



## NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE

January – June 2007

### 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 January – June 2007. This Update includes the summary of portfolio as of 30 June 2007 (Appendix 1), disbursement progress in the reporting period (Appendix 2), detailed description of TA progress (Appendix 4), and future projections for the remaining period of the Fund's life cycle (Appendix 4). 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 (July – December 2007) will be submitted in January 2008.

#### II. OVERVIEW OF PRF PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE

3. **Portfolio Information.** The PRF program is closing in March 2008. Activities during this period are mostly centered on stricter and closer monitoring of project implementation and timely disbursement to ensure that these TAs will close on time. As of 30 June 2007, a total of 106 TAs are in the PRF portfolio, amounting to \$55.25 million or 91% of DFID's contribution of £36 million (equivalent to \$66.69 million as of 30 June 2007). The summary of the PRF portfolio follows:

4. **Overall commitment:** Of the 106 TAs in the PRF portfolio 88 TAs totaling \$45.975 million are under the PRF-HQ window, and 18 TAs totaling \$9.275 million, under the PRF-PRC window. (See attached Appendix 1 for the detailed list).

|          | Total Number of TAs | Total Amount of TAs (in US\$ million) |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PRF – HQ | 88                  | 45.975                                |
| PRF-PRC  | 18 <sup>1</sup>     | 9.275                                 |
| TOTAL    | 106                 | 55.25                                 |

5. **Developments in the PRF Portfolio.** At the start of this year 89 TAs were in the regional window. In February 2007, a regional TA (RETA 6260: Socio-economic Impact of Road Crashes on the Poor, \$925,000) was cancelled due to significant delays it experienced in recruiting the consulting firm to undertake the project. Considering the PRF Fund's closing in March 2008 and the various TA activities which require significant field data collection and analysis, it would have been unlikely to deliver the required project outputs within the timeframe agreed between the ADB and DFID.

<sup>1</sup> Among these, 17 are fully funded by PRF-PRC, while TA 4933 (\$965,000) includes PRF cofinancing of \$65,000 recycled from the \$116,800 savings of closed PRF-PRC TAs, which will be disbursed for initial activities under the TA's poverty reduction component.

6. On the other hand, from atop 17 TAs fully financed by PRF under the PRC window TA 4933-PRC: *Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction* (\$965,000) was approved in May 2007 with \$65,000 cofinanced by the PRF (see footnote 1). This facility-type TA is a follow-on undertaking of another PRF-funded PRC TA 4200: *Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction*. Already underway, the TA will support the achievement of aims set down in the 11th Five-Year Plan, with a sound framework of policy, legislation, and implementation mechanisms and capacities in place to support continued economic and social development under subsequent Five-Year Plans.

7. **Portfolio composition as of 30 June 2007:** The status of the 106 TAs is summarized as follows:

| STATUS                             | PRF-HQ    |            |               |            | PRF-PRC   |            |               |            | TOTAL      |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|
|                                    | No.       | % to total | Amt (US\$mil) | % to total | No.       | % to total | Amt (US\$mil) | % to total | No.        | Amt (US\$mil) |
| Under Implementation               | 57        | 65%        | 33.82         | 74%        | 9         | 50%        | 5.27          | 57%        | 66         | 39.09         |
| On Track                           | 41        | 47%        | 25.01         | 54%        | 5         | 28%        | 3.07          | 33%        | 46         | 28.08         |
| Delayed/Slow                       | 1         | 1%         | 0.57          | 1%         |           |            |               |            | 1          | 0.57          |
| Near Completion                    | 15        | 17%        | 8.24          | 18%        | 4         | 22%        | 2.20          | 24%        | 19         | 10.44         |
| Completed and financially closed   | 17        | 19%        | 6.30          | 14%        | 7         | 39%        | 3.21          | 35%        | 24         | 9.51          |
| Completed (not financially closed) | 14        | 16%        | 5.85          | 13%        | 2         | 11%        | 0.80          | 9%         | 16         | 6.65          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>88</b> |            | <b>45.97</b>  |            | <b>18</b> |            | <b>9.28</b>   |            | <b>106</b> | <b>55.25</b>  |

8. Of the 88 TAs in the Regional Window, a total of 31 TAs (35%) have been completed. Fifty-seven (57) TAs (65%) are still at various stages of implementation – 41 are on track, 15 are nearing completion and 1 TA (NEP 4776: *Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley*) is delayed. The delay is attributed to the ongoing institutional reform processes of the Government of Nepal (including the establishment of the new water utility in Katmandu Valley, KUKL), to which TA 4776 is closely linked, (a more elaborate update is presented under Chapter III. Key Achievements, under the bullet “Critical TAs”).

9. In the PRC, nine out of the 18 TAs are under implementation and the other nine have been completed. The newly approved (May 2007) PRC 4933: *Facility for Reform and Poverty Reduction* has started implementing TA activities. An orientation and inception workshop was held in June 2007, with participants from the Executing and Implementing agencies.

10. **Financial Status.** The summary of PRF’s financial status follows:

| Financial Status (as of 30 June 2007)                                |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | Regional Window  | PRC Window       |
| Total Value of the Fund (commitment by DFID)                         | \$ 56,709,521.79 | \$ 10,887,531.99 |
| Total Amount Committed to TAs  | \$ 45,974,300.00 | \$ 9,275,000.00  |
| Amount Received from Donors (as of 30 June 07)                       | \$ 34,935,250.00 | \$ 9,506,900.00  |
| Amount Utilized as of 30 Jun 07 (incl. Admin costs and bank charges) | \$ 25,626,934.91 | \$ 6,437,955.21  |
| Unutilized from the received amount as of 30 June 07                 | \$ 9,308,315.09  | \$ 3,068,944.79  |

11. For the **PRF-HQ** window, the value of the fund as committed in the PRF MOU as of 30 June 2007 was \$56.71 million, (including income from investment, interest earned, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions), out of which, a total of \$34.94 million have been received by ADB. Of the total contribution committed by DFID, ADB has committed \$45.97 million for 88 (ADB-approved) TAs, of which \$25.63 million (56%), including administrative costs and bank charges, has been disbursed.

12. For the **PRF- PRC** window, the value of the fund as committed in the PRF MOU PRF fund as of 30 June 2007 was \$10.88 million (including income from investment, interest earned, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions), out of which, a total of \$9.51 million have been received by ADB. Of the total contribution committed by DFID, ADB has committed \$9.28 million for 18 (ADB-approved) TAs, of which \$6.44 million (69%), including administrative costs and bank charges, has been disbursed.

13. The details of the past disbursement in the PRF supported projects are summarized below. The status of grant and statement of TA expenditures is attached as Appendix 2.

**PRF Fund Disbursements, in US\$**  
(including bank charges and admin costs)

|        | PRF-HQ       |               | PRF-PRC      |              |
|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|        | Actual       | Cumulative    | Actual       | Cumulative   |
| Jun-03 | \$ 73,211    | \$ 73,211     |              |              |
| Dec-03 | \$ 464,835   | \$ 538,047    |              |              |
|        |              |               |              |              |
| Jun-04 | \$ 834,321   | \$ 1,372,368  | \$ 119,405   | \$ 119,405   |
| Dec-04 | \$ 1,694,660 | \$ 3,067,028  | \$ 479,960   | \$ 599,365   |
|        |              |               |              |              |
| Jun-05 | \$ 2,499,758 | \$ 5,566,786  | \$ 970,130   | \$ 1,569,495 |
| Dec-05 | \$ 3,682,916 | \$ 9,249,701  | \$ 1,192,726 | \$ 2,762,221 |
|        |              |               |              |              |
| Jun-06 | \$ 4,092,146 | \$ 13,341,848 | \$ 1,410,335 | \$ 4,172,556 |
| Dec-06 | \$ 6,338,357 | \$ 19,680,205 | \$ 1,217,192 | \$ 5,389,749 |
|        |              |               |              |              |
| Jun-07 | \$ 5,946,730 | \$ 25,626,935 | \$ 1,048,206 | \$ 6,437,955 |

14. **Fund Disbursement and Balance.** For the period under review, the **PRF-HQ** window disbursed only \$5.95 million. This was a 6% percent decrease from the disbursement of \$6.34 million in the previous 6-monthly period. The total cumulative

disbursement as of 30 June 2007 has reached \$25.63 million (56%) of the total committed amount of \$45.97 million.

15. The cumulative disbursements are made to 57 TAs under implementation and 14 TAs that have been completed but not yet financially closed. Of the 57 TAs under implementation in the regional window, 36 TAs<sup>2</sup> have a disbursement/fund utilization of less than 50%, and the other 21 TAs have already disbursed more than 50%. The reasons for the particularly low disbursements pace in this 6-monthly period can be attributed to many factors, but mostly due to the slow TA progress of some of the ongoing TAs, as explained in the next chapter.

16. Forecasted disbursements from July 2007 onwards are summarized in Appendix 4. Among the remaining \$20.3 million of unutilized funds, we project that about \$17.6 million (\$18.5 million when including 5% service charge) would be actually utilized in the remaining 15 months disbursements period (July 2007–September 2008). 94% of \$17.6 million will have to be disbursed during July 2007–March 2008, if on-time physical and financial closing of TAs (except for the critical 9 TAs) are expected. This would mean that on average, \$5.5 million in each quarter in July 2007–March 2008 has to be disbursed at least. This is about the double speed of that of the January–June 2007.

17. The cash balance as of 30 June 2007 was \$9.31 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, administrative costs and bank charges). We project that this would be sufficient to cover disbursements until early October 2007. The remaining transfer requirement after October 2007 will be about \$9.2 million, of which \$5 million should be transferred from DFID to ADB in October 2007 and \$4.2 million in March 2008.

18. Under the **PRF-PRC** window, the total disbursement for the period of January–June 2007 amounted to US\$1.05 million, a 14% decrease from the disbursement of \$1.22 million for the period July–December 2006. However, the total cumulative disbursement (as of 30 June 2007) has reached \$6.44 million or 69% of the total committed amount (\$9.28 million), and problems with the timely disbursement completion by September 2008 are highly unlikely. The cash balance as of 30 June 2007 was \$3.07 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, administrative costs and bank charges). Cumulative transfer from DFID-China to ADB is \$9.50 million as of 30 June 2007, and no further transfer will be needed.

19. Nine TAs are still due for completion under the PRF-PRC window. Four TAs have total disbursement of more than 50% of the total TA amount, while the remaining five have disbursed less than 50%. Of which TA 4142-PRC: *Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS Prevention on Road Projects in Yunnan*, is one of the critical TAs (see footnote 2) that will complete by June 2008. The other eight TAs are expected to complete by end Dec 2007.

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<sup>2</sup> Of the 36 TAs, 28 are expected to complete by end of December 2007, while 8 TAs were agreed by DFID to complete latest in June 2008, based on the decision made during the 8<sup>th</sup> NPRS-PRF strategy meeting held in February 2007, (together with 1 TA under the PRC window and 1 TA that has already disbursed over 93%),

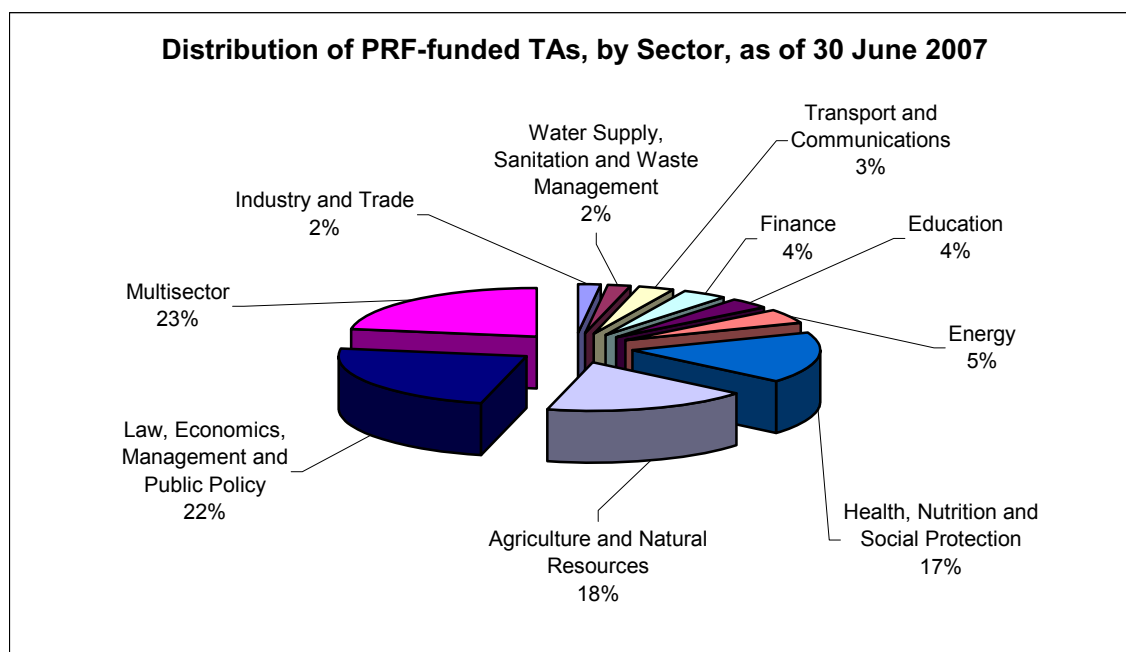
20. **Content Analysis.** Of the 106 PRF-funded TAs, 4 TAs contribute to projects preparation, and the rest are advisory assistance projects.

21. **By Region.** The regional distribution of PRF-funded projects for the period January – June 2007, is as follows:

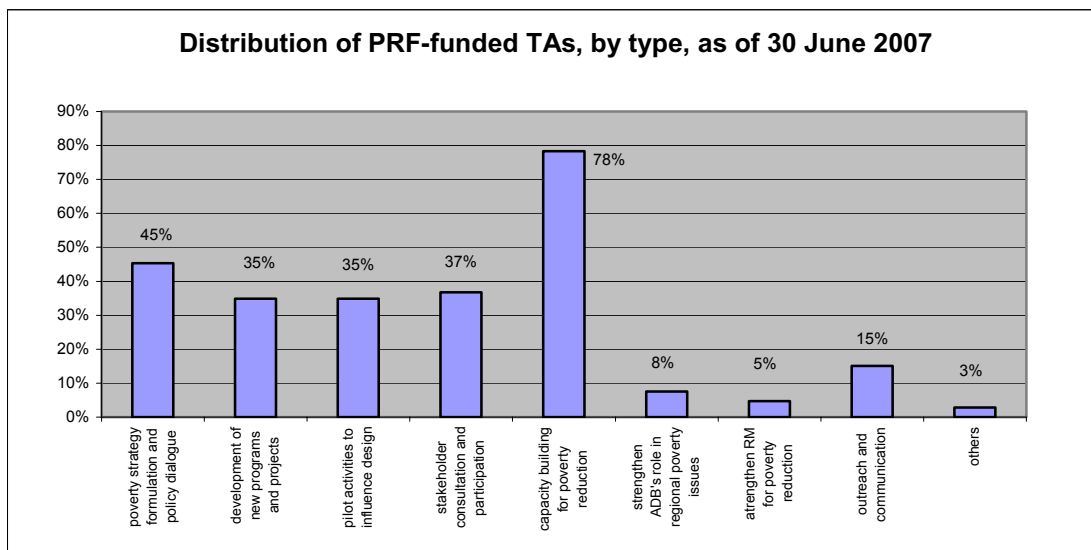
|                       | TA Number |            | TA Amount (US\$ mil) |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|                       | Number    | Percentage | Amount               | Percentage |
| Central and West Asia | 15        | 14%        | 8.76                 | 16%        |
| East Asia             | 19        | 18%        | 9.52                 | 17%        |
| Pacific               | 5         | 5%         | 2.18                 | 4%         |
| South Asia            | 15        | 14%        | 8.11                 | 15%        |
| Southeast Asia        | 35        | 33%        | 16.70                | 30%        |
| Regional              | 17        | 16%        | 9.98                 | 18%        |
| TOTAL                 | 106       | 100%       | 55.25                | 100%       |

22. 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 19 TAs (\$9.52 million), all of which are in the PRC except for one; 15 projects are each in Central and West Asia (\$8.76 million) and South Asia (\$8.11 million). A total of 17 projects (\$9.98 million) have a regional coverage and only 5 projects (\$2.18 million) are in the Pacific.

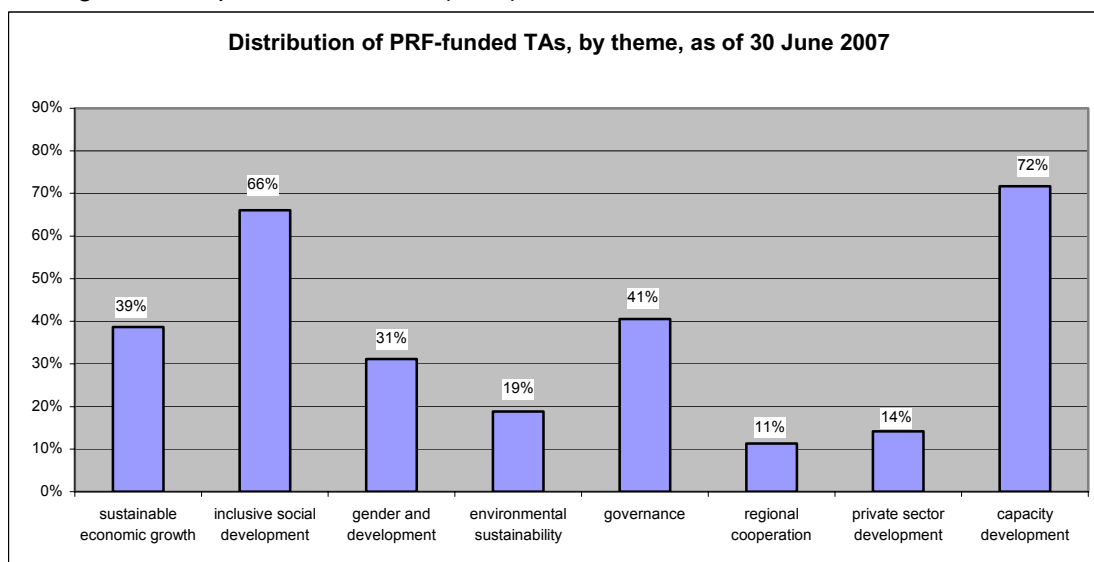
23. **By Sector.** The 106 TAs in the PRF portfolio are distributed across ten different sectors, although most of these (23%) are classified as multisector. The next 22% are under the Law, Economic Management and Public Policy sector, 18% in the sector of Agriculture and Natural Resources and 17% in the Health, Nutrition and Social Protection sector. The pie-diagram below shows the distribution pattern among the sectors.



24. **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, 83 (78% of the 106 TAs) have the specific objective to provide capacity building for poverty reduction; 48 (45%) shall provide support to poverty reduction strategy formulation and policy dialogue; 39 (37%) are aimed at establishing stakeholder consultation and participation processes; 37 (35%) are aimed to develop new programs and projects; and 37 (35%) include 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%).



25. **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 by thematic area is as follows: Capacity Development, 76 TAs (72%); Inclusive Social Development, 70 TAs (66%); Governance, 43 TAs (41%); Sustainable Economic Growth, 41 TAs (39%); Gender and Development, 33 TAs (31%); Environmental Sustainability, 20 TAs (19%); Private Sector Development, 15 TAs (14%); and Regional Cooperation, 12 TAs (11%).



### III. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN POTFOLIO AND FUND MANAGEMENT: JANUARY – JUNE 2007

26. The following summarizes the key achievements in portfolio and fund management by ADB during the period under review:

27. **Eighth NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting.** The Eighth NPRS-PRF strategy meeting was held on 5-6 February 2007, in ADB Headquarters in Manila. The Meeting (i) reviewed the status of funds utilization, including both financial and substantive progress; (ii) discussed with user departments preliminary outcomes and impacts of selected TAs; (iii) discussed measures for timely closure of the funds, and (iv) agreed on the next steps.

28. Other significant topics discussed during this strategy meeting include: (i) the proposed NPRS and PRF evaluation by the operations evaluation department of ADB, which is proposed to start towards the end of the third quarter of this year, and (ii) the proposed NPRS-PRF poverty conference, initially planned for November 2007<sup>3</sup>.

29. At the meeting, participants noted the positive outcomes and impacts of the completed and ongoing TAs whose implementation has reached an advanced stage. On the other hand, a serious concern over the slow disbursements for the PRF, in particular PRF-HQ was obvious. As such, a strong message from DFID was put across – that the implementation of all NPRS- and PRF-funded TAs should be completed by 31 December 2007, followed by their immediate financial closing. Exemption to these are the critical nine TAs identified during the Strategy Meeting that were allowed to slip to 2008, but in any case, implementation should close no later than 30 June 2008, and financial closing latest by September 2008. The nine TAs are: PRC 4142; UZB 4829; NEP 4776; NEP 4759; SRI 4442; CAM 4755; LAO 4392; VIE 4679 and VIE 4714. In line with this, the PRF-funded TAs were closely monitored, especially the critical nine TAs which were required to submit progress updates every quarter.

30. **Monitoring the Critical TAs.** Of the nine critical TAs agreed to complete by mid-2008 during the 8th strategy meeting, eight are under the PRF-HQ window and one under the PRF-PRC window, namely – TA 4142-PRC: *Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS Prevention on Road Projects in Yunnan Province*. In addition one more TA was allowed to complete latest in June 2008 which is REG 6088: *Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs*. This TA was a special case as the extension is necessary to include the World Bank's US-dollar-based data for 2007 in this RETA's end reports, which is crucial to the purchasing power parity (PPP) estimates of GDP and its sub aggregates. This information will only be available during the first quarter of 2008.

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<sup>3</sup> As time progressed, the design of this conference, to be held on 8-9 October 2007, has gone beyond the initial design of presenting and disseminating good practices and lessons learned from the two poverty funds. In consultation with the donors, poverty reduction conference has expanded its concept with covering the gamut of the current poverty reduction and inclusive growth patterns and issues in the Asia and Pacific region, and offer a forum in which strong messages from external stakeholders can be shared of what the region needs and come up with suggestions how ADB can play a significant role in this paradigm.

31. Of the remaining eight critical TAs, six TAs have made significant progress in implementation and disbursement. However, one TA in Nepal shows minima; progress, while another TA also in Nepal shows no disbursements. These are:

- TA 4776 NEP: *Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley.*) 31% has been disbursed, but implementation is delayed. The delay is attributed to the ongoing institutional reform processes of the Government of Nepal (including the establishment of the new water utility in Katmandu Valley, KUKL), to which TA 4776 is closely linked. To be able to implement the pilot on the management contract (MC) model water should flow from the public tapstands. In order to still push for implementing this pilot, now changed to a service contract (SC) model, it is proposed to scale down the pilot area from covering 350 public tapstand to 100. These 100 public tapstand will be rehabilitated and connected to water storage facilities (concrete watertanks) that will be filled with water coming from water delivery-trucks. With this minor change of scope the pilot activities can still be implemented, albeit on a smaller scale, within the remaining period of time.
- TA 4759 NEP: *Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Development* that still shows zero disbursement<sup>4</sup> since its approval in Dec 2005. Its physical progress, however, had accelerated in the first 6 months of 2007 with the development of detailed work plans, guidelines for project implementation, site selections, selection of local partner NGOs, capacity development among district-and national-level staff from the Department of Women Development (DWD) are all in place. Field preparations (including household surveys, community consultations and groups formation from among the poorest and marginalized minorities) are for 60% in place, after which actual implementation and disbursements is expected to move faster. The prospect is that the selected sites in the hilly districts can be completed by June 2008, however, given the political instability in the Terrai (low-lands) region it may be possible that only part will be covered.

32. **Monitoring TA Completion.** During the period under review, an additional 15 TAs have been 'physically' completed, i.e., completion of all TA activities while awaiting financial closing—12 in the HQ and 3 in the PRC windows. The 12 newly completed TAs under the **PRF-HQ** window, has yet to close its financial administration. These TAs are: PAK 4277: *Supporting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan*; PAK 4319: *Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan*; TAJ 4423: *Development of Community-Based Micro Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas*; MON 4632 *Urban Development Housing Project (PPTA)*; RETA 6175: *Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific*; NEP 4353: *Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project*; CAM 4575: *Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (CBIRD)*; RETA 6115: *Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry*; RETA 6170: *Pilot Project on Institutional Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-poor Budgets*; RETA 6188: *Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion*; REG 6224: *Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services*; and REG 6316: *Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative*.

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<sup>4</sup> As of July 2007, NEP 4759 has made advances amounting to \$150,000.00 (22% of total TA amount), that still need to be settled.

33. Under the **PRF-PRC** window, three additional TAs were completed, of which one was financially closed, i.e. TA 4322: *Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks*; The other two completed TAs are: TA 4566: *Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province*; and TA 4680: *Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring*.

34. **Observations of Preliminary Outcomes of Completed TAs.** It is too early to assess the overall outputs and outcomes of the entire PRF TA portfolio. But some of the completed TAs have exhibited significant influences on DMC policies. Under the **PRF-HQ** Window, these are:

- a. NEP 4353: *Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Local Governance*. The TA improved the capacity and technical skills of partner NGOs and CBOs. These were positive impacts on gender and social inclusion in CBOs and income generation benefits of members through quick income generating schemes. The TA provided an opportunity for DWD and its field office to practice new approaches for improving the livelihoods of poor and disadvantaged communities. This TA also served as a vehicle to further DWD's mandate to go beyond their own department and mainstream gender concerns in other line-departments and in their district level operations.
- b. CAM 4575: *Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (CBIRD)*. The TA has contributed to multi-sectoral partnerships to promote business know-how and the establishment of appropriate business activities owned and managed by rural communities. This represents a significant step to rural development and community empowerment. This TA has also demonstrated that the private sector has a crucial role to play in reducing poverty among Cambodia's rural poor.
- c. RETA 6224: *Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services*. The TA paved a way for a fully, more substantive involvement of the poor in water management. Through the TA, communities were enabled to make their own observations and analysis, and contribute towards the improvements of their projects. By using simple appraisal techniques, the communities were able to provide a broad range of data and factors that are key to project sustainability. The TA was also an opportunity for sector professionals to build their skills and experience in participatory development that will benefit future sector improvements.
- d. RETA 6316: *Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative*. The pilot project demonstrated that broadcasting via satellite has the potential of reaching vast numbers of remote villagers, (deprived from electricity and from receiving conventional radio broadcasting), that are able to receive the same messages at the same time, which provides an economy of means compared to the village to village awareness campaigns.

35. In the **PRF-PRC portfolio**, strong performance of PRF-funded TAs, in terms of on-track implementation and rapidly increasing disbursements continued. The PRF-funded TAs in the PRC are showing evidence of targeting policy and impacting poverty

via massive government programs on the environment (TA 4307: *Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation* and TA 4308: *Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program*); in microfinance (TA 4430: *Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions*); and on NGO-Government Partnerships (TA 4580: *NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation*). Other PRC TAs were providing assistance in mainstreaming poverty in ADB and government infrastructure projects: HIV/AIDS prevention alongside expressway construction (TA 4142: *Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province*); integrating poverty considerations into road network planning (TA 4322: *Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks*); and heating supply and cost burdens on the poor (TA 4402: *Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province*).

36. **TAs Closing in for Completion.** In addition to the TAs that have been completed as of end June 2007, another 19 TAs (15 under the PRF-HQ window and 4 under the PRF-PRC window), are nearing completion. These TAs have completed their TA activities and are either preparing final reports or undertaking wrapping up activities such as seminars and workshops to present and disseminate the TA results. Under the **PRF-HQ window**, these are: AFG 4461: *Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable energy Development*; AFG 4541: *Natural Resources Management and Environmental Project*; RMI 4653: *Increasing Ownership and effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal*; NEP 4760: *Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects*; SRI 4761: *Microinsurance Sector Development*; CAM 4283: *Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin*; CAM 4376: *Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative*; CAM 4777: *Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls*; LAO 4787: *Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization*; VIE 4331: *Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam*; VIE 4453: *Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality*; REG 6245: *Strengthening Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific*; REG 6190: *Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong*; REG 6284: *Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms*; REG 6296: *Developing Pro-poor Governance Capability and Knowledge*.

37. The four **PRF-PRC TAs** nearing completion are: PRC 4307: *Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs*; PRC 4430: *Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions*; PRC 4454: *Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level*; and PRC 4649: *Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas*.

38. **Knowledge Management.** Under REG-6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects* approved in November 2005, the following have been completed:

- a. The NPRS and PRF websites underwent a facelift earlier this year, resulting in an increase of hits over the past quarter. Both websites are also linked to ADB's main Poverty Reduction website (<http://adb.org/poverty/tools-innovations.asp>). A major product is the development of a great number of short and in-depth case studies. Of which, 43 short and 11 in-depth case studies have already been developed, and the initial drafts of the six thematic study papers have been produced. Of this number, 23 short case studies have been published on-line and in print format. Four "Poverty Matters" e-newsletters have been produced featuring a number of TAs, cases and

poverty reduction advocates. The following table shows a summary of the products developed so far, which are all available on the websites:

| Product                                   | In Draft Format | Published | Total |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| NPRS and PRF Websites                     |                 | 2         | 2     |
| e-newsletters "Poverty Matters"           |                 | 4         | 4     |
| Short Case Studies                        | 20              | 23        | 43    |
| In-Depth Case Studies                     | 11              |           | 11    |
| Thematic Study Papers                     | 5               |           | 5     |
| Feature Articles for ADB media wire, etc. | 1               | 9         | 10    |
| Spotlight interviews                      |                 | 4         | 4     |

- b. Under RETA 6270, the NPRS-PRF Secretariat provided assistance in facilitating and organizing workshops and brown bag seminars of the following PRF-funded TAs: (i) RETA 6316: *Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative*, 24 May 2007; (ii) RETA 6188: *Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion: Its relevance in ADB Operations - Seminar on Birth Registration*, 8 June 2007; and (iii) RETA 6190: *Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion*, Final Regional Workshop, 25-27 July 2007.

39. **Special Review Missions.** The NPRS-PRF Coordinator carried out a mission from 4-7 March 2007 to Mongolia, to *conduct* a workshop under the PRF-funded RETA 6176: *Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to poverty Reduction in ADB Operations*. This workshop facilitated the consultative process in Mongolia to develop a consistent and comprehensive approach to community-driven ger area development. The other consultation processes that were supported under RETA 6176 are those for Country Partnership Strategies of Pakistan (Mar – Jun 2007) and India (Apr – May 2007).

40. As part of the implementation of RETA 6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*, the main case studies writer/international consultant visited the PRC from 19-30 March and teamed up with a national expert to gather data on five TA projects being carried out under the PRF-PRC portfolio, for the purpose of developing case studies. A field visit to one of the project areas (TA 4580) was conducted, and a series of individual and group meetings with key stakeholders of the Government and of the five TAs were held.

41. Other accomplishments under the PRF fund management include:

- a. Submitted the 2006 PRF Annual Report and the July - December 2006 PRF Semi-annual Progress Status Updates to the donors, as well as the January - March 2007 and April – June 2007 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-newsletters. 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.

#### **IV. WORK PROGRAM FOR JULY - DECEMBER 2007**

42. For July–December 2007, the NPRS-PRF Secretariat, in collaboration with regional departments and other departments such as office of cofinancing and the controllers department, will focus on the following:

- Strengthen portfolio and disbursement monitoring in collaboration with regional and knowledge departments to accelerate implementation and facilitate on-time completion of TAs, with the special emphasis on the critical nine TAs;
- Accelerate implementation of the Regional TA 6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*, being handled by the NPRS-PRF Secretariat, to strengthen knowledge management for both NPRS and PRF, with the final major activity under this RETA the organization of a Conference on Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth in Manila in October;
- Provide support to completed TAs in the dissemination of TA outputs and results to immediate stakeholders, as part of strengthening knowledge management;
- Provide DFID with a quarterly financial/disbursement reports, and start collecting data for the July - December 2007 Semi-Annual Progress Update;
- Regularly update the revamped website, the ADB Trust Funds intranet website and further strengthen outreach;
- Assist ADB's Operations Evaluation Department in carrying out a Special Evaluation Study on NPRS and PRF;
- Continue dialogues and liaison with DFID, especially on disbursement projections and portfolio management; and
- Decide on the timing of the next (and final) NPRS-PRF strategy meeting.

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## PROJECTS FINANCED BY PRF

| Region                       | Country | TA No.    | Project Title   | PRF Contribution | Project Officer        | Division | ADB Approval <sup>a</sup> | Actual/Expected TA Completion Date | Remarks  |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>PRF-HQ WINDOW</b>         |         |           |   |                  |                        |          |                           |                                    |  |
| <b>A. Projects Completed</b> |         |           |   |                  |                        |          |                           |                                    |  |
| CWRD                         | PAK     | 4015      | Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab  | 227,506          | S. Parvez              | PRM      | 05-Dec-02                 | Aug-06                             | PRF\$230,000; TASF\$250,000; Gov't of UK \$200,000<br>FC: Aug 2006   |
| CWRD                         | PAK     | 4277      | Supporting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan  | 63,500           | F. Noshab              | PRM      | 18-Dec-03                 | Jan-07                             | TASF \$ 39,000; NPRS \$31,500<br>TA activities completed; for financial closing  |
| CWRD                         | PAK     | 4319      | Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan                            | 580,000          | F. Noshab              | PRM      | 05-Mar-04                 | Dec-06                             | 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 activities completed; for financial closing |
| CWRD                         | TAJ     | 4423      | Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas                                      | 800,000          | X. Humbert             | CWID     | 05-Nov-04                 | May-07                             | Initial phase, \$300,000; upon successful initial phase, DFID will commit another \$500,000. Completed, for financial closing.   |
| EARD                         | MON     | 4632 PPTA | Urban Development Housing Project   | 250,000          | E. Honda               | EASS     | 18-Aug-05                 | Jun-07                             | Minor change in scope requested to allow additional study on legal side; TA activities completed; for financial closing.   |
| PARD                         | SUB-REG | 6061      | Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis   | 48,209           | S. Pollard             | PAHQ     | 31-Oct-02                 | Jul-05                             | Financial Closing, July 2005   |
| PARD                         | SUB-REG | 6175      | Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific  | 500,000          | A.M. Witheford         | PAHQ     | 16-Jun-04                 | Apr-07                             | Previous Project Officer: S. Pollard; TA activities completed; for financial closing.  |
| SARD                         | BAN     | 4303      | Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation  | 350,000          | Z. Hossain             | BRM      | 19-Dec-03                 | Nov-06                             | Project activities, completed; financial closing, Nov 2006   |
| SARD                         | NEP     | 4353      | Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project   | 200,000          | A. Shrestha/ G. Gewali | NRM      | 07-Jul-04                 | Dec-06                             | TA activities completed, financial closing, 15 July 2007   |
| SARD                         | SRI     | 4110      | Community Information Services for the Poor   | 795,488          | A. Inagaki             | SANS     | 09-May-03                 | Jul-06                             | FC: July 2006  |
| SARD                         | SRI     | 4567      | Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies        | 498,866          | M. Alam                | SLRM     | 18-Feb-05                 | Jun-07                             | TA activities completed; financial closing, June 2007.   |
| SERD                         | CAM     | 3947      | Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women   | 400,000          | J. Hakim               | SESS     | 24-Oct-02                 | Mar-07                             | TA activities completed; financial closing, March 2007.  |
| SERD                         | CAM     | 3955      | Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission   | 78,500           | C. Ouch                | CARM     | 30-Oct-02                 | Oct-06                             | TASF \$18,000; NPRS \$31,500. This is an extension of a completed TA.  |
| SERD                         | CAM     | 4131      | Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment | 507,319          | L. Ding                | SEGF     | 20-Jun-03                 | Mar-06                             | Original amount was \$500,000. The President approved the \$100,000 increase on 11 August 2004. TA activities completed; financially closing, Mar 2006   |
| SERD                         | CAM     | 4575      | Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)   | 150,000          | S. Mar                 | CARM     | 01-Apr-05                 | Mar-07                             | TA activities completed, for financial closing.  |
| SERD                         | LAO     | 4009      | Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options  | 69,788           | A. Jain                | SESS     | 04-Dec-02                 | Mar-05                             | 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)          | 148,175          | M. Varkay              | SEGF     | 09-May-03                 | Apr-05                             | Completed and financially closed, 13 April 2005  |
| SERD                         | SUB-REG | 6115      | Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry   | 800,000          | J. Mir                 | SEAE     | 04-Aug-03                 | Dec-06                             | TA activities completed; for financial closing.  |
| SERD                         | SUB-REG | 6118      | Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)                                      | 128,896          | C. Hnanguie            | SEOC     | 22-Aug-03                 | Jun-07                             | TA activities completed; financial closing, June 2007.   |
| SERD                         | VIE     | 4028      | Transport Services Networks for the Poor  | 254,809          | M. Sultana             | SEID     | 11-Dec-02                 | Aug-06                             | Completion date: 31 March 05 but not yet financially completed.<br>FC: Aug 2006  |
| SERD                         | VIE     | 4205      | Early Childhood Development for the Poor  | 365,207          | B. Lochman             | SESS     | 24-Oct-03                 | Mar-07                             | TA activities completed; financial closing, March 2007.  |
| SERD                         | VIE     | 4252      | Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam   | 65,700           | K. Lao Araya           | VRM      | 12-Dec-03                 | Apr-07                             | TASF \$15,000; NPRS \$37,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari; TA activities completed, financial closing, Apr 2007.   |
| SERD                         | VIE     | 4276      | Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam   | 750,000          | V. Subramanian         | SEGF     | 18-Dec-03                 | Dec-06                             | Completed; for financial closing.  |

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|--------|-----------|--------|---|----------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6073   | Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty                                  | 260,388              | G. Sugiyarto/ R. Hasan | ERDI       | 16-Dec-02                 | Mar-06                             | TA activities completed. Financial closing, 27 March 2006.   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6109   | NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction  | 979,486              | J. Francis             | NGOC       | 27-May-03                 | Jun-07                             | 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, financial closing, June 2007. |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6120   | Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction  | 261,557              | A. Weber               | SANS       | 27-Aug-03                 | Sep-06                             | 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   | 108,135              | J. Hakim               | SESS       | 30-Oct-03                 | Jul-06                             | TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final report on Dhaka, completed, FC: July 2006  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6170   | Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets                        | 400,000              | R. Ahmad               | RSCG       | 06-Apr-04                 | May-07                             | TA activities completed; for financial closing.  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6188   | Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion  | 575,000              | C. Vandenaabeele       | OGC w/ RDs | 30-Sep-04                 | Sep-07                             | Amount increased from \$500,000 to \$575,000 on 26 Jul 2004<br>TA activities completed, for financial closing  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6224   | Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services | 550,000              | J. Francis             | RSGS       | 23-Dec-04                 | Feb-07                             | TA activities completed, for financial closing   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6316   | Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative   | 150,000              | J. Francis             | NGOC       | 05-Apr-06                 | Jun-07                             | Original VP concept note clearance \$100,000; At the request of the project officer, the amount was increased to \$150,000 in 06Dec05. Completed; for financial closing.                     |
|        | <b>31</b> |        | <b>Sub-total</b>  | <b>\$ 11,316,529</b> |                        |            |                           |                                    |  |

## B. Projects Under Implementation

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|      |         |      |  |           |                        |      |           |        |  |
|------|---------|------|--|-----------|------------------------|------|-----------|--------|--|
| CWRD | AFG     | 4461 | Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development   | 750,000   | J. Tokeshi             | AFRM | 03-Dec-04 | Aug-07 | TA nearing completion  |
| CWRD | AFG     | 4541 | Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas | 810,000   | J. Tokeshi             | AFRM | 23-Dec-04 | Nov-07 | PRF\$810,000; GEF\$975,000 Implementation, slow  |
| CWRD | KGZ     | 4405 | Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrgyz Republic                                | 300,000   | J. Whittle             | CWAE | 11-Oct-04 | Jun-07 | 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 | 12-Oct-04 | Dec-07 | 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     | 4414 | Non-Formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab                    | 400,000   | I. Shahjehan           | PRM  | 13-Oct-04 | Jan-08 | Piggybacked to Loan 2134. Implementation of TA was transferred to PRM on 20 Jan 07.  |
| CWRD | PAK     | 4537 | Implementing the Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of the Punjab Province  | 950,000   | Waqas ul Hasan         | PRM  | 23-Dec-04 | Dec-07 | TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.   |
| CWRD | PAK     | 4602 | Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)  | 800,000   | A. Afridi              | PRM  | 24-Jun-05 | Jun-08 | 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 | 07-Apr-06 | Mar-08 | Firm. VP concept provided in Aug. FF scheduled in Dec 2005. Processing for Jan 06.   |
| CWRD | TAJ     | 4664 | Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution  | 800,000   | B. Wilkinson           | CWAE | 04-Oct-05 | Dec-07 | 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 | 24-Jul-06 | Dec-08 | Piggybacked to loan  |
| PARD | RMI     | 4653 | Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal                                 | 300,000   | S. Pollard             | PAHQ | 22-Sep-05 | Aug-07 | TA ongoing; TA completion date, extended to May 2007.  |
| PARD | SUB-REG | 6245 | Strengthening Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific   | 925,000   | S. Pollard             | PAHQ | 10-Jun-05 | Jun-08 | PRF\$925,000; Gov't of Australia \$925,000<br>TA nearing completion.   |
| PARD | SUB-REG | 6157 | Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific   | 400,000   | A. Gill                | PAHQ | 18-Dec-03 | Nov-07 | NPRS \$400,000   |

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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          | A. Weber           | SANS     | 16-Mar-04                 | Dec-07                             | TA is nearing completion. TA completion date is extended to Dec 2007.  |
| SARD   | BAN     | 4707   | Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance   | 480,000          | S. Wendt           | SAUD     | 02-Dec-05                 | Jan-08                             | 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     | 4759   | Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development  | 685,000          | M. Mongiorgi       | SANS     | 22-Dec-05                 | Jun-08                             | Reduction in scope needed due to shorten TA duration.  |
| SARD   | NEP     | 4760   | Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects   | 350,000          | N. Sapkota         | NRM      | 03-Jan-06                 | Aug-07                             | Originally \$500,000. Scope reduction during interdepartmental circulation. SRC 28 October 05. TA nearing completion.  |
| SARD   | NEP     | 4774   | Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement Initiatives        | 450,000          | G. Gewali          | SANS     | 20-Mar-06                 | Dec-07                             | 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          | Gyongshim An       | SAUD     | 28-Mar-06                 | Oct-07                             | 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     | 22-Nov-04                 | Mar-08                             | TA is delayed; major activity has yet to commence.   |
| SARD   | SRI     | 4761   | Microinsurance Sector Development   | 600,000          | M. Ozaki           | SAGF     | 03-Jan-06                 | Aug-07                             | TA nearing completion.   |
| SARD   | SUB REG | 6306   | Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction  | 1,800,000        | Z. Farhadian-Lorie | SAOD     | 27-Jan-06                 | Dec-08                             | TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.   |
| SERD   | CAM     | 4283   | Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin  | 425,000          | M. Mitra           | SEAE     | 17-Dec-03                 | Jul-07                             | 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          | A.M. Ahmed         | SEAE     | 16-Aug-04                 | Aug-07                             | 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     | 08-Apr-05                 | Aug-07                             | Previous Project Officer: Ian Fox; TA is ongoing   |
| SERD   | CAM     | 4755   | Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia  | 600,000          | S. Tukuafu         | SEGF     | 21-Dec-05                 | Dec-07                             | TA experienced unforeseen delays.  |
| SERD   | CAM     | 4777   | Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls   | 800,000          | B. Lochmann        | SESS     | 03-Apr-06                 | Dec-07                             | Firm. FF mission on 24-28 Oct. Programmed in CSP for 2005. Strong gov't commitment. TA 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     | 20-May-04                 | Dec-06                             | 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     | 17-Sep-04                 | Jun-08                             | 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     | 11-Oct-04                 | Jun-08                             | 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. Sahajanathan    | SEAE     | 17-Nov-04                 | Jul-08                             | 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          | S.A. Kerr          | SESS     | 10-May-06                 | Apr-08                             | Cofinancing: \$120,000 (GSK Biologicals); \$150,000 (UNICEF). TA nearing completion.   |
| SERD   | SUB-REG | 6113   | Making Markets Work Better for the Poor   | 385,000          | K. Lao-Araya       | VRM      | 21-Nov-05                 | Aug-07                             | 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.  |

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|--------|-----------|--------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| SERD   | SUB-REG   | 6190   | Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong                                | 700,000           | M. Mitra                         | SEAE           | 04-Oct-04                 | Jul-07                             | TA ongoing; project is moving satisfactorily.   |
| SERD   | SUB-REG   | 6243   | Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS   | 750,000           | B. Lochmann                      | SESS           | 23-May-05                 | Dec-07                             | TA ongoing; there was minor delay, but timely completion of project activities by Dec 2007 is endured.  |
| SERD   | SUB-REG   | 6247   | HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies                            | 700,000           | A. Jain                          | SESS           | 01-Jul-05                 | Dec-07                             | \$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           | 16-Dec-05                 | Dec-09                             | 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           | 28-Apr-04                 | Jun-07                             | 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           | 26-Nov-04                 | Jun-07                             | 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           | 21-Dec-04                 | Sep-07                             | 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           | 29-Aug-05                 | May-07                             | 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            | 31-Oct-05                 | Oct-07                             | 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           | 14-Nov-05                 | Oct-07                             | 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           | 14-Nov-05                 | Dec-07                             | 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           | 05-Dec-05                 | May-08                             | As the starting date of this TA was only by last qtr of 2006, completion date was also extended   |
| 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           | S.M. Scheierling/<br>J. Jeugmans | EAAE/<br>RSGS  | 23-Feb-03                 | Dec-07                             | TA ongoing.   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6088   | Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs   | 800,000           | V. Saha                          | ERDI           | 14-Oct-04                 | Mar-08                             | TA ongoing. A poverty data review workshop is to be held in NEPAL on 26-28 March 2007..   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6176   | Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation   | 300,000           | S. Tanaka                        | RSGS           | 14-Jul-04                 | Jun-07                             | 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 | 6248   | Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups   | 550,000           | F. Tornieri                      | RSGS           | 19-Jul-05                 | Dec-07                             | TA ongoing; pilot initiatives will be launched in early 2007.   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6270   | Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects   | 980,000           | S. Tanaka                        | RSGS           | 23-Nov-05                 | Dec-07                             | 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           | 02-Dec-05                 | Dec-07                             | TA ongoing  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6284   | Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms   | 150,000           | W.G. Settle                      | RSCG           | 09-Dec-05                 | Jul-07                             | TA ongoing  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6296   | Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge  | 875,000           | R. Ahmad                         | RSCG w/<br>RDs | 21-Dec-05                 | Nov-07                             | TA nearing completion.  |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6308   | Up-Scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction   | 900,000           | A. Weber                         | SANS           | 06-Mar-06                 | Nov-07                             | TA ongoing  |
|        | <b>54</b> |        | <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>33,174,300</b> |                                  |                |                           |                                    |   |

## PROJECTS FINANCED BY PRF

| Region      | Country   | TA No. | Project Title                   | PRF Contribution     | Project Officer | Division | ADB Approval <sup>a</sup> | Actual/Expected TA Completion Date | Remarks   |
|-------------|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>PPTA</b> |           |        |                                 |                      |                 |          |                           |                                    |   |
| CWRD        | TAJ       | 4598   | Rural Development Project       | 150,000              | J. Whittle      | CWAE     | 14-Jun-05                 | Mar-07                             | TA ongoing; minor change in scope, requested; completion date extended to Mar 2007. |
| SARD        | BAN       | 4740   | Second Command Area Development | 350,000              | P. Bozakov      | SAAE     | 19-Dec-05                 | Feb-08                             | TA ongoing  |
| SARD        | NEP       | 4754   | Education Sector Development I  | 150,000              | A. Inagaki      | SANS     | 21-Dec-05                 | Jul-07                             | TA nearing completion   |
|             | <b>3</b>  |        | <b>Sub-total</b>                | <b>\$ 650,000</b>    |                 |          |                           |                                    |   |
|             | <b>88</b> |        | <b>Grand Total (PRF-HQ)</b>     | <b>\$ 45,140,829</b> |                 |          |                           |                                    |   |

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| Region                                  | Country | TA No.    | Project Title  | PRF Contribution    | Project Officer | Division | ADB Approval <sup>a</sup> | Actual/Expected TA Completion Date | Remarks  |
|---|---------|-----------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>PRF - PRC WINDOW</b>                 |         |           |  |                     |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |
| <b>A. Projects Completed</b>            |         |           |  |                     |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4200      | Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction                                    | 400,000             | C. Spohr        | PRCM     | 21-Oct-03                 | Feb-07                             | TA activities completed, financial closing, February 2007  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4298      | Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process                                      | 360,000             | A. Mathur       | EAGF     | 15-Dec-03                 | Sep-05                             | Financially closed 12 Sept 2005  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4222      | Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions                        | 150,000             | L. Adriano      | EAAE     | 20-Nov-03                 | Sep-05                             | Completed 30 June 05; Financial completion/closure 22 Sept 05; L. Adriano is now with CWAE.  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4215      | Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor  | 400,000             | P. Wallum       | EASS     | 13-Nov-03                 | Jul-06                             | TA activities completed; not yet financially closed<br>FC: July 2006   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4308      | Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program   | 400,000             | B. Carrad       | EAAE     | 19-Dec-03                 | Sep-06                             | TACR, circulated for comments<br>FC: Sept 2006   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4322      | Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks   | 1,000,000           | K. Jraiw        | EATC     | 30-Apr-04                 | May-07                             | This TA mainstreamed poverty in ADB and Government infrastructure projects. TA activities completed; financial closing, May 2007   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4402      | Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province   | 500,000             | T. Oi           | EAEN     | 05-Oct-04                 | Sep-06                             | April 2006 workshop, completed. Final report, submitted to the ADB<br>FC: Sept 2006.   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4566      | Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province  | 500,000             | T. Oi           | EAEN     | 15-Feb-05                 | Apr-07                             | Final Workshop was held in 10 March 2007; final report submitted to ADB in 23 March 2007; for financial completion   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4680      | Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring                                     | 300,000             | T. Oi           | EAEN     | 02-Nov-05                 | Apr-07                             | Final Workshop was held on 10 May 2007; final report submitted to ADB on 11 May 2007; for financial completion   |
|   |         | <b>9</b>  | <b>Sub-Total</b>   | <b>4,010,000</b>    |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |
| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation</b> |         |           |  |                     |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4142      | Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province                                      | 800,000             | C. Bodart       | EASS     | 14-Jul-03                 | Jun-08                             | linked to loan 2014: Western Yunnan Roads Devt Project   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4307      | Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs  | 400,000             | B. Carrad       | EAAE     | 19-Dec-03                 | Aug-07                             | TA supporting the first ever independent external evaluation of 6 massive forestry programs  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4401      | Rural Income and Sustainable Development   | 900,000             | Su Chin Teoh    | EAAE     | 30-Sep-04                 | Dec-07                             | TA completion extended to Dec 2007   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4430      | Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development) | 1,000,000           | Ying Qian       | EAGF     | 09-Nov-04                 | Aug-07                             | Ningxia AR launched bidding for microfinance institutions using TA 4430-developed model  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4454      | Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level   | 300,000             | B. Sim          | ERDI     | 01-Dec-04                 | Dec-07                             | Previous P.O. A. Asra (change effective July 06); TA nearing completion.   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4580      | NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation   | 1,000,000           | C. Spohr        | PRCM     | 20-Apr-05                 | Nov-07                             | This TA mainstreamed NGOs in State-funded village poverty programs   |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4649      | Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas   | 500,000             | A. Bhargava     | EAEN     | 21-Sep-05                 | Jul-07                             | Inception report received in Apr 06; Review Mission, 19-23 Dec 2006; TA completion extended to Apr 2007  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4694      | Urban Poverty Strategy Study II  | 300,000             | Lan Wu          | EASS     | 23-Nov-05                 | Sep-07                             | TA completion extended to Sept 2007  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4933      | Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction   | 65,000              | C. Spohr        | PRCM     | 28-May-07                 | Jun-09                             | Total TA amount, \$965,000. Initial orientation workshop for round 1 IAs held 22 June 2007; full utilization of DFID co financing of \$65,000 (to be liquidated first) is expected by Fall 2007. |
|   |         | <b>9</b>  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>\$ 5,265,000</b> |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |
|   |         | <b>18</b> | <b>Grand Total (PRF-PRC)</b>   | <b>\$ 9,275,000</b> |                 |          |                           |                                    |  |

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 30 June 2007

(Amounts in US dollar)

|  |                                     |                             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP30,000,000)         |                                     | 51,326,226.52 <sup>a/</sup> |
| Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency |                                     | 4,701,693.03                |
| Amount received                                      | 34,935,250.00                       |                             |
| Undrawn contribution (GBP10,500,141.83)              | <u>21,092,669.55</u> <sup>b/</sup>  | 56,027,919.55               |
| Add: Income from investments                         | 622,513.42                          |                             |
| Interest income                                      | 61,826.53                           |                             |
| Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions         | <u>(2,737.71)</u>                   | 681,602.24                  |
| TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE                               |                                     | 56,709,521.79               |
| Amounts utilized for:                                |                                     |                             |
| Project expenditures (Statement 2)                   | (24,398,212.64)                     |                             |
| Bank administration cost                             | (1,219,910.65)                      |                             |
| Financial expense - bank charges                     | <u>(8,811.62)</u>                   | <u>(25,626,934.91)</u>      |
| UNUTILIZED BALANCE                                   |                                     | 31,082,586.88 <sup>c/</sup> |
| Less: Outstanding commitments                        | (20,658,453.92)                     |                             |
| Reserve for ADB administration cost                  | <u>(1,032,922.70)</u> <sup>d/</sup> | <u>(21,691,376.62)</u>      |
| UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS    |                                     | <u>9,391,210.26</u>         |

<sup>a/</sup> Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

<sup>b/</sup> Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 30 June 2007.

<sup>c/</sup> Represented by:

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Cash in bank   | 2,475,860.49         |
| Investments  | 5,516,908.79         |
| Accrued interest   | 1,622.89             |
| Undrawn contribution (GBP30,000,000 less GBP19,499,858.17) | 21,092,669.55        |
| Accounts Receivable  | 21,339.28            |
| Advances   | 2,047,837.46         |
| Accounts payable   | <u>(73,651.58)</u>   |
|  | <u>31,082,586.88</u> |

<sup>d/</sup> Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments.

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(Expressed in US dollars)

| TA Title   | TA No./Type | Date of Approval | Amount Received     | Project Expenditures <sup>2/</sup> |                             |                           | Outstanding Commitments | Expected TA Completion Date | Completed TAs                   |                           |        |
|--|-------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|  |             |                  |                     | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |        |
|  |             |                  | (A)                 | (B)                                | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)    |
| <b><u>Afghanistan</u></b>  |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development   | 4461/AO     | 03Dec04          | 750,000.00          |                                    | 268,683.58                  | 289,002.92                | 557,686.50              | 192,313.50                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction   | 4541/AO     | 23Dec04          | 810,000.00          |                                    | 262,391.33                  | 68,499.87                 | 330,891.20              | 479,108.80                  | 30-Nov-07                       |                           |        |
| Total - Afghanistan  |             |                  | <u>1,560,000.00</u> |                                    | <u>531,074.91</u>           | <u>357,502.79</u>         | <u>888,577.70</u>       | <u>671,422.30</u>           |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Bangladesh</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation   | 4303/AO     | 19Dec03          | 350,000.00          |                                    | 267,886.81                  | -                         | 267,886.81              |                             |                                 | 82,113.19                 | 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          |                                    | 127,675.57                  | 53,492.82                 | 181,168.39              | 238,831.61                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance  | 4707/AO     | 02Dec05          | 480,000.00          |                                    | 140,465.88                  | 58,912.75                 | 199,378.63              | 280,621.37                  | 11-Jan-08                       |                           |        |
| Second Command Area Development Project  | 4740/PP     | 19Dec05          | 350,000.00          |                                    | 38.42                       | 83,807.68                 | 83,846.10               | 266,153.90                  | 20-Feb-08                       |                           |        |
| Total - Bangladesh   |             |                  | <u>1,600,000.00</u> |                                    | <u>536,066.68</u>           | <u>196,213.25</u>         | <u>732,279.93</u>       | <u>785,606.88</u>           |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Cambodia</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women  | 3947/AO     | 24Oct02          | 400,000.00          |                                    | 397,950.91                  | -                         | 397,950.91              |                             |                                 | 2,049.09                  | Mar-07 |
| Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission  | 3955/AO     | 30Oct02          | 78,500.00           |                                    | 63,334.63                   | -                         | 63,334.63               | 15,165.37                   | 30-Oct-06                       |                           |        |
| Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Workers Affected by Changing International Trade                            | 4131/AO     | 20Jun03          | 600,000.00          |                                    | 507,319.11                  | -                         | 507,319.11              |                             |                                 | 92,680.89                 | Mar-06 |
| Participatory Poverty Assessment of the Tonle Sap  | 4283/AO     | 18Dec03          | 425,000.00          |                                    | 367,521.42                  | 22,300.21                 | 389,821.63              | 35,178.37                   | 31-Jul-07                       |                           |        |
| Capacity Building of the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative  | 4376/AO     | 16Aug04          | 500,000.00          |                                    | 386,533.50                  | 61,063.70                 | 447,597.20              | 52,402.80                   | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction   | 4574/AO     | 08Apr05          | 500,000.00          |                                    | 216,487.78                  | 8,712.95                  | 225,200.73              | 274,799.27                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development  | 4575/AO     | 05Apr05          | 150,000.00          |                                    | 103,891.76                  | 20,785.65                 | 124,677.41              | 25,322.59                   | 07-Mar-07                       |                           |        |
| Developing Deposit Services in Rural Cambodia  | 4755//AO    | 21Dec05          | 600,000.00          |                                    | 23,629.41                   | 131,513.42                | 155,142.83              | 444,857.17                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary Schoolgirls   | 4777//AO    | 03Apr06          | 800,000.00          |                                    | 112,986.07                  | 107,549.65                | 220,535.72              | 579,464.28                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Total - Cambodia   |             |                  | <u>4,053,500.00</u> |                                    | <u>2,179,654.59</u>         | <u>351,925.58</u>         | <u>2,531,580.17</u>     | <u>1,427,189.85</u>         |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Kyrgyz Republic</u></b>  |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |

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|---|-------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|   |             |                  |                     | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |        |
|   |             |                  | (A)                 | (B)                                | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)    |
| The Study on Pricing Systems and Cost-Recovery Mechanism for Irrigation   | 4405/AO     | 11Oct04          | 300,000.00          |                                    | 185,965.00                  | 18,890.00                 | 204,855.00              | 95,145.00                   | 30-Jun-07                       |                           |        |
| Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction, and Environment   | 4408/AO     | 12Oct04          | 530,000.00          |                                    | 269,926.00                  | -                         | 269,926.00              | 260,074.00                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Total - Kyrgyz  |             |                  | <u>830,000.00</u>   |                                    | <u>455,891.00</u>           | <u>18,890.00</u>          | <u>474,781.00</u>       | <u>355,219.00</u>           |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Lao People's Dem Rep.</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Social Protection in the the LAO PDR: Issues and Options  | 4009/AO     | 04Dec02          | 150,000.00          |                                    | 69,787.81                   | -                         | 69,787.81               |                             |                                 | 80,212.19                 | Mar-05 |
| Integrating Poor in Regional Trade through Standard Setting for Private Sector Development  | 4108/AO     | 09May03          | 150,000.00          |                                    | 148,174.78                  | -                         | 148,174.78              |                             |                                 | 1,825.22                  | Apr-05 |
| Study of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water   | 4339/AO     | 20May04          | 250,000.00          |                                    | 143,354.46                  | 15,150.00                 | 158,504.46              | 91,495.54                   | 31-Dec-06                       |                           |        |
| Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities  | 4392/AO     | 17Sep04          | 600,000.00          |                                    | 191,725.43                  | 23,270.00                 | 214,995.43              | 385,004.57                  | 22-Jun-08                       |                           |        |
| Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems   | 4406/AO     | 11Oct04          | 550,000.00          |                                    | 78,310.00                   | 78,000.00                 | 156,310.00              | 393,690.00                  | 30-Jun-08                       |                           |        |
| Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building | 4434/AO     | 17Nov04          | 974,300.00          |                                    | 272,121.00                  | 30,524.19                 | 302,645.19              | 671,654.81                  | 31-Jul-08                       |                           |        |
| SSTA for Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization   | 4787/AO     | 10May06          | 140,000.00          |                                    | 16,847.20                   | 48,571.07                 | 65,418.27               | 74,581.73                   | 30-Apr-08                       |                           |        |
| Total - Lao People's Dem. Rep.  |             |                  | <u>2,814,300.00</u> |                                    | <u>920,320.68</u>           | <u>195,515.26</u>         | <u>1,115,835.94</u>     | <u>1,616,426.65</u>         |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Marshall Islands</u></b>  |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Increasing Ownership of and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management  | 4653/AO     | 22Sep05          | 300,000.00          |                                    | 100,110.35                  | 113,206.72                | 213,317.07              | 86,682.93                   | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| <b><u>Mongolia</u></b>  |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Urban Development and Housing   | 4632/PP     | 18Aug05          | 250,000.00          |                                    | 221,675.70                  | -                         | 221,675.70              | 28,324.30                   | 30-Jun-07                       |                           |        |
| <b><u>Nepal</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Promoting Pro-Poor and Gender Responsive Service  | 4353/AO     | 07Jul04          | 200,000.00          |                                    | 69,430.45                   | 69,653.44                 | 139,083.89              | 60,916.11                   | 15-Dec-06                       |                           |        |
| Preparing the Education Sector Developing Program I   | 4754/PP     | 21Dec05          | 150,000.00          |                                    | 113,556.74                  | 32,937.41                 | 146,494.15              | 3,505.85                    | 31-Jul-07                       |                           |        |
| Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development  | 4759/AO     | 22Dec05          | 685,000.00          |                                    | -                           | -                         | -                       | 685,000.00                  | 10-Jun-08                       |                           |        |

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|--|-------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|  |             |                  |                     | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |        |
|  |             |                  | (A)                 | (B)                                | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)    |
| Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects  | 4760/AO     | 03Jan06          | 350,000.00          |                                    | 95,339.40                   | 83,470.38                 | 178,809.78              | 171,190.22                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Economic and Social Inclusion of the Disadvantaged Poor Through MIS  | 4774/AO     | 20Mar06          | 450,000.00          |                                    | 54,889.50                   | 48,835.34                 | 103,724.84              | 346,275.16                  | 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                   | 148,604.23                | 182,587.81              | 387,412.19                  | 31-Oct-07                       |                           |        |
| <b>Total - Nepal</b>   |             |                  | <b>2,405,000.00</b> |                                    | <b>367,199.67</b>           | <b>383,500.80</b>         | <b>750,700.47</b>       | <b>1,654,299.53</b>         |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Pakistan</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab   | 4015/AO     | 05Dec02          | 230,000.00          |                                    | 227,506.28                  | -                         | 227,506.28              |                             |                                 | 2,493.72                  | Aug-06 |
| Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan  | 4277/AO     | 18Dec03          | 63,500.00           |                                    | 57,581.02                   | 5,879.00                  | 63,460.02               | 39.98                       | 31-Jan-07                       |                           |        |
| Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan   | 4319/AO     | 05Mar04          | 580,000.00          |                                    | 257,135.62                  | 135,458.62                | 392,594.24              | 187,405.76                  | 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          |                                    | 71,477.27                   | 13,708.00                 | 85,185.27               | 314,814.73                  | 31-Jan-08                       |                           |        |
| Implementing Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Province of Punjab   | 4537/AO     | 23Dec04          | 950,000.00          |                                    | 167,616.04                  | 132,870.02                | 300,486.06              | 649,513.94                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans  | 4602/AO     | 24Jun05          | 800,000.00          |                                    | 67,459.82                   | -                         | 67,459.82               | 732,540.18                  | 04-Jun-08                       |                           |        |
| <b>Total - Pakistan</b>  |             |                  | <b>3,023,500.00</b> |                                    | <b>848,776.05</b>           | <b>287,915.64</b>         | <b>1,136,691.69</b>     | <b>1,884,314.59</b>         |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Sri Lanka</u></b>  |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Community Information Services for the Poor  | 4110/AO     | 09May03          | 800,000.00          |                                    | 795,487.69                  | -                         | 795,487.69              |                             |                                 | 4,512.31                  | Jul-06 |
| Psychosocial Health in Conflict-Affected Areas   | 4442/AO     | 22Nov04          | 400,000.00          |                                    | 38,480.51                   | 14,977.98                 | 53,458.49               | 346,541.51                  | 31-Mar-08                       |                           |        |
| Sri-Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies                                 | 4567/AO     | 18Feb05          | 500,000.00          |                                    | 484,872.42                  | 13,993.13                 | 498,865.55              |                             |                                 | 1,134.45                  | Jun-07 |
| Microinsurance Sector Development  | 4761/AO     | 03Jan06          | 600,000.00          |                                    | 240,989.26                  | 86,968.33                 | 327,957.59              | 272,042.41                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| <b>Total - Sri Lanka</b>   |             |                  | <b>2,300,000.00</b> |                                    | <b>1,559,829.88</b>         | <b>115,939.44</b>         | <b>1,675,769.32</b>     | <b>618,583.92</b>           |                                 |                           |        |
| <b><u>Tajikistan</u></b>   |             |                  |                     |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas   | 4423/AO     | 05Nov04          | 800,000.00          |                                    | 433,480.22                  | 168,415.16                | 601,895.38              | 198,104.62                  | 25-May-07                       |                           |        |
| Rural Development Project  | 4598/PP     | 14Jun05          | 150,000.00          |                                    | 64,450.49                   | 77,310.13                 | 141,760.62              | 8,239.38                    | 30-Mar-07                       |                           |        |



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|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|  |             |                  |                 | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |        |
|  |             |                  | (A)             | (B)                                | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)    |
| Operation in Reducing Poverty  | 6073/RG     | 16Dec02          | 600,000.00      |                                    | 260,388.06                  | -                         | 260,388.06              |                             |                                 | 339,611.94                | Mar-06 |
| Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in Selected Developing Member Countries                 | 6088/RG     | 19Dec02          | 800,000.00      |                                    | 575,464.33                  | 170,212.51                | 745,676.84              | 54,323.16                   | 31-Mar-08                       |                           |        |
| NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction   | 6109/RG     | 27May03          | 1,000,000.00    |                                    | 974,521.23                  | 4,964.84                  | 979,486.07              |                             |                                 | 20,513.93                 | Jun-07 |
| Making Markets Work Better for the Poor  | 6113/RG     | 02Jul03          | 385,000.00      |                                    | 208,284.75                  | 75,583.14                 | 283,867.89              | 101,132.11                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry      | 6115/RG     | 04Aug03          | 800,000.00      |                                    | 451,370.06                  | 75,870.95                 | 527,241.01              | 272,758.99                  | 31-Dec-06                       |                           |        |
| Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Subregion  | 6118/RG     | 22Aug03          | 150,000.00      |                                    | 126,046.00                  | 2,850.00                  | 128,896.00              |                             |                                 | 21,104.00                 | Jun-07 |
| Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction  | 6120/RG     | 27Aug03          | 300,000.00      |                                    | 261,557.44                  | -                         | 261,557.44              |                             |                                 | 38,442.56                 | Sep-06 |
| Study of Urban Violence in Asia Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading   | 6130/RG     | 30Oct03          | 150,000.00      |                                    | 108,134.90                  | -                         | 108,134.90              |                             |                                 | 41,865.10                 | Jul-06 |
| Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific   | 6157/RG     | 18Dec03          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 256,177.84                  | 32,998.06                 | 289,175.90              | 110,824.10                  | 30-Nov-07                       |                           |        |
| Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local ProPoor Budget                       | 6170/RG     | 06Apr04          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 274,157.45                  | 106,050.71                | 380,208.16              | 19,791.84                   | 15-May-07                       |                           |        |
| Making Resource Allocation Pro-Poor and Participatory in the Pacific   | 6175/RG     | 16Jun04          | 500,000.00      |                                    | 192,182.90                  | 128,338.17                | 320,521.07              | 179,478.93                  | 30-Apr-07                       |                           |        |
| Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction  | 6176/RG     | 14Jul04          | 300,000.00      |                                    | 91,495.72                   | 13,643.10                 | 105,138.82              | 194,861.18                  | 29-Jun-07                       |                           |        |
| Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion   | 6188/RG     | 30Sep04          | 575,000.00      |                                    | 296,209.13                  | 121,702.95                | 417,912.08              | 157,087.92                  | 30-Sep-07                       |                           |        |
| Preventing Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in Greater Mekong Subregion                | 6190/RG     | 04Oct04          | 700,000.00      |                                    | 371,654.01                  | 66,245.53                 | 437,899.54              | 262,100.46                  | 31-Jul-07                       |                           |        |
| Pilot Test Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services | 6224/RG     | 23Dec04          | 550,000.00      |                                    | 465,182.91                  | 27,937.03                 | 493,119.94              | 56,880.06                   | 28-Feb-07                       |                           |        |
| Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities  | 6243/RG     | 23May05          | 750,000.00      |                                    | 550,000.00                  | -                         | 550,000.00              | 200,000.00                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Strengthening Pro-Poor Policy in the Pacific   | 6245/RG     | 10Jun05          | 925,000.00      |                                    | 408,194.84                  | 378,857.48                | 787,052.32              | 137,947.68                  | 30-Jun-08                       |                           |        |
| HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups   | 6247/RG     | 01Jul05          | 700,000.00      |                                    | 242,992.00                  | 75,313.00                 | 318,305.00              | 381,695.00                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups   | 6248/RG     | 19Jul05          | 550,000.00      |                                    | 75,203.00                   | 297,000.00                | 372,203.00              | 177,797.00                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects   | 6270/RG     | 23Nov05          | 980,000.00      |                                    | 188,960.87                  | 108,170.81                | 297,131.68              | 682,868.32                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |

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|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|  |             |                  |                             | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07               | Cumulative up to 30/06/07   |                            |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |                          |
|  |             |                  | (A)                         | (B)                                | (C)                                       | (D)                         | (E) = (C) + (D)            | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)                      |
| 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                                | 141,444.50                  | 317,477.36                 | 482,522.64                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |                          |
| Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanism  | 6284/RG     | 09Dec05          | 150,000.00                  |                                    | 5,288.28                                  | 67,404.40                   | 72,692.68                  | 77,307.32                   | 31-Jul-07                       |                           |                          |
| Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in Greater Mekong Subregion                          | 6289/RG     | 16Dec05          | 550,000.00                  |                                    | 480,029.73                                | 57,756.74                   | 537,786.47                 | 12,213.53                   | 31-Dec-09                       |                           |                          |
| Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge  | 6296/RG     | 21Dec05          | 875,000.00                  |                                    | 138,132.06                                | 104,171.76                  | 242,303.82                 | 632,696.18                  | 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                                | 250,915.74                  | 482,466.21                 | 1,317,533.79                | 31-Dec-08                       |                           |                          |
| Scaling up of the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction  | 6308/RG     | 06Mar06          | 900,000.00                  |                                    | 237,080.89                                | 157,806.83                  | 394,887.72                 | 505,112.28                  | 30-Nov-07                       |                           |                          |
| Remittances and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus   | 6315/RG     | 07Apr06          | 1,000,000.00                |                                    | 277,430.49                                | 182,061.69                  | 459,492.18                 | 540,507.82                  | 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   |             |                  | <u>18,695,000.00</u>        |                                    | <u>8,204,283.14</u>                       | <u>2,725,179.99</u>         | <u>10,929,463.13</u>       | <u>7,302,208.26</u>         |                                 |                           |                          |
| <b>Total Approved and Effective TAs</b>  |             |                  | <b><u>45,974,300.00</u></b> | <b>\$</b>                          | <b><u>34,935,250.00</u></b> <sup>3/</sup> | <b><u>18,736,589.00</u></b> | <b><u>5,661,623.64</u></b> | <b><u>24,398,212.64</u></b> | <b><u>20,658,453.92</u></b>     |                           | <b><u>917,633.44</u></b> |

**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         |
| 4th tranche | (£ 3,000,000.00) | 5,218,500.00         |
| 5th tranche | (£ 6,014,294.00) | 11,000,000.00        |
| 6th tranche | (£ 3,022,670.00) | 6,000,000.00         |
|             |                  | <u>34,935,250.00</u> |

<sup>1/</sup> US\$ equivalent of TA Grant at the time of TA approval.

<sup>2/</sup> Actual disbursements.

<sup>3/</sup> Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

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ADMINISTRATOR FOR  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND  
POVERTY REDUCTION COOPERATION FUND - PRC PROGRAM  
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STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 30 June 2007

*(Amounts in US dollar)*

|  |                                   |                            |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP6,000,000)          |                                   | 9,565,955.75 <sup>a/</sup> |
| Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency |                                   | <u>1,094,709.75</u>        |
| Amount received                                      | 9,506,900.00                      |                            |
| Undrawn contribution (GBP574,356)                    | <u>1,153,765.50</u> <sup>b/</sup> | 10,660,665.50              |
| Add: Income from investments                         | 153,021.81                        |                            |
| Interest income                                      | 72,148.94                         |                            |
| Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions         | <u>1,695.74</u>                   | <u>226,866.49</u>          |
| TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE                               |                                   | 10,887,531.99              |
| Amounts utilized for:                                |                                   |                            |
| Project expenditures (Statement 2)                   | (6,130,330.07)                    |                            |
| Bank administration cost                             | (306,516.49)                      |                            |
| Financial expense - bank charges                     | <u>(1,108.65)</u>                 | <u>(6,437,955.21)</u>      |
| UNUTILIZED BALANCE                                   |                                   | 4,449,576.78 <sup>c/</sup> |
| Less: Outstanding commitments                        | (3,027,912.43)                    |                            |
| Reserve for ADB administration cost                  | <u>(151,395.62)</u> <sup>d/</sup> | <u>(3,179,308.05)</u>      |
| UNCOMMITTED BALANCE                                  |                                   | <u><u>1,270,268.73</u></u> |

<sup>a/</sup> Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

<sup>b/</sup> Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 30 June 2007.

<sup>c/</sup> Represented by:

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Cash in bank  | 225,184.83                 |
| Investments   | 2,783,139.37               |
| Accrued interest                                      | 818.71                     |
| Undrawn contribution (GBP6,000,000 less GBP5,425,644) | 1,153,765.50               |
| Advances  | 299,426.92                 |
| Accounts payable                                      | <u>(12,758.55)</u>         |
|   | <u><u>4,449,576.78</u></u> |

<sup>d/</sup> Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments/TAs approved but yet effective.

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|---|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|   |             |                  |                 | Cumulative up to 31/12/06          | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |        |
|   |             |                  | (A)             | (B)                                | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I)    |
| <b>PRC</b>  |             |                  |                 |                                    |                             |                           |                         |                             |                                 |                           |        |
| A Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction         | 4200/AO     | 21Oct03          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 376,656.31                  | 21,398.95                 | 398,055.26              |                             |                                 | 1,944.74                  | Feb-07 |
| Preventing HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Provinces                          | 4142/AO     | 14Jul03          | 800,000.00      |                                    | 316,442.36                  | 63,370.85                 | 379,813.21              | 420,186.79                  | 30-Jun-08                       |                           |        |
| Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor                             | 4215/AO     | 12Nov03          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 390,382.00                  | -                         | 390,382.00              |                             |                                 | 9,618.00                  | Jul-06 |
| Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Prog of PRC-Trends, Challenges Future Direction | 4222/AO     | 20Nov03          | 150,000.00      |                                    | 146,387.17                  | -                         | 146,387.17              |                             |                                 | 3,612.83                  | Sep-05 |
| Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Services            | 4298/AO     | 19Dec03          | 360,000.00      |                                    | 352,240.82                  | -                         | 352,240.82              |                             |                                 | 7,759.18                  | Sep-05 |
| Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs                           | 4307/AO     | 19Dec03          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 250,942.43                  | -                         | 250,942.43              | 149,057.57                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |
| Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program                                | 4308/AO     | 19Dec03          | 400,000.00      |                                    | 364,648.19                  | -                         | 364,648.19              |                             |                                 | 35,351.81                 | Sep-06 |
| Poverty Impact of Area-Wide Road Networks   | 4322/AO     | 26Mar04          | 1,000,000.00    |                                    | 867,348.13                  | 81,358.93                 | 948,707.06              |                             |                                 | 51,292.94                 | May-07 |
| Rural Income and Sustainable Development  | 4401/AO     | 30Sep04          | 900,000.00      |                                    | 212,143.95                  | 78,406.11                 | 290,550.06              | 609,449.94                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |        |
| Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province                                | 4402/AO     | 05Oct04          | 500,000.00      |                                    | 492,822.00                  | -                         | 492,822.00              |                             |                                 | 7,178.00                  | Sep-06 |
| Rural Finance Reforms & Development of Microfinance Institutions                  | 4430/AO     | 09Nov04          | 1,000,000.00    |                                    | 589,453.60                  | 188,849.23                | 778,302.83              | 221,697.17                  | 31-Aug-07                       |                           |        |

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|--|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
|  |             |                  | Amount Received                    | Cumulative up to 31/12/06 | Transactions 01/07-30/06/07 | Cumulative up to 30/06/07 |                         |                             | Unutilized Commitment (Savings) | Financial Completion Date |     |
|  |             |                  | (A)                                | (B)                       | (C)                         | (D)                       | (E) = (C) + (D)         | (F) = (A) - (E)             | (G)                             | (H) = (A) - (E)           | (I) |
| Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at the Country Level                              | 4454/AO     | 01Dec04          | 300,000.00                         |                           | 81,613.03                   | 74,000.00                 | 155,613.03              | 144,386.97                  | 31-Dec-07                       |                           |     |
| Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province (PRCF)                           | 4566/AO     | 15Feb05          | 500,000.00                         |                           | 140,360.01                  | 160,781.68                | 301,141.69              | 198,858.31                  | 30-Apr-07                       |                           |     |
| Non-Government Organization-Government Partnerships in Village-Level Poverty Alleviation | 4580/AO     | 20Apr05          | 1,000,000.00                       |                           | 277,733.10                  | 65,434.06                 | 343,167.16              | 656,832.84                  | 30-Nov-07                       |                           |     |
| Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas                                 | 4649/AO     | 21Sep05          | 500,000.00                         |                           | 184,898.20                  | 95,895.75                 | 280,793.95              | 219,206.05                  | 31-Jul-07                       |                           |     |
| Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring                   | 4680/AO     | 02Nov05          | 300,000.00                         |                           | 88,160.00                   | 137,769.00                | 225,929.00              | 74,071.00                   | 30-Apr-07                       |                           |     |
| Urban Poverty Strategy Study II  | 4694/AO     | 23Nov05          | 300,000.00                         |                           | -                           | 30,834.21                 | 30,834.21               | 269,165.79                  | 30-Sep-07                       |                           |     |
| Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction   | 4933/AO     | 28May07          | 65,000.00                          |                           | -                           | -                         | -                       | 65,000.00                   | 30-Jun-09                       |                           |     |
| <b>Total Approved and Effective TAs</b>  |             |                  | <b>9,275,000.00</b>                | <b>\$ 9,506,900.00</b>    | <b>5,132,231.30</b>         | <b>998,098.77</b>         | <b>6,130,330.07</b>     | <b>3,027,912.43</b>         |                                 | <b>116,757.50</b>         |     |

**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                      |
| 6th tranche  | (£ 462,392)   | 900,000.00                        |
| 7th tranche  | (£ 462,392)   | 900,000.00                        |
| <b>Total</b> |               | <b>9,506,900.00</b> <sup>3/</sup> |

<sup>1/</sup> US\$ equivalent of TA Grant at the time of TA approval.

<sup>2/</sup> Actual disbursements.

<sup>3/</sup> Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

## STATUS OF PRF PROJECTS - Regional Program, as of 30 June 2007

| Region  | Country | TA No.    | Name of Project  | Amount  | Project Description   | Project Status as of 30 June 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome  |
|---|---------|-----------|--|---------|---|--|
| <b>A. Projects Completed - Regional Program</b> |         |           |  |         |   |  |
| 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.   | Financial closing: August 2006<br>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.   |
| 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 activities, completed successfully on 31 January 2007; for financial closing.<br><br>The Research Reports entitled 'Demographic Transition and Youth Unemployment in Pakistan' and 'Optimal Strategy for Targeting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan' were published.<br><br>'Lesson Learning from Adult Literacy Initiatives in Pakistan' has been completed and was presented together with the above mentioned studies in an ADB workshop on structural issues in poverty reduction held in February 2007.<br><br>The TCR is under preparation and financial closing will be completed once consultant's final claim is processed.   |
| 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  | The completed outputs of this TA include:<br>(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<br>(2) a policy paper outlining the policy implications of the research findings with a matrix of policy recommendations<br>(3) an assessment note on Balochistan<br>(4) the study on Income Mobility in Rural Sindh<br>(5) the final report on the 'Impact of Global Cotton and Wheat Markets on Rural Poverty in Pakistan'<br>(6) a poverty database<br><br>The four thematic papers prepared under the TA as the main outputs are in the process of being printed and are currently being edited for content.<br><br>TA activities, completed; for financial closing. TA account will be financially closed after payment of the last claim with the CTLA. |
| 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.  | TA activities, completed; for financial closing.<br>Both Kalandak and Dushohazamin MHPP have been completed and commissioning of the plants took place on 27 June 2007. Installation works for related electrical and mechanical equipment were completed in April 2007.* These two schemes will supply electricity to four villages, and will be owned, operated and maintained eventually by Electricity Users Association, a community based organization equally formed and registered by the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan.<br>A workshop to discuss sustainability of the Project was held in late April 2007.<br>On the job training of the operators of the MHPPs was carried out over the period May - June 2007, during the equipment installation.  |
| EARD  | MON     | 4632 PPTA | 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. | TA implementation completed; for financial closing. Final report was submitted in May 2007; the ensuing grant project (of this TA) was approved in March 2007.<br>The ensuing projects are designed to have multi-dimensional impacts on poverty reduction. While infrastructure is provided, the project will simultaneously (i) increase access to small loans for households and neighborhood improvements; (ii) create direct short-term employment for construction and direct short-term employment for construction and indirect long-term income generating opportunities; and (iii) empower poor residents in decision making process through the establishment of CBOs to plan and implement community infrastructure movement   |
| PARD  | SUB-REG | 6061      | Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis  | 48,209  | 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.   | Completed. Financially closed, 31 July 2005.   |

\* This information was later corrected as "MHPPs completed in Sept 2007 and Dushohazamin MHPP has not begun full scale operation due to insufficient water because of an exceptionally dry year in 2007."

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| 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. | TA activities, completed; for financial closing. The draft final report was submitted on 15 March 2007. The draft final report includes a document plan for future outreach; a training of NGO Trainers Manual and Community Information/Resource Handbook; a Scale-up Plan.   |
| 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  | Financial closing: Nov 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.  |
| 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.  | TA completed, financial closing, 15 July 2007. The TA improved the capacity and technical skills of partner NGOs and CBOs. There were positive impacts on gender and social inclusion in CBOs and income generation benefits of members through quick income generating schemes. The TA provided an opportunity for DWD and its field office to practise new approaches for improving the livelihoods of poor and disadvantaged communities. The TA also served as a vehicle to further DWD's mandate to mainstream gender concerns in their operations by experimenting on useful tools and approaches that can be replicated nationwide. DWD also established institutional linkages with other depts and practised how to select target groups by applying a participatory wealth-ranking method. At the closure, the TA has achieved an estimated 80% of physical target as compared with the design framework. However, the remaining activities such as (i) gender mainstreaming training for government staff; (ii) study tours for NGOs and CBO; (iii) gender audit of Lamjung DDC; and (iv) payment to NGOs and CBOs will be financed under the associated Community Livestock Development Project and the Government's own resource. Slow progress in TA fund advance liquidation by the EA was the major reason for not accomplishing the above targeted works. |
| 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.   | Financial closing: July 2006. The TA produced a good case study on the potential for expanding information service targeted to the poor. The TA outcomes are positive as the pilot testing of community information centers generated wider awareness of, and improved skills for, the use of ICT among the target groups. The outputs were also positive as the TA produced all required documentation and recommendations with respect to the potential for and challenges to, expanding information service targeted to the poor.   |
| 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.  | TA completed; financial closing, June 2007. TA completion report, completed. The implementation of the actual road rehabilitation has been slow, as ADB agreed to focus on the north and east; once security improves, other areas will be contracted out. 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. The TA was well-designed to meet the primary objective to assist in the Needs Assessment and prepare projects to rehabilitate structures damaged by the Tsunami and assist affected people in rebuilding their lives.  |
| 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, Financial closing, March 2007. 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.  | TA completed; financial closing, 30 Oct 2006. 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 | 507,319 | 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. | Completed. Financial closing, March 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.  | <p>TA activities completed; for financial closing. A final report was prepared and submitted to the ADB.</p> <p>These outputs have been produced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>The CBIRD formulated four project concept papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cotton growing project for textile production;</li> <li>2. Garment remnant utilization project;</li> <li>3. Business guidebook for rural communities with the Banker's Association; and</li> <li>4. Positive partnerships of HIV AIDS positive and negative partners linked to microfinance with the Chamber of Commerce.</li> </ol> <p>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. The Association of Banks in Cambodia (ABC) had agreed to implement a CBIRD type project: business guide Book for Emerging Entrepreneurs through financing the printing and disseminating the business guidebook. The establishment of CBIRD Foundation was taken under the project extension period from July 2006 to March 2007, which was requested by MRD. The Fou</p> |
| SERD   | LAO     | 4009   | Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options  | 69,788  | Comprehensive country-level assessment of key social protection issues. It will also provide for potential programmatic options for the country.   | Completed. Financial closing: 14 March 2005; Final report, submitted<br>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)          | 148,175 | 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.  | Completed. Financial closing, 13 April 2005  |
| 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.   | <p>TA activities completed, financially closed, Aug 2006</p> <p>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.</p>   |
| 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, financial closing, March 2007.  |

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| 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.   | TA activities completed, financial closing, April 2007.<br>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.   |
| 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 activities completed; for financial closing.<br>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   | 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. | TA is completed; for financial closing. Final report submitted.<br>All fieldwork has been completed and final draft reports of the case studies undertaken under each thematic topic and in each country has been prepared. These reports were presented at a workshop held in Bangkok on 27-28 Nov 2006, attended by about 40 stakeholders from the region. The draft final report, taking account of the recommendations of the Workshop has been submitted as of June 2007.<br>The statement of final claims from consultants are awaited. Financial closure is targeted for the 3rd quarter of 2007. |
| 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, financial closing, June 2007.   |
| REG    | INTER-REG | 6073   | Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty                          | 260,388   | 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 activities completed, TA completion report is being finalized; 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; financial closing, June 2007.   |
| 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, Sept. 2006.<br>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.  | TA activities completed; financial closing, July 2006   |
| 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.   | TA activities completed; for financial closing. Final Report submitted by consultants. Publication documenting the project's experience completed. Translated publication printed and distributed to INO and PAK. RETA extended until May 2007 to accommodate book launching. 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.   |
| 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. | 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. TA activities completed; for financial closing. A seminar on this RETA was held on 8 June 2007 at the ADB Headquarters, which discussed the TA results and its significance to ADB operations.  |
| 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.   | TA activities completed; for financial closing. 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. The TA paved a way for a fully, more substantive involvement of the poor in water management. Through the TA, communities were enabled to make their own observations and analysis and contribute towards the improvements of their projects. By using simple appraisal techniques, the communities were able to provide a broad range of data and factors that are key to project sustainability. The TA was also an opportunity for sector professionals to build their skills and experience in participatory development which will benefit future sector improvements. The method used was flexible enough to allow modifications to suit |
| 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.  | TA activities completed; for financial closing. While the radio dramas produced by UNESCO and UNICEF were of high quality, broadcasting these dramas are clearly insufficient in themselves to achieve a long-term impact. Other accompanying activities -- such as condom, distribution and health and hygiene education -- would be required to produce sustained and meaningful results. The listening group model introduced in the pilot was extremely important -- as it allowed community participation and discussions to analyze and distill the information received and relate it to communities' own experience. The pilot demonstrated that broadcasting via satellite has the potential of reaching vast numbers of villagers receiving the same messages at the same time, which provides an economy of means compared to village to village awareness raising mechanism.  |
|        |           | 31     | <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>11,633,879</b> |   |   |

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| Region   | Country | TA No. | Name of Project   | Amount  | Project Description   | As of 31 Dec 2006   | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006  | As of 30 June 2007  | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 June 2007  |
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| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation - Regional Program</b> |         |        |   |         |   |   |  |   |   |
| 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) installation 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. | <p>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.</p> <p>The preparation of renewable energy policy and strategy is being initiated.</p> <p>Consultants were engaged to begin solar and wind resource mapping for the entire country.</p>  | <p>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.</p> | <p>The review of the potential for renewable energy options and assessment of needs/deman in selected off-grid, remote, rural areas has been completed. 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 completed with community mobilization and participation.</p>   | <p>Based on the ADB pilot project for solar and wind hybrid power system in Panjshere Province, USAID is developing a 100 kwh wind energy project at the same location for the government offices located in Panjshere Province. Capacity building at the community level to install, maintain and service rural solar energy systems is developed and training is ongoing to maintain, operate and service micro hydro power system.</p> |
| 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 assistance; and 3) building institutional mechanisms for sustainability.   | <p>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. (v) Mobile clinic in Wakhan* and veterinary services in Badakshan and train two persons in community veterinary care.</p> <p>Prepared feasibility study for restoring Qambar lake, last chain of lakes at the Bandi-Amir national park</p> <p>Completion date of the project is extended to Nov 2007.</p> | <p>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.</p>  | <p>TA implementation is nearing completion. Afghanistan's Ecotourism and National Tourism Development Strategies were prepared; as well as the Social and Gender Strategy for Protected Areas and the Land Use Management Plan for Bandi-Amir Protected Area.</p> <p>As part of Enhanced Institutional Capacity for Protected Area Management, Govt Staff underwent trainings in protected area management. Training has also been scheduled at the National Trust for Nature Conservation for govt officials involved in Natural Resources Managements (protected areas and ecotourism). The Dept of Natural Resources and Afghan Tourism organization were also equipped with computers and other office equipment.</p> |   |

\*\* See attached Addendum.

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| Region | Country | TA No. | Name of Project  | Amount  | Project Description   | As of 31 Dec 2006   | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006  | As of 30 June 2007  | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 June 2007  |
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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.   | During the nat'l workshop held on 4 Jul 2006, substantial comments were received on the Draft Final Reprint (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.<br>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   | TA implementation is ongoing. The revised final draft was submitted on 27 Sept 2006. Because of the significance of the methodology and recommendations, the publication and dissemination of the report has been included as part of the Economic Sector Work for CWAE. The dissemination is also expected to include a regional workshop including all the Central Asian countries. | It is anticipated that the publication and dissemination workshop will be held in September 2007.   |
| CWRD   | KGZ     | 4408   | A Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment | 400,000 | 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. | 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. | TA implementation, ongoing. The 2nd draft final report was received on 3 January 2007 and is currently being reviewed.  | The report is planned to be published. The TA has important results for the issue of cost recovery and pricing of water delivery. It has identified difference regionally within Kyrgyzstan. However, its relevance in terms of methodology and findings can extend to other Central Asian countries as well. |

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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. | Request for direct selection of NGO, Adult Basic Education Society (ABES) was approved by Principal Director, COSO.<br>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.  |  | TA implementation, ongoing. The NGO consultant, Society for Promoting Education, health and Environment (SPEHE) was terminated in July 2006. This was replaced by the ABES, who commenced services in January 2007.   |   |
| 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.  | 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;<br>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;<br>3. The TA had started issuing bimonthly newsletter to improve communication among stakeholders; the first newsletter has been published;<br>4. Police websites have been operationalized in 3 pilot districts;<br>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.<br>6. provincial policing plan have been submitted;<br>7. HRD Plans are developed for each district;<br>8. A framework for setting up Community Police Liaison Committee 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. | TA implementation, ongoing. The project has to date utilised 116 person months of consultancy services, and served as an impetus for police and justice sector reforms in Punjab province. Given the remaining project duration and the list of ambitious outputs to be delivered, the project team, conducted extensive field consultations, which resulted in a Capacity Building Plan (CBP) to achieve project targets. A Consultant Hiring Plan (CHP) has also been developed to implement the CBP, keeping in view the project constraints such as remaining duration, availability of requisite expertise and coordination among key players. | In order to assess project performance in terms of implementation mechanism, project design and identification of new areas of reform in the sector, a TA Performance Review is planned in July 2007. The Review is expected to provide significant input on current implementation structures and identify province specific second generation justice sector reforms. |

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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.  | 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.  | TA implementation, ongoing. The Country Gender Assessment is being conducted under the TA. Due to poor performance, the contract of firm hired for implementation of TA was terminated. Consequently, four long term domestic, one international and two short term domestic consultants are on board while cases of three domestic consultants is in procurement pipeline.   | A large amount of TA resources have been earmarked for Gender and Governance Resource pools for financing small sub-projects. However, as per the TA paper, these projects shall be implemented through firms. Given the lengthy and time consuming process involved in hiring a firm, it may not be possible to implement the TA fully by TA end date. Some flexible arrangements are required to enhance the implementation of the TA. |
| 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.  | 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. | TA implementation, ongoing. Findings of review were that farm by farm analysis was not possible due to poor and incomplete farm records. Work is under way to provide alternative, creditor-related commercial work-out arrangements. Work on legal, sociological, management and financial and agronomic circumstances of 21 pilot farms nationwide is underway to provide recommendations to support effective farm debt resolution and prevent recurrence of debt overhangs. | The TA is 68% completed in terms of time; has commitments of 81% and disbursements 23% as of 31 May 2007.  |
| CWRD   | UZB     | 4820   | Implementation and Monitoring of Policy in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector | 600,000 | Piggybacked to the Land Improvement Project in Uzbekistan, this TA will (i) facilitate the implementation of the reform package agreed under the Project; (ii) raise the awareness of local government and rural communities regarding the implemented reforms; (iii) monitor their impacts on Government revenues and expenditures and on rural livelihood and poverty, in a transparent and participatory manner; and (iv) propose measures for improving reform effectiveness. | Shortlisting for the project has been completed and the CSC meeting was held on 6 Dec 2006 to evaluate the technical proposals. Public opening of bids will be done thereafter.  | 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.  | TA is now being implemented. Contract negotiations with the consultants have been completed; Consultants were fielded on 15 June 2007.  |  |

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| 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 | 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.   | TA implementation is ongoing. At the completion of a pilot household survey, the financial sector survey and a full-fledged household survey, (both) on remittances are currently being undertaken in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz and Tajikistan.  |  |
| PARD   | RMI     | 4653   | Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal | 300,000   |  | 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) Stakeholder 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. | TA is near completion. The mission to RMI on 2-9 June 2007 has requested extension of completion date to 15 August 2007, to allow for final equipment purchases and conduct waste collection pilot project in the poorest and most densely settled urban areas of Majuro atoll and to allow completion of independent monitor's reporting. | The TA succeeded in resolving key institutional constraints to improved urban atoll waste management through by helping stakeholders to agree to the establishment of the Majuro Atoll Waste Company. The TA also succeeded in securing stakeholder support for new systems of waste collection and waste treatment. The new system of waste collection is being put in place with the pilot projects. |

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| 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   | 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. | A report on the Pacific Capacity Development Scoping Study prepared by consultant (J. Bolger) was submitted; The drafts of 12 Pacific DMC economic and social updates are in different stages of preparation -- from being circulated for comments to proofreading. The PIERs for RMI and FSM are now completed, publication of which is now available in the ADB website; the PIER for Tuvalu is now being printed.   | This TA helps formulate case studies and workshop assessment of Pacific successes in pro-poor capacity development. A Pacific island Consultants' CD Case Study Writeshop was held on 9-13 April 2007. Eight of the programmed 22 case studies are now largely completed.  |
| 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. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> </ol> |  | <p>TA is ongoing.</p> <p>The HIES for Fiji was completed and the report was released in March 2007; The Palau and Tuvalu HIES were both completed and the final poverty reports are expected in May 2007; The Solomon Islands Participatory Poverty analysis is on going. The PPA Specialist for Solomon Islands fielded in Feb 2007, but activities were delayed because of the Tsunami that hit the country early in April. The Poverty Report is expected by end-July 2007.</p> <p>A National Workshop is scheduled in July 2007 to present the findings of the PPA to government officials and community representatives to get views on the impact on policy making. Results of both the PPA and the National Workshop will form part of the "Priorities of the Poor" publication, scheduled to be released in October.</p> | <p>The Activity will be completed; quality is expected to vary from country to country but the data will be invaluable for economic development and comparative process.</p> <p>Contract and budget management on this RETA has been poor by both ADB and SPC. Numerous verbal agreements may have been entered into but there is a lack of documentation to follow up upon.</p> |

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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.  | 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.<br>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.   | With the additional fund from PRF, the scope has been expanded into four activities: (i) inclusion in the rice biofortification of varieties rich in Vit A; (ii) infant feeding trial in Bangladesh; (iii) screening of complete wheat germplasm; (iv) strategic partnerships.  | The trial started this year. The scope of the project has been changed; part of which to develop Vol 8 of the nutrition/devt series. ADB and IFPRI signed a TA agreement in February to (i) screen rice varieties for those high in beta-carotene and offering potential to develop Vit A rich rice; and (ii) support NARS in VIE and INO for ongoing breeding efforts for high-iron rice.   |  |
| 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. | 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. | TA activities, ongoing. A data review workshop was organized in March 2007 in Kathmandu, Nepal to review price data from the special poverty price survey and countries reviewed their data based on discussions during the workshop. Preliminary poverty PPP estimates were also presented. Countries submitted their revised data in April/May 2007. With the concurrence of the participating DMCs, the World Bank provided household consumption expenditure data. This is the basis for the expenditure weights needed for poverty PPP computation. | Completion is extended to end of March 2007, to accommodate the World Bank's US dollar-based data. |

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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 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.<br><br>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 | 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. | 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.   | TA activities ongoing; The Asia Foundation's contract was extended to 31 December 2007 to ensure quality delivery of the remaining TA activities. The country situational analyses have been completed in the three project countries (BAN, INO and PAK). The Mid Term Review Mission was undertaken on 04-15 June 2007. The LE pilots are being successfully implemented in the context of ADB loans by National Legal Services NGOs (3) in one district in each of the three project countries. Dialogue with Government agencies at central and provincial/district level, ADB staff in the RMs, EAs/IAs confirmed continued interest in the ongoing TA and its initial findings. It is anticipated that all LE pilots will be completed by the end of October 2007. | To enable the Asia Foundation to adequately process the key results ensuing from the LE pilots and present key findings and recommendations in relevant TA outputs, it is suggested to hold the final Regional Conference at ADB/HQ in early February 2008. |  |

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| 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   | <p>1. The KM framework and knowledge dissemination and communication plan was drafted;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>3. The upgrading and integrating of NPRS-PRF websites in the recently conceptualized Content-based Poverty website is ongoing;</p> <p>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.</p> |   | <p>TA implementation, ongoing. A great number of case studies have already been developed -- 23 have been finalized and published; 10 are in various stages of review and clearance.</p> <p>Ten draft in-depth case studies produced are in various stages of review.</p> <p>Preliminary working drafts of thematic synthesis papers were produced by the consultants.</p> |  |
| 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). | <p>1. A revised inception report was submitted on 31 July 2006.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. First phase of training in RETA schools in Mongolia was undertaken and completed in October 2006.</p> <p>4. Field study in progressing in Mongolia.</p>  |   | <p>TA project is on track; for completion on schedule. The co-financing agreement with the ADBI on the international conference on ICT in education is finalized. ADBI will provide \$120,000 for the travel expenses of DMC participants in accordance with ADB travel policies and procedures. An ICT in education conference will be held on 16-18 October 2007.</p>    |  |

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| 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. | 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.  |  | TA is nearing completion. A draft final report (May 2007) was submitted and being circulated for comments of the ADB Disaster Risk Working Group   | The draft final report presented three main recommendations for action by the ADB. Two of the recommendation related directly to ADB's management and transfer of its own catastrophe risk. These recommendations are particularly attractive in their potential implications for transparency and sustainable markets. The third recommendation identifies a role for ADB in promoting a regional reinsurance pool that could expand the range of solutions to DMCs. |
| 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.   | 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. | TA is nearing completion. Project implementation is generally on track and the expected outputs are very likely to be delivered by project closing date in November 2007. Two programs have already been completed in June: a two-week pilot anti-corruption course organized by Anti-Corruption Academy of MACA in Kuala Lumpur from 11 to 22 June 2007 and a five day anti-corruption course by the Institute of Public Enterprise, Osmania University Campus on Hyderabad, India from 18 to 22 June 2007. mentoring and coaching of selected institutions on the application of Citizen Report Card (CRC) methodology and Continuous Improvement Benchmarking (CIB) techniques are ongoing. The incorporation of CRC methodology in an undergraduate course in UP NCPAG has been piloted. |   |

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| 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. | 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. |  | TA implementation is ongoing. Progress report has been submitted. After obtaining concurrence and support from all participating countries, the consultants have made significant progress in preparing country reports. The Draft Final Reports for 14 participating countries have been submitted on 7 June 2007.  | Delays are being experienced in some countries due to the delay in obtaining needed data.   |
| 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 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. | TA implementation is ongoing. Phase 1 has been completed. A strategy and a design for a pilot phase (components 2 and 3) have been elaborated by the consultant. During Ph2, which commenced in June 2006, retrenched workers have been identified, provided with livelihood counselling and have been redeployed back into the sector. New approaches on how to deal with structural changes in the labor market had been developed. At the steering committee meeting in Feb 2007, the Govt expressed keenness to continue the project until Dec 2007. | A Review Mission was fielded in 19-25 Apr 2007 and discussed the proposed extension with the Govt., and agreed on the scope and implementation arrangements during the extended period. DG, SARD, approved on 30 Apr 2007 the extension of the TA until Dec 2007. The Consultant's contract was extended until Nov 2007 to continue provision of services to project beneficiaries. |

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| 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.                            | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | TA completion date was again extended from 30 Jun 2007 to 11 Jan 2008. | Fifteen local NGOs have undergone 3-days training (training of trainers), including (a) roles and functions of municipalities; (b) citizens' responsibilities; (c) the municipal budget and its allocation; (d) information on govt and NGO programs; (e) resource mobilization; (f) pro-poor participatory planning and budgeting; (g) participatory monitoring and evaluation; and (h) maintenance of municipal services. Around 9,000 slums dwellers have been mobilized by the TA Projects. Approximately 1,200 slum dwellers have been provided with training on how to conduct meetings, their roles and responsibilities in the Municipalities, municipal budget and its allocation. | Due to political turmoil prevailing in Bangladesh from middle of October 2006 to January 2007, some TA activities are behind schedule and have now been clustered for completion within the next 6 mos: (a) baseline survey report based on collected data; (b) need assessments for selected slum settlements; (c) Devt plans for 15 municipalities through municipal fora; (d) review of the present rules and procedures for establishment of Town Level Coordination Committees and Ward Committees; (e) formation of Municipal Fora; (f) preparation and implementation of citizen report cards in 5 municipalities. A work plan for finalization of these tasks was prepared during the review mission conducted from 26 - 30 March 2007. |
| 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. | 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.  |  | This TA initially experienced delays in its implementation; but the pace has accelerated during the first 6 mos of 2007. The Dept. of Women Development (DWD) has prepared the necessary guidelines for project implementation, selected village development committees (VDCs), selected partner non-government organizations (NGOs), and implemented other activities in Jumla, Bajhang, and Rautahat, i.e., orientation, gender training, and initiation of saving activities.  |   |

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| 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.                          | 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.  | After initial delays, TA implementation is now ongoing. Workshops to discuss the draft interim guidelines have been completed; preparation of the final version is ongoing.<br>A total of 748 households (HH) are identified as beneficiary HH of which 594 were enrolled for training; 458 completed training and 369 have started income generation activities.<br>The impact assesemnt survey of sampled project HH is ongoing and final report will be submitted by 31 August 2007.   | Implementation of TA activities, nearing completion. |
| 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. | 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 implementatrion 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 Sept 2007); and (3) TA completion with output dissemination and drafting of microirrigation policy and guidelines (up to Dec 2007).<br>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 inital progress and issues.<br><br>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. | Ta implementation, ongoing.<br><br>A mid-term review meeting was carried out on 22 April 2007. There are encouraging initial impact on income (NRs 5,000 initial income by end of project as against the target of NRs 3,000).<br><br>A total of 127 groups formed consisting over 90% female members. Social awareness among group members increased. High value vegetable cultivation pratice has started. Technical knowledge on MIT and vegetable farming has increased.<br><br>The first draft policy and implementation guidleines were prepared. |  |

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| 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 Melanchi Water Services Sector Project (MWSP Loan 1820) and the Kathmandu Valley Water Services Sector Development Program (KVVSSDP-Loan 2058 and 2059).  | 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.  |  | Due to unexpected delay in the proposed institutional reform process and the uncertainty in subsequent recruitment of the Management Contractor (MC) being undertaken by the Government of Nepal, the TA activities have been severely hampered. However, survey activities, stakeholder consultations, preparatory work, design and cost estimates of community tapstands, community mobilization, pro-active public relations, have generated support and a sense of participation in the targeted low income consumers. The first batch of community tapstand have been surveyed and is ready for implementation. | As the implementation of the TA activities is dependent and closely linked to the ongoing institutional reform process of the Government of Nepal, including the establishment of the new water utility in Kathmandu Valley (KUKL) and mobilization of the MC, the review of the present modality for further TA implementation needs to be urgently made.   |
| 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.   | 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.   |  | TA implementation is ongoing. Ph1 has been completed. Ph 2 commenced in Feb 2007 (due to the late start of Ph 2, the TA completion date was extended until Mar 2008). The national NGO to implement Ph 2 was contracted in Mar 2007 and commenced services in Apr 2007. A national consultant was also engaged to monitor implementation of Ph2 activities, and services commenced in Apr 2007.  | The setting up of psychosocial care services centers is being proposed to better implement the project in target districts. The proposal will be submitted to national steering committee for approval.  |
| 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. | 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. | TA activities are nearly complete. A TA review mission was held 17-30 June 2007 and the Microinsurance Sector Development Regional Workshop was held on 28-29 June for the dissemination of TA results as well as provide forum for professionals and policy makers to discuss how to extend commercially viable insurance services to the poor. Draft final report was submitted in January 2007; the revised TA completion is in August 2007.  | The TA aims to improve the access to affordable insurance services for the poor and low income households. For that, a pilot microinsurance scheme with the participation of a private insurance company and a microfinance institution was launched in December 2006. The pilot scheme expects to avail low premium comprehensive insurance products to approximately 10,000 rural households in Sri Lanka. |

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| 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. | 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.   |  | A study tour was organized (12-22 May 2007) by the ADB under the RETA for senior govt officials from bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan as part of capacity development efforts--there is a need to learn from successful implementation of MFDR in similar developing country setting to the regional development partners. |  |
| SERD   | CAM     | 4283   | Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin | 325,000   | 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.                             | 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. | TA is nearing completion. Pilot and actual fieldwork had been completed and the Final Comprehensive Report is being finalized; Village level reports were also completed. Provincial roundtables are conducted and results were published.   |  |

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| 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. | Critical mass of accomplishment is at hand. From 10-13 July 2006, an ADB mission visited Cambodia to review the progress of the TA<br>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.<br>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. | TA implementation is nearing completion. The interim final report by CBNRM-LI has been submitted. The contract with this NGO was extended up to end of project completion date to enable the conduct of additional activities like initial impact assessment and monitoring |  |
| 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.                  | A national workshop was held on 21 Aug 2006 to 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.  |  | TA implementation, ongoing. A final national workshop was held in Phnom Penh on 6 April 2007.   |  |

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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.  | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | 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.   | <p>TA implementation, ongoing.</p> <p>The qualitative component of the national survey is now ongoing.</p> <p>The Microfinance Supervision Specialist (MSS) has drafted a proposed regulation covering the requirements for MFIs that will be allowed to mobilize voluntary savings.</p>  | The final report of the Microfinance Information System Specialist on the management information systems (MIS) of MFIs noted the shortfalls of the computer software used by MFIs and it has been discussed with NBC. It was agreed that NBC would discuss the need to upgrade the MIS of MFIs and also consider an affordable software solutions that MFIs could purchase as a group. |
| 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. | <p>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.</p> <p>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:<br/>Kompong Thom High School; Khov Buon Sun High School; and Angkor High School.</p> <p>Construction is expected to be finished by January 2007. For school year 2006-2007, scholarship grants to 116 students were provided.</p>   | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>TA is nearing completion. Overall, project implementation progress is satisfactory. The construction of 3 dormitories and learning centers was completed mid March 2007 with an official inauguration attended by the Governor of Siem Reap and ADB Board of Directors. Scholarships were provided to 116 students in 2006-07 and an additional 96 scholarships will be awarded for 2007-08. Living allowance to cover expenses for temporary accommodation were provided under the project. A second training of trainers course for teachers on computer literacy was conducted in Phnom Penh for two weeks in March 2007. All major supplies and IT equipment has been installed in the dormitories and learning centers in April 2007.</p> | A study is underway to assess the feasibility to generate income to sustain learning centers and dormitories upon completion of the TA.  |

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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, 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. | TA is ongoing. Final reports, to be submitted by consultants.   |   |
| 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.  | 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.  |  | TA implementation might be cancelled. A special TA administration mission was conducted in Dec 2006 following ADB decision to terminate People Tree's contract.   | ADB sent communication to People Tree on 7 June 2007, setting a deadline (15 June 2007) for the filing of additional claim by the Consultant. No response was received within the given deadline. It can be assumed that PTI has no additional claim beyond the amount paid by ADB and that PTI agrees that this amount is in full and final payment of the contract. |
| 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. | 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.              | TA implementation, ongoing. CIAT has started implementation of activities, and an interim report was submitted in January 7, 2007. CIAT reported a 30% adoption rate of forage planting technology due to programmed interactions among target farmer beneficiaries. Trainee staff are now capable of conducting key activities for initial livestock development like "problem diagnosis" for livestock systems, establishment of forage plots and establishing the use of forages as an improved feed. In the selected villages, farmers have begun to manage their livestock based forages, and staff have succeeded in introducing improved feed and animal health interventions. | These field results and accelerated capacity building can be attributed to the combined effect of workshops, technical support provided by mentor staff, and constant exchange and problem solving attitude generated by the Provincial Networking Meetings.<br><br>Variation in CIAT's contract is in process.   |

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| SERD   | LAO     | 4434   | Poverty Reduction through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building | 850,000 | 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>A TA review mission to LAO was done 14-23 Oct 2006.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. Government counterparts from the provincial and district government are being trained by various consulting experts.</p> | <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.</p> <p>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> | <p>In response to ADRA Laos intention to withdraw from providing consultancy services, COS2 agreed to terminate the contract effective 31 Jan 2007.</p> <p>Another review mission was conducted on 17-24 Jan 2007 to review the implementation progress of the project and ensure smooth transition in the face of the consultant's withdrawal.</p> <p>The Mission identified German Agro Action (GAA), an NGO presently engaged with ethnic minorities in Northern Laos as a potential candidate for a follow-up contract with ADB.</p> <p>The Mission proposed changes in the number of consulting positions and their respective TORs for the proposed new contract. Some of the positions proposed have cost-sharing arrangements with JFPR 9062 LAO.</p> <p>GAA has signed a contract with ADB for consultancy services.</p> |  |
| SERD   | LAO     | 4787   | Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization  | 140,000 | 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. | Communications Research and Design Specialists (1 foreign and 1 local) were fielded in September 2006.   |  | <p>TA implementation is nearing completion.</p> <p>The implementation of communication strategy pilots in 4 districts have commenced and its scale up in 5 other districts in LBP have started.</p> <p>The workshop to develop tools and resource material to support communication strategies was conducted. Materials are being finalized.</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 | 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 remaining research reports. This is only a time extension and will not require additional finance. |   |  |
| 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 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 research 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. |  | TA is nearing completion. The activity that is being undertaken is the preparation for the regional workshop where the research outputs will be presented and disseminated. It will be held in ADB HQ this coming July of 2007. |  |

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| 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   | TA implementation is ongoing. The 3rd Advisory Meeting was held in Manila in December 2006 wherein the initial baseline survey results and the 2007 work program were presented and discussed.   |   | The draft midterm report was submitted in February 2007.<br>A joint ADB/WHO review mission was conducted from 11 to 14 June 2007 in Viet Nam, discussion project progress and options to scale up activities to other EMGs. The final TA cum advocacy workshop will be held in China end of November 2007.  | TA completion date was extended from June to December 2007, to enable WHO to implement planned activities in 6 countries. |
| 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   | A midterm and progress report was submitted to the ADB. The report includes findings from the midterm review workshop meeting held in vientianne 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 HVI/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.<br><br>A project website linked to the NPRS/PRF website has been discussed to better disseminate TA activities.<br><br>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. | TA implementation, ongoing. Midterm report, received on 8 Jan 2007.<br>The UNESCO shared experiences of the RETA at the GMS 8th meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Devt in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in May 2007.<br>In March 2007, the Project was featured on Radio Australia with interview segments with ADB and UNESCO project officers.<br>The spin-off TA on Asian Devt Community Broadcasting Initiative was completed in Q1 2007. Recruitment of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) specialist has been delayed due to the last minute change in consultant time and availability. |   |
| 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 |  |   |   |   |

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| SERD   | VIE     | 4331   | Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam         | 500,000 | 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.  | Key activities for the period were:<br>1. Finalization of 4 research studies;<br>2. Contracting a firm to provide custom-made software and training for Decision 139 monitoring and reporting;<br>3. A piloting exercise for monitoring software in Lam Dong province; and<br>4. Commence work on Decision 139 impact evaluation exercise using methodology developed under TA.<br>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. | TA implementation is now nearing completion. The key activities for the period Jan-Jun 2007 are:<br>1. Workshop to review the initial findings of the impact evaluation of Decision 139 implementation;<br>2. Extended pilot activities of monitoring and reporting software for Decision 139 in Lam Dong Province. Generally, there was a lot of interest in the study findings and a lot of very good feedback on the quality of the work done. A two month (no-cost) extension of the TA completion date (from June 2007 to August 2007) was requested by the MOH in order to see the software pilot trial and installation to be completed in Lam Dong Province. | 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. at the request of the MOH in order to ensure the impact evaluation exercise is properly completed.   |
| 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 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, and estimated budget.   | TA implementation is nearing completion. The TA was extended up to 30 June 2007. The planned activity for the 6-mos extension include the designing and publishing of GEL promotional materials with cost estimated at \$17,000. As of 31 May 2007, Viet Nam Women's Union had submitted full liquidation of the advances made through the APF. The detailed cost estimate for the \$17,000 advance for the activities in the extension period was also submitted.   | The outcome of the TA has been achieved, with the passing of the GEL in Nov 2006. It is expected to come into effect by 01 July 2007. In the interim, a number of steps have to be taken to help support the implementation of the law (e.g. preparation of implementation decrees, information campaigns on the GEL). Support for selected activities lies within the scope of the TA, as it continues to support the TA's overall goal. |
| 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.          | 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.   |  | TA implementation, ongoing.  | TA completion date, extended to 30 Sep 2007.  |

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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 28/20005/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. | 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.   | TA implementation is ongoing.   |  |
| 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.   | 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.   |   | TA implementation, ongoing. Consultant recruitment, initiated.  |  |
| 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.  | 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. | TA implementation is ongoing. An international and a national consultant have been fielded. A firm has been recruited to work on the training and workshop aspect of the project. |  |

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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 | At present, the TA is encountering problems with implementing the TA activities in the main province, Son La. It has indicated its non-participation in TA activities and the EA is working towards resolving this with said 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 (TOT) 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.                        | Implementation, ongoing. The project has conducted surveys on training needs assessment in 3 provinces: Son La; Lai Chau and Dien Bien. Training courses have been conducted on land-use planning for staff working in resettlement sites in Lai Chau and Dien Bien provinces, including workshops on application of GIS in land use planning. The training of trainers is ongoing in 2 provinces. The problem on Son La's non-participation in TA activities implementation is being resolved. | By early February 2007, it became apparent that the services of an international GIS specialist, to be assisted by a GIS technician, would be required to prepare the Macro Land-Use Planning (MLUP). The MLUP is a much-needed tool by MARD and the consultants in the determination of future resettlement sites. |
| 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.   | 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. | TA is ongoing. All data needed for the hospital study have been collected. The first stage of sampling for the household study which assess the relationship between personal and district/city-wide ambient exposures in HCMC was completed.   |   |
|        |         | 54     | <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>32,770,000</b> |  |  |   |   |   |

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| <b>C. Projects Under Implementation - PPTA</b> |         |        |                                 |         |  |   |   |  |  |
| 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.                         | Technical assessments completed and project design requirements have been met.<br>The final report of the Consultant, addressing the written comments of the Government and ADB was submitted on 31 July 2006.<br>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. |   | TA implementation, ongoing.  |  |
| 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. | 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.   |   | TA implementation, ongoing. Inception mission was fielded on 13-20 March 2007.<br>Interim Review mission was fielded 18-21 June 2007 to review status of TA implementation, the pre-feasibility studies, and agree upon the subprojects that will be studied at full feasibility level in the remaining TA period.<br>Pre-feasibility studies were conducted on six subprojects. A Tripartite meeting was held on 20 June 2007 to discuss findings of the interim report and agree upon the subprojects recommended for feasibility studies. |  |

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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 | 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.      | TA implementation ongoing. |  |
|        |         | 3      | <b>Sub total</b>               | <b>650,000</b> |  |   |   |                            |  |

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| <b>Projects Completed - PRC Program</b> |         |        |   |           |  |  |
| 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.  | <p>Completed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- analysis and framework for international cooperation in poverty reduction (in cooperation with World Bank and GTZ);</li> <li>- systemic innovation of rural community healthcare to alleviate poverty;</li> <li>- mechanisms to link poverty reduction and forging a harmonious society;</li> <li>- private sector employment-poverty reduction linkages; and</li> <li>- lowering barriers to international NGOs/charities in advancing poverty and civil society aims.</li> </ul> <p>All subprojects, completed; financial closing, Feb 2007.</p> <p>PRCM in early-stage analysis of TA efficacy, but indicative findings suggest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. important support to goal - increased effectiveness, sustainability and quality of poverty reduction policies in the PRC;</li> <li>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</li> </ol> <p>As a follow-on to this TA and as requested by the LGOP, the ADB will fund flexible "facility-type" support.</p> <p>The TA was successful in promoting involvement by a broad range of stakeholders, including NGOs, in analysis and dialogue on poverty-related issues. Overall, LGOP was very satisfied with ADB's responsiveness to a range of emerging policy questions: responding to strong demand from LGOP and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) for similar flexible facility TA support, ADB approved in 2007 TA 4933-PRC: Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction, with both agencies as EAs.</p> |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4222   | Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions | 146,387   | 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.  | Completed and financially closed, September 2005.  |
| EARD                                    | PRC     | 4298   | Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process               | 352,241   | 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. | <p>Financial closing, 12 Sept 2005</p> <p>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.</p>   |
| 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.  | <p>Financial closing, 13 July 2006</p> <p>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.</p>   |
| 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.  | <p>TA activities completed, date of completion is 30 Nov 2006; financial closing, Sep 2006. TA completion report, completed.</p> <p>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.</p>  |
| 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.  | <p>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.</p> <p>The new planning process with participation by the poor piloted under this TA is planned for replication in 3 provinces in 2007 to 2010.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TA activities completed; financial closing, May 2007</p>   |

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| <b>Projects Completed - PRC Program</b> |         |          |  |                  |  |  |
| 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.   | <p>Completed; 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> |
| 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 | <p>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.</p> <p>TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final workshop was held in 10 Mar 2007, participated by local government agencies and policy makers involved in the poverty reduction and rural development. Final report was submitted to ADB on 23 March 2007.</p>  |
| 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 activities completed, for financial closing. Final workshop and tripartite meeting was held on 10 May 2007. Final Report was submitted to ADB on 11 May 2007.   |
|   |         | <b>9</b> | <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>3,998,628</b> |  |  |

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| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program</b> |         |        |   |         |   |  |  |  |   |
| 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.   | 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.<br>The different strategies to reach the risk groups are well in place and effective.<br>The TA is implementing a Condom Social Marketing (CSM) scheme in Longling county on a pilot basis.<br>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 (targeting 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. | TA implementation, ongoing. The preparation of participation in Colombo ICAAP meeting (3 abstracts have been accepted) is being done. The development of TOR for two knowledge products (policy recommendations and manual for construction companies), completed.   | ADB approval of contract variation is much delayed. This impedes proper implementation of TA and especially hiring of consultants for development of knowledge products. Variation order has since been approved.   |
| 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 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.  | TA is nearing completion. The revised draft final report (DFR) was received on 15 Apr 2007. The review of the DFR recommended major modifications to the report so that it achieved the required quality standards. The final tasks included:<br>(i) a 60-70 page summary report on the major findings and recommendations of the consultant. This has now been received and is acceptable;<br>(ii) all survey data, GIS, maps and reports and summary tables to be freely posted on Government websites, with copies to all participating provinces; and<br>(iii) the executive summary of the Summary Report, to be used as basis for a separate 10-page report in a format suitable for publication and distribution to the Govt (in Chinese) and ADB (in English). | The completion of the Final Report, inclusive of (ii) and (iii) and its clearance by the Government and publication may take another 3 months to complete. It is anticipated that all these activities will be complete no later than 31 August 2007. TA completion date has been extended up to this date. |

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| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program</b> |         |        |  |           |  |  |  |  |   |
| 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.                               | 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.                   | TA implementation, ongoing. The implementation of phase 2 commenced in June 2007. A contract variation to recruit 9 national experts for a total of 30 person month to implement phase 2 has been approved on 5 July 2007.   |   |
| 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. | Local governments were assisted to select and grant licenses to microcredit institutions (MCIs) through an international bidding process. The first 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 NCLs 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. | TA is nearing completion. Requests for the extension of the TA completion date and a minor change in scope were approved by the OIC/EARD and Director, EARG on 20 Mar. 07 to carry out the necessary activities related to the microfinance workshop that was held in Beijing from 19 to 20 April 2007. The workshop was conducted to enable senior officials of the People's Bank of China, the China Banking Regulatory Commission and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the institutional issues, challenges and strategies in formulating a consolidated supervisory framework for PRC's rural financial system. The TA was extended until 31 Aug 2007. |   |

## STATUS OF PRF ENDORSED PROJECTS (PRC Window), As of 30 June 2007

| Region  | Country | TA No. | Name of Project  | Amount    | Project Description  | As of 31 Dec 2006  | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006  | As of 30 Jun 2007  | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 Jun 2007 |
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| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program</b> |         |        |  |           |  |  |  |  |   |
| 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.  | 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.   | TA nearing completion. A census (covering all of the estimated 65,000 households in Dayao county, Yunnan Province) in the form of a rider to the 2nd China Agriculture Census to collect data for the proposed poverty monitoring system was completed in January 2007. a post-enumeration survey was completed in March 2007. a review mission to discuss future TA activities and observe the post enumeration survey was held in Feb-Mar 2007. Computing equipment for the TA has been purchased and delivered. Training using the census data was provided to all concerned depts and two townships in May 2007. |   |
| 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. | Despite minor delays (resolved thru 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:<br>-developed Guidelines on Competitive selection and 2 other operational manuals;<br>-facilitation of village-level poverty alleviation and development planning processes, working with local governments; and<br>-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.<br><br>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. | TA activities ongoing.   |   |
| 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 experiences implementation delays. The consultant have been slow in completing task; contract is extended by 3 months.<br><br>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.  | TA nearing completion. Final report was received on 15 June 2007.  |   |

## STATUS OF PRF ENDORSED PROJECTS (PRC Window), As of 30 June 2007

| Region  | Country | TA No. | Name of Project                                  | Amount           | Project Description  | As of 31 Dec 2006   | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006 | As of 30 Jun 2007   | Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 Jun 2007 |
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| <b>B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program</b> |         |        |  |                  |  |   |   |   |   |
| 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. | 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.                     | TA implementation, ongoing. The inception report has been submitted. Inception mission was fielded 30 Nov - 2 Dec 06. The mission had discussions with the team focusing on value-added of the TA. The TA will need to be focused to make the following distinctive contributions: (i) poverty criteria for migrant workers; (ii) demand side analysis; (iii) other methodological issues; (iv) inter0agency coordiantio; (v) implementation plans; and (vi) coordination with other ADB support. |   |
| EARD  | PRC     | 4933   | Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction | 65,000           | The TA will support the achievement of aims set in the 11th Five-year plan, with a sound framework of policy, legislation and implementation mechanisms and capacities in place to support continued economic and social development under subsequent Five-year Plans.   |   |   | TA approval, 28 May 2007. An orientation workshop on ADB's TA administration guidelines and policies was held on 22 June 2007 with participants from Eas and IAs.   |   |
|   |         | 9      | <b>Sub total</b>                                 | <b>5,265,000</b> |  |   |   |   |   |

**Poverty Reduction Fund – Regional Window (PRF-HQ)  
Projected disbursement for period July 2007 to June 2008**

### **Methodology**

1. In the past, disbursement projections have been carried out using the statistical methods. The most recent methodology most often used has been to map the historical disbursement pattern of the past ADB's ADTAs of three-year implementation duration, and map them for semi-annual intake batches of new TAs. The level of accuracy of this methodology varied across time.

2. With only 6 months of 'in-principle' implementation period and 15 months of disbursement period left, at this stage, it was decided to do the disbursement projection on a project by project basis for the 57 active TAs. First, to determine the projected overall disbursement amount for each TA, we checked with each TA officer. There is a tendency among most of them in responding they would use 100% of the allocated TA amount. However, some project officers who declared they would spend much less than the total TA amount, for which we used the lower amount. To further verify, we compared the self-claimed amount with the "contract awarded" amount, the latter of which includes consultant contract, committed publication budget, committed workshop budget, etc., which appear in ADB's TA system. Unless component scopes are changed in a major way, these figures are quite firm. In some cases, we used these figures instead of the total TA amount, in consultation with the project officers concerned. This has resulted in the expected total disbursement amounts at the end of the PRF closure of \$17.6 million (without contingency/service fee), compared with the total unutilized commitment of \$ 20.3 million.

3. Then, we mapped the undisbursed amount of each TA to remaining disbursement quarters. We classified the 57 TAs into three groups: (i) those with more than 50% total disbursement; (ii) those with less than 50% total disbursement; and (iii) the nine critical TAs. For TAs with more than 50% disbursement (20 TAs), the undisbursed amount were spread over two quarters (from July 2007 to December 2007), as these TAs are most likely to complete implementation before December 2007. For TAs with less than 50% disbursement (28 TAs), the amount was spread over three quarters (July 2007 to March 2008). For the nine critical TAs, the undisbursed amount was distributed over 5 quarters, from July 2007 to September 2008. See the attached table for project by project calculation.

### **Projection Results**

4. The results are summarized in the table below. In sum, we project that a total of about \$17.6 million (\$18.5 million when we need to request transfer, adding 5% of service charge) will be disbursed in June 2007-September 2008 (15 months). As of 30 June 2007, there is still a positive cash balance of \$9.3 million, and therefore, the remaining funds transfer needed from DFID to ADB are expected to be at \$9.2 million. The current \$9.3 million may last till early October 2007, but the request for funds transfer needs to be made by ADB in October 2007. The remaining \$4.2 million may be transferred to ADB in March 2008, but another projections should be submitted before that time to provide any adjustments.

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| <b>EXPECTED DISBURSEMENTS</b>   |                      |
| Expenses of 14 completed but not financially closed TAs   | \$ 500,000           |
| Advances of the 57 TAs under implementation as of 30 Jun 2007 (i.e. transactions previously committed but actual payment not yet happening) | \$ 1,965,549         |
| Projected disbursement of 57 TAs from July 2007 to Sep 2008   | \$ 15,163,913        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 17,629,462</b> |
| <b>TOTAL (including 5% service charge)</b>  | <b>\$ 18,510,935</b> |
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| <b>CASH BALANCE</b>   |                      |
| Unutilized amount from the contribution received from DFID as of 30 June 2007   | \$ 9,308,315         |
| Additional amount needed until end of Sep 2008  | \$9,202,620          |
|   |                      |
| <b>FUNDS TRANSFER</b>   |                      |
| To be request in November 2007  | \$ 5,000,000         |
| To be requested in march 2008   | \$ 4,202,620         |

## 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.

| <b>Status/Accomplishments of TA 4461-AFG (Renewable Energy)</b>  | <b>Status/Accomplishments of TA 4541-AFG (Natural Resources Management)</b>  |
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| <p><b>Overall</b><br/>Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p><b>Accomplishment by component</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Provision of solar systems</li> </ul> <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><b>Overall</b><br/>Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p><b>Accomplishment by component</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory planning and management of biodiversity conservation</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Assessment and strategy development</li> </ul> <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)  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and capacity building</li> </ul> <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, Bamyán 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"> <li>• Microfinance facility for solar energy</li> </ul> <p>No microfinance facility has been established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management and impact assessment</li> </ul> <p>Impact assessment has been conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Institutional capacity building to manage protected areas</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Sustainable resource management mechanism</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Eco-tourism</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Public awareness</li> </ul> <p>Awareness has been raised among local people on conservation education and park management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park infrastructure</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Pilot alternative livelihood schemes</li> </ul> <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> |

| Status/Accomplishments of TA 4461-AFG (Renewable Energy) | Status/Accomplishments of TA 4541-AFG (Natural Resources Management)   |
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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"> <li>• Pilot social protection measures</li> </ul> <p>While NGOs were contacted on possible social protection pilot activities, these activities have not taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microcredit facility through NGOs</li> </ul> <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> |