RMI and FSM were already completed; publications are now available in the ADB website.

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PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	A range of capacity building initiatives in selected Pacific DMCs, including (a) data collection, analysis, and dissemination (b) participatory policy development, and (c) monitoring of poverty impacts of policies and programs.	TA implementation, ongoing. The first draft of the Fiji poverty paper was submitted. The final draft of the Kiribati participatory poverty analysis was submitted, and it was translated into I-Kiribati (Kiribati language) the Fact-finding mission to Palau for conducting the household income and expenditure survey and to Tuvalu for poverty analysis was fielded.		1. The poverty analysis of the Fiji Islands suffered setback due to the other work commitments of key Fiji Is. Bu. Of Statistics staff to provide a clean HIES data set for poverty analysis. The final poverty report is envisaged to be released in Jan 2007. 2. Success in obtaining parallel funding for Kiribati HIES from AusAID and the production of the 'summary' of the Kiribati Participatory Poverty Assessment in both English and i Kiribati (currently in final stages of publication). The Participatory Poverty Assessment report is at the final stage of publication. 3. the field survey work in Palau was completed, and the Palau NSO is processing data for analysis. The Govt statistician envisaged that data will be ready by end of Jan 2007. 4. The HIES dataset from Solomon Is was finalized after in-country assistance to the NSO. An ADB mission was fielded 4-8 Dec, to identify suitable local consultant, NGO partners and govt focal point for the Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA).	
PARD	SUBREG	6175	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	500,000	Capacity building of civil society, in particular women's and youth non-government organizations (NGOs), to empower them to actively engage in resource allocation advocacy, and in monitoring budget execution and service delivery; and of government officials and enhance awareness of the benefits of a participatory approach towards resource allocation and budget monitoring thereby encouraging governments to be more responsive to the people's needs and opening up the budget process to include civil society participation.	The Community Information/Resource handbook is under preparation and is expected to be ready by Nov 2006. The Consultant provided more information on the budgetary process in Fiji and Vanuatu. The consultant compiled the general assessment of the state of participatory budgeting practices in the region Completion of the community radio broadcasts for the 15 Fiji communities and Government.		TA is near completion. The submission of the draft final report is expected in 3rd week of December 2006. The TA completion date was extended from 31 December 2006 to 30 April 2007.	

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REG	INTER-REG	5945	Improving Nutrition of Poor Women and Children in Asia – rice breeding to reduce anemia (Fifth Agriculture and Natural Research at CGIAR Centers - Breeding Iron-Rich Rice to Reduce Iron Deficiency Anemia in Asia)	905,000	Agronomic research and human nutrition efficacy trials to increase the iron content of rice seed and iron bio-availability from rice consumption, with the end view of elimination of micronutrient malnutrition in Asia.	Research/studies, ongoing.	For the project -- Screening for Variation in Carotenoid Content, the samples for screening were harvested in 2003 and the project came through only on 2005. This necessitates that the samples be regrown for real analysis. The project therefore needs to be extended for one year (no-cost extension).	Indonesia: During the 2006 dry season, 448 lines were field evaluated in pedigree nurseries and 172 promising entries were evaluated in the observational yield nursery. In the wet season, 106 promising lines will be evaluated in observational yield trials at one location. Cuu Long Delta: The yield ability and adaptation of 10 promising lines from crosses with high iron-content parent(s) were evaluated in six selected provinces.	
REG	INTER-REG	6088	Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data for Comparable Poverty Estimates in Selected DMCs (20) - Administration of a Supplementary Fund	800,000	Research and capacity building to make the purchasing power parity more attuned to the realities of the poor households by adjusting the basket of commodities and channels through which price data collection is carried out. The proposed activities will be carried out as part of the International Comparison Program in the Asia Pacific which is essential for improving the methodologies for collecting and analyzing consistent and comparable data for the magnitude and incidence of poverty in the region.	The product list for the poverty survey has been finalized. In consideration of the different consumption patterns of the countries, the 17 countries were divided into three groups, namely: South Asia, Mekong and others. Each subregion developed a product list and the three lists were consolidated to see whether there was sufficient overlap for a regional comparison. Countries have started to prepare their survey framework which will be the basis for the scheduled survey in August/September 2006.	The expenditure weights to be used for the poverty PPPs are being processed in coordination with the World Bank.	Following the product list finalization workshop in June 2006, the participating DMCs designed their poverty price surveys and collected market prices for the 155 products in the poverty basket. Nine DMCs have submitted price data to the ADB. ADB evaluated the survey plans and prepared the necessary ToolPack templates including instruction for data processing at the country level and data submission to the ADB. Intra- and Inter-country data validation is being conducted by the ADB using the data received from nine countries. ADB is pursuing submission from the remaining DMCs.	Household expenditure weights are needed for PPP-based poverty estimation. As these data are available at the World Bank, the RO requested the conforme of the participating DMCs to allow the WB to share these data with the ADB. Thirteen countries have given their conforme. ADB is following up on the remaining countries.
REG	INTER-REG	6170	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	400,000	Capacity building and pilot project to create an enabling environment for participatory budgeting on the local level of government by building on global best practices of civil society work. The TA will engage the poor and their representatives in the preparation of budgets, which lead to efficient, effective and responsive pro-poor service delivery. It will be implemented in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.	Implementation, ongoing. The inception Report and the first and second interim reports were submitted by the consultants. The remaining activities include preparation/publication of Final Report, preparation of a publication documenting the project's experience covering case studies, lessons learned and recommendations for use by practitioners. This will be translated in local language in INO and PAK so that local governments and civil society organizations could access and replicate the RETA approach.	Notwithstanding the prevailing culture of closed door budget process, the RETA has contributed to transparency in the two pilot jurisdictions. The LGS selected are committed to promote more transparency in budget process. However, such process will require continued dialogue and support and this is a key challenge facing the overall sustainability of RETA activities.	The TA is nearing completion; final report is submitted by the consultants. Publication documenting the project's experience is completed.	The TA is extended until 28 Feb 2007 to accommodate the cost of publication and the book launch ceremony to be attended by the DMC officials.

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REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operations	300,000	Capacity building on participatory pro-poor policy/strategy development and project planning and M&E. Teams comprising ADB-Consultant-Government-NGOs will be assisted.	In early part of 2006, there was a change in project officer for this RETA. There are three parts: Part A - project level participatory approach; Part B - participatory process in policy and strategy; and Part C -- documentation of the experience. For Part A, there is a contract with World Vision Australia. The implementation approach that was elaborated in the RETA paper was changed, focus should be on influencing designs of limited number of new projects. In consultation with the operational departments, three projects have been selected: one in Pakistan, one in Azerbaijan and one in Kyrgyztan. Three workshops in support of the Kyrgyz PPTA for SAADP was conducted in February 2006.		In July 2006, EASS requested for the RETA 6176 support for the consultative process on community participation in GER area development in association with the Mongolia Urban Development and Housing Project (scheduled for 2006) and JFPR attached to it. The workshop was immediately organized for September 2006. However, there was reluctance on the side of the government in proceeding with the loan processing, hence the workshop was postponed. Later, the government signed the loan MOU and the workshop is now scheduled for March 2007. Consultant services for part A commenced in December 2005. For Part B, it is expected to commence in Jan/Feb 2007. The TA completion date has been revised to 29 June 2007.	As for Part B, two country partnerships strategies, i.e., India and Pakistan, have been identified. Pakistan activities are scheduled to complete by May 2007. However, there is a delay in India CPS consultative process, but it shall be finished by July 2007, at the latest.
REG	INTER-REG	6188	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	575,000	Study, pilot, and capacity building for establishing legal identity and its implications for poverty reduction. It will be carried out in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Cambodia, but the RETA findings and operational recommendations will be used to train ADB staff. Activities include: (i) a comprehensive survey; (ii) identification and piloting of practical solutions; (iii) awareness raising and training of ADB and country stakeholders; and (iv) identification of potential ADB projects.	Country reports have been prepared and will be sent to countries for no-objection. The consultants are in the process of preparing the overview report. A regional conference is planned for November 2006.	There was a delay in RETA implementation due to conflict in Nepal.	Consultants' draft overview report has been submitted to ADB, and this was disseminated for comments and suggestions to participants of the RETA regional workshop held last 6-7 December in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Around fifty participants attended the two-day event. Clearance for the brief country reports are being obtained from the participating countries.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6224	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	550,000	A pilot project and capacity-building support to governments and communities on innovative participatory monitoring and evaluation system for water supply and sanitation, which will be applied to the ongoing Third Provincial Town WSS Project (loan 1880) in Viet Nam and the Third Water Supply and Sanitation Project (loan 1575). Lessons learned will be incorporated and scaling-up explored in the upcoming loans in these countries.	<p>Near completion.</p> <p>Final review mission was done in Hanoi, 19-26 May 2006, to present the TA findings in a national workshop and follow-up on actions required for the remaining period of the TA. The Mission also met with MARD, QWE and the consultant to evaluate the experience of implementing the TA and agree on the remaining outputs and the timeframe.</p> <p>Training and capacity building of the IAs on the MPA - successfully completed</p> <p>Application of the MPA to assess the RISP and TWSSP - successfully implemented</p> <p>National workshops to present results of the assessments - successfully completed</p> <p>documentation of results and lessons learned - ongoing and to be completed by 31 Jul 2006</p> <p>Recommendations for improvement of the national RWSS strategies - ongoing and to be completed by 31 August 2006</p>	<p>The analysis of findings indicates that the majority of systems meet the current need and demand of the rural population with minor problems relating to pollutants of surface ground water and quantity issues during the dry season.</p> <p>In evaluating the national workshop, the methodology for participatory assessment (MPA) is a very useful mechanism to track gender, poverty participation and demand issues in RISP and measure progress of their goal to provide sustainable services for all. The participatory nature of conducting the assessments through the MPA has also been an eye opener for communities and empowered them to look into better planning and management of the WSS system.</p>	<p>TA activities completed. Regional Conference to exchange results of the RETA is the last activity and will enable the closing of the TA.</p> <p>All RETA reports have been completed and submitted with disbursements in the field, also complete.</p> <p>TA completion date needs to be extended to 28 Feb 2007 as the regional workshop to present RETA findings is scheduled to be held in Manila on 15-16 Jan 2007.</p>	<p>The RETA introduced the Methodology for Participatory Assessments (MPA) for planning, monitoring and evaluating RWSS projects to enhance and account for sustainable and effective water supply and sanitation (WSS) interventions. Pilot testing the use of MPA in Sri Lanka and Viet Nam was designed to promote specific measures of design and implementation that take better account of participation, demand, gender and poverty perspectives. Lessons learned will support ADB's efforts in other countries to improve access to and management of RWSS and the empowerment of the poor communities, especially their women.</p>
REG	INTER-REG	6248	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	550,000	The RETA will promote the increased incorporation of legal empowerment (LE) components into the ADB loans. More specifically, this will identify and test effective LE strategies and methodologies to increase access to basic social services and productive resources by women and disadvantaged groups. This RETA will also disseminate practical lessons learned for use by ADB staff, governments, NGOs and funding agencies.	<p>The draft inception report was submitted to ADB on 30 January 2006. It was discussed for finalization during the inception Mission on 1-4 February 2006 in Bangkok.</p>	<p>Work is proceeding in all of the three countries (BAN, INO and PAK) for the launch of the Pilot Legal Empowerment Initiatives (Component 2). Specific interventions and control areas have been identified by the NGO legal service partners. The research consultant is in touch with the project teams in the three countries and is finalizing the baseline and survey instruments. LE pilot initiatives should be launched in early January 2007. In Bangladesh, ADB counterparts and the government implementing agency for the principal loan are capable and enthusiastic.</p>		

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REG	INTER-REG	6260	Socio-economic Impact of Road Crashes on the Poor (IND/PAK/VIE/INO)	925,000	Scientific research to quantify the socioeconomic impacts of road crashes in selected countries in Asia (India, Pakistan, Viet Nam, and Indonesia) and identify measures that could be taken to mitigate them. This TA will, among others, identify the economic and social impacts at the household and the local community levels, the linkages between road crashes and poverty, and the priority measures to improve road safety at the national and local levels.	TA consultant recruitment had been initiated. The invitation documents were issued on 21 December 2005. However, all five shortlisted firms declined to submit a bid. The Management approved on 27 Feb 2006 the (i) change in consultants selection method from QCBS to direct selection; and (ii) engagement of WHO through the direct selection procedure. WHO's technical proposal was received in May 2006, and is under review. Due to constraint in budget, a change in scope of the TA to limit implementation to three countries, instead of four, is being considered.	Implementation of TA activities, yet to start.	Things are moving in this RETA and striving to get the work started as soon as possible. WHO declined and an Australian company (ARRB) had been identified, direct selection is currently being worked out. The timetable is within the PRF deadline, with draft final report expected in October 2007. The work program is well structured with a series of deliverables (every 2 mos), thus monitoring of work progress will follow these and payment is proposed to be structured around these deliverables.	ADB approval of this TA is 03 Oct 2005. Following submission of its technical proposal, WHO subsequently withdrew its bid for the project due to the difficulty in meeting the completion schedule of Dec. 2007. The proposal for direct engagement of another consulting firm is pending approval. This TA is likely to be cancelled.
REG	INTER-REG	6270	Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-poor Policies and Projects	980,000	Strengthen the knowledge management system of the NPRS and PRF funds; strengthen awareness and institutional capacity of ADB and DMCs in utilizing knowledge generated through NPRS/PRF TAs for pro-poor policy and project development	Consultants were fielded. A technical analyst, media and communication specialist and the overall knowledge management coordinator and team leader are now on board. The international consulting firm (Social Development Direct), that will do the case studies are now on board also. Inception Visit of SDD to Manila was done in May 2006. Preparation of in-depth and short case studies are ongoing.		1. The KM framework and knowledge dissemination and communication plan was drafted; 2. The participation of EA (NEP PRF TA 4759) to a CCT Conference in June 2006 was supported. A seminar was subsequently organized in July to share the findings and recommendations during the conference; 3. The upgrading and integrating of NPRS-PRF websites in the recently conceptualized Content-based Poverty website is ongoing; 4. By end Dec 2006, a total of 20 draft short case studies were submitted by SDD, 4 of which have been reviewed/cleared and posted on the website. The SDD conducted a field study mission to Cambodia from 26 Nov to 6 Dec 2006 to develop a number of in-depth case studies. Consultant's final report "Communicating NPRS-PRF Knowledge" was submitted and accepted. Remaining case studies are in various stages of review/approval. An interim report was also received from SDD on 16 Dec 2006.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6278	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	800,000	This TA will conduct policy and strategy studies and pilot on ICT and e-learning innovations to support development of broader ICT in education frameworks, as well as specific pilot studies on ICT and e-learning innovations, for improving access to and quality of education among disadvantaged communities in the developing member countries (DMC).	The contract with the firm-consultant, RTI, was signed on 16 March 2006. The RETA Team went on inception mission to Mongolia on 23 April to 16 May 2006. The study kick-off Workshop in Mongolia was held in 3 May 2006. The inception report (1st draft) was submitted for review on 20 May 2006. The report shall be finalized in July 2006. The RETA team had conducted site assessment in Samoa, and the study kick-off workshop was held on 26 June 2006.		1. A revised inception report was submitted on 31 July 2006. 2. The TASU officer conducted TA review mission on 14-21 Aug in Mongolia and 28-30 Nov in Samoa; and participated in the field training phase/intensive professional development program on the integration of ICT in Mongolia. 3. First phase of training in RETA schools in Mongolia was undertaken and completed in October 2006. 4. Field study in progress in Mongolia.	
REG	INTER-REG	6284	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms	150,000	This regional small scale TA will expand the use of Catastrophe Risk Insurance to reduce the fiscal and economic volatility and social impact arising from natural disasters by assisting ADB and DMC decision makers to develop suitable policies, mechanisms and schemes for: (i) pre-funding the reconstruction of public and private assets in DMCs; (ii) facilitating the transfer of financial risks associated with natural perils from the Government and households/private businesses to domestic and international insurance and capital markets; and (iii) introducing related insurance coverage for lower income groups.	Delayed. RETA work, commenced in June 2006		A disbursement of \$5,288 was already made under this RETA. The new completion date is 31 July 2007. TA management was transferred to RSCG (from RSOD) on 1 July 2006. An inception report has been submitted and accepted. The draft report was submitted in 12 Dec 2006. Preliminary findings include: ineffective insurance coverage, ineffective data capture, insufficient information and a possibility for regional insurance pool initiative.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6296	Developing Pro-poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	875,000	Capacity building TA for strengthening DMC knowledge in the use of tools and techniques for improving public services and preventing corruption.	Consultants were fielded. MACA had started dealing with its team of experts who will design the training program. The Individual international and domestic consultants were recruited. The international consulting firm (PAC) was also recruited, while recruitment of ACIF consultant is in process. The LOA with MACA was signed.	This project will promote the utilization of the (1) citizen report card (CRC) methodology to conduct social audits of public services and (2) continuous improvement and benchmarking (CIB) techniques to ensure that capacity and resources are managed to deliver effective, efficient, affordable and equitable public services.	Based on the criteria developed during the inception phase, two DMCs have been selected, i.e. Pakistan and Philippines. TA Inception and Review in the Philippines was done 4-5 October 2006; field visits to the LGUs of Makati City and Naawan Municipality in the Philippines to discuss and agree with local execs and officials regarding their participation under the captioned RETA. The Public Affairs Center (PAC) and the Australian Continuous Improvement Group (ACIG) will manage CRC and CIB training programs respectively. The CRC and CIB e-learning toolkits were formally launched on 13 July 2006 at ADB Headquarters. The inception mission for Pakistan was fielded in Oct-Nov 2006; the mission visited NIPA, Karachi and NIPA, Lahore as potential partner training institutions to be coached by ACIG.	In the Philippines, four service delivery organizations have been identified: (1) Naawan Municipal Government; (2) Makati City Government; (3) Land Bank of the Philippines; and (4) Development Bank of the Philippines. the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) of the University of the Philippines has likewise been selected as a partner educational institution that will join the said service delivery organizations in the mentoring and coaching program managed by PAC and ACIG. After building the requisite capacity within NIPA Karachi and NIPA Lahore, pilots will be selected under the ADB financed Devolved Social Service Delivery programs (DSSPs) in the Sindh and Punjab Provinces respectively for application of these tools at the local government level.
REG	INTER-REG	6308	Up scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	900,000	This regional TA will expand the social protection index (SPI) for committed poverty reduction strategy to all other ADB developing member countries, based on the successful pilot project that initially covered six countries, with the similar title (RETA 6120). The pilot TA resulted in the creation of a methodology for calculating a social protection index (SPI), which permits both inter-country comparisons and the monitoring of a country's social protection activities over time.	Approved in March 2006, component 1 (consultant selection) of the TA is being implemented. The Selected consulting firm was invited to submit bio-data and technical proposals on 16 March 2006. The proposal has been submitted, and negotiations had started on 12 June 2006.		After obtaining concurrence and support from all participating countries, the consultants have made significant progress in obtaining the country reports. The inception report was received; Briefing of consultant team members, completed. Field work in the participating countries have commenced.	
REG	INTER-REG	6316	Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	150,000	Pilot testing of a digital satellite broadcasting technology that will air programs intended to increase knowledge of ethnic minority groups in the GMS on HIV/AIDS to reduce their vulnerability and risks.	Approved in April 2006, an inception mission was fielded in Vientianne from 16-19 May 2006. The mission was undertaken to discuss with the Lao National Radio, which is the executing agency of the TA, about the time schedule and implementing arrangements.	This TA will work in collaboration with UNESCO to test digital satellite broadcasting of the newly produced radio dramas in Lao PDR and demonstrate its feasibility and potential for broader application in RETA 6247.	Consultants, fielded. Implementation mission was done in Nov 2006.	

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SARD	BAN	4320	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	420,000	Combination of strategy development and pilot projects, including (i) development of a human development strategy for the female garment workers to cope with potential risks caused by the quota restrictions on garment industry, and (ii) small-scale pilot projects to build safety nets against ongoing and upcoming changes, and facilitate re-employment of those retrenched. It is a parallel TA to CAM TA 4131, which commenced earlier.	The consultants have developed a handbook for the nodal agencies and the DWA detailing the process of implementation of the pilots. This includes the labour market survey and the RMG workers survey in the residential clusters which not only identifies the target group but tracks other indicators on labour movement, overall impact on the employment scenario, mitigation, labour turnover, etc. Phase 1 have been completed. Phase 2 activities commenced on 01 June 2006.	Development of a social protection strategy, design of pilot projects and selection of NGOs to implement the social protection strategy were completed on 31 May 2006. The 2 NGOs to implement the pilot projects are Bangladesh Apparels Workers Federation (BAWF) and Karmojibi Nari (KN). BAWF will work in the Mirpur area, and the KN in the Malibagh area in Rampur.	The inception report detailing the work plan for Phase 2 was submitted to the ADB in Aug 2006. Following the 2-phase approach in the TA paper, the project activities are implementing phase 2 (pilot phase) following a design phase, which has been finished early 2006.	Near completion of TA implementation. Project is ending 30 April 2007, and the project is on track, piloting services to retrenched women in the garment sector.
SARD	BAN	4707	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	480,000	This TA shall establish institutional mechanisms increasing the poor's access to decision-making processes and develop participatory pro-poor planning and monitoring systems.	An inception mission was conducted from 11-15 June 2006. The implementing agency, Centre for Development Services (CDS) submitted an inception report 23 July 2003. CDS has placed all proposed team members, including 3 support staff at its headquarter. The TA core team has also prepared an elaborated implementation plan. The TA will be implemented in two phases. The first phase includes TA activities in three pilot municipalities. The pilot municipalities and activities will commence August 2006.	The commencement of the TA was delayed by several months. The TA was approved by the ADB on 2 December 2005, however there was significant delay in the Government of Bangladesh's signing of the TA letter of agreement. It was signed on 17 April 2006, after which, the TA was declared effective, and CDS assumed the implementation responsibility on 12 June 2006.	There are some delays in fielding the international consultant under the TA, because of the situation in Bangladesh. The international consultant is expected to be fielded by December 2006. Apart from that, the TA is progressing as planned. A review mission will be undertaken in January 2007. It was agreed that the implementation of the TA will be done on 2 phases approach. TA implementation will commence in municipalities immediately after recruitment of locally based NGOs. Based on the experience in these municipalities, the implementation of the TA in the remaining 12 municipalities commence. This approach allows for lessons learned to be included in the 2nd phase, which is expected to commence in October 2006.	TA completion date was again extended from 30 Jun 2007 to 11 Jan 2008.

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SARD	NEP	4353	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Local Governance	200,000	Capacity building and pilot projects. It will pilot test a new methodology to improve the input of women and the poor in decision making and governance, by assisting local governance structures to adopting approaches to policy planning and budgeting that are inclusive of gender and social equity goals; and building capacity of women's groups and civil society to forge strategic alliances for policy attention.	The TA had accomplished 60% of physical targets. The agreement with partner NGOs was completed. In Lamjung, partner NGOs are facilitating the needs assessment process of the target group, whereas in Nawalparasi, CBO formation and needs assessments processes have been completed. Partnership with line agencies is good. A central-level project orientation workshop was also held. Line agencies and partner NGOs are feeling ownership of the project activities. Project management support is going smoothly and Project Management Committee meeting is held. The CBOs have prioritized goat-keeping, followed by farming (in Lamjung) and fishery (in Nawalparasi).	CBOs are ready to implement IGAs, but the project fund is not available on time. The process of fund release and liquidation under the Advance Payment Facility of the ADB is time consuming. As the project is implementing income generating activities that consumes considerable amount of money in short periods, fund release process should be relaxed, so that priority activities can be implemented as programmed.	Achieved 80% of physical target. All 3 departments - women, livestock and agriculture have realized the TA approach is viable for delivering services to poor disadvantaged groups and women, and have agreed to adopt this approach to their regular program. The project management specialist was engaged to assess organizational linkages between the above departments for mainstreaming poverty and gender across sectors, and prepare road map for scaling similar activities.	TA is nearing completion. Implementation in the field suffered to some extent due to conflict.
SARD	NEP	4759	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	685,000	Capacity building for the most disadvantaged households including those from low-caste and ethnic minority groups for their integration and effective participation in development programs and projects.	The TA letter was signed in Feb 2006 and an inception mission visited Nepal from 22 Feb to 2 Mar 2006. DWD and the Mission prepared, discussed and finalized the draft implementation guidelines for the TA. The guidelines were prepared based on lessons learned from past programs, DWD field experience, and other agencies' and ADB's programs trying to reach the most disadvantaged groups of the population, to ensure consistency and effectiveness. With funding from the PRF, the DWD project officer and the ADB team leader of the TA attended the 3rd international conference on Conditional Cash Transfers (CCT) in Istanbul on 26-30 June 2006.	Both the approval and the start of the TA were seriously delayed due to the political and security situation in the country and ADB's cautious approach to proceed with operations in Nepal. The TA won't be fully implemented by December 2007 due to nature of the project and the conflict-sensitive environment.	A review mission in 20 Oct 2006 was fielded to assess implementation progress. The list of NGOs to be considered for the project was provided by the EA.	
SARD	NEP	4760	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	350,000	The poverty intervention concept is still new in the transport sector agencies, especially in the Department of Roads (DOR), lacking clear guidelines, systems, and staff with skills necessary to address poverty issues in its operations. This TA will support the Government implement a pilot project and develop DOR's capacity to enhance direct poverty reduction impacts of road projects.	TA approval, 03 January 2006. The consultants' services are engaged. The team leader, social inclusion expert and four NGOs have been mobilized. Recruitment of international consultant/NGOs is ongoing.		The NGOs enrolled all women family members of the project households in micro-credit groups and identifying the household needs to enhance their livelihood. Skill development and income generating activities have also been identified for the target household. Both internal and external monitoring and support mechanism have been designed for the pilot activities.	This TA has been delayed due to problems in NGO selection. The EA has been extremely slow in implementation of this TA, and there is a need to sit down and discuss what can be done in one year.

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SARD	NEP	4774	Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement	450,000	The TA shall develop and demonstrate effective private sector delivery mechanisms of low-cost micro-irrigation kits and crop marketing chains targeting the socially and economically excluded groups including ethnic minorities and occupational castes, following a model developed for less poor smallholders. This TA will also document delivery models and methodologies for micro-irrigation interventions in Nepal.	TA approval, 20 March 2006. After approval, and the TA letter of agreement signing on 8 May 2006, the negotiations with the individual consultant advisors and implementing NGO consortium was finalized in 30 June 2006. The consultant advisors and the NGO consortium is mobilized on 9 July 2006, with its inception phase including finalization of work plan with a national workshop and mobilization of local NGOs for field work to be completed by 31 August 2006. The first round of field work for beneficiary mobilization (1,000 HH), marketing chain development, microirrigation kit delivery, and agriculture training will be undertaken up to February 2007, with necessary baseline, process and impact monitoring setup.	Too early to assess outcomes.	Inception Mission to Nepal, 13-14 July 2006, to discuss implementation issues. All TA consultants and NGO consortium were mobilized in July 2006. The TA is in full implementation, although the disbursement remains low due to some clarifications needed for progress and advance payments. Its inception phase including finalization of work plan with a national workshop and mobilization of local NGOs for field work were completed by 30 Sept 2006. Based on this, a total of 28 village development committees (VDCs) having high poverty incidence and microirrigation opportunities in the five districts were selected, and mobilization of beneficiaries (about 500 for each of the selected 5 districts) has been initiated. This process is to be completed by Jan 2007, and is followed by delivery of microirrigation kit delivery and training for agriculture, marketing and group management. At the same time, initial drafting of the policy and implementation guidelines for microirrigation has started.	In consideration of strict implementation deadline (of PRF), the schedule would comprise: (1) inception phase including staff seminars and training (up to Aug 2006); (2) two rounds of microirrigation delivery (up to Sep 2007); and (3) TA completion with output dissemination and drafting of microirrigation policy and guidelines (up to Dec 2007). The TA consultants were asked to draft a framework for result and monitoring. Another mission was fielded to Nepal in Nov 2006 to finalize workplan while reviewing initial progress and issues. So far, TA implementation is on schedule, with the timely completion of the inception phase including the field staff assignment, provision of logistics and preparation of an inception report.
SARD	NEP	4776	Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley	570,000	The TA will assist in the establishment and initial activities of the Low-Income Support Unit (LICSU) within the Water Utility Operator (WUO) that will facilitate the delivery of water services to the poor in support of the Melamchi Water Services Sector Project (MWSP Loan 1820) and the Kathmandu Valley Water Services Sector Development Program (KVVSSDP-Loan 2058 and 2059).	The TA was ADB-approved in 28 Mar 2006. The TA letter was countersigned by the Government on 31 Mar 2006. Two national individual consultants commenced their services in June 2006: - Institutional Development Specialist/Team Leader commenced on 20 June; - Public Relations Specialist commenced on 15 June.	No major issues.	The database prepared by the Poverty Mapping and other past studies done by the NGO Forum and Water Aid is being updated. Field visits to slum/squatter communities and public tapstands were conducted by the TA Team. A field visit was mounted to Alok Hiti Stone Spout Water Supply System, Lalitpur. Several public tapstands and communities have been identified as potential tapstand rehabilitation site.	

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SARD	SRI	4442	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	400,000	Pilot-testing of provision of services to people affected by psychosocial health problems. More specifically, this will develop and pilot-test an approach that will help mentally-ill people, their families and communities by providing services like counselling, awareness creation, medical service, training of staff and institutional development.	Consultant fielded; Phase 1 comprising the baseline/background study design of pilot interventions, target groups and selection criteria for NGOs is completed. A report containing the findings on Phase 1 was submitted to the ADB in May 2006. The report is now being circulated for comments. A project implementation manual to facilitate implementation of the pilot programs will be developed. Major activity has yet to commence.	Major activity (implementation of pilot interventions) has yet to commence.	The single source selection of a national NGO to implement Ph 2 was approved in Dec 2006. The technical and financial proposal is awaited. A review mission is planned during the first part of 2007 to discuss implementation arrangements in Ph 2. The midterm report has been submitted and the second phase of the project (the pilot phase, piloting services to the target groups) is under implementation.	
SARD	SRI	4761	Microinsurance Sector Development	600,000	The TA will assist the Government in drawing up an integrated framework for the development of the microinsurance sector through favorable policies and sector-wide institutional capacity building. Through a policy study, market assessment and a pilot of a microinsurance scheme, this TA will improve access of the poor and low-income households in Sri Lanka, to affordable life and general insurance products, especially in conflict- and tsunami-affected areas.	The TA was approved on 3 Jan 2006. The TA Letter of Agreement was signed by the Government of Sri Lanka on 31 Jan 2006. Consultants were already chosen and fielded on 7 June 2006. The inception report is expected on 30 June 2006.	Too early to assess outcomes.	A review mission visited Sri Lanka from 27 Nov - 2 Dec 2006. TA progress is highly satisfactory. The consultants, through workshops and discussions, successfully disseminated the concept of microinsurance to the local insurance industry. The consultants are initiating a pilot scheme, in which the microinsurance products developed by the TA is to be rolled out by insurance companies through intermediaries (semiformal MFIs). The pilot insurance scheme is expected to be started in January 2007, following the awareness creation campaign on microinsurance for rural communities in four districts.	There is significant private sector interest in the pilot scheme. The TA has been successfully inducing the participation of the private sector in microinsurance, and is a demonstration of public-private partnership under a TA project. Positive results are expected from the pilot scheme for further replication and commercialization of microinsurance.
SARD	SUBREG	6306	Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction	1,800,000	This regional TA is a pilot initiative that will strengthen the capacity of developing member countries (DMCs) and Resident Missions (RMs), in applying results-oriented approaches to poverty-reduction through the implementation of the managing for development results (MfDR) approach. The TA will be implemented through a systematic process of transfer of knowledge, pursuing new approaches and supporting development of country-specific systems for planning, strategy development, resource allocation and accountability of development resources.	TA approval, 27 January 2006. Domestic Consultant recruitment has been initiated. International Consultants had been recruited and fielded.		This year was spent mostly on sequencing of activities, doing detailed assessment of systems on MfDR in the countries involved and identifying gaps that need to be addressed. Individual pilots (IT systems, seminars, etc) will start next year.	

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SERD	CAM	4283	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	425,000	Participatory poverty assessment to identify the nature and causes of poverty and vulnerability in the Tonle Sap basin, leading to a better understanding of the needs and priorities of different socio-economic groups. It will help to identify the types of livelihood related interventions required for poverty reduction, the appropriate entry points for such activities and the types of capacity building needed to promote community based natural resource management. The findings will feed into ADB's future programs.	Reviews were carried out during the course of other mission to Cambodia. Pilot and actual fieldwork has been completed. Village level reports have been completed and the Comprehensive Report is being prepared for ADB. Provincial and national workshops/roundtables are to be conducted. Results will be published for region-wide circulation.		The Cambodia Development Institute and the National Institute of Statistics have been engaged to carry out the participatory research in 24 locations in 6 provinces of the Tonle Sap Basin. The research was completed in the 2nd qtr of 2006. The draft report of the Tonle Sap Participatory Poverty assessment was completed in November 2006 and reviewed by a group of experts from ADB, the academic community and development partner organizations. The draft report was launch officially at a national workshop in Phnom Penh on 28 Nov 2006.	The PPA report will be finalized based on comments provided by ADB and the reviewers panel, by February 2007. ADB will publish the report, as well as a working paper series. CDR1 publications will be discussed with ADB after the finalization of the report.
SERD	CAM	4376	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	500,000	Capacity building support to national, provincial, and local level stakeholders involved in planning and implementing a series of Tonle Sap Initiatives (TSI) on sustainable natural resources management. The knowledge and experience of the Asian Institute of Technology will be drawn upon.	TA implementation, ongoing and on schedule. As a result of the stakeholder and needs assessment, a total of five training modules were prepared. The pre-testing of the modules was carried out in Battambang province, and feedback from these activities were used to improve the modules. As a result, the module on law awareness was deleted, and the module on project management was divided into three separate modules: project management, proposal writing and reporting. There are now six modules training strategy and session planning.	The TA has, so far, delivered key milestones on or near schedule and it is expected to accomplish its three outputs: skills and awareness will be built, knowledge will be networked and partnerships will be strengthened. There is a plan for a mid-July 2006 TA Fact-finding or reconnaissance for CAM: Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative II. As PRF is closing in December 2007, funding for this follow-up TA shall be sought from another source. The purpose of the follow-up TA will be to build at national, provincial and local levels capacity to manage, engage in and support the Tonle Sap Initiative, working on the accomplishments of this TA 4376.	Critical mass of accomplishment is at hand. From 10-13 July 2006, an ADB mission visited Cambodia to review the progress of the TA. The Community Based Natural Resource Management Learning Institute (CMNRM-LI) - the agency that replaced AIT to build skills and awareness and network knowledge - has refined an integrated approach and methodology to forming a skills and awareness building team, identifying relevant stakeholders and target audiences, assessing capacity building needs and themes, designing education products and course content, pre-testing and learning adaptively, and developing a monitoring and evaluation system.	Networking knowledge, was for awhile, also affected by AIT's decision to withdraw. Now, ADB and Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI) had moved swiftly and opened in CDRI a Tonle Sap Initiative Learning Resource Center. The Tonle Sap initiative Coordination Unit has helped to review collaborative arrangements with the executing agencies, implementation support agencies, civil society and financing agencies associated with the Tonle Sap Initiative. More recently, the role of the TSIC Unit has expanded to making personnel working on Tonle Sap Initiative operating outputs more aware that each component of the Tonle Sap Initiative is an integral part of something that is larger and extends over a longer term.

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SERD	CAM	4574	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	500,000	Capacity building assistance for the vulnerable poor rural communities to cope with recurrent floods and other natural disasters in the lower Mekong River basin. The TA will formulate strategies for making disaster efforts more responsive to women's and children's needs.	All required international and domestic consultants are mobilized. The consultants have completed an assessment of recently completed village-level community preparedness projects by NGOs. The consultants are working on engaging two NGOs to undertake pilot studies in Prey Vang and Takeo provinces to implement a range of community interventions based on the experiences of earlier programs. The consultants submitted the Interim Report on 8 May 2006, and a tripartite meeting was held on 19 May 2006.		A national workshop was held on 21 Aug 2006 to present the CBDRR Strategy. The Consultants submitted the 2nd interim report on 14 Sep 2006. A review mission was conducted 18-20 Oct 2006 which visited pilot project sites in Svey Rieng and Takeo provinces and a tripartite meeting was held with MOWRAM and the consultants on 20 Oct 2006.	
SERD	CAM	4575	Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	150,000	Assess the possibility of replicating in Cambodia the Thailand Business Initiative for Rural Development (T-BIRD) approach, a successful rural development model driven by the socially responsible private sector.	TA nearing completion. In Mar and Jun, the CBIRD public-private Partnerships Task Force convened its 4th and 5th meetings. In mid April and late June 2006, the Midterm Report and Draft Final Report were submitted to the Task Force for review. In addition, the project has developed a number of concept papers, which is not an original output of the TA, and has worked closely with business groups to realize the CBIRD type project. The project has also designed draft business workplan, an integrated part of the final report, for a possible immediate follow-up step, as well as its long term development of CBIRD Foundation.	The current project implementation is on its smooth path of its innovative nature and ambitious objectives. The current project however, is ending in July 3, 2006. The EA (MRD), Deputy Prime Minister himself, remains firmly committed to continually ensure the complete involvement of the business community, and to support the establishment of CBIRD as an effective and sustainable institution. The project therefore, may need to extend for a number of months.	TA activities completed, A final report was prepared and submitted to the ADB. These outputs have been produced: 1. A memorandum of understanding between the Association of Banks in Cambodia, MRD and ADB was developed and signed by the concerned stakeholders to implement a C-BIRD type pilot project on the Business guidebook. The business guidebook is being developed, and will be printed in early January 2007, and the launching and disseminating will be in February. 2. An international consultant (team leader) is working closely with MRD in preparing the C-BIRD foundation, including the preparation of the C-BIRD Institution governance framework, business plan, marketing strategy and fund raising strategy. In view of the wrapping up activities, extension of the TA completion date is being requested.	The CBIRD formulated four project concept papers: 1. Cotton growing project for textile production; 2. Garment remnant utilization project; 3. Business guidebook for rural communities with the Banker's Association; and 4. Positive partnerships of HIV AIDS positive and negative partners linked to microfinance with the Chamber of Commerce. Although the EA (MRD) Deputy Prime Minister himself remains firmly committed to his critical role in mobilizing other key stakeholders in the CBIRD foundation, motivating top government officials and potential private sectors remains a challenging task. The TA has contributed to multi-sectoral partnerships to promote business knowhow and the establishment of appropriate business activities owned and managed by rural communities. This represents a significant step to rural development and community empowerment. The TA has demonstrated that the private sector has a crucial role to play in reducing poverty among Cambodia's rural poor.

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SERD	CAM	4755	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	600,000	Development and pilot testing of financial intermediation services that would increase level of savings among rural poor households and increase availability of funds for MFIs so they can expand rural lending.	An inception mission visited Phnom Penh on 13-22 Mar 2006. - inception report, submitted; - pre-appraisal of MFIS to ensure basic competence to undertake the savings product development process and the subsequent management of savings products is completed; - training in market research for new product development for three selected MFIs have started.	The mission carried out consultations with NBC, the EA of the TA; stakeholders and donor partners, concerning TA activities and other relevant issues including TA implementation arrangements.	There were some setback since the realignment and delays in approving contract variations, and the recruitment of MFIs to undertake the qualitative survey and product design. A contract has been signed with a local institution to undertake the quantitative survey (component 1). Contracts have also been signed with the 3 selected microfinance institutions (MFIs) that will assist in the conduct of qualitative component of the national survey as well as undertake their own market research and product development of new savings product. Commencement date for these consultants is on 1 Jan 2007. An MFI supervision specialist was recruited in April 2006 to review among others the current prudential regulations with regard to microfinance. A Management Information Systems Specialist was recruited in August 2006. The inception report was submitted Sept 2006.	The findings of the survey will be used for the design of pilot savings schemes/products. Savings products will be pilot-tested for another 6 months.
SERD	CAM	4777	Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls	800,000	To improve equity and reduce access barriers to secondary education for poor girls, the TA will pilot residential and learning facilities for girls in 3 schools (selected based on coverage area of students, number of female students and commitment of school director to implement the pilot) under the ESDP II in the provinces of Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear. The design of the three residential facilities and learning centers is under preparation. The bidding process is expected to start mid July, construction mid August, and completion of residential facilities by December 2006. Basic training on information and communications technology (ICT) will be provided for teachers from the three schools. The 1st batch of 15 teachers will be trained in September 2006.	Fact finding mission held on 10-19 January 2006. ADB approval on 30 April 2006. A minor change in scope was requested and approved in May 2006 changing the dormitory site from Preah Vihear School to Preah kok Samak School in Kratie province. An inception mission was held in 12-16 June 2006. The design of the three residential facilities and learning centers is under preparation. The bidding process is expected to start mid July, construction mid August, and completion of residential facilities by December 2006. Basic training on information and communications technology (ICT) will be provided for teachers from the three schools. The 1st batch of 15 teachers will be trained in September 2006.	Given the gap of 3 mos between the beginning of the school year in October and completion in December, it was felt as acceptable to the school management in Kratie province and also the EA that eligible students for dormitories will stay either with relatives and/or rent accommodation prior to moving into the residential facilities. It was agreed that a special committee will be established as part of the school management committee responsible for the management of residential facilities and the media centers. Each residence will have 4 female supervisors, teachers or community members who will receive incentives through scholarships. The Minister of Women's Affairs shall manage these dormitories through staff of Women Development Centers. The school will be responsible for the supervision of the media learning center and the TA will study opportunities to ensure financial sustainability of these centers.	The Govt of Cambodia instructed MOEYS to defer the selection process of ESDP model schools pending detailed discussions of transparent criteria for selection of schools and students, in view of possible repercussions in implementing such as approval without appropriate procedures. MOEYS requested ADB for approval to proceed with the proposed dormitories and learning centers pending the selection of model schools in the following locations as proposed by the Govt of Cambodia: Kompong Thom High School; Khov Buon Sun High School; and Angkor High School. Construction is expected to be finished by January 2007. For school year 2006-2007, scholarship grants to 116 students were provided.	There was a delay in construction due to a minor change in project scope. However, construction will be completed by Jan 2007. Specifications of the procurement of furniture for the dorms and ICT equipment has been completed. A detailed action plan to expedite implementation has been prepared. Overall implementation progress is delayed: (1) MOEYS requested a change of selected sites for residential facilities; (2) not all students had been informed about their scholarships and living allowance for temporary accommodation; (3) transfer of funds for scholarships and living allowances had been delayed due to slow administrative processes of the Technical Cooperation Unit (TCU) to establish accounts for scholarships in the three provinces.

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SERD	LAO	4339	The Extent and Impacts of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water Resources on Poverty Reduction in Lao PDR	250,000	Combination of research and capacity building, involving a comprehensive analysis of gender issues in terms of women's rights and access to land, forest and water resources, extension and training, and the implications of their ability to improve livelihoods and reduce their poverty.	Field activities are completed. Data analysis is being done. The report and training plan will be ready by September 2006. The Consultant's engagement needs to be increased by three (3) person months in order to implement the training.		Field activities, completed. Data analysis, completed. The Report and Training Plan was completed, accepted by the Government and will be implemented in 2007.	The Consultant's engagement need to be increased by 3 person months, in order to implement the training in 2007.
SERD	LAO	4392	Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	600,000	Pilot testing of linking agro-forestry and handicraft products produced among poor ethnic minorities with the domestic market and the international fair trade market. The TA seeks to establish handicraft trade groups; develop trade linkages; identify alternative markets for agro-forestry products; and improved post-harvest processing facilities; and provide marketing support.	A TA review mission was fielded in Lao PDR from 24 May - 1 Jun 2006, to review overall project implementation. For component A, there has been little progress in the field. The selection of target villages for PTI assistance has not been completed. For component B, the progress is satisfactory. The FUF team was able to introduce maize contract farming to 25 new villages (580 families); introduce sesame production to 5 new villages and achieved 800 kg of production; promote indigo production in 5 villages that generated a total income of \$450; trained 2 handicraft producer groups on weaving and dyeing for exporting silk scarves to the U.S. markets; and win a contract to grow corn for human consumption.		Cancellation of contract of People Tree International is being considered due to the firm's unsatisfactory performance. Friends of the Upland Farmers has submitted their latest report in Nov 2006.	
SERD	LAO	4406	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	550,000	A pilot project to replicate, with some adjustments, a participatory and low-cost small livestock management model developed by a country-based NGO to relevant areas, with a view to eventually scale-up into an upcoming ADB-assisted loan project (Participatory Livestock Development Project). This will also include extensive training of a core group of technical and field officials in selected provinces and districts.	Inception Report was submitted during the 1st quarter 2006, detailing the context wherein the planned interventions are to be conducted, implementation plan, staffing and organization arrangements. Activities are ongoing as of this reporting period.		CIAT is in the midst of implementing TA activities. In addition to TA activities, there is now great interest from villagers in two new districts in livestock production. There are now hundreds of households who are fattening their cattle and buffalo using forages and this provides the entry to point for the introduction of more intensive and holistic systems for livestock production. The NGO SADU will begin this year to establish small enterprises for production and distribution of planting material for forages. During the mission to LAO PDR related to NRSLDP, the Mission has reviewed the actual work of CIAT which is good quality.	CIAT is implementing the activities quite well. However, their reporting to ADB is behind schedule.

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SERD	LAO	4434	Poverty Reduction through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	974,300	<p>Package of capacity building services for the nine typical poor rural ethnic minority communities to be socially prepared with secure land tenure and basic health and education and able to manage their natural resources and respond to the opportunities and challenges brought about by the improvements along National Route 3 in Lao PDR.</p>	<p>Under the other land capability assessment, land use and allocation component, the following were accomplished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - field work was completed for land capability assessment and zoning; data entry and analysis are ongoing; - cadastral field surveys, drafting of village land use regulations and inter-village boundary demarcation are ongoing. <p>Under the community-based natural resources management, the following were accomplished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wildlife survey questionnaires were finalized and enumerators were trained; - field surveys, which commenced in March 2005, are ongoing. 		<p>A TA review mission to LAO was done 14-23 Oct 2006.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social preparation in health and education is progressing satisfactorily. In the poor villages, the volunteer groups established by the project on health and education are doing good services. The mission recommends a stipend of \$15 per month be paid to the volunteers as incentive. 2. EcoLao has been subcontracted for land capability assessment and land use planning and allocation, and work is progressing. All field work including socioeconomic survey, preparation of land capability maps has been finalized. 2. The Wildlife conservation Society, Laos was subcontracted for community-based natural resource management. The quantitative data analysis has been completed and qualitative analysis is ongoing. A draft plan is expected to be completed by April 2007. 3. Government counterparts from the provincial and district government are being trained by various consulting experts. 	<p>There are no technical issues in project implementation, but there are few administration issues that need to be resolved urgently. These problems are arising mainly because ADRA-Lao considers itself an implementing agency rather than a consultant. ADRA decided to withdraw from the consulting services contract. Another consultancy firm or NGO will be hired to continue with project implementation. ADB will conduct a Special Review Mission in January 2007 to ensure uninterrupted implementation in the face of the Consultant's withdrawal.</p>
SERD	LAO	4787	Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	140,000	<p>This SSTA will support the Government of Lao PDR in developing new approaches to improving demand for immunization. Specifically, this will examine the demand aspects of immunization and conduct issues-oriented studies. This intends to improve child immunization coverage in poor rural areas of Lao PDR and increase community demand for immunization.</p>	<p>TA approval, 10 May 2006. The recruitment of consultants is ongoing, inception mission is scheduled for July - August 2006.</p>			

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SERD	SUBREG	6113	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	385,000	This TA shall develop markets through research, policy dialogue and capacity building to promote sustainable pro-poor economic growth and more equitable distribution of its benefits to accelerate poverty reduction. The additional PRF funding shall increase the depth of research studies undertaken, include a modest amount of new study activities, and to increase the effectiveness of information dissemination, policy discussion and impact of the project	The Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), ADB and DFID hosted workshops in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City between 12-16 June 2006 to promote Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure services for the poor. Given the rapidly growing infrastructure needs in Vietnam, and the limits of Government and donor budgets, PPPs offer the possibility to leverage the financial resources and expertise of the private sector. The workshops discussed constraints and potential solutions to PPP development in infrastructure. Research activities that were started: - collective action - contract farming - supermarkets follow-on - markets and exclusions - rural labour markets	A "marketplace" for multi-donor infrastructure development facilities will offer products and solutions for different aspects of infrastructure development. "Breakout" groups will discuss specific sector -based cases.	At the project level, progress was good. The main 2006 research program has been successfully implemented in terms of the delivery of the main project research findings. Almost all planned research for 2006 was complete. Many of the research teams had presented their findings at "M4P week" -- series of workshops and seminars organized and hosted by the RETA over the period 27 Nov to 01 Dec.	Most of the research reports and workshop proceedings still require editing and translation prior to publication. Therefore, M4P proposes a 3 month extension to the end of March 2007 to complete the printing and distribution of the remainin research reports. This is only a time extension and will not require additional finance.
SERD	SUB-REG	6115	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	800,000	Assessment of the likely impacts of the changing forest industry and investment structure, and the impacts of regional forest product trade patterns on the profitability and sustainability of community and industrial forestry. The TA will focus on Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam, especially in provinces that have high incidence of poverty and high dependency on forest and their products. It will have an explicit focus on the impacts of the changing development environment on poor ethnic minorities and women.	The chunk of activities under this RETA will be finished in September 2006. Four papers prepared under this RETA will be presented in a big donor meeting on "Poverty and Forestry" in Hanoi, this October.		A fieldwork has been completed and final draft reports prepared of the case studies undertaken under each thematic topic and in each country. These reports were presented at a regional workshop in Bangkok was done November 2006, attended by about 40 stakeholders from the region. The final report, taking account of teh recommendations of the Workshop is under preparation and is expected to be ready by end January 2007.	TA completion date was extended to complete the data analysis from case studies on community and industrial forestry. The study shown that mismanagement of forest resources leading to degradation and destruction has a very negative impact on poor communities. Ensuring that such communities benefit from investment in forest management is not automatic and is difficult to achieve in practise without strenous efforts to ensure their participation in appropriate activities supported by financial and technical support, which requires training and extension. Forestry projects in the future need to include institutional investment in support services to ensure that they have a positive impact on poverty alleviation and reduction.

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SERD	SUB-REG	6190	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the GMS	700,000	Capacity building and pilot projects. The TA will (i) develop institutional awareness and capacity within ADB and in the developing member countries of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam and Thailand, to address trafficking and related issues in regional projects in the GMS, and (ii) pilot test project components in 2 ongoing ADB-financed cross-border projects (tourism and cross-border highway).	The review mission conducted 19-20 June 2006 held meetings with consultant teams working under the RETA to : - facilitate greater integration in the different components and outputs being prepared under the RETA; - outline timeframe for different outputs and activities under the RETA; - finalize the plan for the Regional Conference to be held in Manila in December 2006. The Project is moving satisfactorily. The research is in its second and final phase. The NGOS are working effectively through their cross border presence in all GMS countries. Outputs are well timed and the December workshop should be able to showcase the outputs of the Projects.	There may be a need to extend the contract of the team leader by two person weeks in 2007, in order to finalize stand alone outputs for publication.	The Review Mission in November 2006 in Cambodia visited 'Save the Children' - Australia's ongoing work in Ratanakiri province. Consultants have regularly submitted their outputs and claims. The project is moving satisfactorily. The reasearch is undergoing its final phase. the NGOs are working effectively through their cross border presence in all GMS countries. Outputs are well timed and the March 2007 workshop should be able to showcase the outputs of the Project. The outputs will be finalized thereafter for wider dissemination.	
SERD	SUB-REG	6243	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	750,000	Develop strategies for malaria control for poor ethnic minorities living in malaria-prone location in the GMS	With the exception of Myanmar, all participating countries (Cambodia, China, Lao, Thailand, and Viet Nam) have prepared comprehensive action plans and monitoring and evaluation recommendations to meet TA ebjectives. Countries have prepared and commenced to conduct baseline survey on knowledge and practise for malaria prevention and control. Training for village health volunteers and malaria workers on malaria diagnosis, treatment and bed net impregnation has commenced.	The delay in TA implementation was caused by approval proceedings of the Ministries of Health and Finance in establishing the project in each country, identifying country focal persons and need for technical staff to assist in the project focal points in the preparation of annual work plans and budgets. the WPRO had been requested to expedite TA implementation and seek additional manager and staff to support the TA regional technical unit in Vientiane to ensure timely completion of project activities by December 2007.		

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SERD	SUB REG	6247	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communications Strategies	700,000	A pilot project that aims to halt and reverse the spread of AIDS by 2015 through the adoption of communication strategies	An inception report and first quarterly progress report was received on 14 Jun 2006. The report included: - a review of other ICT activities in ethnic minority languages completed/ongoing in the GMS; - progress made against each component/activity; - a revised timeline of activities; and - a set of recommendations. Teams have been set up in each of the countries for developing the contents of each radio drama, and entities for broadcasting have also been confirmed. Progress for the pilot project in Cambodia is also moving well. The Krueng ethnic language has been identified. In addition, during content development, the possibility of including information on the negative impacts of tourism will also be explored.	After taking into consideration technical and logistic feasibility, the Muoso language will be replaced with Tai Lue language for radio drama programming. Both are ethnic languages in Yunnan Province (PRC). In addition, a part of the next installment will be advanced to support ongoing activities and to help prepare for the interim workshop. Given the progress of the TA, the interim workshop might be held earlier in October/ November 2006, followed by the submission of the final interim report in early December 2006.	A midterm and progress report was submitted to the ADB. The report includes findings from the midterm review workshop meeting held in Vientiane on 21 Nov 2006. The ADB also receives a copy of UNESCO mission reports for each mission that is conducted under the TA. The implementation of this project is successfully moving forward. Initial GIS HIV/AIDS vulnerability mappings have been completed for Cambodia and Lao PDR, and been expanded for Thailand. An HIV/AIDS vulnerability mapping for the GMS will be explored, depending on compatibility of data and funding availability. The HIV/AIDS Clearinghouse has also been expanded and updated. Bi-monthly clearinghouse updates are prepared and have been distributed to over 1800 online users.	Radio programming is being developed in Khmu (Lao), Akha (Thailand), Krueng (Cambodia), and Tai Neua and Tai Lue (Yunnan Province, PRC). UNESCO has proposed that the development of the Naxi radio programming, funded by another source, be included under the umbrella of this TA. A project website linked to the NPRS/PRF website has been discussed to better disseminate TA activities. The final report is expected to include steps through which community-based activities, containing public awareness activities and campaigns, can be more effective in reaching/communicating messages to target population.
SERD	SUB REG	6289	GMS: Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation initiatives	550,000	This TA aims to enhance the environmental sustainability and social equity of the GMS economic cooperation program by providing technical, operational, and financial support to upgrade the environmental management capability in the GMS	Consultant recruitment is under process.			
SERD	VIE	4331	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	550,000	Combination of policy research to improve the poverty focus of health financing and capacity building for implementing government decision to establish Health Care Fund for the Poor at provincial levels.	There has been significant progress in TA activities in the period January to June 2006. The TA Team Leader has successfully led the local research team, with the associated capacity building activities, to present the preliminary results of the four inter-related quantitative research studies on pro-poor health care financing. The preliminary results were presented at a workshop held in Hanoi on 15 June 2006 and was well attended by a diverse group of donors and international health partners. The TA has also supported the conduct of a participatory rapid assessment (PRA) on Decision 139 implementation and a paper on a proposed methodology for the evaluation of Decision 139 implementation.	The PRA was very successful in identifying some key qualitative factors that are affecting the policy environment at the local level and the Min of Health has already noted that these are being accounted for in the current revisions of the policy. The paper on the proposed methodology for the evaluation of Decision 139 implementation was well received by the Min of Health and ADB is currently discussing a proposal to use TA savings to implement the methodology and conduct the evaluation itself.	Key activities for the period were: 1. Finalization of 4 research studies; 2. Contracting a firm to provide custom-made software and training for Decision 139 monitoring and reporting; 3. A piloting exercise for monitoring software in Lam Dong province; and 4. Commence work on Decision 139 impact evaluation exercise using methodology developed under TA. The TA faced some administrative challenges in the software procurement which led to some delays but these have now been resolved. The Team Leader's contract has been extended by 2 mos (using TA savings) at the request of the MOH in order to ensure the impact evaluation exercise is properly completed.	The TA is now in its final period with all stakeholders focused on the close date of June 2007. This will be achieved. The key remaining activity is to complete the software development and associated training and impact evaluation. The latter activity is much anticipated by MOH and a range of stakeholders involved in, and concerned about, health financing and insurance in Viet Nam and thus the activity is highly appreciated and the final report will attract great interest. TA is nearing completion.

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SERD	VIE	4453	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	370,000	Support to the Government in the development of a law on gender equality with a view to reducing poverty and inequality based on gender; facilitate the process of gender mainstreaming in drafting and amending legislation; build gender-sensitive legal institutions; enhance gender awareness in the legal system.	The President of the Viet Nam Women's Union presented the draft Gender Equality Law to the National Assembly working session in May. The Drafting committee, led by the Viet Nam Women's Union, has been working closely with the Social Affairs Committee to improve the draft GEL by addressing questions raised during its appraisal at the NA. A matrix was developed to compare existing legal provisions with new/revised ones in the draft GEL. The SAC was appointed by the Standing Committee of the NA to appraise the draft GEL prepared. It is planned that the Law will be presented and considered at the National Assembly in November 2006. Between now and the date of submission, the Women's Union plans to focus on the following key tasks -- survey on the retirement age, consultations with the NA members in provinces, and advocacy through media and press coverage.	Coordination with other development partners has been good. An external panel of five experts, each from a different country, has reviewed the draft GEL twice. In addition, the VWU has undertaken a study tour at University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia from 9-15 July 2006. The study tour is jointly funded by AusAID. TA 4453-VIE has funded 4 persons.	The Gender Equality Law (GEL) was adopted by the National Assembly on 21 November 2006. A presentation was made at the ADB Gender Specialists' Annual Meeting in Manila (4-8 Dec 2006) on the drafting process of the GEL. Extension of TA completion date from 31 December 2006 to 30 June 2007 was requested and approved.	The extension would provide sufficient time to implement follow-up TA activities, as requested by the Viet Nam Women's Union. Activities such as mass media campaigns and training workshops would help support initial implementation of the Law on Gender Equality, which was adopted by the National Assembly on 21 Nov 2006. An ADB review mission will be fielded in January 2007 to discuss the particulars of these activities, adn estimated budget.
SERD	VIE	4480	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	600,000	Identify impediments to developing sustainable agricultural insurance in Viet Nam and propose policy options; provide feasible models for informal agricultural risk mitigation and formal agricultural insurance for pilot testing, and conduct pilot testing of informal and formal risk mitigation models.	TA implementation, ongoing. Interim report received in January 2006. A review mission visited Hanoi on 6-10 Mar 2006. Consultations with the Dept of Finance of the Ministry of Finance (EA), stakeholders, the private sector and donor partners were carried out, regarding TA activities. The mission also conducted a two-day field survey in Vin Phuc province in the northern part of viet Nam, to identify the need of farmers for crop and livestock insurance products.	The mission found substantial demand from farmers on livestock microinsurance. The mission will cooperate with the ILO on the joint workshop on microinsurance, which is expected to occur in the third quarter of 2006. The mission will also cooperate with MPDF and the World Bank on activities regarding the development of weather-related index insurance in the GMS.	Phase 1 of the project is almost over, and Phase II (the pilot) is to start very soon, in concrete coordination with FIRST and World Bank (for continuity and sustainability). The pilot phase plan has been somehow completed, and a clear endorsement from Viet Nam is now being awaited.	

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SERD	VIE	4638	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	250,000	This TA will assist the Government to implement, monitor, and review the regulatory and supervisory framework embodied in Decree 28/2005/ND-CP on the Organization and Operation of Microfinance Institutions in Viet Nam. Among others, this will revise the supervisory manuals and procedures to consistent with the decree, and conduct participatory workshops with key stakeholders including mass organizations and international development agencies.	Inception of this project has not yet taken place. Contract negotiations just finished and inception will take place very soon.		Draft guidelines, regulations and circulars on implementation of Decree 28 have been prepared following the discussion of the Consultants with SBV. Work on chart of accounts is ongoing. Development of supervisory manuals would commence following the completion of the draft implementing circular. Training will follow on from completion of the drafts of the supervisory manuals and procedures. Further work was carried out on the development of the monitoring framework for MFIS and reporting formats were designed.	The TA may be extended to Dec 2007.
SERD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	650,000	Capacity building TA for the training of key officials in Provincial People's Committee and Department of Planning and Investment in socio-economic development planning, results-based management, public investment planning, service delivery and other related areas.	TA letter, not yet signed.		The TA implementation pace is quite slow. The team leader identified could not make himself available for the TA. They had to go for another round of search for team leader, which is expected to be completed soon. The second of the two international consultant is already on board and has carried out field visit two months ago. Some of the domestic consultants are also already on board. The moment the team leader is selected, the TA is expected to move more expeditiously.	
SERD	VIE	4689	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	150,000	This TA shall prepare the guidelines for benefit-sharing mechanism that can be implemented on a pilot basis. This will help the government prepare a pilot-tested policy framework, as an initial step in developing a national policy for benefit-sharing mechanisms for improving the well-being of the people affected and long-term environmental management of power-generation projects.	Inception phase. A consultant inception report was submitted and approved by the Government. A local consultant (public Financial Management Specialist) will be recruited to deal with Government Institutions, private sectors and civil society organizations involved in developing policies and programs related to power development projects and people adversely affected by such projects in Viet Nam.	A minor change in scope will be prepared to recruit a domestic consulting firm to undertake surveys as well as to organize stakeholder workshops.	The international and individual consultants have been selected. The steering committee and the working group consisting of government counterparts have been established. The overall approach and the work plan for the consultants have been finalized during the inception phase. A national consultancy firm is in the process of having been recruited to undertake stakeholder consultations and rapid assessment of selected hydropower projects.	There were some delays in implementation in view of the delay in recruitment of a local consultancy firm.

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SERD	VIE	4690	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	1,000,000	This TA, attached to a loan, is to strengthen the institutional capacity of national, provincial and district authorities, as well as commune leaders, for effective planning and implementation of resettlement and livelihood programs for the communities affected by the Son La Hydropower Project	The TA commenced in mid-Feb 2006. Consultants conducted field visits in three provinces to study issues surrounding the implementation of Compensation Resettlement and Livelihood Plans and to assess training needs of stakeholders at all levels. The team has visited 6 resettlement sites. In the Apr 7th workshop in Dien Bien Phu City, consultants presented their findings on the implementation of the compensation and resettlement, the training needs of the stakeholders and the subjects of the training modules. The workshop participants agreed with consultant findings and proposed training programs. A TA review mission was held in Vietnam on 18-19 April 2006	The major findings of the consultants team indicate that the Resettlement sites so far visited are not technically feasible. Common problems at the planned and established resettlement sites are: (i) lack of water, both for drinking and production; (ii) insufficient productive land, for both relocatees and host communities; (iii) insufficient forest resources; (iv) unfertile land or land is too rocky or steep or eroded; (v) land allocation is not done for the relocatees in the resettlement sites; (vi) dissatisfaction among relocatees on food security and subsidies; (vii) tension between host community and relocatees due to different ethnicity. Another major constraint is the little cooperation received from the National Project Director in providing the consultant team with relevant resettlement documents and facilitation of training.	At present, the TA is encountering problems with implementing the TA activities in the main province, Son La. Son La province has indicated their non-participation in TA activities and the EA is working towards resolving this with Son La province. meantime, the training program has started in 2 other Provinces. Consultant field visit reports, workshop reports, Resettlement Operational Guidelines and Resettlement training modules and the Macro Land Use Training modules are completed. The Macro Land Use Planning Training module is prepared in December. The training on Macro and Micro Land Use Planning, Resettlement Planning Training will start in February 2007. Training of Trainers (TOR) started in October 2006, in two provinces.	Although the TA commenced in mid-February on time, the implementation is constrained by administrative issues related to TA fund management and some bureaucratic procedure of the EA. Due to this reason, the activities have been slow for several months.
SERD	VIE	4714	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	600,000	Development of a conceptual framework of the linkages among urban air pollution, poverty and health effects, and empirically test the developed framework in Ho Chi Minh City.	The Prime Minister approved the TA and the TA letter shall be signed in early July.	ADB is discussing with the HEI to adjust the implementation periods to share our outputs with the PPTA team and complete main activities by the end of 2007. The design and components remain the same. A letter of agreement with HEI is expected to be finalized by the end of July at the latest.	A Bank Mission visited Viet Nam on 9-10 October 2006, to review TA 4714. An inception workshop was also during the mission. The letter of agreement between ADB and HEI was signed on 3 Oct 2006. A separate letter of agreement detailing the cooperation between HEI and DOH was signed at the inception workshop. The HEI agreed that the draft inception report would be submitted to ADB by end of 2006.	The HEI is not fully familiar with the ADB's procedures on liquidation, recruitment of consultants, procurement procedures. The Mission agreed to provide a summary instruction to HEI to provide guidance and to minimize any delay due to non-compliance with the ADB procedures.
		66	Sub total	38,867,800					

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C. Projects Under Implementation - PPTA									
CWRD	TAJ	4598	Rural Development Project	150,000	The TA will help the Government design an investment project to provide an integrated approach to agriculture and rural development.	Implementation, ongoing. A study tour to Sinzyan-Uygur Autonomous Region of People's Republic of China was held in April 2006. A report has been prepared by the study group and will be translated into English and submitted to the ADB. The Mission (2-6 May 2006) reviewed and discussed with the Consultant Team a draft report on the rationale, objectives, components and outputs and project design and monitoring framework. Substantial progress had been achieved in defining the objectives and scope of the proposed project. However, more work is needed to address key implementation aspects. The design has progressed positively and with further elaboration of the detailed implementation arrangements, a comprehensive project should be available for review by ADB and the Project Steering Committee/Ministry of Agriculture.		Technical assessments completed and project design requirements have been met. The final report of the Consultant, addressing the written comments of the Government and ADB was submitted on 31 July 2006. A minor change in TA scope to finance the expenses in maintaining the TA office and a cumulative extension of less than one year from the original completion date of 31 Mar 2006 to 30 Mar 2007 was approved by Director, CWAE on 11 Aug 2006.	
EARD	MON	4632	Urban Development Housing Project	250,000	The TA will prepare a project that will assist the Government to provide sustainable and affordable infrastructure and services for the urban poor; promote community participation in project preparation, implementation and post-project operation and maintenance activities; and improve urban planning and management and the capacity of government agencies to provide and operate urban services. The TA will carry out an assessment and, if necessary, prepare mitigation measures/plan and include in the project design.	Near completion of TA implementation; Technical assessments completed; Project design requirements, accomplished. The inception, interim and draft final reports were submitted on 30 January, 10 April and 29 May 2006 respectively. The fact-finding mission for the ensuing loan project was conducted from 5-23 June 2006 and agreed with the Government on the outline of the project. The consultants are currently finalizing the final report.	The ensuing project is designed to have multi-dimensional impacts on poverty reduction. While infrastructure is provided, the project will simultaneously (1) increase access to small loans for households and neighborhood improvement; (2) create direct short-term employment for construction and indirect long-term income generating opportunities; and (3) empower poor residents in decision-making process through the establishment of CBOs to plan and implement community infrastructure improvements.	There will be a minor change in scope for the PPTA, to allow additional study on legal side. Technical assessments, completed. Project design requirement, accomplished. Subsequent loan was signed on 19 Dec 2006.	
SARD	BAN	4740	Second Command Area Development	350,000	Feasibility study of three or four schemes selected from the nine large irrigation schemes recommended by the government, to prepare an investment proposal.	TA letter, not yet signed. The letter will be signed upon the approval of the TA project Proforma, which is still with the Planning Commission, for their review.		The TA Letter of Agreement was signed on 07 Dec 2006. Contract negotiations with the first ranked firm will take place in the second week of January 2007 and the TA team will be fielded in early February 2007.	

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SARD	NEP	4754	Education Sector Development 1	150,000	Assistance to the Government to prepare the Education Sector Development Program I (ESDP I) that will help develop a holistic approach to the public school education system to improve its efficiency and performance. The TA will provide a mechanism for all interested development partners to join the policy and program development process from the earliest stage	Implementation, ongoing. Consultancy services of individual consultants are ongoing. Consultants were demobilized from Kathmandu in April 2006, due to security reasons. TEAM Nepal (P) Ltd. commenced in May 2006. The inception report was submitted on 29 May 2006. Consultancy services of individual consultants have commenced.		The TA has produced its final report and the ensuing loan was processed and approved. The TA is near completion, but it provides bridging assistance to the EA until the loan becomes effective and capacity building component is operational.	The ensuing loan was processed and approved.
		4	Sub total	900,000					

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Projects Completed - PRC Program									
EARD	PRC	4200	Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	400,000	An umbrella fund to support strategically important conferences, workshops, seminars and research related to poverty reduction.	Additional completed studies have met LGOP request for focused analysis on Government's emerging priorities: - reforming the poverty alleviation loan system; - skills training for migrant workers in poor areas; - health care access for rural-urban migrants; - efficacy of NGO-led projects; - dragon-head enterprises as a catalyst for local poverty reduction and development; partnerships in establishing the China International Poverty Research Center. Final 11 studies, launched.	Among the first 11 proposals endorsed by the EA and ADB, 9 have been completed, 2 of which have been reflected in high-level documents and national policy dialogue.	Completed the following: - analysis and framework for international cooperation in poverty reduction (in cooperation with World Bank and GTZ); - systemic innovation of rural community healthcare to alleviate poverty; - mechanisms to link poverty reduction and forging a harmonious society; - private sector employment-poverty reduction linkages; and - lowering barriers to international NGOs/charities in advancing poverty and civil society aims. All subprojects, completed; for financial closing.	PRCM in early-stage analysis of TA efficacy, but indicative findings suggest: 1. important support to goal - increased effectiveness, sustainability and quality of poverty reduction policies in the PRC; 2. Achievement of the purpose - encouragement of strategic policy dialogue and research in the area of poverty reduction and related fields (e.g. unemployment and social security) among the government agencies, civil society, academics and the funding community As a follow-on to this TA and as requested by the LGOP, the ADB will fund flexible "facility-type" support.
EARD	PRC	4222	Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions	150,000	Policy study that will influence a longer-term poverty reduction strategy of the country. Emerging issues such as rural-urban migration and impacts of economic transition will be addressed.	Final activities included (1) study tour to India; (2) EA's dissemination of AT policy study findings; and (3) project wrap-up in June 2005.	Competitively selected by Government and ADB for first ever TA award, for substantial impact on poverty reduction policy/strategy, despite TA's small size.	Completed and financially closed, September 2005.	
EARD	PRC	4298	Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process	360,000	Capacity building support for the National Development Reform Commission to improve the process of drafting the 11th Five Year Plan and subsequent five year plans in a more participatory manner consistent with international best practices and to develop a more poverty-focused five year plan.	Financial closing, 12 Sept 2005	A major output of this TA--the final report, can be a good reference for further work in the area of state planning for ADB. A most useful chapter in the Final Report was the one entitled "How to Promote Better Planning in China." This chapter was most relevant for policy makers at NDRC as it clearly spelled out 10 principles for more effective planning. Emphasis was placed on local level planning, integration of the fiscal system, the financial system and the incentive framework.	Financial closing, 12 Sept 2005	The main lesson learnt is that the specific topics for the substantive studies should have been identified and finalized during TA fact finding instead of mentioning them as a generic requirement in the final TOR. This would have enabled better budgeting of the TA and preparation of studies.
EARD	PRC	4215	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	400,000	Policy study to prepare a pro-poor rural water supply and sanitation (RWSS) policies, and provide for a strategic investment framework for integrated and pro-poor RWSS, focused on defining viable models for financing sustainable pro-poor RWSS systems.	Final Report Workshop held on 16 and 17 Dec 2005; Final Report submitted in Mar. 2006	Formulation of strategy and development plan for RWSS in response to the issues and constraint of RWSS Sector; Workshop to meet Government Ministries, International Donor Agencies and Domestic Experts; Identification of potential regions in the PRC which would have interest in applying for ADB loans for their RWSS projects	Financial closing, 13 July 2006	The TA provided a strong base for the preparation of future RWSS projects in the PRC. Based on the sector policy and strategies and investment framework developed under the TA, several project proposals for RWSS have been prepared, following the PRC internal procedures.

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EARD	PRC	4308	Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	400,000	Policy study to assess the overall impacts of the grassland improvement program and make policy framework and investment plans that will encourage positive impacts on poverty reduction.	Case studies of 6 poor and often drought-affected countries, assessed the design and efficacy challenges in large GIP programs, including: 1. Cookie-cutter central-funded projects not locally appropriate; 2. Inadequate participation, esp. by poor women; and 3. piecemeal approach, marginalizing the impact on poverty. Policy/Program changes were recommended to address these and introduce: 1. systematic monitoring and evaluation 2. holistic approach (incl. capacity building, pro-poor infra, etc.) linking GIP to state poverty interventions 3. support to the poor to obtain enclosures and clearer land rights, along with enhanced community management, to eliminate over-grazing due to externalities and risk.	This TA represents the first ever external evaluation of PRC's huge Grasslands Improvement Program and impact on poverty and the environment - grasslands have high poverty incidence, with at least 90% degraded. Based on TA findings, Development Research Center (DRC, the EA) is drafting recommendations to the State Council for improving state grassland programs. This process has helped initiate mindset change among govt. and PRC experts.	TA activities completed, date of completion is 30 Nov 2006. Awaiting financial closing. TA completion report, completed. FC: Sept 2006	The TA was highly relevant to understanding poverty reduction in grassland areas, where many of the country's poor reside. The TA was also effectively implemented by the DRC with high quality consulting work by the team that mostly comprised Chinese experts. In terms of sustainability, the outcome of the work is leading directly to 11th FYP reforms. The Government's concerns to improve environmental management of the grasslands as well as to achieve sustainable rural livelihoods have been clearly assisted through this TA.
EARD	PRC	4402	Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	500,000	Support for the provincial government to reform the urban heat supply sector and formulate a heat supply strategy that will provide maximum benefits for the urban poor.	TA closing date: June 2006 Workshop: April 2006 (completed) final report: submitted to ADB		Financial closing, 19 Sep 2006. The TA is categorized as successful. The TA was relevant because it developed the basis for commercialization of district heating; it was implemented within the budget and reasonable timeline, and the EA has a high level of ownership to the TA.	The high level of ownership by the EA contributed to the successful TA implementation. Further, the close cooperation between the EA and the Consultant, and flexibility during TA implementation helped to improve the TA results. The quality of outputs was satisfactory to ADB and generally met the expectations of the executing agency. These outputs were useful in supporting the Government's objectives to reform the heating tariff setting, tariff collection system and heating assistance program to the urban poor (to be completed in 2010).
		6	Sub total	2,210,000					

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B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program									
EARD	PRC	4142	Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province	800,000	Pilot project to prevent and reduce risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infectious diseases that may result from the ADB-financed Road Project.	Strong buy-in by BEC was achieved, key for sustainability (BEC will construct and manage the expressway). Guangxi has requested TA to replicate this approach for which SIDA has endorsed \$1 million under a new HIV/AIDS trust fund to ADB.		The TA has generally addressed past implementation problems, especially in better linking with Government structures, adjusting the strategies to improve targeting of truck drivers, piloting condom social marketing activities, and in further mobilizing community leaders. The different strategies to reach the risk groups are well in place and effective. The TA is implementing a Condom Social Marketing (CSM) scheme in Longling county on a pilot basis. The TA undertook two rounds of Behavioral Surveillance and Health Facility Surveys in August 2005 and 2006. The preliminary results are very encouraging and show objective changes in knowledge, attitudes and behavior among the target groups of the TA- Female Sex Workers, Road Construction Laborers and Youth.	It is an interesting TA because of the broad approach (targetting not only construction workers but also the surrounding communities). In addition, the TA has a strong performance monitoring component. Approaches for linking HIV/AIDS prevention to an ADB-financed expressway in Western Yunnan (under this TA and Loan 2014) are slated to be replicated in Guangxi and Central Asia in two sub-projects under a Swedish trust fund to ADB for HIV/AIDS. Another PRC-specific sub-project under the latter will build on progress in TA 4560 in pilot testing sustainable linkages between government- and NGO-led HIV/AIDS efforts in Yunnan and Xinjiang.
EARD	PRC	4307	Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	400,000	Policy study to comprehensively assess the overall impacts of some of the key forestry conservation programs on the livelihoods of the poor and to provide recommendations for revised policy and program framework that will encourage cost effectiveness and sustainable livelihoods of the poor.	TA supporting the first-ever independent external evaluation of 6 massive forestry programs: 1. Grain-for-green Program; 2. Natural Forestry Protection Program, which alone will receive RMB 428.4 billion state funds during 2000-2010; 3. Wildlife Conservation and Nature Reserve Development Program; 4. Shelterbelt Development Program; 5. Desertification Control Program; 6. Forests Industrial Base Development Program in Key Regions. Draft final report critically assessing and identifying recommendations for the 6 state programs -- to be finalized after multi-stakeholder review at final workshop (scheduled July 2006)	The Ministry of Finance (MOF) as EA, is proposing to report key findings and suggestions to the Government to inform reforms in policy and programs.	TA is nearing completion. The Government is satisfied with the inception report. Desk review, completed. Field surveys designed in dialogue with Government was launched.	TA is extended to March 2007.

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EARD	PRC	4322	Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks	1,000,000	Help the Government prepare an integrated road network strategy and assist road agencies with improved planning, implementation and operational skills required to ensure pro-poor impacts.	Held a major international forum in Manila (March 2006) that disseminated findings of TAs, and shared regional experiences on contribution of road networks to poverty reduction.	Though not classified as loan-linked, this TA created a strong basis to influence future ADB loans and government investments -- the TA is the 1st of its kind directed at MOC. The inception report (DEC 2004) fed policy dialogue to enhance sustainability of 2006-10 national road investment strategy and mainstream poverty and social issues in project/program design. The case studies in Guangxi and Sichuan analyzed local roads as a tool to address needs of poor and isolated communities as a key element of ADB's operational strategy.	A mission visited Beijing from 24 to 28 July 2006, to conduct the final review of this TA and attend the Ministerial conference and final Tripartite meeting. Developed area-wide road network model (tool to balance road projects' economic benefits and poverty impacts) and established integrated road network information system and Transport Planning Unit within MOC. The TA is nearing completion.	The Ministerial Conference was highly successful in terms of high level of participation, high quality of output and relevance of the conference materials to the requirements of the ADB-Government operational strategy, including State Council, NDRC, MOF, MOC, Transport Planning and Research Institutes, consultants and ADB. The new planning process with participation by the poor piloted under this TA is planned for replication in 3 provinces in 2007 to 2010. The TA has begun influence dialogue on future ADB loans and the inclusion of pro-poor methodology into Ministry of Communications planning for massive future road investments.
EARD	PRC	4401	Rural Income and Sustainable Development	900,000	This project is to adjust agricultural structure and alleviate farmers from poverty through demonstration and piloting of key sustainable alternative rural livelihood projects.	Inception report, finalized, Jan 2006 Survey methodology was developed. Detailed surveys were undertaken by consultants using participatory approaches, interviews and questionnaires in each of the six pilot villages (April 2006). The survey included assessments of the poverty situation, natural resource base and environmental problems. An institutional assessment was completed, focusing on institutional capacity to support environmentally sustainable poverty alleviation interventions. A policy analysis was conducted and policy study areas were proposed. methodology for village development planning exercises (planned for June 2006) were developed. The phase 1 interim report has been submitted by the consultants in May 2006.	Participatory approaches are an underlying feature of this project. For example, the processes and outputs of the village were: participatory poverty ranking, participatory problem analysis, poverty analysis, semi-structured household interviews, community transect walk and resource mapping, group interviews. The possibility of entering into a partnership with Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network to provide parallel co-financing in the form of technical expertise in developing community-based monitoring is being discussed. The discussions are ongoing, on the way in which the partnership may be formalized.	Phase1 of the project is completed, which was mainly on carrying out baseline studies and the village planning exercises. The "real work" on the pilot projects would begin in Phase2, which is being initiated now. Together with the Executing Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture, adjusting the implementation arrangements of the TA in order to deliver the best results on the ground in a sustainable manner, is seriously being examined. This means, among other things, moving towards more local ownership of the pilot projects and using more local expertise instead of always working with the consultant, the China Agri Univ (CAU). It is taking some time, but both MOA and ADB feel it is crucial at this juncture between Phase1 and Phase2 to guide the project so that the outcome can be realised.	The very nature of Phase1 meant that expenditures were mainly progress payments to consultants and expenses linked to studies, workshops, field work, etc. For Phase2, should the negotiations with the CAU succeeded, for alternative implementing arrangements where CAU is no longer involved as the main contractor, disbursements will be more timely and that the project will move along more smoothly. It is also very positive that MOA is taking greater interest and ownership of TA implementation. Once Phase2 is up and running, advances for the investments in 6 pilot projects would immediately be disbursed. Policy studies and other training works will also be commissioned.

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EARD	PRC	4430	Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development)	1,000,000	A package of affordable and sustainable financial services to the rural sector and the poor in Guizhou Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region that include pilot testing of a rural credit cooperative.	Announcement and posting of bidding invitation documents in March 2006 Tender evaluations and awarding licenses in May 2006.		Local governments were assisted to select and grant licenses to microcredit institutions (MCIs) through an international bidding process. The ff. MCIs were opened during the period: 1 in Guizhou; 2 in Shaanxi Province; 1 in IMAR. ADB sponsored a conference held in Erdos, IMAR on 12-13 Oct 2006. Heads of the 7 NCIs introduced their existing operations and discussed issues such as uncertain growth strategy, weak management and lack of loan financing, as well as uncertain legal status and policy constraints imposed on them. The conference concluded that there is a need to establish a long term mechanism, through meetings at fixed intervals and utilizing ICT, for MCIs to share with each other information and experience, seek advice from experts, and communicate with policy makers and regulators.	The MCIs requested ADB's immediate technical assistance in long term strategy development and operations management. In addition to October 2006 selection of a second institutional microfinance institution (MFI) by international tender under 4430, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region recently launched bidding for MFIs using the TA 4430-developed model. Additionally, ADB has received informally, requests from several MFIs to develop a related loan, perhaps working with GTZ (linking to their DFID-supported work) GTZ indicated that they could work with ADB jointly to strengthen institutional capabilities of MCIs and the wholesale bank(s) if ADB decides to go ahead with an on lending operation.
EARD	PRC	4454	Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level	300,000	Develop quantitative and qualitative methodologies to assess poverty reduction impact of ADB-assisted operations.	The Executing Agency underwent a reorganization and work on the pilot survey in Dayao county was supposed to have resumed in April. However, the field work was postponed due to unsuitable weather conditions in the area at that time of the year. Preparations are also underway for the 2nd Agriculture Census to be conducted at the end of the year. To optimize use of resources, the EA proposed that the project pilot survey piggy-back with this activity and requested the extension in the project's completion date, to end-December 2007. ERDI management approved the request.		By being a rider to the 2nd China Agriculture Census scheduled to begin in Dec 2006, poverty-related data will be collected by the Executing Agency from approximately 66,000 households in Dayao county. This will enable the EA as well as users and policy-makers to identify the poor households at the village level, allowing for a modified CBMS-model approach to poverty monitoring.	Given this size, however, strains the resources. The EA weighed the trade-off between concentrating the development of the system in one county or spreading the resource across 8 counties. The decision is to focus on one county as this is more helpful to the current Chinese poverty reduction policy; to target the poor villages and households.
EARD	PRC	4566	Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shaanxi Province	500,000	Develop a model socioeconomic and environmental mitigation program that will focus on retraining redundant miners, developing job creation schemes for redundant miners, and reducing environmental impacts for poor communities following the closure of small coal mines	TA closing date: Nov 2006 Workshop: Oct 2006, Shanxi Province Draft Final Report: July 2006		Draft final report, submitted in 22 Nov 2006, being circulated for comments. A workshop to discuss the draft final report was held during the 2nd week of December 2006. TA activities completed; for TA extension.	Request for extension, pending

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EARD	PRC	4580	NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	1,000,000	Formulate and demonstrate replicable models and mechanisms for NGO participation in government-funded village-level poverty alleviation efforts, with consensus built behind a comprehensive framework for mainstreaming NGO's role in national poverty reduction efforts.	TA has successfully reached focal pilot test phase of work: - policy environment and local context assessment, M&E baseline study and other foundation work completed in Jiangxi province; - guidelines on competitive selection of NGOs and 2 other operational manuals developed; - announcement on 21 Feb 2006 of the selection (based on assessor panel rankings) of 6 NGO consortia to carry out state-funded village-level poverty alleviation projects in 6 Phase 1 villages; - launch of first-round parallel capacity building programs for NGOs and local officials in early April, followed by NGO-government-villager roundtable and formal kick-off on 16 April of NGO fielding to begin participatory needs assessment and facilitation of village-level poverty alleviation and development planning processes, working with local governments.		Despite minor delays (resolved through careful dialogue on nationally sensitive issues), TA has completed foundational work (e.g. policy environment and local context assessment, M&E baseline study, etc) and reached Phase 2 of the focal pilot test in Jiangxi Province: -developed Guidelines on Competitive selection and 2 other operational manuals; -facilitation of village-level poverty alleviation and development planning processes, working with local governments; and -launch of Phase 2 competitive NGO selection	The TA marks the first time PRC Government project finances have been channeled through NGOs on a sizeable scale (8 million RMB for NGO implementation by pilot's Phase 2), with fundamental implications for state-funded programs in poverty and other areas broadly recognized by Government, donors, media and civil society. In view of the progress under this TA, the Ministry of Civil Affairs-responsible for registering NGOs-recently requested (and ADB is preparing) small-scale support for on international models of out-sourcing of government services/programs to NGOs more broadly.
EARD	PRC	4649	Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	500,000	Strategy formulation for expansion of alternative energy based electrification in remote rural areas, including a strategy to improve sustainability of existing decentralized installations.	TA implementation, ongoing. The contract was signed on 7 Feb 2006. Fielding of consultants commenced on 28 Feb 2006. Inception report was received on 17 April 2006.		TA experiences implementation delays. The consultant have been slow in completing task; contract is extended by 3 months. A review mission was fielded 19-23 Dec 2006 to discuss relevant issues and agree on the way forward to accomplish task.	The mid-term report quality was not good. Analytical work needs to be strengthened.
EARD	PRC	4680	Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	300,000	Assistance to the China National Coal Association to develop and apply new methodology for identifying alternative economic activities for cities that depend on coal mining for their source of livelihood and are experiencing decreasing coal reserves.	TA implementation, on schedule. Fielding of Consultants is expected by end of June 2006. Contract signed on 2 June 2006, and commenced fieldwork on 14 June 2006.		An inception report was submitted on September 2006; group discussions initiated by the consultants were held in November; a midterm TA review mission are carried out in November 2006. Consultants are expected to complete the study by April 2007. A memo seeking approval for minor change in scope and extension of consultant's service completion date from January 2007 to April 2007 is being prepared.	The mission, EA and consultant agreed on the following TA schedule: first feedback workshop - Jan 2007; overseas study tour to UK: 2nd half of Feb 2007; submission of draft final report - Mar 2007; final workshop and submission of final report - Apr 2007

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EARD	PRC	4694	Urban Poverty Strategy II	300,000	This TA will focus on the issue of urban migrant workers and related poverty reduction measures. The TA aims to contribute to enhanced access to urban social services by urban poor migrants and reduced urban poverty, by producing a comprehensive set of policy and administrative reform recommendations for submission to the State Council.	Consultant recruitment initiated. Expressions of interests received from consultants and EA advised to send CVs of suitable candidates.		Approved in Nov 2005, this TA's consultant selection was not completed until mid September 2006. Activities had just begun.	Too early to assess outcomes.
		11	Sub total	7,000,000					
		17	TOTAL	9,210,000					

ADDENDUM CONCERNING THE STATUS OF TA 4461-AFG AND TA 4541-AFG

The NPRS/PRF progress reports summarize information on the status of technical assistance (TA) projects as reported by the respective project officer. This addendum has been prepared in light of information received after the preparation of these progress reports that the status of two TA projects (TA 4461-AFG: Poverty Reduction and Renewable Energy Development, and TA 4541-AFG: Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction) may not have been accurately reported. Consequently, the matrix below presents a description of the status/accomplishments of the two TA projects as of 28 May 2008 based on best available information. The information in this matrix supersedes the information provided in the NPRS/PRF progress reports of 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Status/Accomplishments of TA 4461-AFG (Renewable Energy)	Status/Accomplishments of TA 4541-AFG (Natural Resources Management)
<p>Overall Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p>Accomplishment by component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment <p>The review of the potential for renewable energy options and assessment of needs/demand in selected off-grid, remote, rural areas have been accomplished including preparation of renewable rural energy plan maps and Afghanistan greenhouse gas inventory report. Pilot renewable energy and demand management projects for such areas have been identified and developed. Pilot projects for micro hydro, solar and wind hybrid power system and solar energy systems, including photovoltaic systems, have been designed and executed with community mobilization and participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of solar systems <p>Solar photovoltaic (SPV) systems have been provided in three villages in Bamyan Province, covering 110 households.</p> <p>850 households have been electrified by micro-hydro power plants in Tawakah, Zanderkheil and Onaba villages in Panjsher and Sabzil village of Bande Amir.</p> <p>Community training centers have not been established for provision of income generation training.</p>	<p>Overall Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p>Accomplishment by component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory planning and management of biodiversity conservation <p>Band-e-Amir National Park has been identified for biodiversity and natural resources conservation with the participation of local communities, introducing a process for community involvement.</p> <p>Training sessions/study tours for government staff have been conducted on participatory modes of planning and management of biodiversity conservation in Afghanistan and Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and strategy development <p>Socioeconomic surveys have been conducted in identified villages of the park regarding communities' perception of poverty-environment links.</p> <p>Restoration of Qambar Lake (Band-e-Amir), community based fish farming and floristic and botanical studies in Band-e-Amir National Park have been conducted.</p> <p>Strategy for Protected Area System/Regulations and National Ecotourism/Tourism Development Strategy have been prepared. Land use plans have been established for Band-e-Amir National Park.</p>

Status/Accomplishments of TA 4461-AFG (Renewable Energy)	Status/Accomplishments of TA 4541-AFG (Natural Resources Management)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and capacity building <p>Two persons (man-woman team) from Bande-Amir have been identified and trained in Barefoot Collage, Rajasthan, India for six months and they now act as community-based technicians.</p> <p>Five persons from the community of Band-e-Amir, Bamyan province and Tawakh, Panjsher province were trained in Kabul for power station management and turbine operation for the micro hydro project.</p> <p>Community members now pay modest amounts for repair and maintenance of SPV/micro hydro systems to trained technicians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microfinance facility for solar energy <p>No microfinance facility has been established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and impact assessment <p>Impact assessment has been conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination <p>N/A</p>	<p>Social development and gender strategy has been prepared to ensure women's participation in project activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional capacity building to manage protected areas <p>Training sessions/study tour for government officials have been conducted on participatory modes of planning and management of biodiversity conservation in Afghanistan and Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable resource management mechanism <p>Strategy for Protected Area System and National Ecotourism Development Strategy have been prepared. Land use plans have been established for Band-e-Amir National Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-tourism <p>The TA has explored new tourism package inside Band-e-Amir National Park. Afghan National Ecotourism Development Strategy has been prepared. Community members have been trained to build traditional Afghan village guesthouses for tourists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public awareness <p>Awareness has been raised among local people on conservation education and park management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park infrastructure <p>Ranger stations, gate facilities and toilets have been built and fully furnished in Band-e-Amir and Wakhan corridor (Kalai Panja), which has been used as the National Park Office. Band-e-Amir Ranger Station has been electrified by solar-power and two bird observation towers in Kole Hashmat Khan Waterfowl Sanctuary have been constructed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot alternative livelihood schemes <p>Guidelines were prepared for promotion of the park and related livelihood opportunities for the community.</p> <p>While NGOs were contacted on possible livelihood activities, these activities</p>

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	<p>have not taken place as the time available until the closing of the TA was too short to implement it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot social protection measures <p>While NGOs were contacted on possible social protection pilot activities, these activities have not taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcredit facility through NGOs <p>Discussions with Micro Finance Investment and Support Facility for Afghanistan and WCS have taken place but no microcredit facility has been established as the time available until the closing of the TA was too short to implement it.</p>